

# Darwin Initiative for the Survival of Species

## Half Year Report Form

<b>Project Title</b>	Bai Tu Long Bay Biodiversity Awareness Project (BTLB BAP)
<b>Country</b>	Vietnam
<b>Organisation</b>	Society for Environmental Exploration
<b>Project Ref. No.</b>	162/10/022
<b>Report date</b>	24 <sup>th</sup> October 2002 (1/4/02 – 30/10/02)

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

Project progress has gone well. The following have been achieved over the last 6 months:

- Initial planning workshop completed;
- First training workshop completed, *Law enforcement within BTLB National Park*, with national television and radio coverage;
- First newsletter has been distributed and received well, the second is in press; the first field guide has been prepared and is in press, *Introduction to Plants of the BTLB National Park*;
- Related poster has been produced for wider distribution and information dissemination in schools and offices on the same theme;
- Funds have been secured for the *Interpretation Centre* with plans for building to commence this year dependent upon permissions from the relevant authorities.

### 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?

The project remains a few months behind proposed schedule due to initial staff recruitment difficulties. There are no changes to timetable, activities or budgets other than those explained in the Annual report (April 2002).

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

No.