

Darwin Initiative for the Survival of Species

Half Year Report (due 31 October each year)

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Project Title	Community Based Conservation Groups at Fiji's Key Conservation Sites
Country(ies)	Fiji
UK Organisation	BirdLife International
Collaborator(s)	BirdLife International Fiji Programme and University of the South Pacific
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Project website	www.birdlife.org/action/science/sites/pacific_ibas/fiji/index.html

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).

- 15A Press releases – x4 features on the Fiji Times Culture & Heritage Section: *Kaila!* on Fiji Parrotfinch (4 April 07); Lesser Shrikebill (18 April 07); Fiji bush warbler (25 May 07) and Silktail (16 May 07); Fiji Times article on BirdLife at Arbor Week (01 June 07) and article on *Bird Species Facing Extinction* in Fiji Sun (01 June 07); Quarterly issues of Fijian Vernacular publication *Na Mata* on Darwin-Funded Fundraising Workshop by BirdLife (2nd Qtr – 30 June 07) and on FJ12 Nabukelevu, Kadavu IBA (3rd Qtr – 30 Sept 07).
- 8 UK staff visit region – Fundraising expert Caroline Pridham from the Birdlife Secretariat visited to Fiji to conduct Fundraising Workshop (June 07)
- 5 Conservation Professionals trained – x5 Fiji staff undertake Fundraising training (4-7 June 07), Fiji Conservation Manager underwent training in French Polynesia (03 – 14 Sept 07), 3 students receive training in technical methods to use in field-work
- 6A 1 Staff Member from *Societe Calédonienne d'Ornithologie* of New Caledonia accompanied BL Fiji Team on a survey to the Ringold Isles (03 – 15 Aug 07)
- 4C Postgraduate Training – BI442 2 hrs Bird Conservation Lecture at University of the South Pacific x24 postgraduate students (25 Sept 07)
- 6A Community Training – x6 community members attended Fundraising training (4-7 June 07)
- 14A Conferences/Presentations (inc landowners) – Cakaudrove Provincial Council Mtng for FJ03 & FJ04 x50 pple (16 & 17 May 07); FJ13 IBA Awareness Workshop x25 pple (21 June 07), FJ13 District Mtng x40 pple (13-15 Aug 07)
- 14B Project results disseminated to relevant gatherings – Results presented by Fiji team leader at the Birdlife Pacific Partnership Meeting in Palau 14-15 May 2007 to c.40 delegates from 7 regional Partner countries and from Palau; PII Meeting in New Zealand (3 July 07); Fiji BSAP Consultation Forum x25 conservationists (06 Sept 07), PILN Meeting French Polynesia (03 – 13 Sept 07)
- 17B National network meetings – participation in National Forest Inventory Consultation (28 Sept 07)

- Enhancement of other similar networks (SPREP) – SPREP meeting attended in Samoa (11- 14 Sept 07)
- 7 Posters & Leaflets – x2 leaflets (FJ03/FJ04 IBA & Endangered Birds) & 1 poster (Red-throated lorikeet) produced in Sept 07

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.

An armed robbery and serious assault on the Regional Programme Manager towards the start of the period resulted in short term disruption to the programme and delayed reporting. Activities delayed have been undertaken in this period including a fundraising training visit (postponed due to travel advisory during 2005/06).

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

Darwin Initiative was informed of the issues.

Discussed with the DI Secretariat: **yes, in May 07**

Changes to the project schedule/workplan:

A revised logframe was submitted to and agreed by Darwin Initiative at the start of the 07/08 Financial Year and the workplan and budget was accordingly revised (changes between budget lines were proposed and agreed but not changed the total annual budget).

3. Are there any other issues you wish to raise relating to the project or to Darwin's management, monitoring, or financial procedures?

Responses to the first year report review accompany this report.

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.**