

Darwin Initiative for the Survival of Species

Half Year Report (due 31 October each year)

Project Ref. No.	162/10/019
Project Title	Enabling implementation of threatened bird Species Action Plans in Africa (Follow-Up Project)
Country(ies)	Africa, particularly: Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Egypt, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Tanzania, Tunisia, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe
UK Organisation	The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB)
Collaborator(s)	BirdLife Africa Partnership
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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).

Output 1: SAP delivery training programme developed and produced

A Project Steering Committee meeting was held in the UK in June 2004 to plan detailed implementation of the project. In addition, the Project Adviser and Project Coordinator put together the following training modules with help from RSPB specialist staff:

- project planning
- fundraising
- project management
- advocacy
- communication
- research and monitoring.

These modules will be delivered to the National Species Action Plan/Species Interest Group Coordinators in two 2-week workshops

Output 2: Capacity of trainers enhanced to deliver SAP training programmes

The Training Coordinator and Project Coordinator undertook a 'Training for Trainers' course in the UK in preparation for delivering the modules described above. They also discussed a wide range of facilitation techniques and lessons learned with RSPB training and technical staff.

Output 6: Species Action Plan implementation by Species Interest Groups initiated in a range of countries

A number of countries are already embarking on aspects of Species Action Plan implementation. For example, work has started on Grauer's Scrub Warbler in Rwanda, Blue Swallow in Uganda and South Africa, and White-necked Picathartes in Sierra Leone. The Houbara Bustard Species Interest Group is becoming increasingly well organised.

Output 7: Species Action Plan development and implementation process secured within national conservation strategies

Government officials are being brought into the above processes wherever possible.

