

# Darwin Initiative for the Survival of Species

## Half Year Report (due 31 October each year)

<b>Project Ref. No.</b>	162/12/019
<b>Project Title</b>	Sustainable management of the Rupununi: linking biodiversity, environment and people
<b>Country(ies)</b>	Guyana
<b>UK Organisation</b>	Royal Holloway University of London and The Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust
<b>Collaborator(s)</b>	Open University, Iwokrama International Centre for Rain Forest Conservation and Development, North Rupununi District Development Board, Environmental Protection Agency of Guyana, University of Guyana,
<b>Report date</b>	31 <sup>st</sup> October 2004
<b>Report No. (HYR 1/2/3/4)</b>	HYR 2
<b>Project website</b>	<a href="http://www.gg.rbul.ac.uk/Rupununi">http://www.gg.rbul.ac.uk/Rupununi</a>

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).

Since the last report, in April 2004, the regular monitoring of the 30 reference sites within the Rupununi region has continued. This has involved monthly site visits to undertake habitat, species and land use surveys. An Access project database has been developed to allow easy input of the field data. An initial working draft of the North Rupununi Field Manual has been completed and distributed among the project partners. During the next period of the project this will be reviewed further and refined. A new project website has been launched with more comprehensive information related to the project.

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 have been no notable problems or unexpected developments encountered by the project as the monthly monitoring is continuing on schedule and production of the first version of the North Rupununi Field Manual has occurred.

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

There have been no issues to discuss as there have been no notable problems.

Discussed with the DI Secretariat: no/yes, in..... (month/yr)

Changes to the project schedule/workplan: no/yes, 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?

There are no issues to raise at this stage as all tasks are proceeding in accordance with the project timetable and to budget.

**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](mailto: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.**