

Darwin Initiative

Annual Report

1. Darwin Project Information

Project Ref. Number	14-042
Project Title	<i>Supporting Southern conservation NGOs to work with the CBD- Uganda, Kenya, Paraguay, Brazil, Palau, Cook Islands and Malaysia.</i>
Country(ies)	<i>Uganda, Kenya, Paraguay, Brazil, Malaysia, Palau and Cook Islands</i>
UK Contractor	<i>BirdLife International</i>
Partner Organisation(s)	<i>NatureUganda, NatureKenya, Guyra Paraguay, BirdLife Brazil, Malaysian Nature Society, Palau Conservation Society and Taporopoanga Ipukarea Society</i>
Darwin Grant Value	£142,560
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2. Project Background

The project is being co-ordinated by the BirdLife International Secretariat, Cambridge, UK and involves strengthening the capacity of 7 BirdLife International Partners representing 4 regions to support their governments in national implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity. The countries involved are Kenya and Uganda from Africa, Brazil and Paraguay from South America, Cook Islands and Palau from the Pacific and Malaysia from Asia.

As a result of this project, national partner NGOs, and the global BirdLife partnership, will be better placed to contribute results and analyses from their work on Important Bird Areas, Endemic Bird Areas, Threatened Bird Species, Site monitoring and Assessment; and their field experience with Community Based Natural Resources Management into the national CBD processes in their respective countries. By strengthening the capacity of BirdLife's national partner NGOs to engage in CBD processes in their respective countries, the host governments will have increased access to the comprehensive information base on threatened species and Important Bird Areas for their decision-making. In this manner, the project will support the governments' implementation of the CBD with particular emphasis on protected areas gap analysis, the Clearing House Mechanism (where BirdLife is an International Thematic Focal Point),

relationship with Ramsar Convention (where BirdLife is an Implementing Partner and has carried out analyses of wetland Important Bird Areas in relation to Ramsar criteria) and biodiversity monitoring and indicators.

3. Project Purpose and Outputs

The project's original purpose and outputs which have not been modified are reproduced below.

Purpose

To strengthen the capacity of 7 national developing country Non Governmental Organisations in biodiversity- related policy advocacy.

Output 1:

.Staff of national NGOs develop enhanced skills in biodiversity policy advocacy.

Output 2

National NGOs make effective contributions to their countries' implementation of CBD

Output 3

Lessons learned and shared with other NGOs in the various regions.

Output 4

Biodiversity policy guides and training manual published and distributed.

4. Progress

The project started in June 2005 so this report covers what happened in ten months (June 2005 – March 2006).

The activities implemented were:

Output 1: Staff of national NGOs develop enhanced skills in biodiversity policy advocacy.

1. Project workshops

1.1. Project Inception Workshop

An inception workshop was held in Cambridge, UK on 11-13 July 2005 involving a project staff from each Partner organisation, a total of 7 staff from Partner organisations, 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 with project's half-year report). A picture of participants at the project inception workshop held in Cambridge is attached.

1.2. Project review workshop

Taking the advantage that all Partner organisations for the project were represented at the CBD's COP-8 in Brazil, a 1-day project meeting was held in Curitiba on 25th March 2006. The meeting was useful in reviewing progress, sharing experiences and planning for the coming year. A picture of participants at the project review workshop held in Brazil is attached. This workshop was planned for the next reporting period but the opportunity offered by the presence of all project partners at the CBD's COP-8 was too good to miss and hence this review meeting took place on the back of the CBD meeting,

2. Active participation in CBD Meetings

2.1. Participation in the first meeting of the CBD's Open-ended Working Group on Protected Areas

A UK-based project participant from the BirdLife Secretariat and the Director of Guyra Paraguay attended the first meeting of the CBD's Open-ended working group on protected areas held in Montecatini, Italy on 13-17 June 2005. The meeting helped to deepen the understanding, of the project's participants, of the Programme of work on protected areas (PoWPA) and to increase Guyra Paraguay's familiarity with CBD processes in general. Based on this, Guyra was able to identify potential opportunities for collaboration with the Paraguayan government on the implementation of the programme of work.

