

# Darwin Initiative

## Half Year Report (due 31 October each year)

<b>Project Ref. No.</b>	14/019
<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Youth participation in protected area management in Rodna Mountains, Romania</b>
<b>Country(ies)</b>	UK and Romania
<b>UK Organisation</b>	Environmental Change Institute, University of Oxford
<b>Collaborator(s)</b>	The Administration of Rodna Mountains National Park
<b>Report date</b>	05/10/2005
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<b>Project website</b>	<a href="http://www.eci.ox.ac.uk/humaneco/rodnamountains.html">http://www.eci.ox.ac.uk/humaneco/rodnamountains.html</a>

<b>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).</b>		
<b>Project implementation timetable</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Key milestones</b>	<b>Achievements</b>
<i>0. Project planning and agreements</i>		
April	Memorandum of understanding signed.	The MoU was signed at the end of May.
May	Project plan finalised, priority areas identified and work teams formed.	Completed at the end of May.
May	“Darwin Volunteers for PNMR” student clubs established.	Seven clubs were established in May and June in schools adjacent to the park.
<i>1. Baseline and monitoring systems established</i>		
May– July	Information collated on Rodna Mountains biodiversity and traditional use of natural resources in the area, by APNMR staff, and school students.	Started by APNMR in June; still ongoing as more material is collected.
May– July	Equipment purchased.	90 % completed – exception: small budget remaining for purchasing species capture equipment and books when this becomes necessary.
July– August	Information collected on stakeholders’ perception of PNMR and the role of its administration, by APNMR staff and school students.	Postponed for second semester of the project when it would be more suitable to carry out.
July	Training in participatory biodiversity inventory and monitoring; training materials disseminated.	Postponed for October 2005.
July– September	Participatory systematic biodiversity inventories completed and 1 database created.	Participatory biodiversity surveys undertaken with two Darwin Clubs; database created.

July–April	Monitoring activities implemented by school students.	Tourist monitoring activities undertaken by one Darwin Club; additional monitoring activities to be carried out in October.
<b>2. Management plan developed and implemented</b>		
May	Training in adaptive management techniques; training materials disseminated.	Introductory training carried out at the end of May.
May& September	Management planning workshops; materials and results circulated.	Workshops held on 30-31 May and 25 August.
<b>3. Experience evaluated, model developed and promoted</b>		
May	Project web page created.	Created in June.
August	Newsletter issued.	Created in August; available in Romanian and English, both in printed and electronic form.
September	Project presentation in local communities and schools.	Presentation held for participating schools. Further presentations will be organised in November.

<p><b>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.</b></p> <p>During this first semester we experienced the need for a car to be used full-time on the project. We therefore requested the re-allocation of GBP5,300 from the Travel and subsistence budget to Capital items in order to permit us to purchase a 4x4 vehicle; this will improve overall our meeting of project objectives while maintaining cost-effectiveness. No overall change to the budget is required.</p> <p><b>Have any of these issues been discussed with the Darwin Secretariat and if so, have changes been made to the original agreement?</b></p> <p>Yes, the Darwin Secretariat was approached on this issue and has approved the changes.</p> <p><b>Discussed with the DI Secretariat:</b>                         yes, in September 2005</p> <p><b>Changes to the project schedule/workplan:</b>       no</p>	
<p><b>3. Are there any other issues you wish to raise relating to the project or to Darwin’s management, monitoring, or financial procedures?</b> no</p>	

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](mailto: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.**