Darwin Initiative: Half Year Report

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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 main aim of this project is to strengthen the long term impact and legacy of two previous Darwin projects (162/11/23 and 14-010), by enabling the outputs of those projects (i.e. two manuals on tropical forest restoration for biodiversity recovery – designed for use in Indochina) to be adapted and enhanced for wider use throughout the tropics.

The final edits were made to the manuscript over the past 6 months, and chapters were submitted to Kew Publishing for copying editing and design as they were completed. Formal discussions were held at a series of editorial meetings in May 2011, between the authors in the UK, Drs Hardwick and Blakesley, and Dr Steve Elliott, visiting from FORRU-CMU. A meeting was also held with the authors and members of the Kew Publishing team in May 2011, to discuss the publication process in more detail. In addition, regular Skype and telephone conferences have been held between the authors since the formal editorial meetings in May.

In summary, following the logical framework:

Output 1 Information gathering from projects around the world – information gathering complete and case studies complete

Output 2 Publication of guide – this was scheduled for the third year of the project, but due to the time taken to complete the editing of the final chapters, the official launch may be delayed until spring 2012. However, all chapters have been completed, peer reviewed, and revised by the authors. Six of the eight chapters have already been copy edited and designed. The final two chapters are expected to be laid out and ready for translation by the end of November 2011.

Output 3 Distribution of guide – this is also scheduled for the third year of the project, but for the reasons outlined above, is likely to take place over the summer of 2012, following the launch of the book.

No comments were received on the Second Year Report.

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.

It was noted in the End of Year report (2010/11), that the handover of the manuscript was postponed from April 2011 to early in the final year. Thus, the measurable indicators for Output 2 scheduled to be completed by April 2011, were carried over into Year 3. Originally it was

planned to hand over the entire manuscript to the publishers in late May 2011, but as the completed manuscript was not quite ready at this time, the authors were advised by the Publishers that it would be acceptable to submit one chapter at a time. Proofs for six of the eight chapters have now been completed (see example in Annex 1) and the final two will be completed within the next two-three weeks. Completion of the book is planned for spring 2012.

Now that the text for the book has been written and layout is largely complete, it is evident that the length of the book is likely to be c.308 pages, rather than the 224 pages originally planned. As publication and translation costs are charged on a page/word basis, they will consequently be higher than originally budgeted. £3,000 extra funding has been raised from the Millennium Seed Bank Project and the John Ellerman Foundation towards the projected shortfall (which will be detailed on the change request form, to follow). To cover further budget deficit, we will request that £2,500 be reallocated from the launch event to cover translation and publication costs Kew Publishing advises that funds are most effectively spent on a Kew-run PR campaign, within the context of the Breathing Planet Programme strategy, as is standard practice for all Kew publications. Kew Publishing, in collaboration with Kew's PR department, undertake to provide this.

If there is any remaining shortfall in publication and translation costs, two possible courses of action are proposed:

- i) Extra funding be requested from an external source, selected from Kew's network of partners, contacts and existing donors. This would likely be an organisation whose forest restoration activities would benefit from the guide.
- ii) A number of books (<20% of the total) be made available for sale to the institutional library market and the income be used to cover remaining costs. The majority of books would then be distributed free of charge in countries that are home to tropical forest restoration projects, as specified in the original proposal.

Yayasan Sabah (the Malaysia Foundation) has expressed interest in translating the guide to Bahasa Malay and distributing it in Malaysia.

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

Yes – the above options have been discussed with the Darwin Secretariat, but a final decision is pending and changes have not yet been made. A Change Request Form will follow.

Discussed with LTS: Yes no/yes, in Nov/2011 (month/yr)

Formal change request submitted: no/yes, in.....(month/yr)

Received confirmation of change acceptance no/yes in.....(month/yr)

3. Do you expect to have any significant (eg more than £5,000) underspend in your budget for this year?

Yes 🗌 No 🗸

If yes, and you wish to request a carryforward of funds, this should be done as soon as possible. It would help Defra manage Darwin funds more efficiently if you could give an indication of how much you expect this request might be for.

Estimated carryforward request: £

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

No