2.2. Participation in CBD SBSTTA 11 meeting

In December 2005, the Project Coordinator and a staff of Guyra Paraguay attended the 11th Meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) of the Convention on Biological Diversity held in Montreal, Canada. The project officer from Guyra Paraguay attended the meeting as an advisor to the official Paraguayan Delegation. In this context, Guyra Paraguay participated in the meetings of the Latin American and Caribbean Regional Group (GRULAC), this not only gave BirdLife the chance to interact with parties' delegations but also placed us in a vantage point to understand and influence GRULAC's positions at the meeting. A leaflet on the potential contribution of BirdLife Partners to the CBD's Programme of work on dry and sub-humid lands was produced and distributed at the meeting.

2.3. CBD Experts meeting on protected areas

Jaqueline Goerck from SAVE Brazil represented BirdLife at the meeting of experts to pre-view implementation of the programme of work on protected areas and review an evaluation matrix for the programme which prepared the way for detailed consideration of the issue at COP-8. The meeting was held in Curitiba, Brazil on 16 – 17 March 2006.

3. Internship

During March 2006, one of the staff involved in the project from Guyra Paraguay visited the UK for internship. During this period, several meetings were held with relevant staff from organisations based in Cambridge, Sandy and London in order to enhance the knowledge of the staff on CBD operation and procedures and also to analyse the opportunities arising from the Convention in their specific national context. Only Guyra Paraguay was able to send an intern

during this reporting period. Other interns are scheduled to visit during the next reporting period.

4. Mentoring

An e-mail list of participants in the project was established at the beginning of the project and is being moderated by the Project Coordinator. This list has served to foster South-South and North-South exchanges and sharing of experience between project participants who have had a long experience with working on CBD issues and those that are just starting anew.

Output 2: National NGOs make effective contributions to their countries' implementation of CBD

1. Partners' Contact with National CBD Focal Points

All Partners established contacts with their Official Government Primary CBD Focal Points immediately after the inception workshop and informed them of the project. These contacts became more frequent in the lead up to the 8th Conference of the Parties to the CBD and have led to several joint activities between the BirdLife partners and their respective governments as will be described in various sections below.

2. Analyses and inputs to national implementation

2.1. National protected areas programmes and gap analysis

According to the COP Decision VII/28 on protected areas of the CBD, Guyra Paraguay has supported the preparation of the gap analysis for ecosystems of the country. This document which was developed with the active participation of the Paraguayan Secretary of the Environment, and also ratified during the COP8's presentation, is already available for policy makers and in the forthcoming months the document is going to be revised by an ad-hoc group of scientist in order to up date the information for the ecosystems. This initiative not only allowed Paraguay to agree on ecosystems at the national level but also to be one of the first countries in the region to contribute to the CBD's obligations preparing the scene for the next steps in Gap Analysis at other levels, such as the species-focussed analysis.

Naturekenya is implementing a project on identifying key biodiversity areas. It plans to contribute the results of this analysis to Kenya's gap analysis for protected areas.

Malaysian Nature Society has initiated discussions to collaborate with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment to conduct gap analysis of protected areas. MNS has also tabled a proposal to the Marine Parks National Advisory Council, of which it is a member, on the establishment of Langkawi Marine National Park.

Palau Conservation Society has been assigned the role of facilitating community consultations in the national implementation of the CBD programme of work on protected areas.

The Brazil Programme has also made relevant contributions to the implementation of the CBD and related issues in Brazil. These include;

- Contribution to the National Protected Areas System strategy, and to the development of the National Protected Areas Plan of the Ministry of the Environment;
- Articulation with federal and regional bodies of the Ministry of the Environment. As a result of this, two of the 16 Brazilian priority IBAs are under evaluation for the creation of protected areas (Boa Nova and Serra das Lontras);
- Dissemination of the IBA Programme to the government and private institutions and incorporation of relevant aspects of the IBA inventory into the government's conservation agenda, through the participation in a task force coordinated by Ministry of the Environment - Secretariat of Biodiversity and Forests, to define the methodologies and review the priority areas for biodiversity conservation in all Brazilian Biomes (ongoing process);
- Engagement in the initiative promoted by the Ministry of Environment for the effective conservation of the Atlantic Forest Central Corridor, which resulted in the recognition of some of the priority IBAs as an Area of Extreme Importance for the implementation of conservation actions including the creation of ecological corridors.

