

Darwin Initiative

Half Year Report (due 31 October each year)

PLEASE NOTE: Due to the increased number of reports expected in 2005, we will not be able to confirm receipt of reports but will contact you individually should any questions arise

Project Ref. No.	162/12/013
Project Title	Bolivian Key Biodiversity Areas Project
Country(ies)	Bolivia
UK Organisation	Glasgow University
Collaborator(s)	Armonia, Noel Kempff Mercado Natural History Museum, Los Volcanes Ornithological Field Station
Report date	31/10/05
Report No. (HYR 1/2/3/4)	<i>HYR3</i>
Project website	http://www.boliviakba.co.uk/index.html

1. Outline progress over the last 6 months (April – September) against the agreed baseline timetable for the project.

April – July 2005: Completion of a further 17 biodiversity inventories of potential KBA sites. Inventories of birds, reptiles, amphibians, large & medium sized mammals, butterflies, and dung beetles with additional inventories of bats, and hoverflies (Syrphidae) at some sites. The project's inventory teams now led and run by Bolivian personnel are continuing to conduct biodiversity inventories with financial support from a number of new sources and the project inventory work is thus able to continue beyond the scope originally proposed in the project application.

July 2005: Construction of the project website to allow further dissemination of information about designated KBA sites.

April – July 2005: Inventory reports and conservation assessments of sites written for landowners, host country partners and the Bolivian government so that appropriate sites can be designated national conservation priorities.

Aug 1st - 3rd 2005: Three day conservation funding and scientific report writing workshop held in Santa Cruz. Originally this workshop was planned for 16 participants but due to the enormous number of good applications from throughout the country the workshop was expanded more than 3 fold with 55 people attending, providing an additional output of 39 extra people trained. Overall the project has more than doubled its training output in comparison to that envisaged in the original application.

July 2005: Presentation of project results and KBA recommendations to the governmental department responsible for the natural environment, Direccion General de la Biodiversidad, La Paz. In principal agreement has been reached for the DGB to publish in 2006 the KBA sites identified by the project as national conservation priorities for Bolivia, this has the potential to greatly enhance the project's legacy and would depend on securing the Darwin Initiative Post Project funding for which we would like to apply.

April – September 2005 - Armonia continued conservation work focusing on implementation of identified biodiversity conservation priorities at KBA sites. Work is being supported by the additional funding raised by the project, especially from the BP Conservation Project award gained in 2004. In the current period although promised funding again failed to materialise from Conservation International an additional £12,000 in fieldwork funding was secured via the Glasgow University Exploration Society and this more than made up for the Conservation International deficit. Over the course of the project 70% more additional conservation funding (an extra £140,000) has been secured than was planned in the original application

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.

The project has matched or far exceeded the outputs specified in the original application and we are now seeking permission from the Darwin Secretariat to extend the project for a further 6 months to December 2005 so that additional biodiversity inventory work can be completed. Due to the extra money already raised extension of the project will have no impact on the Darwin Initiative funded section of the budget.

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

The issue of expanding the project is currently under discussion but not yet agreed with the Darwin Secretariat.

Discussed with the DI Secretariat: currently under discussion

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? 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 . The report should be between 1-2 pages maximum. **Please state your project reference number in the header of your email message.**