

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.	14-050
Project Title	Africulture Centre
Country(ies)	South Africa
UK Organisation	GardenAfrica, Royal Botanical Gardens, Kew
Collaborator(s)	Umthathi Training Project
Report date	31 October 2005
Report No.	DI/AC/01
Project website	Not yet established
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).	
Since April 2005 the main focus of activity has been establishing the governance and management structures for the project, securing the site for the Africulture Centre, putting in place systems and procedures and advertising key positions. Despite the slight slippage due to delays in funding, progress is still anticipated against the timeline as planned.	
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.	
Due to above mentioned funding delays, there may be a need to consider options vis a vis rolling over some expenditure from year one to year two – which will be discussed directly with the DI Secretariat in coming days.	
Have any of these issues been discussed with the Darwin Secretariat and if so, have changes been made to the original agreement?	
Not as yet.	
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 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.**