2.2. Analysis of needs for establishing national Clearing House Mechanism (CHM)

Guyra Paraguay has carried out an analysis of needs for the Clearing House Mechanism implementation in Paraguay. In this context, a participatory workshop was developed and a document was produced for the Secretary of the Environment. An innovative proposal of a public-private initiative to develop the CHM has been proposed.

2.3. Support to National CBD Reports

Naturekenya has pioneered an Important Bird Areas monitoring protocol within the BirdLife International network. It is coordinating the collection and analysis of basic monitoring data in 60 IBAs in Kenya. The potential value of this for national CBD reporting has been recognised by the Kenyan government and Naturekenya has been designated as the country's 'focal organisation' for the production of Kenya's CBD national report.

2.4. Support for national wetlands conservation and participation in Ramsar COP-9

NatureUganda and Malaysian Nature Society (MNS) participated in Ramsar Convention's COP-9 which was held in Uganda in November 2005. At the COP, NatureUganda hosted a widely acclaimed side event on community-based wetland management. Also at the meeting, the Ugandan Minister, in plenary, announced a proposal to designate 9 additional Ramsar sites in the country, crediting Natureuganda's contribution.

MNS is the Communications, Education and Public Awareness (CEPA) NGO focal point for the Ramsar Convention in Malaysia and has coordinated and taken part in several national and regional activities as well as actively participating in COP-9 as part of the government delegation.

3. National preparations for CBD's COP-8

Most of the project's partners were involved in the national preparations for COP-8.

NatureUganda provided logistic and financial support in the joint organisation, with the Ministry of Environment, of a national preparatory meeting in the lead up to COP-8. Apart from bringing the BirdLife Partner in a much closer working relationship with the primary CBD focal point, this was very useful in generating national awareness, obtaining civil society input and coming up with national positions on the COP agenda. Subsequently, NatureUganda was co-opted into the official delegation for the COP.

Similarly, Guyra Paraguay, Palau Conservation Society and Taporoporo'anga Ipukarea Society were also part of their respective government's delegation to the COP.

Palau Conservation Society was also closely involved in national preparations for the COP especially as it relates to the hosting by the President of Palau of the Micronesia Challenge. The head of Palau's delegation to the COP expressed the appreciation of his government to Darwin Initiative, during one of the COP sessions, for strengthening the Palauan delegation by providing support for PCS to attend the meeting.

4. Sub-regional preparations for CBD's COP-8

Taporoporo'anga Ipukarea Society (TIS) Cook Islands participated in the sub-regional preparatory meeting for COP-8 organised by the South Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) in February 2006.

5. Participation at CBD's COP-8 Meeting

The following project participants attended the CBD's COP-8 meeting held in Curitiba, Brazil on 20 – 31 March 2006; Muhtari Aminu-Kano (BirdLife Secretariat), Paul Matiku (Naturekenya), Achilles Byaruhanga (NatureUganda), Alberto Yanosky and Karina Ugarte (Guyra Paraguay), Jaqueline Goerck and Priscila Napoli (SAVE Brazil), Maye Yap (Malaysian Nature Society), Ana Tiraa and Ian Karika (TIS Cook Islands) and Tiare Holm and Elizabeth Matthews (Palau Conservation Society). It is a sign of the emerging success of the project that only 4 of these participants were fully supported by the project. Many came as part of their government delegations and with funding support obtained elsewhere.

The project organised two side events and co-organised another at the COP as follows;

- National NGOs and CBD implementation
- Saving species, sites and working with people in small tropical islands
- DarwinNet- a regional clearing house mechanism (co-organised)

A report on BirdLife's participation at the COP is attached. Participation at the meeting provided an excellent opportunity to capacitate the Partners by exposing them to the workings of the Convention and providing excellent networking opportunities.

