

# Darwin Initiative for the Survival of Species

## Half Year Report (due 31 October each year)

<b>Project Ref. No.</b>	EIDPO 17
<b>Project Title</b>	Conservation management zoning implementation and facilitation in Perlas Archipelago, Panama
<b>Country(ies)</b>	Panama
<b>UK Organisation</b>	Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh
<b>Collaborator(s)</b>	Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute, Panama
<b>Report date</b>	31 October 2006
<b>Report No. (HYR 1/2/3/4)</b>	HYR 1
<b>Project website</b>	<a href="http://striweb.si.edu/darwin_initiative/">http://striweb.si.edu/darwin_initiative/</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).**

The Project is running as planned and there was a smooth transition from end of original Darwin Project (12/021 - with a Project conference/workshop in Panama in late March 2006) and the new Post-Project (started 1 May 2006). Memorandum of Understanding between Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute, Panama and Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh is in place. Darwin Fellows (as described in proposal) have started work on the project. UK project Leader (James Mair) and Julio Agujetas (PhD student/Darwin researcher) plus 4 MSc students travelled to Panama and took part in 10-day research cruise on STRI vessel as planned in late May/early June. Samples and information collected have started to be worked up and processed. In September 2006 MSc students presented research dissertations on Panama work for MSc degree – the 4 students who carried out fieldwork in Panama plus a student in Edinburgh working on taxonomy of Las Perlas samples in the National Museums of Scotland. Journal manuscripts from some of these research project results are now in preparation. In September 2006 PhD student Julio Agujetas left for Panama for extended stay to carry out regular monthly samples from Las Perlas as part of his planned research. STRI Darwin staff continue stakeholder discussion developments for Special Management Zone in Las Perlas. Discussions with Network partners continue (UK project Leader in Ecuador in September on other business and discussed further links with network partners there).

**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.**

No problems/no unexpected developments

**Have any of these issues been discussed with the Darwin Secretariat and if so, have changes been made to the original agreement?**

N/A

**Discussed with the DI Secretariat:**      N/A                      **no**

**Changes to the project schedule/workplan:**                      N/A                      **no**

**3. 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. N/A

**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 Eilidh Young, Darwin Initiative M&E Programme, [www.darwin.gov.uk/projects](http://www.darwin.gov.uk/projects)

The report should be between 1-2 pages maximum. **Please state your project reference number in the header of your email message.**