

Darwin Initiative: Half Year Report

(due 31 October 2007)

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)	<i>Tanzania Wildlife Research Institute (TAWIRI)</i>
Project Leader(s)	<i>Sarah Durant and Charles Foley</i>
Report date	1 st April to 30 th September 2007
Report No. (HYR 1/2/3/4)	
Project website	www.tanzaniamammals.org

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. Project newsletter

The third project newsletter has been produced and we are in the process of distributing copies to all stakeholders and interested parties.

ii. Surveys

Three camera trapping surveys were planned and successfully completed in Saadani National Park (April-May 2007), Burigi/Bhiharamulo Game Reserve (June-July 2007) and Ukaguru Mountains/Eastern Arc Mountains (August-September 2007). All photos from these surveys have been scanned and tagged and the data entered in the main TMAP database. Some of the more interesting species detected by our remote cameras from these surveys include palm civet, Bushy tailed mongoose as well as three species of elephant shrews - the chequered, four toed and Zanje. The chequered elephant shrew was photographed in Burigi/Bhiharamulo Game Reserve and this record represents a major range extension for this near threatened species which was previously only known to occur in the south and south-western parts of Tanzania.

iii. Training in website design, GIS and Database management

All project members received a days training in website management from the project website developer David Marsh in June 2007 this year. Rangvald Larsen from the University of Norway spent 10 days working with Edwin Konzo to improve the format, data entry system and data query capabilities of the database.

iv. The Project website

The project website www.tanzaniamammals.org has been updated every three months from information in our database. Species maps are including increasingly detailed information including data synthesised from past aerial surveys. Historical distribution maps dating back to 1950 have been recently compiled from the literature, and will be posted on the website soon.

v. Project Database

About 7,500 mammal sightings have been received and entered onto the project Database during the six month reporting period. The total data uploaded to date

includes approximately 19,000 mammal sightings from a variety of sources including the Carnivore Program database, camera trapping surveys, aerial censuses and from reports and scientific publications. Improvements have been made to the database structure, data handling capabilities and query tools to make it more user friendly and to provide less opportunity for transcription errors during the data importation process.

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 email** to Eilidh Young, Darwin Initiative M&E Programme at Darwin-Projects@ectf-ed.org.uk . The report should be between 1-2 pages maximum. **Please state your project reference number in the header of your email message eg Subject: 14-075 Darwin Half Year Report**