

Darwin Initiative

Half Year Report (due 31 October each year)

PLEASE NOTE: Due to the increased number of reports expected in 2005, we will not be able to confirm receipt of reports but will contact you individually should any questions arise

Project Ref. No.	13- 022
Project Title	Falkland Islands Invertebrates Conservation Project
Country(ies)	Falkland Islands
UK Organisation	Falklands Conservation UK
Collaborator(s)	Falklands Conservation (Falkland Islands)
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Project website	www.falklandsconservation.com

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).

Please note this Project commenced on 1 September 2004, and the initial baseline timetable was set back 5 months.

Following fieldwork in the Falkland Islands in January – March 2005, the thousands of specimens collected have been sorted and considerable progress made in determining their taxonomies. This process continues, concentrating on the most specious group, the Diptera (flies).

Two peer-reviewed papers are in preparation. These detail the molecular taxonomy of Falkland Island Coleoptera (beetles) and the morphometric taxonomy of terrestrial lumbricid annelids (worms). A start has been on a paper describing the morphometric taxonomy of Falklands beetles. Papers were presented at meetings of the British Ecological Society and the Royal Entomological Society.

A Plan setting out a long term monitoring programme for invertebrate conservation in the Falkland Islands was produced in May. This has now been agreed after wide consultation.

The Falkland Islands Invertebrates Advisory Group has been expanded to include additional expertise. In addition, interest stimulated by this Project has resulted in a number of new collaborations with work being carried out on spiders, Lepidoptera and freshwater branchiopod crustaceans.

Two project newsletters (Invertebrata Falklandica) have been produced (April and July). These, along with previous newsletters, are now available to view online. Work is continuing to develop materials for the major invertebrates section on the new Falklands Conservation website.

The Schools Invertebrates Pack has been sent out for review to Falkland schools (primary, junior and Community) and is currently being assessed by our Education Officer as part of a wider Community and Citizen Science Programme. As part of this educational initiative, a butterfly recorder calendar has been designed for distribution to farmers and landowners. It is expected that this will not only aid in publicising the project and Darwin Initiative, but also generate valuable information on the flight times and distribution of Falkland Island butterflies.

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.

None

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

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

Changes to the project schedule/workplan: no/yes, in.....(month/yr)

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

No

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**