

Darwin Initiative

Half Year Report (due 31 October each year)

PLEASE NOTE: Due to the increased number of reports expected in 2005, we will not be able to confirm receipt of reports but will contact you individually should any questions arise

Project Ref. No.	14-014
Project Title	Conservation of the Bornean elephant (<i>Elephas maximus borneensis</i>)
Country(ies)	Malaysia (Sabah)
UK Organisation	Cardiff University
Collaborator(s)	Dr Marc Ancrenaz (HUTAN)
Report date	31 October 2005
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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 started on July 1, 2005. PL (Mike Bruford) and PDRA (Benoit Goossens) travelled to Sabah in September. Several meetings were organised with the different host country partners: NGO HUTAN (Drs Marc Ancrenaz and Isabelle Lackman-Ancrenaz, Sabah Wildlife Department (SWD, Mr Laurentius Ambu)), Institute for Tropical Biology and Conservation (ITBC, Professor Maryati Mohamed)), and WWF-Malaysia (Dr John Payne). PDRA, PL and ITBC Director identified a student (Miss Nurzhafarina Othman) who will be trainee 1 during the whole project and will obtain her Msc at the end of the project (June 2008). She will work full time on the current project. PDRA started fieldwork in the Lower Kinabatangan Wildlife Sanctuary and identified (and hired) one local assistant (Mr Rosdi Sakong) who will work full time in the field with PDRA.

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.

We did not encounter any notable problems or unexpected developments. The project is going very well.

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

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?

Not at the moment.

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.**