

Darwin Initiative for the Survival of Species

Half Year Report Form

Project Title	Conservation of the African penguin (<i>spheniscus demersus</i>)
Country	South Africa
Organisation	Earthwatch Institute
Project Ref. No.	162/10/005
Report date	25 th October 2001

1. Outline progress over the last 6 months against the agreed baseline timetable for the project.

Activities detailed in the agreed timetable have been successfully completed. These are:

April 2001 – Penguin counts at offshore islands of the Western Cape and completed in May 2001.

April 2001 - Monitoring of banded penguins started as an ongoing activity until March 2004.

June 2001 – One national press release and one national and two local radio interviews in South Africa.

July 2001 – Report on Penguin counts at offshore islands of Western Cape (report entitled “Results of the 2001 census of African penguins *spheniscus demersus*: first measures of the impact of the *Treasure* oil spill on the breeding population”.)

Oct 2001 – UK press release planned for June but delayed until October (entitled ‘Triumph in adversity: Earthwatch announces unexpected results of African Penguin Census).

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 effect the budget and timetable of project activities. Have any of these issues been discussed with the Department and if so, have changes been made to the original agreement?

N/A

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

N/A