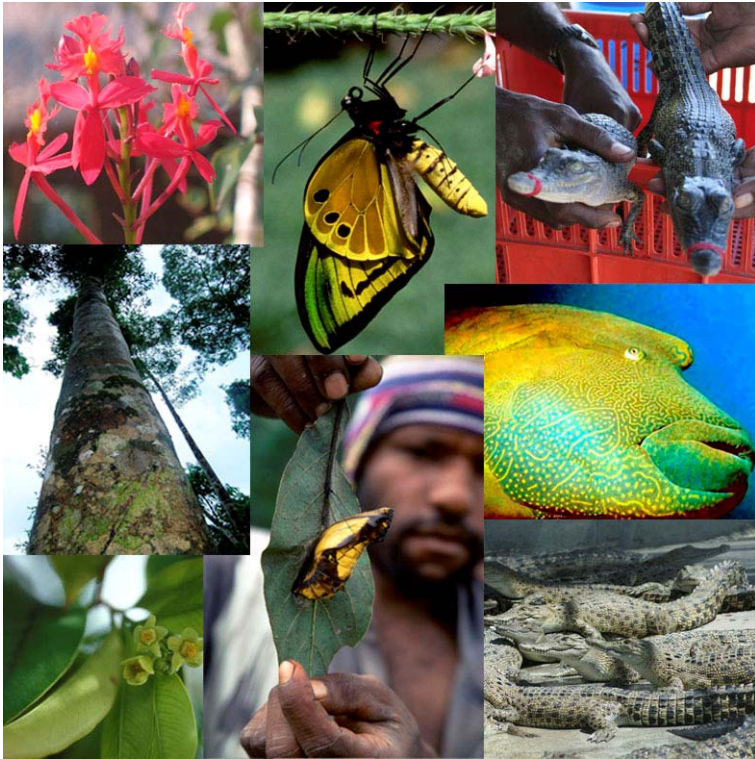




Workshop on the Sustainable Use of Wildlife in PNG
Jais Aben, Madang, 19th – 21st February 2007



Organised by Rob Small and Tim Bayliss-Smith,
University of Cambridge

Sponsored by the Darwin Initiative, DEFRA, British Government
("Sustainable insect farming in Papua New Guinea" project)

A well structured sustainable trade in wildlife from Papua New Guinea will offer:

- income generation to rural areas
- incentives for biodiversity conservation
- progress towards the PNG governments Medium Term Strategy of export led growth
- fulfillment of several aspects of the Convention on Biological Diversity

How far are current practices achieving these goals?

Purpose of the Meeting

- To review the history since PNG's independence of the commercial uses of wildlife -
 - Butterflies, beetles and other insects
 - Crocodiles
 - Birds and mammals
 - Reef fish
 - Orchids
 - Gaharu and other non-timber forest products
- To consider the regulation of this trade in relation to PNG's international obligations and its conservation and development goals -
 - Convention on the International Trade of Endangered Species (CITES), signed in 1975
 - Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), signed in 1992
 - The workings of the PNG International Trade (Fauna and Flora) Act

- To be briefed on the legislation amendments to the International Trade Act and the Crocodile Trade Act by the Department of Environment and Conservation
- To discuss the effectiveness of present day policies and practices
- To explore what reforms might be desirable, in order for PNG to meet its obligations under CITES and the CBD.
- To achieve policy directives with respect to the sustainable insect trade and enforcement in order to ensure a sustainable and equitable trade in Papua New Guinea
- To examine the role of IT (websites, databases etc.) in streamlining PNG's wildlife trade.

Who will attend?

The meeting is organized by the Darwin Initiative project "Sustainable insect farming and collecting in Papua New Guinea". However, our intention is to provide a forum for informal discussions on a range of topics surrounding sustainable use and the wildlife trade in Papua New Guinea.

Key stakeholders in these discussions will include:

- Department of Environment and Conservation
- Department of Biology, UPNG
- NGOs concerned with insect conservation, including the Wau Ecology Institute and the Insect Farming and Trading Agency (IFTA)
- Organisations involved with the crocodile trade including representatives from Mainland Holdings Crocodile Farm and the Sepik Wetlands Management Initiative (SWMI)
- Members of the Interagency Committee on Eaglewood including PNGFA, DEC, FRI, WWF and FPCD
- Other individuals and organizations with an interest in CITES, CBD, good governance and rural development

Workshop organiser

Please contact the organizer, Mr. Rob Small (University of Cambridge, Darwin Initiative Insect Project), to indicate your interest in attending and to discuss the possibility of financial support from the Darwin Initiative:
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Some information about the organizers

Rob Small (B.Sc., M. Phil) is a doctoral researcher in the Department of Geography, University of Cambridge, UK. Previously employed by the Tenkile Conservation Alliance in the Torricelli Mountains, he now is a full time researcher with the Darwin Initiative project on Sustainable Insect Collecting and Farming in Papua New Guinea.

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Project description

Sustainable Insect Farming in PNG is a Darwin Initiative project of the British Government, 2005-2008. The project's partners are the Department of Environment and Conservation, the Biology Department of UPNG, IFTA and the Wau Ecology Institute.

The projects aims are:

- Research into the insect farming and trading in PNG, to assess its long-term sustainability;
- An enhanced capacity of DEC to communicate with stakeholders in PNG and internationally;
- Capacity building in the insect trading NGOs (IFTA, WEI) to maintain their viability and the flow of benefits to insect collecting communities
- The increased engagement by UPNG and its students in biodiversity and sustainable use issues.