

Darwin Initiative for the Survival of Species

Half Year Report (due 31 October each year)

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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 continues to be highly productive. In particular the number of Species Action Plans that are in preparation (7!) greatly exceed our initial expectations and reflect the local buy in and dedication of the team. In addition, all planned field work was carried out successfully and a large number of undergraduates and high school students were trained and participated in field work over the summer month.

Details of outputs and milestones are given below:

June 2006 GIS Workshop led by Duke University

June 2006 Darwin articles prepared for Wider Caribbean Working Group and Forum News.

June/July 06 Eleven undergraduates trained in GIS ground truthing, in-water and nesting beach monitoring for marine turtles and conch surveying

June 06 Two Newspaper articles: Native Tree Nursery Set for Botanic Park. Bat Population down 84% (available on project website)

July 06 Five undergraduates trained in marine turtle nesting beach monitoring

August 06. Newspaper article: Museum Supports Darwin Initiative

