

# Darwin Initiative: Half Year Report

(due 31 October 2007)

<b>Project Ref. No.</b>	14 – 042
<b>Project Title</b>	Supporting southern conservation NGOs to work with the CBD- Uganda, Kenya, Paraguay, Brazil, Malaysia.....
<b>Country(ies)</b>	Uganda, Kenya, Paraguay, Brazil, Malaysia, Palau and Cook Islands
<b>UK Organisation</b>	BirdLife International
<b>Collaborator(s)</b>	Nature Uganda, Nature Kenya, Guyra Paraguay, BirdLife Brazil, Malaysian Nature Society, Palau Conservation Society and Taporoporo'anga Ipukarea Society.
<b>Project Leader</b>	John Fanshawe
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<b>Project website</b>	na

## **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).**

### Internship

Priscilla Napoli from Brazil visited the BirdLife Secretariat in the UK on internship during August. She interacted with advocacy and fundraising staff from the Secretariat and the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB).

Elizabeth Matthews from Palau also came to the UK on internship in August/ September. While at the BirdLife Secretariat during this period she was supported to develop the outline and produce the first draft of a publication on the status and trends of Palau's avian biodiversity titled 'State of Palau's Birds'.

### Participation in International Meetings

In July, Muhtari Aminu-Kano from the BirdLife Secretariat and two members of the Board of Taporoporo'anga Ipukarea Society (TIS) of the Cook Islands, who were sponsored outside the project's resources, attended the 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Subsidiary Body of Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA-12) and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Working Group on Review of Implementation (WGRI-2) of the CBD in Paris. At the meetings, advocacy materials were distributed and a side event on NGO participation in the national implementation of the CBD was organised. An article was also written on the subject for the NGO newsletter 'ECO'.

In August, Priscilla Napoli of BirdLife Brazil attended the British Bird Watching Fair at Rutland Water, UK.

In September, Elizabeth Matthews of Palau Conservation Society (PCS) participated in the Conference of the Parties to the UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) held in Madrid, Spain.

Also in September, Jaqueline Goerck of BirdLife Brazil attended the Latin American Parks Congress.

### Workshops

Several staff from project Partner organisations participated in regional meetings of the BirdLife Partnership and shared the experiences gained from the project with their colleagues from the region. These workshops included the Pacific Regional Partnership meeting which was held jointly with the South Pacific Region Environment Programme (SPREP), the BirdLife Council of the Americas Partnership and the BirdLife Asia Partnership.

### Campaigns

The project continued to support the campaigns of Nature Uganda against the de-gazettement of the Mabira Forest for sugar cane production and provided support to Nature Kenya to actively participate in a campaign regarding a proposed soda ash development at Lake Natron in Tanzania that is likely to have devastating impacts on the Lesser Flamingo populations in East Africa.

### Policy analyses

A global analyses and update of the review of advocacy opportunities for BirdLife within the CBD leading up to COP-9 was undertaken. Several Partners also carried out similar analyses at the national level.

**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.**

None

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

N/a

**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? None**

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**