Partners used the COP to highlight several aspects of their bird conservation programmes. Some of these included,

- Launch of the 'Important Bird Areas in the Atlantic Forests of Brazil' book by SAVE Brazil.
- Announcement of the creation of SAVE Brasil (Sociedade para a Conservação das Aves do Brasil) from the BirdLife Brazil programme.
- Presentation on Guyra Paraguay's support to national CBD implementation in Paraguay and three other Guyra side events.
- Presentation on NatureKenya's support to national CBD implementation in Kenya.
- Presentation on community based conservation of a threatened bird species in the Cook Islands by Taporoporo'anga Ipukarea Society.
- A high level side event, the Micronesia Challenge, co-organised by Palau Conservation Society in which several island countries made significant commitments on conservation of forest and marine areas.

In addition, 500 copies each of 4 leaflets were distributed at the COP. These leaflets were,

- Birdlife and the programme of work on dry and subhumid lands biodiversity
- The red list index as an indicator for the 2010 target
- IBA monitoring protocol as an indicator for the 2010 target
- Common birds index as an indicator for the 2010 target

Also during COP8, the BirdLife Brazil Programme was invited by the Ministry of the Environment to take part of the meeting entitled "Organização do Tratado de Cooperação Amazônica" (Organization of the Amazonian Cooperation Agreement), on 21-22 March, which discussed strategies for the conservation of the Amazônia, including the creation of protected areas.

Output 3: Lessons learned and shared with other NGOs in the various regions.

1. Regional workshops to share lessons

In July 2005, at the BirdLife International Council of African Partnership's meeting held in Kribi, Cameroon; Paul Matiku of NatureKenya made a presentation to the 20 NGO members present introducing the purpose and expected outputs of the Darwin Initiative project. The regional workshop planned in the Americas could not take place because the BirdLife Americas Regional Partnership meeting is not due to take place until the next reporting period.

2. 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 in half-year report). Press coverage of the project has not yet happened in other partner countries.

A side event titled 'NGOs and national implementation of the CBD' was organised at the 8th Conference of the parties to the CBD held in Curitiba, Brazil on 20-31 March 2006.

Output 4: Biodiversity policy guides and training manual published and distributed.

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. The methodology for the study and initial results were presented to the project's participants during the Project inception workshop held in Cambridge in July 2005. A similar analysis was carried out on first national reports early in 2006. The results were analysed in a comparison of NBSAPs with first and second national reports and presented in a leaflet which was distributed at the CBD's 8th Conference of the Parties (COP-8) held in Brazil in March 2006.

2. Global Review of CBD Opportunities for BirdLife International

A draft document outlining the advocacy opportunities offered by the CBD for BirdLife International in the period leading up to COP-8 in 2006 was produced. It also highlights the history of BirdLife's past engagement with the CBD. It is a mini-guide on BirdLife's work with the CBD.

Project implementation timetable (April 2006 – Mar 2007)		
Date	Financial year	Key milestones
July-September 2006	Apr-Mar 2006/7	<i>Internship</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The project leaders from 3 national partner NGOs will visit the UK for 2 weeks to work with their UK-based colleagues.
October 2006	Apr-Mar 2006/7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report on internship produced and circulated by interns
Activity will take place through out project duration	Throughout project Apr-Mar 2005/6 Apr-Mar 2006/7 Apr-Mar 2007/8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing compilation and dissemination of scientific information for advocacy.
October 2006	Apr-Mar 2006/7	<i>Project Monitoring</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project half-yearly progress report produced.
Activity will take place through out	Throughout project	<i>National Consultations</i>

<i>project duration</i>	<i>Apr-Mar 2005/6 Apr-Mar 2006/7 Apr-Mar 2007/8</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Dialogue strengthened with CBD and CHM focal points.</i> • <i>Consultations with representatives of local communities and other stakeholder dialogues.</i>
<i>February 2007</i>	<i>Apr-Mar 2006/7</i>	<i>500 copies of a leaflet for distribution at SBSTTA-12 produced.</i>
<i>March 2007</i>	<i>Apr-Mar 2006/7</i>	<i>Participation in international meetings</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Participation in SBSTTA-12 by 2 members of project team. Leaflets above will be distributed and a poster presentation on project made.</i>
<i>March 2007</i>	<i>Apr-Mar 2006/7</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>South America regional workshop organised by project. 3 members of project team from the host region organise and run workshop on CBD advocacy back-to-back with BirdLife regional partnership meeting.</i>
<i>Oct 2006</i>	<i>Apr – Mar 2006/7</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Global review of advocacy opportunities leading up to CBD – COP9</i>
<i>November 2006</i>	<i>Apr – Mar 2006/7</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>National review of advocacy opportunities leading up to CBD – COP9</i>
<i>Jan – Mar 2007</i>	<i>Apr – Mar 2006/7</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The remaining 3 project leaders from partners in host countries visit UK on internship for 2 weeks.</i>
<i>March 2007</i>	<i>Apr – Mar 2006/7</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Reports of internship produced and disseminated by interns to colleagues in their various organisations.</i>

