

Darwin Initiative: Half Year Report

(due 31 October 2010)

Project Ref No	19-021
Project Title	Values and valuation: new approaches to conservation in Mongolia
Country(ies)	Mongolia
UK Organisation	University of Leicester, Roy Bradshaw, Plan Vivo/ Bioclimate, (International Wildlife Consultants (IWC)- not receiving Darwin funds)
Collaborator(s)	Mongolian Society for Rangeland Management (MSRM); Mongolian State University of Agriculture; Centre for Ecosystem Studies, Mongolian Academy of Agricultural Sciences; Mongolian Nature Protection Civil Movement Coalition, (Mongolian Ministry of Nature, Environment and Tourism –now Ministry of Nature, Environment and Green Development – not receiving Darwin funds).
Project Leader	Dr Caroline Upton, University of Leicester
Report date	30 October 2012
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Project website	(under construction)

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 project is on track, against the agreed timetable (Section 18 of project document). Since April 2012 and until the end of Quarter 2, the following activities have been completed in accordance with the agreed timetable:

Activity 01: Project inception and start up meetings. These meetings were held in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia in May 2012 and attended by partners, government ministry staff and academics. Thus, activities under **4.2** have been initiated and will be followed up throughout the project and with new ministers coming in after the summer 2012 elections, as per the agreed timetable. MOUs were agreed and signed at and in the aftermath of this meeting.

Activity 02: Preliminary field visits and finalisation of case study sites. This activity was completed through field visits by C. Upton and MSRM to forest steppe, steppe and desert steppe areas and meetings with local herders groups in May 2012, with follow-up meetings in July 2012, the latter also including N Nyamaa, as part of the inception of baseline socio-economic surveys under **Activity 3.3**. The following sites have been chosen: Ikh Tamir soum (Arkhangai aimag); Undershireet soum (Tov aimag), Ulziit soum, Dundgov aimag, plus one further site - Bogd soum, Bayankhongor aimag, to build on established networks and enable further exploration of critical cultural issues. Specific herders' groups have been identified for participation in the project, following meetings with members and leaders of MSRM Pasture User Groups.

Activity 2.1. This was undertaken through MSRM and C Upton in May and July 2012, and through additional MSRM field visits and meetings in August 2012. Outcomes will now be shared with Plan Vivo, and built into the Project Information Note and PES planning through the Plan Vivo system. This also links to **Activity 4.1**.

Activity 2.2. This activity is in progress, in accordance with the agreed timetable and through the field visits and meetings outlined for **Activity 2.1** (above).

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. An earlier question over MOUs, invoicing and evidence of expenditure with in-country partners was raised with and answered by Eilidh Young. We are following this guidance.

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**