

Darwin Initiative: Half Year Report

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Project Title	Sustainable Management of Ornamental Fish Species in Mamiraua, Brazil
Country(ies)	Brazil
UK Organisation	Zoological Society of London (ZSL)
Collaborator(s)	Sociedade Civil Mamiraua (SCM)
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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).

Project implementation timetable - Progress April - September 2008		
Date	Key milestone	Progress
May 06	Determine protocol to establish extraction procedure (collection areas and no-take areas expected to relate to MSDR management plan). List of suitable species determined	100% complete. A list of suitable species for collection has been produced. This is a 'working list' that will need to be regularly appraised as biological and economic data are gathered and processed. Further biological surveys are being carried out to target specific families of fish that maybe unrepresented in the existing survey protocols such as Loricarids. Fishing areas have been defined. This continues through 2008/9
August 06	Working biological monitoring protocol documentation prepared	100% complete. The Collection Area Management Plan has been completed and adopted; it includes the biological monitoring protocol.
Sept 06	Organisation of association, registration and membership ascertained (all sectors of community considered).	The Ornamental Fishing Association has been established and registered and is active. Several training workshops have been held building the capacity of the members in fish capture, handling and transportation. Training has also been given in keeping logbooks of all captures.
Aug 07	Develop a business plan (draft by Aug 06, amend and update following annual review, Aug 07, Aug08 January 09).	The structure of the Business Plan has been developed and a draft version of the report produced. The business plan will continue to develop as we form business relationships.
May 07	First biological monitoring survey at Mamirauá completed, input into database, information disseminated to community	Ecological surveys have continued, building a comprehensive picture of the ecosystem with the reserves. Extensive research into fish life history and taxonomy has been undertaken building the capacity of Brazilian ichthyologists. The findings of the surveys have been incorporated into the Collection Area Management Plan, establishing the baseline conditions and the monitoring protocols.
Jul 07	Draft CAMP prepared and peer-reviewed comments received	The CAMP has been completed as far as possible. It is a living document that will be regularly updated. .
Apr 08	Annual and semi-annual project review team meeting and reporting. Review of business plan, CAMP, guidelines and all other outputs and issues. Address grant reporting requirements	A team meeting was held in Manaus in June 2008. This reviewed project progress. Time was also spent meeting exporters and developing the website.

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