

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.	14-042
Project Title	Supporting Southern conservation NGOs to work with the CBD- Uganda, Kenya, Paraguay, Brazil, Malaysia.....
Country(ies)	Uganda, Kenya, Paraguay, Brazil, Malaysia, Palau and Cook Islands
UK Organisation	BirdLife International
Collaborator(s)	NatureUganda, NatureKenya, Guyra Paraguay, BirdLife Brazil, Malaysian Nature Society, Palau Conservation Society and Taporopoanga Ipukarea Society
Report date	<i>31 October 2005</i>
Report No. (HYR 1/2/3/4)	<i>HYR 1</i>
Project website	<i>na</i>

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 in June 2005 so this report covers what happened in the four months (June – September 2005).

The activities implemented were:

1. Analysis of second national reports to the CBD

A desk study analysing the extent to which the second CBD national reports of selected countries cover Globally Threatened Birds and Important Bird Areas was conducted as a follow up to BirdLife International's similar study on National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plans. We will follow up this study with an analysis of third national reports and a comparison between the two in the 7 countries implementing the project, where applicable. The methodology for the study and initial results were presented to the project's participants during the Project inception workshop (also attached).

2. Project Inception Workshop

An inception workshop was held in Cambridge, UK on 11-13 July 2005 involving a project staff from each Partner organisation and several staff from the BirdLife International Secretariat. The workshop topics covered included; BirdLife's work with the CBD, Analysis of CBD National Reports, Priority issues for capacity building within Partner organisations, an Introduction to the Darwin Initiative (where the DVD provided by DEFRA was shown), the Project Logframe and Reporting and M&E procedures, as well as detailed workplans and Guidelines for Financial Requests and Reporting were developed (key power point presentations and documents attached).

3. Global Review of CBD Opportunities for BirdLife International

A document outlining the advocacy opportunities offered by the CBD for BirdLife International in the period leading up to COP-8 next year was produced. It also highlights the history of BirdLife's past engagement with the CBD (attached).

4. Partners' contacts with National CBD Focal Points

All Partners have established contacts with their Official Government Primary CBD Focal Points and informed them of the project.

5. Publicity

There was a prominent article on the front page of the 'Cook Islands News' of Wednesday 7 September 2005 (with a large photo) covering the meeting of the British High Commissioner to New Zealand (and representative to the Cook Islands) with the project's Partner in the Cook Islands where the project was discussed (transcript attached).

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?

Not applicable

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? 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.**