

# Darwin Initiative for the Survival of Species

## Half Year Report Form

<b>Project Title</b>	Conservation of the African penguin ( <i>spheniscus demersus</i> )
<b>Country</b>	South Africa
<b>Organisation</b>	Earthwatch Institute
<b>Project Ref. No.</b>	162/10/005
<b>Report date</b>	30 <sup>th</sup> October 2002

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

April 2002 - Penguin counts have been completed (although later than expected) at offshore islands of the Western Cape. Monitoring of banded penguins is continuing as an ongoing activity until March 2004.

June 2002 - Press release and one national and two local radio interviews in South Africa have not happened. Key staff, including the project leader, Professor Les Underhill, were away in Siberia during the second anniversary of the *Treasure* oil which is when media events would have been most appropriate. A UK press release will be prepared once the report on penguin counts has been completed - see below.

July 2002 - Report on Penguin counts at offshore islands of Western Cape. This is still in compilation and should be ready by the end of November 2002. The delay is because penguin counts were completed later than expected.

July 2002 - Conservation poster on penguins is in final stage of preparation, with printing likely to be completed by end of November 2002.

### 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