

Darwin Initiative for the Survival of Species

Half Year Report Form

Project Title	Bolivian Key Biodiversity Areas Project
Country	Bolivia
Organisation	Glasgow University
Project Ref. No.	162/12/013
Report date	30/10/03

1. Outline progress over the last 6 months 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).

May-June 2003 - Project leader and organiser flew to Bolivia for planning meetings with Bolivian conservation NGOs and governmental departments, prepared detailed project timetable, discussed methodology and drew up list of priority target areas for site inventories.

July 2003 - Official project started in Glasgow, preparations made for survey work and workshops.

August 2003 - Project leader and organiser returned to Bolivia and started work, including site recognisance.

September 2003 - Bolivian IBA Coordinator employed by project and organised the first Bolivian Important Bird Areas workshop, which was attended by 35 participants from conservation and governmental organisations from all over Bolivia. Workshop designated Bolivia's first 21 Important Bird Areas and an additional 23 potential IBAs currently with insufficient data. These are now being adopted by the government as national conservation priorities.

October 2003 - Successfully completed the first 3 biological site inventories including training work with 3 Bolivian biologists. Bolivian IBA Coordinator gave presentation at 7th Neotropical Ornithological Congress, Chile.

First biological inventory workshop at Los Volcanes due to take place on 27th October is now scheduled for 10th to 14th November, see section 2 for explanation.

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 effect the budget and timetable of project activities. Have any of these issues been discussed with the Department and if so, have changes been made to the original agreement?

There was a brief 2 week period of political unrest in Bolivia in October, the trouble was centred on the capital La Paz and prevented travel in the departments of La Paz and Cochabamba. This led to us postponing the first biological inventory workshop for two weeks and it will now take place from the 10th to 14th November 2003 rather than at the end of October. The rest of the timetable has not been affected and there is no effect on the budget.

3. Are there any other issues you wish to raise relating to the project or to Darwin's management, monitoring, or financial procedures? No significant issues but we'd like to mention there is a typographical error in section 22 of the application form. Where we specify the outputs, to be consistent with the rest of the form, it should say we aim to inventory 60 rather than 80 sites.

Please send your **completed form by 31 October each year per email** to Stefanie Halfmann, Darwin Initiative M&E Project Manager, Email: stefanie.halfmann@ed.ac.uk