

Darwin Initiative for the Survival of Species

Half Year Report Form

Project Title	Community-based conservation of the Hoang Lien Mountain Ecosystem
Country	Vietnam
Organisation	Fauna & Flora International
Project Ref. No.	162/10/011
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1. Outline progress over the last 6 months against the agreed baseline timetable for the project.

- Systematic biological surveys completed
- Priority sites for conservation identified
- Conservation stewardship agreements developed
- Conservation awareness materials produced
- Village-based conservation awareness programme implemented
- Public media campaign started

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?

Sudden departure of the project's field co-ordinator has led to a delay in all 'human ecological' research, especially NTFP use and trade. This research is expected to be conducted in the third quarter of this year.

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

- This initial Darwin grant has been successful in levering larger funding from the European Commission. In the third quarter of this year, FFI and our current partner, the Forest Protection Department, intended to implement a *c.* US \$ 750,000 expanded project for the wider Hoang Lien Mountains. The Darwin grant will co-finance the EC-funded phase of project development, and the expanded project will build upon the vision and objectives of the current Darwin-funded project.