5. Actions taken in response to previous reviews (if applicable)

6. Partnerships

The collaboration with project Partners has been very smooth, effective and invaluable to all participants. Project partners have gained an increased understanding of CBD processes which has enabled them to engage more actively with the Convention in advancing their conservation programmes. The BirdLife International partnership itself is gaining an increased profile within the CBD community as a result of this project.

One of the most important aspects of the project has been the role it is playing in strengthening the existing links and establishing new ones with local and international organisations and governments.

7. Impact and Sustainability

- The project's profile and its sustainability will be key issues to be addressed in the next reporting period.

8. Outputs, Outcomes and Dissemination

Some outputs were only partially achieved. These include;

- Internships- where only 1 intern has been in the UK rather than the 3 proposed in the project time table. The main reason for this is because the CBD-COP8 took place during the reporting period. The project time table which was drawn up long before the CBD had fixed a date for its COP-8 meeting had guessed the timing of the COP to be during the second year of the project. On the other hand, attendance at the COP was quite successfully achieved in the first year which is earlier than scheduled.
- Regional workshops to share lessons- where only the BirdLife Africa regional workshop has taken place during the first year. Since this workshop was dependent on when the Americas regional partnership meets, it will wait until the second year.

Table 1. Project Outputs (According to Standard Output Measures)

Code No.	Description	Year 1 Total	Year 2 Total	Year 3 Total	Year 4 Total	TOTAL
6A	mentoring	14				14
6A	internships	1				1
6A	Regional workshops	1				1
7	Leaflet for SBSTTA	500				500
7	Leaflets for COP	2000				2000
14B	Side events at SBSTTA etc	1				1
14B	Side events at COP	3				3
15A	Press coverage	1				1

- In Table 2, provide full details of all publications and material produced over the last year that can be publicly accessed, e.g. title, name of publisher, contact details, cost. Details will be recorded on the Darwin Monitoring Website Publications Database. Mark (*) all publications and other material that you have included with this report.

Table 2: Publications

Type *	Detail	Publishers	Available from	Cost £
(e.g. journals, manual, CDs)	(title, author, year)	(name, city)	(e.g. contact address, website)	

9. Project Expenditure

- Please expand and complete Table 3.

Table 3: Project expenditure during the reporting period (Defra Financial Year 01 April to 31 March)

- Highlight any recently agreed changes to the budget and explain any variation in expenditure where this is +/- 10% of the budget.

10. Monitoring, Evaluation and Lessons

The work plan for the year has been drawn according to the outputs in the project logframe. This was drawn in the form of a Gantt chart. This was used to monitor the progress of the project during the year. The indicators in the project logframe were used to assess the outcomes and outputs and they were measured against a baseline at the beginning of the project.

11. OPTIONAL: Outstanding achievements of your project during the reporting period (300-400 words maximum)

A major achievement of this project is the opportunity it offered most of the partners to strengthen their relationship with key sectors from their national governments, particularly the focal points for the CBD, Ramsar and other MEAs.

A second aspect is the opportunity for BirdLife partners from across four regions to come together and share experiences of national advocacy in biodiversity advocacy. This collective lesson learning is proving to be very valuable to all project participants.

