

Darwin Initiative for the Survival of Species

Half Year Report (due 31 October each year)

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, SAVE Brazil, Malaysian Nature Society, Palau Conservation Society and Taporoporo'anga Ipukarea Society
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Project website	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).

This is progress report for project results in the period April to September 2006.

1. Analysis of third national reports to the CBD

A further analysis of the extent to which national reports of selected countries address the conservation of Globally Threatened Birds and Important Bird Areas was conducted using Third National Reports. This was compared with previous analyses undertaken for First and Second National Reports as well as NBSAPs.

2. Global Review of CBD Opportunities for BirdLife International (2006 – 2008)

A document outlining the advocacy opportunities offered by CBD for BirdLife International in the period leading up to COP-9 in 2008 was produced.

3. Significant activities by Project Partners

3.1 Cook Islands

Taporoporo'anga Ipukarea Society (TIS) is taking a leading role in establishing a partnership between government and civil society to develop and implement Cook Island's own national programme of work on island biodiversity in line with the CBD Programme of work approved at COP-8. A series of meetings have been held between government and civil society (including the Minister of Environment) to work together in conserving biodiversity. A draft MoU has been developed outlining this relationship. The concept in principle has received endorsement by all parties. It is planned to hold a national workshop (which will bring in outer island participants too) in the last quarter of this year to piece together a plan to implement the NIBPoW. TIS will lend financial and logistic support to this workshop through this project. Government has also pledged valuable support to contribute towards this process.

TIS has discussed seeking further funding to support the initiatives that will stem from the workshop. It will be looking towards the small grant programmes such as the GEF SGP, CEPF and others. The MoU explains the roles to assist the programme.

3.2 Palau

The Palau Conservation Society (PCS) has accepted to coordinate BirdLife's input in the process of taking stock of the COP8 outcomes on island biodiversity and building on the momentum behind the Global Island Partnership. A list serve of BirdLife International Partners with an interest on the issue has been established to share knowledge and experience as well as develop joint strategies.

3.3 Paraguay

As part of its mandate from the Paraguayan government to develop a national clearing house mechanism for the CBD, Guyra Paraguay organized a national workshop on the issue.

3.4 Brazil

In June 2006, BirdLife/SAVE Brasil signed a formal agreement with the Ministry of the Environment to work collaboratively in the implementation of the National Plan for Protected Areas in Brazil, which they helped devise. Specific activities have not been outlined, but this is still an excellent outcome of the organization's efforts undertaken since last year with funds from this project. Together on this agreement, there were 11 NGOs, various state governments, and some public institutes (three of them refer to indigenous peoples or afro-descendants).

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.**