

Darwin Initiative for the Survival of Species

Half Year Report (due 31 October each year)

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Project Title	Red List Plants of Cameroon
Country(ies)	Cameroon
UK Organisation	Royal Botanic Garden, Kew
Collaborator(s)	National Herbarium, Cameroon, ERUDEF, ANCO, CRES, CWF, MINEF-MINEP
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Project website	n/a

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 project implementation timetable gives two key milestones for this reporting period:

1. July 08. Databasing and georeferencing of specimens of Red Data species completed.

This target has now been completed. Bate Oben, supported by Emma Fenton, spent most of the reporting period completing this work.

2. July 2008. 5,000 more species assessed for Red Data status.

This target has been reached. Jean Michel Onana has now given an IUCN assessment to all plant species considered rare and endemic/near endemic in Cameroon.

Project outputs. Within the reporting period was listed:

May 08. Four papers submitted for publication. These were completed ahead of schedule and feature in earlier reports.

16 June-6 July 2008, Jean Michel Onana head of the main project partner, IRAD-National herbarium of Cameroon was at Kew revising his treatments for his ms on rare and endemic plants of Cameroon which is central to this project. He also continued with spms identifications for future conservation checklists and revised papers for publications on rare Cameroonian plant species.

5 Sept. 08. Lorraine Belcher of Bristol Zoo visited Kew to discuss botanical work at Mefou proposed National park for which we are completing a checklist.

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PROGRESS WITH FINAL OUTPUTS

Red Data book manuscript progress. To be produced May 09

We are now outputting species maps from the database, quality checking, and writing species

treatments in parallel, family by family. To date most of Dicot families A-L have been treated by Martin Cheek and Ben Pollard is working on the Orchidaceae. Target to complete all families by March 2009.

Sample family treatments were sent to Craig Hilton Taylor of IUCN for checking in Aug. 08 and reminders have been sent to him!.

Conservation Checklist progress. To be published May 09

Specimen identification for Dom is complete, Fossimondi 95% complete, Mefou 80% complete. We are planning to have identifications 100% complete, and draft checklists outputted from the database for checking by the end of Dec 08. Partners have been approached to supply introductory chapters where appropriate. If these are not forthcoming the books will be published without them. Targets to complete the ms for publication in Jan, Feb and March 2009 respectively.

Teaching packs produced May 09.

The text for these depends on the figures from the final Red Data book ms which will not be available until shortly before it is submitted for publication. However, a draft sample teaching pack and poster will be sent to Living Earth for comment by end Dec. 09. Target for completion of packs is April 2009.

Closing workshop Yaounde. June 2009.

This will be organised nearer the time. In Feb. 09 we will begin organising this workshop. Ideally it will be held when the other outputs are available for dissemination so as to launch them in Cameroon.

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.

No problems or issues, but Unexpected developments:

1. An invitation was accepted to attend an IUCN workshop on Central African Aquatic Organisms in Yaounde for 1 week in June 2008 to lead the evaluation of assessments, and to make assessments where there were holes, of plant species with a group of African botanists from Gabon, Ghana, Cameroon (Onana, Ghogue, Ameka, Nzabi, Tchouto). This was an extremely useful opportunity to learn of threats in Cameroon (sites for new mining activities, construction of new hydroelectric dams) that will feed into our Red data book. It was also useful to gain more familiarity with IUCN's Red data system and personnel.
2. Kew was invited to lead a US funded reconnaissance botanical inventory to the unsurveyed Mone Forest reserve in SW Province Cameroon by WCS Cameroon which manages the site with Cameroon authorities. This is an opportunity to fill in a blank in the map of forest in Cameroon and to develop relations with partners LBG, ANCO and IRAD-national herbarium, who will be participating.

<p>Have any of these issues been discussed with the Darwin Secretariat and if so, have changes been made to the original agreement?</p> <p>Not applicable</p>
<p>Discussed with the DI Secretariat: no/yes, in.(month/yr). Not applicable.</p>
<p>Changes to the project schedule/workplan: no/yes, in...n/a.....(month/yr)</p>

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.**