

Darwin Initiative for the Survival of Species

Half Year Report Form

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| Project Title | Building capacity for conservation of a critically endangered flagship species |
| Country | Kenya |
| Organisation | Zoological Society of London |
| Project Ref. No. | 12-004 |
| Report date | 31-10-03 |

1. Outline progress over the last 6 months 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).

- a) Field officer/ranger starts course in Sanctuary Management (Certificate) at KWS Training Institute (June 03): Due to the delay in receiving grant offer letter this activity will be undertaken in April 04. This is in-fact better for the training programme as it is now planned to undertake all four certificate courses at the same time (see 2 below).
- b) Formal theoretical examinations and practical tests for accreditation of rhino monitoring instructors/trainers and field rangers produced (August 03). **Status: Completed**
- c) Kenyan Rhino Information Management System with user manuals developed (Aug 03). **Status: Completed**
- d) 1 Kenyan rhino officer starts his 1-year MSc in Conservation Biology at DICE University of Kent (September 03). **Status: Started**
- e) Training of 20 rhino officers as instructors to train field rangers on a regular basis (Sept/Oct 03). **Status: Completed** (23 officers attended the course with 18 formally passed as Darwin Rhino Monitoring Instructors – see attached report)

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 only change has been the Certificate course in Sanctuary Management for one field officer/ranger. This was meant to start in June 03 but due to the delay in receiving the grant offer letter, this will now be undertaken in April 04. In fact, this is better for the training programme as it now planned to undertake all 4 certificate courses in Sanctuary Management at the same time. Bringing all four officers/rangers together for 5 months will help to tailor the course towards the programme's specific needs. The UK and Kenyan Project Leaders (Rajan Amin & Martin Mulama) will also be teaching several modules (Population Estimation, GIS, Statistics and Species Management - TBC) thus will be an excellent opportunity to spend more valuable time with the project team members.

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

None

Please send your **completed form by 31 October each year per email** to Stefanie Halfmann, Darwin Initiative M&E Project Manager, Email: stefanie.halfmann@ed.ac.uk