

Darwin Initiative for the Survival of Species

Half Year Report (due 31 October each year)

Project Ref. No.	162/12/011
Project Title	Information incentives for CBD implementation in private reserves in Argentina and Paraguay
Country(ies)	Argentina, Paraguay
UK Organisation	The Natural History Museum
Collaborator(s)	Fundación Habitat y Desarrollo (Argentina); Guyra Paraguay, Fundación Moisés Bertoni (Paraguay)
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Project website	http://www.habitatydesarrollo.org.ar/

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).

Project website established by FHD, development is continuing; collections from the project area added to the Plant diversity in Paraguay website as they become determined (see <http://internet.nhm.ac.uk/cgi-bin/botany/paraguay/>)

Database structure modified and finalized

Ongoing project discussions as to image type and quantity for field guides

Data collection begun in all properties by FHD, Guyra & FMB staff in conjunction with J. de Egea (DI fellow), 13 trips taken to 7 properties over the reporting period.

Properties finalized in both Argentina and Paraguay (an objective not realized in the first reporting period); 5 actively participating properties in Paraguay (Santa Asunción, Maroma, Vanguardia/Ñ and Redondo) and 2 in Argentina (Guaycolec and El Ombú)

List of birds complete and data collection ongoing, nearly 400 species in provisional list

Selection of staff from all three participating NGOs for database training completed;

Database training for participants in Argentina and Paraguay during field visit by M. Peña-Chocarro in September 2004;

UK staff visit to Argentina and Paraguay, links made with local herbaria for deposition of collections in-country; discussions of DI fellows for visit to UK in yr 3 undertaken

All labels for plant collections done to time schedule, duplicates delivered to host country institutions

Collections for the project to date: plant specimens 1300 (in sets of 8 duplicates to be distributed widely as project products); 1000 + images of plants for use in guides.

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.

Some of the field trips planned during the wet season have had to be delayed due to flooding and inaccessibility of participating properties; despite this the collecting schedule has more or less been adhered to and property owners kept informed at all times about activities on their land.

Computer specialist for implementation of database design and field guide formats delayed until Jan 2005

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

We have discussed the delay in the hiring of the computer specialist and that we feel a consultant would be better use of the funds, DI secretariat agreed, but suggested we use the funds this financial yea, no changes in project schedule not thought to be necessary

Discussed with the DI Secretariat YES, in October 2004 (month/yr)

Changes to the project schedule/workplan: NO, in.....(month/yr)

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

We received comments with our annual review submitted in April of 2004, but in an e-mail transfer the document with those comments was lost. I requested a copy, but have not yet received it, thus our response to those comments is not attached here. We will supply it as soon as we get a copy of the original review!

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.**