■ **I agree for ECTF and the Darwin Secretariat to publish the content of this section**

In this section you have the chance to let us know about outstanding achievements of your project over the year that you consider worth highlighting to ECTF and the Darwin Secretariat. This could relate to achievements already mentioned in this report, on which you would like to expand further, or achievements that were in addition to the ones planned and deserve particular attention e.g. in terms of best practice. The idea is to use this section for various

promotion and dissemination purposes, including e.g. publication in the Defra Annual Report, Darwin promotion material, or on the Darwin website. As we will not be able to ask projects on an individual basis for their consent to publish the content of this section, please note the above agreement clause.

Annex 1 Report of progress and achievements against Logical Framework for Financial Year: 2005/2006

Project summary	Measurable Indicators	Progress and Achievements April 2005-Mar 2006	Actions required/planned for next period
<p>Goal: To draw on expertise relevant to biodiversity from within the United Kingdom to work with local partners in countries rich in biodiversity but poor in resources to achieve</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The conservation of biological diversity, • The sustainable use of its components, and • The fair and equitable sharing of the benefits arising out of the utilisation of genetic resources 			
<p>Purpose <i>(insert original project purpose statement)</i></p> <p>To strengthen the capacity of 8 national developing country Non Governmental Organisations in biodiversity- related policy advocacy.</p>	<p><i>(insert original purpose level indicators)</i></p> <p>Staff of national NGOs understand the CBD process and acquire basic advocacy skills by the end of year 1.</p> <p>National NGOs begin to participate in CBD implementation by Yr 2.</p> <p>Project's lessons shared regionally from Yr 2.</p> <p>Lessons more widely disseminated by Year 3.</p>	<p><i>(report impacts and achievements resulting from the project against purpose indicators – if any)</i></p>	<p><i>(report any lessons learned resulting from the project & highlight key actions planning for next period)</i></p>
<p>Outputs</p>			
<p><i>(insert original outputs – one per line)</i></p>	<p><i>(insert original output level indicators)</i></p>	<p><i>(report completed activities and outcomes that contribute toward</i></p>	<p><i>(report any lessons learned resulting from the project & highlight</i></p>

		<i>outputs and indicators)</i>	<i>key actions planning for next period)</i>
1. Staff of national NGOs develop enhanced skills in biodiversity policy advocacy.	Minimum of 14 staff from 7 Partner organisations trained in biodiversity policy advocacy by the end of Yr 2.	14 staff are being networked and are engaged in mentoring relationships to increase their biodiversity advocacy capacity. A staff has visited the BirdLife secretariat and RSPB for internship. BirdLife partners are being capacitated to work with the CBD by participating in CBD meetings and national implementation.	Several other Partner staff will be visiting the UK in the coming year.
2. National NGOs make effective contributions to their countries' implementation of CBD	Minimum of 7 national NGOs from the South are able to substantially engage in, and influence CBD implementation in their respective countries by Year 3.	The project has facilitated close relationships between staff of BirdLife Partner organisations and their government CBD focal point counterparts. This is leading to higher profiles for the Partners within their government structures and also to better implementation of the CBD.	The project will increase the nurturing and fostering of the relationships between BirdLife partners and national CBD focal points.
3. Lessons learned and shared with other NGOs in the various regions.	Minimum of 1 workshop held in each region to share information on the project with at least 10 staff of other BirdLife partners in each of the 4 regions by Yr 2. The workshop will be organised by the staff trained under the project	A workshop held in Cameroon for the BirdLife Partners in Africa. The Americas regional workshop was rescheduled to coincide with the BirdLife regional partnership meeting in year 2 of the project.	The workshop was held too early in the project's life. All the same, it served to sensitise other NGOs in Africa about the aims of the project. Another opportunity will be used to share experience of project implementation with the African partners and also across the other three regions.

	with back-stopping from their UK colleagues.		
4. Biodiversity policy guides and training manual published and distributed.	<p>Training Manual and Guide drafted and reviewed by Yr 3.</p> <p>Manual and Guide published and distributed by the middle of Yr 3.</p>	<p>Analysis papers have been produced on the opportunities offered by the CBD for national conservation NGOs to advance their conservation objectives. A draft guide for the BirdLife International partnership on the CBD is being produced.</p>	<p>This aspect of the project will gain more prominence as the project goes into full gear as from the next reporting period.</p>

Note: Please do NOT expand rows to include activities since their completion and outcomes should be reported under the column on progress and achievements at output and purpose levels.