

Darwin Initiative for the Survival of Species

Half Year Report (due 31 October each year)

Project Ref. No.	162/11/019
Project Title	Biodiversity assessment of limestone karst dependent bats in Myanmar
Country(ies)	Myanmar (Burma)
UK Organisation	Harrison Institute
Collaborator(s)	Yangon (Rangoon) University
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Project website	www.harrison-institute.org/Darwin

1. Outline progress over the last 6 months (April – September) against the agreed baseline timetable for the project (if your project has started less than 6 months ago, please report on the period since start up).

All key milestones were attained. These included [1] updating the Darwin project website www.harrison-institute.org/Darwin [2] A total of 13 Darwin staff and trainees (2 UK and 11 Myanmar) participated in and presented three papers and four posters at two international conferences – 13th International Bat Research Conference, Poland, 23-27 August and the Trans-Karst 2004 International transdisciplinary conference on the development and conservation of karst regions, Vietnam, 13-18 September [3] Data contributed to Southeast Asian Mammals Databank (SAMD) at an international workshop in Thailand, 3-7 May [4] Three Darwin trainees (Yin Yin Toke, Nyo Nyo and Khin Mie Mie) successfully completed their PhD theses [5] One Myanmar staff member and one Darwin trainee undertook a study visit to the Harrison Institute, 16-23 August [6] One paper published; one paper (a bat species new to science) in press; five papers in prep [7] Darwin trainees conducted independent field studies in Myanmar [8] Further voucher specimens for the scientific collections of Yangon University and Harrison Institute [9] Further data analysed for the cave-bat and bat echolocation databases.

2. Give details of any notable problems or unexpected developments that the project has encountered over the last 6 months. Explain what impact these could have on the project and whether the changes will affect the budget and timetable of project activities.

There were no notable problems during the reporting period. Possible problems such as the obtaining of visas for Myanmar staff and students to take part in the international conferences in Poland and Vietnam did not materialise.

Have any of these issues been discussed with the Darwin Secretariat and if so, have changes been made to the original agreement?

There were no issues to discuss.

Discussed with the DI Secretariat: n/a

Changes to the project schedule/workplan: n/a

3. Are there any other issues you wish to raise relating to the project or to Darwin's management, monitoring, or financial procedures?

I have no issues that I wish to raise.

If you were asked to provide a response to this year's annual report review with your next half year report, please attach your response to this document.

Please note: Any planned modifications to your project schedule/workplan or budget should not be discussed in this report but raised with the Darwin Secretariat directly.

Please send your **completed form by 31 October each year per email** to Stefanie Halfmann, Darwin Initiative M&E Programme, stefanie.halfmann@ed.ac.uk. The report should be between 1-2 pages maximum. **Please state your project reference number in the header of your email message.**