

Darwin Initiative: Half Year Report

(due 31 October 2013)

Project Ref No	DPLUS003
Project Title	Biodiversity Action Planning in the Falkland Islands
Country(ies)	Falkland Islands
Lead Organisation	Falklands Conservation
Collaborator(s)	Falkland Islands Government
Project Leader	<i>Dr David Doxford</i>
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Project website	<i>N/A</i>

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).

Project began July 2013, three months late. Hence this reports reviews the first two and a bit months.

Output 1.1: Existing biodiversity plans reviewed, all identified action extracted and brought together

This has been achieved, all identified action collated.

Output 1.2 Existing tasks analysed and rigorous guidelines produced on which tasks should be made the highest priority (prioritization guidelines) also the identification of generic tasks which can be aggregated across plans.

A review document analysing all identified action is in preparation. This reviews the number of actions in different documents, and the effect of action timing, end dates, action costs, prioritization, category of action and document type on action status. This will allow us to identify generic tasks which can be aggregated across plans, as well as reviewing the achievability of all current biodiversity action. It will also show the effect of the current prioritization system on action status. From this we will also produce scenarios for how action planning can progress, and what that means for completing comprehensive and basic action plans (output 1.3 and 1.4).

No prioritization guidelines have been produced yet.

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.

Job application process meant that the full-time staff member for this project was not employed until July 2013- proposed start and end date altered and staff cost change on budget: Staff costs £10,000 into 2015/16, project will end one quarter later.

Transfer of consultancy costs into 2nd year.

Have any of these issues been discussed with LTS International and if so, have changes been made to the original agreement?	
Discussed with LTS:	yes, in Sept/Oct 2013
Formal change request submitted:	yes, 16 Sept 2013
Received confirmation of change acceptance	no

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

Yes No [provided modified budget is approved]

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

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**