

# Darwin Initiative: Half Year Report

(due 31 October 2008)

Project Ref	16006
Project Title	Local action for global impact - community-based biodiversity conservation films
Country(ies)	Kenya, Tanzania
UK Institution	University of Leicester
Host country	Nature Kenya, National Museums of Kenya - NMK, WCS - Tanzania,
Partner	TANEDU - Tanzanian Education and Information Services Trust, RAE -
Institution(s)	Rehabilitation of Arid Environments, ACC - African Conservation Centre, University of Nairobi
Project Leader	Dr David Harper
Report date	October 31 <sup>st</sup> 2008
Report No.	HYR 1 (project end of 1 <sup>st</sup> year)
Project website	<a href="http://www.kenya-rift-lakes.org">www.kenya-rift-lakes.org</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).

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| 1) 2 digital film laboratories operational.  | 1) Office in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania opened, in partnership with 2 new NGOs in same building – Tanzania Association of Environmental Engineers (TAEEs) and Environmental Management Trust, both now participating in film-making.  |
| 2) Film series produced to cover at least 16 biodiversity issues/areas in each country.    | 2) Office in Kenya under consideration, temporary one hosted by Lake Naivasha Riparian Association, Naivasha<br>4 training camps run, each has produced a 'Series'. Trainees making 'pitches' for own film Series (10 pitches made, 6 film-making groups underway).<br>We have trained 38; 8 currently active making films under our guidance (see 2 above). |
| 3) 6 trained film-making staff active.   | This will be a main objective for our Year 2   |
| 4) 15+ Regional Education Centres established with capacity for film showing and outreach. | Formal meetings set up with KWS and KIE 19-21/11 and TANAPA/TIE in 01/09 after informal starts   |
| 5) 16 curriculum support packages created.   | This is linked to 4), will take place 05/09 onwards  |
| 6) 25-30 conservation education officers trained in use of digital technology.             | Four separate evaluations underway, 1 in Tz, 3 in Kenya  |
| 7) Effectiveness of films for biodiversity conservation quantified                         | 38 trained already, Year 2 will see training undertaken by indigenous ex-trainees from 04/09   |
| 8) 36-48 young conservationists trained in conservation film-making & biodiversity         | Draft now being written, we feel that first year has ironed out main problem areas.  |
| 9) Manual of best practices produced.  |  |

## 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 major problems have occurred, but many small changes to the way that we expected to operate. These are being written as a project annual report for Secretariat, but they have not affected achievements of targets nor will they.

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

See above reply

**Discussed with the DI Secretariat** not yet

**Changes to the project schedule/workplan:** not yet

**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**