

Darwin Initiative

Half Year Report (due 31 October each year)

PLEASE NOTE: Due to the increased number of reports expected in 2005, we will not be able to confirm receipt of reports but will contact you individually should any questions arise

Project Ref. No.	EIDP10
Project Title	Bat Conservation Madagascar
Country(ies)	Madagascar
UK Organisation	University of Aberdeen
Collaborator(s)	University of Antananarivo
Report date	19 October 2005
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Project website	n/a

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).

April: All major targets were reached. These included recruiting two new Darwin Assistants and participation in the Madagascar workshop for the IUCN Global Mammal Assessment. We also organised a three-day regional workshop on integrating bat conservation into primary school teaching. GIS and English Language courses were attended by project staff. Preparatory meetings for creation of the new NGO.

May: Four months ahead of schedule we registered a new conservation organisation called Madagasikara Voakajy with the Malagasy government. Our Board of Trustees consists of five leading Malagasy conservationists. Radio tracking and acoustic surveys of microchiropterans in littoral forests began. Three new Darwin Trainees recruited.

June/July: Field research on fruit bat pollination of endangered baobab trees. One Darwin Assistant attended a Tropical Biological Association field course in Uganda.

August: Field research on habitat preferences in small fruit bats. Second phase of radio tracking and acoustic survey project in littoral forest. One Darwin Assistant attended Advanced Acoustic Survey Workshop in Pennsylvania, US.

September: Professor Racey visits for one month. First board meeting of Madagasikara Voakajy. Fruit bat conservation days held in two primary schools. Course in Payroll/Pension attended by our Malagasy project administrator.

Levered Funding: Rufford Foundation (£ 5k), Whitley Fund for Nature (£ 10k), WWF Prince Bernhard Scholarship (£3.5k), Seacology Foundation (£ 16k), Conservation International Travel Grant (£0.7k), Conservation International (£ 0.6k), National Geographic Society (£11k)

<p>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.</p> <p>Nothing to report</p>	
<p>Have any of these issues been discussed with the Darwin Secretariat and if so, have changes been made to the original agreement?</p>	
<p>Discussed with the DI Secretariat:</p>	<p>no/yes, in..... (month/yr)</p>
<p>Changes to the project schedule/workplan:</p>	<p>no/yes, in.....(month/yr)</p>

<p>3. Are there any other issues you wish to raise relating to the project or to Darwin's management, monitoring, or financial procedures?</p>

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 the Darwin Secretariat directly.

Please send your **completed form by 31 October each year per email** to Stefanie Halfmann, Darwin Initiative M&E Programme, stefanie.halfmann@ed.ac.uk . The report should be between 1-2 pages maximum. **Please state your project reference number in the header of your email message.**