

Darwin Initiative for the Survival of Species

Half Year Report (due 31 October each year)

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Project Title	Darwin Living Reefs
Country(ies)	Vanuatu, Tuvalu, Kiribati
UK Organisation	Just World Partners
Collaborator(s)	Foundation for the Peoples of the South Pacific, FSPKiribati, FSPVanuatu, Tuvalu Association of Non-government Organisations
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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).

- In country meetings were held in Tuvalu, Kiribati and Vanuatu between April and June 2004 as part of a complementary project. During these discussions the activities to be implemented under Darwin Living Reefs were explored and tentative programs for in-country implementation drafted.
- Between July and September work plans have undergone further refinement, management arrangements between JWP and FSPI finalised, and terms of reference for project staff finalised.
- In September recruitment commenced in Tuvalu and Kiribati and arrangements finalised for the secondment of a Fisheries staff member to oversee the project delivery in Vanuatu.

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.

The approved budget was originally spread evenly across the 3 project years. For budget lines associated with in country implementation this should have been spread only across the last two and half years of the project, given the length of time needed for recruitment and establishment of management arrangements. If this is not corrected it is expected to cause an under expenditure of funds in project year 1 and over expenditures in years 2 and 3. This was identified in August and a request submitted for funds to be reallocated to better reflect when actual expenditure is expected to occur.

The approved work plan has also been reviewed since commencement of the project in light of complementary activities by other projects and to improve project logic. Keeping to the approved work plan would not enable the synergies with other projects to be maximised and

