

Darwin Initiative: Half Year Report

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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).

03/2006 - Data analysis following the completion of the field sampling using univariate and multivariate methods of analysis.

This has been completed, although a report from the Ghanaian partners is still awaited

08/2006 - First training workshop for 20 regional scientists from 6 W. African countries on aquatic ecology and the application of EA. Training by local project staff

As reported in the Annual report, funding problems prevented the organisation of the first training workshop for regional scientists at the time originally planned so that this meeting had to be postponed. The full explanation is below under Section 2. As a consequence of the postponement of the August 2007 date, a progress visit was made to Accra by Dr Leah who met with the project partners to discuss new dates and provide further technical guidance on toolkit development.

08/2006 - Second training workshop by UK experts for 20 project staff trained for the testing of the prototype tool-kit.

The second training workshop has been rearranged to coincide with the regional training workshop.

08/2006 - Training workshop for 20 stakeholders for the testing of the prototype tool-kit.

This workshop is to be run by local project staff and will therefore follow the second training workshop for project staff.

09/2006 - Testing of the prototype tool-kit by the selected and trained stakeholders

As a result of the delay to the training workshops this milestone has been rescheduled to early 2008.

08/2007 - Completion of the stakeholders testing of the prototype tool-kit.

As described above, the testing of the tool-kit has been rearranged.

08/2007 - The final tool-kit is developed using the results of the stakeholders testing

The tool-kit will be finalised once feedback has been received from the stakeholders testing the tool-kit.

08/2007 - Second training workshop for 20 regional scientists from 6 W. African countries on aquatic ecology and the application of EA.

This training workshop will now be held in mid 2008. The training will be carried out by local project staff.

