

Darwin Initiative for the Survival of Species

Half Year Report Form

Project Title	Establishing Penguin Monitoring Programme in Chile
Country	Chile
Organisation	Environmental Research Unit
Project Ref. No.	162/10/007
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1. Outline progress over the last 6 months against the agreed baseline timetable for the project.

Data collection strategies have been established, and a baseline survey of the island has been completed to determine penguin population size and distribution (map attached).

Study plots have been established for collection of data on egg/chick survival, foraging duration and nest activity. Monitoring of these plots is underway.

Training of personnel has begun, and training manual is nearing completion.

Databases have been prepared for data entry.

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?

No problems have been encountered.

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

In November the project was reported in "La Prensa", one of Chile's national newspapers. The Darwin Initiative was acknowledged for its financial support of the project.

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