

Darwin Initiative for the Survival of Species

Half Year Report (due 31 October each year)

Project Ref. No.	15/031
Project Title	Novel and practical conservation strategies following mining in Sierra Leone
Country(ies)	Sierra Leone, UK and USA
UK Organisation	Centre for Ecology and hydrology
Collaborator(s)	Environmental Foundation for Africa (EFA) Fourah Bay College and Njala University (FBC & NU) Community Advocacy and Development Movement (CADEM) Conservation International (CI)
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Project website	

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).

The start date of this project is 1 Nov so there is in fact very little output to report. Although there has been a lot of activity planning initial workshops and agreeing contracts.

We have agreed dates and format for the initial workshops. There will be a core project meeting on 10-11 Nov at the mining site which will allow all the key players to get to know each other and finalise the details of the project e.g. participating villages, compost systems to test, species to planted etc. The following week technical workshops will be held on plant supply, compost making, ecosystem payments and conflict resolution.

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.

As a result of the CEH restructuring Rehema White has left CEH and is now working in St Andrews University. We overcome this problem by creating subcontracts to complete this component of the project i.e. component 4. Facilitate consensus building.

Rehema White is still keen to be involved in the project and is clearly the best person as she has been involved since the conception of the project and understands the tensions and expectations of the people. Rehema is not free to travel to our November workshop but Scott Jones has agreed to deputise for her at the first meeting. They have worked together extensively and Scott is well able to undertake this work. . The outputs and timetable would remain as stated in the contract the only change would be that CEH would subcontract the services of Rehemea White and Scott Jones. I wrote to Margret Okot seeking permission to create subcontracts for Scott and Rehema to complete the work detailed in the contract.

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

and following telephone conversations with Margret Okot I was given permission to issue subcontracts

Discussed with the DI Secretariat:	yes, in Sept and Oct 2006 (month/yr)
Changes to the project schedule/workplan: changes.....(month/yr)	no in...none – only personnel

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.**