

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.	14-046
Project Title	Sustainable tourism supporting species conservation in the Srepok Wilderness, Cambodia
Country(ies)	Cambodia
UK Organisation	IIED - International Institute for Environment and Development
Collaborator(s)	WWF-Cambodia with Ministry of Agriculture, Forest and Fisheries, Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Tourism, The Dry Forest Coalition, Mondulkiri provincial authorities and protection forest management board, Mondulkiri communities, Phnom Prich Wildlife Sanctuary and Cat Action Treasury
Report date	20 October 2005
Report No. (HYR 1/2/3/4)	<i>HYR1</i>
Project website	http://www.iied.org/SM/tourism/index.html and http://www.panda.org/about_wwf/where_we_work/asia_pacific/where/cambodia/srepok_project/index.cfm

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).

Specifically the following activities have been completed against the timetable in the proposal: Project initiation & planning workshop, local project advisory group formed, training needs assessment workshop and co-management/conservancy consultation meetings.

Since May 2005, planning and financial management strategies for this project have been developed. In August 2005, the project was more formally launched by a visit from James MacGregor at IIED to Cambodia to meet with WWF-Cambodia colleagues and with other partners on the project. Over ten meetings were held in Phnom Penh and in the field during 10 day field trip. During this period, work plans were developed for project partners and proposed methodologies for co-working on this project were debated. Tourism feasibility studies will be conducted jointly by IIED and WWF-Cambodia.

In addition, various project elements are in progress with local partners facilitating the following: training needs assessment has been partially completed for the socio-economic feasibility aspects of this project; plans and timeframes have been clarified for investor visits/ workshops, “training of trainers” workshop, and subsequent visit by the team members who will be implementing and training local agents in the MOMs monitoring system.

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.

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/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?

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.**