

Darwin Initiative

Half Year Report

Project Ref. No.	14-007
Project Title	Community action for sustainable use and conservation of coral reefs
Country(ies)	Sabah, Malaysia
UK Organisation	Marine Conservation Society
Collaborator(s)	Sabah Parks
Report date	October 31 st 2006
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Project website	www.sempornaislandsproject.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).

Key milestones: April-September 2006

- o Introduction of protection, enforcement and surveillance measures for resource use, species and habitats 'at risk'. Public/press information. **Measures have been agreed and enforcement has commenced but is not yet fully operational (pending ratification by Ministry).**
- o Training in socio-economic survey techniques and data collection and entry completed for 2-3 Sabah Parks and 12 local village community members. **Training of SP staff and one local community member carried out, programme still underway.**
- o First reef biodiversity monitoring and socio-economic monitoring field surveys completed. Databases established. **Completed.**
- o School activity days: Semporna area. Public/press information. **Now scheduled for early 2007.**
- o Newsletter produced. **Completed.**
- o Village publicity event/roadshow carried out. Public/press information. **Completed.**
- o First sets of reef biodiversity and socio-economic monitoring data entered in databases. **Completed.**
- o Analysis completed and presented at workshops/seminars, with public/press information. **Analysis still underway.**
- o First Biodiversity Conservation Zones established, with enforcement mechanisms and monitoring operating. Public/press information. **Completed.**

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.

A few aspects moving slightly more slowly than anticipated, but the overall timetable should not be affected.

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

No	
Discussed with the DI Secretariat:	no/yes, in..... (month/yr)
Changes to the project schedule/workplan:	no/yes, in.....(month/yr)

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

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.**