

Darwin Initiative for the Survival of Species

Half Year Report (due 31 October each year)

Project Ref. No.	162/14/055
Project Title	<i>A national plan for mammal conservation in Tanzania</i>
Country(ies)	<i>Tanzania</i>
UK Organisation	<i>Institute of Zoology, Zoological Society of London</i>
Collaborator(s)	
Report date	<i>1st April-30th September 2006</i>
Report No. (HYR 1/2/3/4)	<i>October 2006</i>
Project website	www.tanzaniamammals.org (in progress)

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).

Our main aims for this reporting period were as follows;

i. Produce the first project newsletter

One thousand copies of the project newsletter have been printed and are currently being distributed to project stakeholders. The project newsletter is a biannual event and therefore subsequent issues will follow every after six months.

ii. Conduct the Northern Serengeti and Minziro Surveys

The northern Serengeti and Minziro surveys were completed in July and September 2006 respectively. The Minziro survey revealed another new species of large mammal for Tanzania, the second new addition to the mammal list for our project. Results of these two surveys and the Tanga Coastal area survey which is to be initiated shortly will be presented in detail in our 2007/08 annual report next April.

iii. Print Mammal identification guide booklet

The mammal identification guide booklet that will be used during our interviews with local villagers living adjacent to protected areas has been finalized and several copies printed ready for use. The guide will be used by project personnel when interviewing local people to assess the presence of mammal species in their area, and copies will be made available to project collaborators and other data contributors to help improve the reliability of their sightings

iv. Initiate advanced training in website design and management and desktop publishing

The website development contract has two main components, namely website development and a tailor made course on website design and management for our staff. The first component began a month ago and will be followed by the training component once the web is up and running in the near future.

v. Advanced GIS and remote sensing training. This has been postponed until the first half of 2007 because that is the earliest that the course instructor is available.

vi. Development of a project website

The development of the Project website started this reporting period and it will be ready towards the middle of November 2006. When completed, the website will have the following address www.tanzaniamammals.org. All project staff have been provided with email addresses from the project domain (firstname@tanzaniamammals.org) to replace their old carnivore email addresses

vii. Develop Project Database

The set up for the Tanzania Mammal Atlas Project Database has been completed and can now accommodate a large variety of mammal species and their related habitat information. This process involved transforming the former Microsoft Access Carnivore database into a MySQL and PHP environment as well as adding an extensive list of mammals. To date we have uploaded about 7600 mammal sightings into this new database from a variety of sources including the Carnivore project database, past camera trapping surveys and from reports and publications

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.

N/A

Have any of these issues been discussed with the Darwin Secretariat and if so, have changes been made to the original agreement?

N/A

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.**