

Darwin Initiative for the Survival of Species

Half Year Report (due 31 October each year)

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Project Title	Plant Endemism of the Central Andean Valleys of Bolivia
Country(ies)	Bolivia
UK Organisation	Department of Plant Sciences, University of Oxford
Collaborator(s)	1. Herbario Nacional de Bolivia, La Paz (principal collaborator) 2. Herbario Nacional Forestal "Martin Cardenas", Cochabamba 3. Herbario del Oriente, Museo de Historia Natural "Noel Kempf Mercado", Santa Cruz 4. Herbario de Chuquisaca, Sucre
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Project website	N/A

1. Outline progress over the last 6 months (April – September) against the agreed baseline timetable for the project (if your project has started less than 6 months ago, please report on the period since start up).

Project has progressed well during the reporting period. The second cycle of field work, on the job training, image collection and painting for posters was completed in May 2004 as planned. There is still an important number of specimens to be collected, images to be created and paintings to be finished in the final cycle in Bolivia but we are well on target to finish. The second workshop on the use of BRAHMS database was completed successfully in May.

UK training for three Bolivian staff was successfully carried out in Oxford in June-September with the assistance of colleagues from the Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew and Edinburgh and from the Nees Institute of Bonn University. Training was given in taxonomic methodology, preparation of descriptions, nomenclature, the use of the SEM etc. Two papers have already been submitted for publication by two of the trainees (one for Brittonia, one for the Kew Bulletin) and the third, more ambitious task should be submitted to Candollea in April 2005 after further field work and the completion of illustrations by the Bolivian artist we are supporting and have trained. Additional follow-up papers are planned and are already partially prepared. Supervisors and projects are already identified for the final three candidates to come in 2005.

John Wood will leave for Bolivia on October 21st in accordance with the schedule.

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 affect the budget and timetable of project activities.

One of our proposed candidates for UK training this year could not come this year (because of problems with her contract in her institution) and we have agreed that she will come next year.

This has only minor budgetary implications and we have not consulted the Darwin secretariat as we do not believe it will require any change in our budget profile or final training outcomes.

Have any of these issues been discussed with the Darwin Secretariat and if so, have changes been made to the original agreement?

Discussed with the DI Secretariat: No no/yes, in..... (month/yr)

Changes to the project schedule/workplan: no/yes, in.....(month/yr)

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

We anticipate some changes in the timetable for the final 12 months of the project and will be writing to the Darwin secretariat about these very soon. These changes are necessitated by the need to carry out UK training in Oxford in June-September 2005 so creating problems with the project end date.

Copies of training manuals and publications are being sent separately.

If you were asked to provide a response to this year's annual report review with your next half year report, please attach your response to this document.

Please note: Any planned modifications to your project schedule/workplan or budget should not be discussed in this report but raised with the Darwin Secretariat directly.

Please send your **completed form by 31 October each year per email** to Stefanie Halfmann, Darwin Initiative M&E Programme, stefanie.halfmann@ed.ac.uk . The report should be between 1-2 pages maximum. **Please state your project reference number in the header of your email message.**