



Darwin Initiative Main/Post/D+ Project Half Year Report (due 31 October 2016)

Project Ref No	DPLUS005
Project Title	Sustainable management of the marine environment and resources of Tristan da Cunha
Country(ies)/Territory(ies)	Tristan da Cunha
Lead Organisation	RSPB
Partner(s)	Tristan da Cunha Fisheries Department
Project Leader	Andy Schofield
Report date and number (e.g., HYR3)	HYR4 – 20 TH October 2016
Project website/ Twitter/ Blog/ Instagram etc	
Funder (DFID/Defra)	

1. Outline progress over the last 6 months (April – Sept) 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 to end September).

Progress was initially very slow in the first part of the reporting period and a few changes had to be made including extending the end date of the project.

Progress against output 1, Information base for sustainable marine and fishery management developed:

This has progressed excellently in the last quarter and is virtually complete other than the compilation of the species list which are currently being drawn up and will be completed by the project end date.

Progress against output 2, capacity built for sustainable marine and fishery management:

Again this has been a great success and our aspirations of capacity building have been surpassed. This output is now complete.

Progress against output 3, Capacity increased for marine response:

This output has progressed really well recently now and is virtually complete. The only outstanding part is the detailed response plan which is currently being drawn up and shall be finished by the end date of the project.

Progress against output 4, capacity to assess the effects of climate change in the marine environment enhanced:

This output is virtually complete.

Progress against output 5, Marine management plan developed for Tristan da Cunha:

This output is now virtually complete and the Marine management plan is in its final stages of collation and revision.

2a. Give details of any notable problems or unexpected developments/lessons learnt 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.

The only notable problems were trying to attain an extension to the end date of the project due to the timing of visits and availability of berths for travel to allow the workshop to take place within the project period. This was discussed with Darwin and the extension was granted to allow the workshop to take place later than originally agreed.

Additionally there was an extra piece of work to enhance the climate output, this involved a small contract to look at and assess some satellite imagery on the historic and present distribution of sea kelp around the islands and the collation of such a wealth of excellent data that had been gathered by all involved. This has greatly enhanced the knowledge base on climatic influences on the marine environment around Tristan.

No further issues are due to arise as the project is now in its final stages of data collection and writing. The project team now see no reason why this project will now deliver on all its agreed outputs by the end of the project term.

2b. 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

Formal change request submitted: Yes

Received confirmation of change acceptance Yes

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

No

3b. If yes, then you need to consider your project budget needs carefully. Please remember that any funds agreed for this financial year are only available to the project in this financial year.

If you anticipate a significant underspend because of justifiable changes within the project please submit a rebudget Change Request as soon as possible. There is no guarantee that Defra will agree a rebudget so please ensure you have enough time to make appropriate changes if necessary.

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 can be discussed in this report but **should also** be raised with LTS International through a Change Request.

Please send your **completed report by email** to Eilidh Young at Darwin-Projects@ltsi.co.uk . The report should be between 2-3 pages maximum. **Please state your project reference number in the header of your email message e.g., Subject: 22-035 Darwin Half Year Report**