

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.	14-041
Project Title	Strengthening the Indian Bird Conservation Network to Safeguard Key Sites
Country(ies)	India
UK Organisation	RSPB
Collaborator(s)	Bombay Natural History Society and the Indian Bird Conservation Network
Report date	31 October 2005
Report No. (HYR 1/2/3/4)	1
Project website	

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).

Project Milestones: Hire IBA Advocacy and Biodiversity Officers by July 2005

Actual Progress: Interviews were held in early October 2005 for the posts and two people selected

Project Milestones: UK training course for BNHS staff completed by October 2005

Actual Progress: The training course structure and content have been developed at RSPB but due to the delay in recruiting BNHS staff the training course has been postponed until Jan 2006

Project Milestones: Produce and distribute quarterly IBCN newsletter

Actual Progress: “Mistnet Vol. 6 No.2” (April-June 2005) produced and distributed

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.

The Project Leader Stephen Parr left the RSPB at the end of March 2005 just before the start of the project in April. Consequently, project progress was not possible until Ian Barber, Stephen’s successor, was recruited. This led to a delay in initiating the project with the BNHS, the project partners in India, most notably with the recruiting of staff.

However, it is anticipated that once the staff are in post then progress will be rapid enough to achieve the key milestones in 2006.

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	no/yes, in..... (month/yr)
Changes to the project schedule/workplan:	No	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? 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 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.**