

Darwin Initiative: Half Year Report

(due 31 October 2007)

Project Ref. No.	15/041
Project Title	Waria Valley Community Conservation and Sustainable Livelihoods Programme
Country(ies)	Papua New Guinea
UK Organisation	Coral Cay Conservation
Collaborator(s)	UK - JFA Ltd PNG- Briskanda, Village Education Trust, Unitech, Forest Research Institute.
Project Leader	Peter Raines
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Project website	http://www.coralcay.org/wariacommunityproject.php

- 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).**

Progress has been excellent in all project areas:

- **Biodiversity surveys are being conducted throughout the watershed area within varying habitats. Results gained from these surveys have been both varied and interesting.**
- **An ecolodge has been established within the local area and a management team developed. Further work on marketing and managing this lodge as an ecotourism venture is still on going.**
- **Several alternative livelihoods projects have been established including piggeries, fish pond and rice milling. The local communities involved in these projects have received training in the required skills and monitoring and mentoring continues.**
- **The development of the eco forestry component is dependent on results gained from the biodiversity assessments which are still on going.**
- **The 'scholars' programme of training future natural resource managers has been developed with UniTech (University of Technology, Lae) with an undergraduate group attending a week long field course at the project area. The training programme includes learning and understanding the need for biodiversity assessment and monitoring in natural resource management.**
- **Training of local staff continues with the training of guides for ecotourism ventures and for assistance in educational courses.**
- **PR activities are ongoing with print media outputs, website updates and a local radio interview being completed. An update visit with various stakeholder activities was completed by Dr Craig Turner in August 2007.**

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.

None

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?

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 email** to Eilidh Young, Darwin Initiative M&E Programme at 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**