

Darwin Initiative for the Survival of Species

Half Year Report (due 31 October each year)

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Project Title	Taxonomic Initiative for Southeast Asian bat studies
Country(ies)	Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia and Lao PDR
UK Organisation	Harrison Institute
Collaborator(s)	Prince of Songkla University, IEBR Vietnam, National University of Laos, RUPP, Cambodia
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Project website	www.harrison-institute.org/Darwin2/TISABS.htm

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 met all the key milestones as set out in the revised project implementation timetable, including:

April-September, 2006: data gathered in an Access file for 102 of the 155 bat species to be included on the SE Asian Bat Website

April-September, 2006: Darwin MSc students received training at PSU (Prince of Songkla University, Thailand) and at IEBR (Institute for Ecological and Biological Research) and Ba Be Ecological Research Station, Vietnam. Topics chosen and preliminary research conducted for next year's theses

May, 2006: information about the project updated on the Harrison Institute website (for address see above)

May, 2006: Data on bats provided for SAMD (S-E Asian Mammal Databank) by three Darwin project members (Paul Bates, Sara Bumrungsri, Vu Dinh Thong) at a workshop in Bogor, Java

July, 2006: Training (Paul Bates) in bat taxonomy given to 5 MSc and 1 PhD student at a workshop in PSU, Thailand

August, 2006: Training (Paul Bates, Neil Furey) in field techniques given to 5 MSc and 1 PhD student during field study in Cat Ba Island, Vietnam

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.

In June, 2006 the project implementation and outputs were amended (with the agreement of the Darwin Secretariat). These changes were made primarily to strengthen the project rather than in response to a particular problem. They included:

