

Darwin Initiative

Half Year Report (due 31 October each year)

Project Ref. No.	13/015
Project Title	Participatory forest management for medicinal plant production in Peru
Country(ies)	UK and Peru
UK Organisation	University of Oxford
Collaborator(s)	Centro EORI de Investigación y Promoción Regional
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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).

Project implementation timetable

Date	Key milestones	Achievements
<i>1. Indigenous, scientific and market information on medicinal species documented.</i>		
October	Collect and document information on the traditional knowledge of ecology, uses and management of medicinal plants	Information collected and being collated. There is a list of names of the members of the communities committee that is being formed.
October	Scientific information on ecology, use and management of medicinal plants reviewed and documented	Underway and to be completed by January.
January	Collection of information of local market and commercialisation opportunities, and prioritisation of medicinal plants.	First phase completed in June, final report will be completed by January 2006.
January	Prioritisation of medicinal plants for further study	In progress.
May - July	Market study on selected medicinal plants	Underway, to be completed by January 2006.
<i>2. Natural populations of medicinal plants evaluated and monitored</i>		
Feb– April	Participatory systematic inventories	90 % completed – communities will complete this by the end of November.
Feb 05 – Sep 07	Planning and supervision of monitoring	Methodology re-enforced in workshop in July, the supervision phase has been postponed until March 2006.

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.

Due to a breakdown in communication between Oxford and the local partner, based on concerns about mis-spending, funding was frozen and no work was carried out between August and September. Problems have been resolved and good relations re-established, with the assistance of a Mid-Term Reviewer. A full report will be provided by the 18th of November. (Charles Veitch has requested this to allow time to coordinate with myself as project leader, and with Anna Karp)

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

Darwin is fully aware of the situation.

Discussed with the DI Secretariat: Yes.

Changes to the project schedule/workplan: No.

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

- We do not agree with much of the assessment of our previous report, but understand that it was based on lack of mutual understanding about the purpose of such a report which fell between the six-month and annual reports, and while we had no information from our colleagues in Peru.
- The visit of Anna Karp for a mid-term review was a very positive and supportive experience.
- We note concern about Darwin's failure to match inflation, which means that we will have to reduce UK staff commitments in order to maintain salary levels.

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.**