

# Darwin Initiative

## Half Year Report (due 31 October each year)

**PLEASE NOTE: Due to the increased number of reports expected in 2005, we will not be able to confirm receipt of reports but will contact you individually should any questions arise**

<b>Project Ref. No.</b>	15/029
<b>Project Title</b>	Certifying Peccary Pelts in Peru: Catalysing Community-based Wildlife Management
<b>Country(ies)</b>	Peru
<b>UK Organisation</b>	Durrell Institute of Conservation and Ecology (DICE) at the University of Kent
<b>Collaborator(s)</b>	WCS (Wildlife Conservation Society), INRENA (Instituto Nacional de Recursos Naturales) and UNAP (Universidad Nacional de la Amazonia Peruana)
<b>Report date</b>	31/10/2006
<b>Report No. (HYR 1/2/3/4)</b>	HYR 1
<b>Project website</b>	<i>Still to be developed</i>

**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 start up date: 1 July 2006**

1. A workshop manual "Guide to delivering peccary pelt certification workshops in rural communities of the Peruvian Amazon" was elaborated in July 2006, in collaboration with WCS.

2. Two workshops were held in the Peruvian Amazon to select participating communities and conduct initial training, in collaboration with WCS and biologists from UNAP. The workshops included a total of 7 rural communities, 82 community members and 5 local biologists working with community-based wildlife management.

The first workshop was conducted between 1-10 July and involved the communities of Nueva Esperanza and Carolina (Yavari-Miri river). Both communities responded positively towards the peccary pelt certification programme and agreed to participate in the certification programme. The communities began to develop their wildlife management plans during the workshop with the help of the local biologists.

The second workshop was held between 8-17 August with the communities of El Chino, San Pedro, Buena Vista, Diamante, and 7 de Julio (Tamshiyacu-Tahuayo rivers). All five communities responded positively towards the peccary pelt certification programme and agreed to participate in the certification programme. These communities also began to develop their wildlife management plans during the workshop with the help of the local biologists.

All the communities stated that they agreed to participate in the certification programme because they see that it will help them manage their wildlife sustainably for themselves and for the future of their children.

3. A Peruvian student, Pedro Perez, who works on community-based wildlife use was selected in August 2006 for the MSc programme in International Wildlife Trade at Durrell Institute of Conservation and Ecology (DICE), University of Kent. Pedro began his training at DICE in September 2006. Pedro will conduct his MSc dissertation on the implications of biological sustainability for the peccary pelt certification programme. This topic will assist the certifying

body in determining the standards for certification of rural communities.

4. The Project leader, Richard Bodmer, participated in the 7th International Latin American Wildlife Management Conference that took place in Salvador de Bahia, Brazil between 3-7 of September 2006. He presented a talk on the "Peccary Pelt Certification Programme" during the workshop on Conservation and Investigation of Peccaries. The peccary pelt certification programme was discussed during the workshop and participants agreed that the programme was a useful way to incorporate sustainable use of peccaries as a means to manage bush meat hunting and attain biodiversity conservation in the Amazon.

5. Meetings were held with INRENA and the Peruvian CITES Authority in Lima during June and August 2006.

6. The UK Embassy in Peru was informed about the initiation of the project in September 2006.

7. In August 2006 the project staff began to elaborate the peccary pelt certification manual "Certification of peccary pelts (*Tayassu tajacu* and *T. pecari*): A strategy for conservation and management of wildlife in the Peruvian Amazon" which will be published in October 2007.

8. In September 2006 project staff also began to elaborate a manual on "Capacity building methodology of peccary pelt certification for local communities" that will be used for delivery of capacity building fieldcourses with community members participating with the peccary pelt certification programme. The manual is being elaborated in collaboration with staff from WCS and UNAP.

**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.**

There were no notable problems or unexpected developments since the start up of the project.

**Have any of these issues been discussed with the Darwin Secretariat and if so, have changes been made to the original agreement? no**

**Discussed with the DI Secretariat: no**

**Changes to the project schedule/workplan: no**

**3. Are there any other issues you wish to raise relating to the project or to Darwin's management, monitoring, or financial procedures? None**

**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](mailto: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.**