

# Darwin Initiative

## Half Year Report (due 31 October each year)

<b>Project Ref. No.</b>	14-005
<b>Project Title</b>	Conservation of Pakistan's Marine Cetacean Biodiversity and Pelagic Environment
<b>Country(ies)</b>	Pakistan
<b>UK Organisation</b>	University Marine Biological Station Millport, University of London
<b>Collaborator(s)</b>	Dr. Pirzada Jamal A. Siddiqui, Dr. Ejaz Ahmad
<b>Report date</b>	30 X 2005
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<b>Project website</b>	

**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).**

The project begin next month, but we have made initial steps towards the launch of the project.

1. two pre-project meetings have been held with partners to co-ordinate plans
2. we have advertised for Pakistani Research and Project Officers. The Project Officers have been hired and potential Research Officers have been invited for interviews.
3. the field team has been agreed for the first phase of the project
4. the launch of the project will take place on the 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2005
5. potential members of the Project Advisory Panel have been approached and a first meeting is planned for the 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2005
6. we have liaised with OWDRG
7. Two Pakistani trainees attended the UMBSM Marine Mammal Course in July 2005

**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 major earthquake in Pakistan has shaken her citizens and much effort by the government and WWF-P have been diverted to helping alleviate the resulting problems. There has also been a significant problem with telecommunication, which has affected telephones and the internet. It is hoped that when I arrive on the 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2005, I will be able to communicate more directly.

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

There has not been a significant effect on the project to date and so there has not been a need to discuss this with the Secretariat so far.	
<b>Discussed with the DI Secretariat:</b>	<u>no</u> /yes, in..... (month/yr)
<b>Changes to the project schedule/workplan:</b>	<u>no</u> /yes, in.....(month/yr)

<p><b>3. Are there any other issues you wish to raise relating to the project or to Darwin's management, monitoring, or financial procedures?</b></p> <p>No</p>
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**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](mailto: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.**