

# Darwin Initiative for the Survival of Species

## Half Year Report (due 31 October each year)

<b>Project Ref. No.</b>	162/11/014
<b>Project Title</b>	Biodiversity and Colombian Coffee Farmers: Capacity Building for Added Value
<b>Country(ies)</b>	Colombia
<b>UK Organisation</b>	CABI Bioscience
<b>Collaborator(s)</b>	Cenicafé, Colombia
<b>Report date</b>	Oct 04
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<b>Project website</b>	

### 1. Outline progress over the last 6 months.

Manual now in second draft, now includes a guide to the various sustainable coffee schemes available including developments by major roasters in their sustainable coffee initiatives.

Database of species and locations constructed and inputting ongoing. (Cenicafé website is now live <http://www.cenicafe.org> with a separate biodiversity section that will include all results by project end).

The team have produced a major report on the avifauna of the central coffee producing region which will be a valuable resource to both promote the positive aspects found (100+ spp with 11 migratory spp) as well as to consider what should be done about the negative aspects (e.g. few vulnerable spp. recorded).

Some additional field work (questionnaires) with farmers has been started to determine reasons for adoption/non-adoption of environmentally friendly technology.

### 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.

Encounters and meetings at the specialty coffee conference in Atlanta revealed some alarming data about the relatively low proportion of certified sustainable coffees actually sold as such. With increasingly demanding requirements of these costly schemes we conclude that most farmers are not aware of the significant risks that these may entail. This has caused us to revise the manual we are preparing to include a guide to the various schemes, their costs, risks and rewards. It will also inform the policy document that we are now starting to prepare – this will conclude that Colombia (and all major coffee-producing countries) should urgently prepare a sustainable coffee strategy taking into account biodiversity considerations and many other factors. This is especially relevant now because of a major new initiative by the mainstream coffee roasters.

Also, we consider it necessary to collect some field data from farmers on what sustainable practices they are currently adopting and why so that we have a better concept of realities from

<p>the farmers' perspective.</p> <p>There are no extra budget implications for this.</p> <p>We are dealing with a complex subject that is developing rapidly with the growing impact of mainstream coffee roasters such as Nestlé, Kraft, Sara Lee etc. Some of the results of the Colombian project are currently being used to highlight the problems that need to be addressed by the mainstream, especially the apparent unwillingness of Colombian farmers to make concessions to biodiversity without clear guarantees of financial reward.</p>	
<p>Have any of these issues been discussed with the Darwin Secretariat and if so, have changes been made to the original agreement?</p> <p>These issues are a continuation of those discussed in the Annual Report and subsequently. The main concern of the DI Secretariat is slippage and failure to complete goals by project end. CABI and Cenicafe share these concerns but are confident that by project end we will have developed a significant body of new knowledge as well as the media and follow-ups to do our utmost to influence future policy and practice. There will be extra activities on the sustainable coffee theme by CABI and Cenicafé which we expect to be funded from other sources including Kraft (Altria) and will continue after the end of the DI project. One idea we are working on is to translate the manual and broaden its theme by including contributions from related work carried out in Kenya and India.</p>	
Discussed with the DI Secretariat:	yes, in..... (Sept 04)
Changes to the project schedule/workplan:	no/ 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? No

**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](mailto: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.**