

Darwin Initiative: Half Year Report

(due 31 October 2010)

Project Ref No	19 - 020
Project Title	Responding to fish extirpations in the global marine biodiversity epicentre
Country(ies)	Philippines
UK Organisation	Newcastle University
Collaborator(s)	Ateneo de Manila University
Project Leader	Nicholas Polunin
Report date	31 October 2012
Report No. (HYR 1/2/3/4)	HYR 1/8
Project website	(many media reports, no project-specific site)

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).

Inception workshop conducted successfully in Manila. Training in database and statistical modelling (milestone M1) completed in Newcastle. Field work begun on fishers' knowledge, completed in Lanuza Bay area. Data entry for that site commenced.

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 problems encountered to date

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

Not applicable

Discussed with LTS: no/yes, in..... (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?

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 LTS International directly.

Please send your **completed form by email** to Eilidh Young at Darwin-Projects@ltsi.co.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: 17-075 Darwin Half Year Report**