

# Darwin Initiative: Half Year Report

(due 31 October 2007)

<b>Project Ref. No.</b>	14-011
<b>Project Title</b>	Taxonomic initiative for Southeast Asian bat studies
<b>Country(ies)</b>	Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia and Lao PDR
<b>UK Organisation</b>	Harrison Institute
<b>Collaborator(s)</b>	Prince of Songkla University, Thailand; IEBR, Vietnam, National University of Laos; Royal University of Phnom Penh, Cambodia
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<b>Project website</b>	<a href="http://www.harrison-institute.org/Darwin2/TISABS.htm">www.harrison-institute.org/Darwin2/TISABS.htm</a>

## **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 key milestones of the amended project implementation programme.

April, 07: Website updated

April-September, 07: data for all 155 SE Asian bat species compiled for draft website; one paper published (new bat species for Vietnam) and two submitted

April-September, 07: reference collections upgraded in Cambodia, Vietnam and Thailand

April-September, 07: 4 Darwin trainees (Thai x2 and Lao x2) undertook training and worked on MSc theses at Harrison Institute

April-September, 07: 3 students from Cambodia conduct studies in Cambodia and Thailand

April-September, 07: Vietnamese Darwin trainee conducts PhD at Tubingen University; 2 Vietnamese MSc students conduct studies with Neil Furey in Vietnam

May, 07: Co-hosted with Prince of Songkla University and Texas Tech University the First International South-East Asian Bat Conference. Based in Thailand and with post conference field studies in Vietnam and Thailand, the conference attracted 120 delegates (50 students) from 25 countries and included 89 presentations (oral and poster)

August, 07: dissemination of key project outputs at 14<sup>th</sup> International Bat Conference in Mexico – presentation given by Dr Tigga Kingston

**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.**

There were no notable problems.

**Have any of these issues been discussed with the Darwin Secretariat and if so, have changes been made to the original agreement?** not applicable

**Discussed with the DI Secretariat:** not applicable

**Changes to the project schedule/workplan:** no

**3. 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 email** to Eilidh Young, Darwin Initiative M&E Programme at [Darwin-Projects@ectf-ed.org.uk](mailto:Darwin-Projects@ectf-ed.org.uk) . The report should be between 1-2 pages maximum. **Please state your project reference number in the header of your email message eg Subject: 14-075 Darwin Half Year Report**