



Darwin Initiative/Darwin Plus Projects
Half Year Report
(due 31st October 2021)

Project reference	DPR8S2\1004: DPLUS120
Project title	Spatial segregation and bycatch risk of seabirds at South Georgia
Country(ies)/territory(ies)	South Georgia
Lead organisation	British Antarctic Survey
Partner(s)	Birdlife International
Project leader	Victoria Warwick-Evans
Report date and number (e.g. HYR1)	October 2021 HYR1
Project website/blog/social media	

1. Outline progress over the last 6 months (April – Sept) against the agreed project implementation timetable (if your project has started less than 6 months ago, please report on the period since start up to end September).

As per the implementation timetable we have only worked a few days on this project since April 2021 (1 day per week for April and May). During these days we have continued to plan the upcoming field season. We have now ordered the majority of the equipment and completed the permit application and the animal ethics application for the fieldwork. The logistics including flights and passage on the Pharos have also been confirmed.

2a. Give details of any notable problems or unexpected developments/lessons learnt that the project has encountered over the last 6 months (for COVID-19 specific delays/problems, please use 2b). Explain what impact these could have on the project and whether the changes will affect the budget and timetable of project activities.

There have been no unexpected problems or lessons learned over the last 6 months.

2b. Please outline any specific issues which your project has encountered as a result of COVID-19. Where you have adapted your project activities in response to the pandemic, please briefly outline how you have done so here. Explain what residual impact there may be on your project and whether the changes will affect the budget and timetable of project activities.

The project was delayed last summer, when it was clear that the field season in South Georgia was unlikely to go ahead due to Covid. The start date and duration of the project were changed to delay the fieldwork for 1 year.

2c. 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?

Yes No Estimated underspend: £

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. **Please DO NOT send these in the same email as your report.**

4. Are there any other issues you wish to raise relating to the project or to Darwin's management, monitoring, or financial procedures?

No other issues.

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 DO NOT send these in the same email.**

Please send your **completed report by email** to 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: 25-001 Darwin Half Year Report**