

# DARWIN INITIATIVE FOR THE SURVIVAL OF SPECIES

## FINAL COMPLETION REPORT

### ANNUAL MONITORING FORM 1999/2000

#### Project Details

DoE Project Reference No. 162/6/098

Project Title - Fiscal Incentives for Biodiversity  
Conservation in Brazil

Institution - WWF-UK in collaboration with WWF-  
BRAZIL

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## PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION TIMETABLE

- a) Outline progress over the last year (1998/99) against the agreed baseline timetable for the project. If some milestones have not been achieved or have slipped, explain reasons for this.
- 1) *The State Governments of Bahia, Mato Grosso and Goiás are ready to adopt the ICMS ecologico.*
  - 2) *Two publications were distributed to all municipalities of the three target states, as well as to the Environment and Finance Secretariats (departments) of all 24 Brazilian States.*
  - 3) *Seven technical meetings were held in the three target states and in one Northeastern state that asked WWF for help in adopting the ICMS ecologico.*
  - 4) *Nine workshops were held to define the criteria in the target states.*
  - 5) *Consultants (economists) were hired to help the State of Goiás on the definition of the criteria*
- b) What progress has the project made in achieving its objectives over the last year? Is the project still expected to achieve all the original objectives which were specified? Explain any problems/difficulties which have been encountered to date in achieving the objectives of the project (or any which you envisage may be encountered in the future).

*The project achieved all original objectives. The three target states developed criteria considering the area and quality of the protected areas as well as promoting a better distribution of the ICMS among the municipalities.*

*No further developments in the process to amend the Federal Constitution happened during this period, we will keep monitoring the process to guarantee continuation of ICMS ecologico.*

- c) What lessons can be learnt from your experiences (both good and bad) over the last year?

*The States, and in particular the municipalities, have tried to address a whole multitude of environmental problems using ICMS as an instrument, but this mechanism has its limits.*

*All criteria must be easy to measure, so criteria without reliable data could not be included. On the other hand, the instrument could not reward law enforcement. For example, national law determines that landowners must leave 20% of natural forest when clearing land for agriculture or cattle ranching; this area could not be remunerated by ICMS.*

*The definition of the criteria involves different stakeholders who tend to defend opposite interests. To harmonise these interests in order to build sufficient political power to change this law was something that took longer than we expected.*

- d) If the project timetable has slipped or changed, provide an updated project implementation timetable for the remainder of the project. *(Please note that projects are expected to adhere to their original timetable and that the timely completion of projects is an important factor taken into account*

*by the Department when assessing project performance. However, from time to time projects may be delayed unavoidably due to circumstances beyond their control. Where a project is falling behind schedule, details on the revised programme of work should be provided below. This will need to be passed to the Department for approval).*

*All activities planned for completion by this stage in the project have been accomplished.*

*No timetable was included in the proposal for the next 4-month period.*

*During the next four months we will continue advocating ICMS ecologico in the target States and at federal level in order to secure the changes made by the States.*

e) What is the estimated completion date for the project?

*June/2000*

f) Is this different to the completion date set out in the original application form?

Yes  (please tick)

No

## **PROJECT OUTPUTS**

a) What outputs have been achieved by the project over the last year (1999/2000)? We would like you to work through the list of standard output measures which have been agreed for the Darwin Initiative and to report on those which are relevant to your project. All information provided should be referenced clearly to the appropriate project output reference number, and should provide the level of detail required (requirements are specified in the Guidance Note on Output Definitions which accompanies the List of Standard Output Measures).

*Please note you are not expected to report against all the output measures which are listed. We only expect you to report on the outputs which were agreed for you project. However, if further outputs have been generated which relate to one or more of the standard output measures, these should also be reported below. Further outputs which do not fit easily into any of the standard output categories should be reported later in this section (see sub-section b).*

No outputs were expected for this period. The outputs agreed were all fulfilled during last year.

- b) Please provide details on any further outputs generated by the project over the last year which do not fit easily into the standard output categories for the Darwin Initiative.

NONE

- c) Explain any problems encountered to date in achieving the output targets specified for this project or any problems you envisage in achieving these outputs in the future.

NONE

- d) If the project timetable has slipped or changed, provide an updated output timetable for the remainder of the project. *(Please note that projects are expected to adhere to the original output timetable which was agreed with the Department and this is taken into account when assessing project performance. However, some projects may be delayed unavoidably. Where a project is falling behind schedule a revised output timetable should be provided below. This will need to be passed to the Department for approval).*

NONE

## PROJECT EXPENDITURE

- a) Grant expenditure April 1999 to September 1999 £ 13,130  
 b) Total Grant expenditure to date £ 67,325  
 c) Please provide a breakdown of grant expenditure using the main expenditure headings in the original application form.

Expenditure FY00	Total expenditure to date
Staff costs Rent, rates, heating etc Postage, stationery, etc Travel & Subsistence Printing Conferences, seminars Other: translation	
<b>TOTAL</b> £ 13,130	<b>TOTAL</b> 67,325

- f) Explain any variations in expenditure (+/- 10%) from the original application form.

As a result of savings on the cost of printing reports, permission was requested, and granted, to use the balance of £2,871 on unbudgeted seminars to lobby politicians to adopt the ICMS.

## STAFF RESOURCES

a) Please provide details on the staff who have worked on the project over the last year (1998/99).

Name	Institution	Grade/Position	Input During 1998/99
ANALUCE FREITAS	WWF-BRAZIL	PROGRAMME OFFICER FOR PUBLIC POLICIES	COORDINATION AND ADVOCACY ACTIVITIES
ULISSES LACAVA	WWF-BRASIL	COMMUNICATION COORDINATOR	COORDINATE PUBLICATIONS
GARO BATMANIAN	WWF-BRASIL	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	APPROVAL DOCUMENTS ADVISE ON POLITICAL STRATEGY
ROBERT BUSCHBACHER	WWF-BRASIL	TECHNICAL DIRECTOR	APPROVAL OF DOCUMENTS AND ADVISE ON POLITICAL STRATEGY.

b) Please explain any variations in the composition of the project team or in the inputs of key staff from the details provided in the original application form.

*The communication co-ordinator, the executive director and technical director played a significant participation in the preparation of the documents and in the evaluation of the political scenario.*