

Darwin Initiative for the Survival of Species

Half Year Report Form

Project Title	DarwinNet – the Peru / Ecuador dry forest clearing-house mechanism
Country	Peru and Ecuador
Organisation	BirdLife International
Project Ref. No.	13/006
Report date	20 October, 2004

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).

Project officially started July, 2004 (report covers period July to September).

Meetings, project planning and on-going DarwinNet development:

8-9 May: pre-project meeting in Zapotillo, Ecuador with BirdLife and NCI representatives.

20-21 May: pre-project meeting in Loja, Ecuador with project team.

7-8 June: pre-project meeting in Loja with project team.

22-23 July: meetings in Lima with CONAM, CDC, British Embassy and Natural History Museum

26-28 July: initial GIS and Db training in Loja (to be complemented by fuller training in Nov).

29-30 July: meetings in Quito with Ministry of Environment, BirdLife and British Embassy.

2-3 Aug: meeting in Guayaquil, Ecuador with project partner ProBosque.

22-25 Aug: team meeting Guayaquil and purchase of project equipment.

9-11 Sept: team meeting in Sullana, Peru.

13-14 Sept: meetings in Lima with CONAM, CAN, British Embassy, CESA, Natural History Museum, PNUD & UDEP.

Overall, the above meetings have served to:

- Consolidate working relationships between BirdLife and local partners, and between the local partners themselves in the three project offices in Loja, Guayaquil (Ecuador) and Sullana (Peru).
- Publicize the project with local and national authorities. Project is currently working towards a three-way working agreement between BirdLife, the Ecuadorian Ministry of Environment and the Peruvian National Environment Council (CONAM). Additional agreements are expected with other institutions in the coming months.

Meetings have assisted the on-going development of DarwinNet, additionally the project is advancing with species action plans, virtual library and fact-sheets on conservation, as well as constant communications with partners and other parties.

Project is applying to present a poster at the tenth meeting of SBSTTA, in Bangkok, February 2005, under the theme of "Working together for biodiversity: regional and international initiatives contributing to achieving and measuring progress towards the 2010 target".

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?

Due to timing constraints the webpage design workshop was not conducted during September as planned, but moved to the first week of October. This has not affected the overall timetable

of the project nor the budget.

No other notable problems to report.

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

No

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