

# Darwin Initiative: Half Year Report

(due 31 October 2008)

<b>Project Ref. No.</b>	15-035
<b>Project Title</b>	<i>Ex-situ</i> conservation of rare and threatened plants of Mauritius
<b>Country(ies)</b>	Mauritius
<b>UK Organisation</b>	Royal Botanic Gardens Kew
<b>Collaborator(s)</b>	Ministry of Agro-Industry & Fisheries, Mauritius Sugar Industry Research Institute, National Threatened Plants Technical Committee
<b>Project Leader</b>	Steve Alton
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<b>Project website</b>	<a href="http://www.kew.org/msbp/where/Mauritius.htm">http://www.kew.org/msbp/where/Mauritius.htm</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 Seed Bank continues to run smoothly and collecting is continuing at a steady pace, allowing for the usual seasonal variation caused by climatic factors. The current list of species collected stands at around 190 species, or close to two-thirds of the target, with 7 months left to run. 39 of those species are classed as Critically Endangered, 47 Vulnerable and 2 Extinct in the Wild. Collecting was assisted by visits from Sam Crosfield and Tessa Mills, Kew Diploma students, who both received travel scholarships to visit Mauritius and work with the Seed Bank team.

**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 notable problems during the reporting period.

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

N/A

**Discussed with the DI Secretariat:** no/yes, in..... (month/yr)

**Changes to the project schedule/workplan:** no/yes, in.....(month/yr)

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

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 email** to Eilidh Young, Darwin Initiative M&E Programme at [Darwin-Projects@ectf-ed.org.uk](mailto:Darwin-Projects@ectf-ed.org.uk) . The report should be between 1-2 pages maximum. **Please state your project reference number in the header of your email message eg Subject: 14-075 Darwin Half Year Report**