

# Darwin Initiative: Half Year Report

(due 31 October 2007)

<b>Project Ref. No.</b>	16-004
<b>Project Title</b>	Conservation of the Cerrados of Eastern Bolivia
<b>Country(ies)</b>	Bolivia (with Brazilian involvement)
<b>UK Organisation</b>	Department of Plant Sciences, University of Oxford
<b>Collaborator(s)</b>	Museo de Historia Natural "Noel Kempff Mercado", Santa Cruz (principal) Fundación para la Conservación del Bosque Chiquitano Herbario Nacional de Bolivia Universidade de Brasilia Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew
<b>Project Leader</b>	Robert Scotland & Colin Hughes
<b>Report date</b>	29 October 2007
<b>Report No. (HYR 1/2/3/4)</b>	HYR 1
<b>Project website</b>	Not yet available

**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).**

This is a new project and the period till the end of September 2007 has been occupied with project start-up. Planning meetings with Bolivian partners have taken place on various occasions resulting in an initial work programme with a list of cerrados prioritized for initial visits. Logistic arrangements have been completed. Four project staff members have been selected. Training in photography and on data entry using BRAHMS (brought forward from November) have taken place successfully. Key equipment has been purchased and installed, including a project vehicle, cameras, computers and GPS. Authorisations from the Dirección General de Biodiversidad, Servicio Nacional de Areas Protegidas and the Prefectura have been received and draft inter-institutional agreements have been drawn up but await final signature. The start of field work (apart from practical photography outings) has been postponed till October 5<sup>th</sup> because of dry weather and delay in paperwork.

**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 significant problems. Paper work (authorisations, agreements etc) took longer than expected but have been solved by the time of this report

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

No. Only issue raised with Darwin Secretariat was over an underspend on the project vehicle with request to use the excess on other items.

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

mentioned above

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

Only change is the transfer of the data base workshop on BRAHMS from November to September 2007.

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

Nothing at this time.

**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**