



Darwin Initiative: Half Year Report

(due 31 October 2014)

Project Ref No	DPLUS027
Project Title	Marine Spatial Planning for the Falkland Islands
Country(ies)	Falkland Islands
Lead Organisation	SAERI
Collaborator(s)	BirdLife, British Antarctic Survey, Falkland Islands Government, Falklands Conservation
Project Leader	Dr Amélie Augé and Dr Paul Brickle
Report date and number (eg HYR3)	HYR1
Project website	http://www.south-atlantic-research.org/research/current-research/80-marine-spatial-planning-falkland-islands

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).

The project officer was recruited in May 2014 after interviews conducted in April 2014. The project started in July 2014 when Dr Amélie Augé, the appointed project officer, arrived in the Falkland Islands and joined the SAERI team.

The following activities took place from July to September 2014:

- Established steering committee and conducted first meeting
- Conducted introductory meetings with all key stakeholders and project partners in the Falkland Islands and overseas (on skype)
- MSP review initiated, manuscript in progress
- Initiated data gathering and analyses, and built a metadata catalogue for MSP
- Identified some preliminary data gaps
- Conducted preliminary considerations for MSP process for the Falkland Islands
- Identified stakeholders and science partners that can contribute data and knowledge
- Planned first public session and workshop
- Public presentation in Stanley
- Conducted second steering committee meeting and produced quarterly report to the committee
- Published first public quarterly report

The Table below shows the expected output for the first quarter of the project (the Darwin Q2) according to the project work plan and their status. All activities are on track.

Output #	Description	Timeframe	Status
1	Increased data availability. Data review, identification, collation, storage and curation	2014: Q2, Q3 and Q4	
1.1	Project officer recruitment	2014: Q2	Completed – Dr <u>Amélie Augé</u> started in July 2014.
1.2	Review of extant data relevant to MSP in the Falkland Islands	2014:Q2 and Q3	Started, on track
1.3	Creation of metadata catalogue	2014:Q2 and Q3	Started, on track
1.4	Collation, assimilation and creation of project specific geospatial databases	2014:Q2 and Q3	Started, on track

2a. 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.

As the project only started in July 2014, the project timeframe and outputs were not aligned with the real timeline. The Darwin Plus committee agreed to a change in the timeline of the MSP project. The start date of the project was changed from April 2014 to July 2014. Work plan and budget were adjusted to this change (as in table below), so that the first quarter of the project is 2014:Q2 (July to September 2014).

Activity	No of Months	2014				2015				2016										
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4							
Output 1																				
1.1	1																			
1.2	3																			
1.3	3																			
1.4	5																			
Output 2																				
2.1	2																			
Output 3																				
3.1	0.5																			
Output 4																				
4.1	14																			
4.2	14																			
Output 5																				
5.1	10																			
5.2	3																			
Output 6																				
6.1	1																			
Output 7																				
7.1	6																			
Output 8																				
8.1	1																			
Output 9																				
9.1	3																			

No issues have arisen in the last quarter. However, obtaining spatial data from various sources takes a lot of time and is entirely dependent on the data owners and curators' availability and willingness. Consequently, there may be delays in the next quarter in accessing some of the data for the MSP project. Outputs 1.3 and 1.4 will consequently most likely extend in Q4. Overall, this will not affect project progress as other parts can be worked on until all data are obtained and the work plan will be back on track. It will not affect the budget.

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/No

Formal change request submitted: Yes/No

Received confirmation of change acceptance Yes/No

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

Yes No Estimated underspend: £

3b. If yes, then you need to consider your project budget needs carefully as it is unlikely that any requests to carry forward funds will be approved this year. 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 and would like to talk to someone about the options available this year, please indicate below when you think you might be in a position to do this and what the reasons might be:

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 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 eg Subject: 20-035 Darwin Half Year Report**