

Darwin Initiative for the Survival of Species

Half Year Report Form

Project Title	Bolivian Key Biodiversity Areas Project
Country	Bolivia
Organisation	Glasgow University
Project Ref. No.	162/12/013
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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).

April-Sept 2004 – 20 biodiversity inventories and conservation assessments of potential KBA sites completed. Inventories included surveys of the following groups: birds, reptiles, amphibians, large & medium sized mammals, butterflies, dung beetles and orchid bees (Euglossinae). A total of 24 inventories have now been completed.

June 2004 – Awarded a \$75,000 grant from the BP Conservation Programme for the “Threatened Birds of Bolivia” conservation project developed with our host-country partner Armonía as part of the KBA project’s exit strategy. This output is additional to the original KBA project plan and will ensure active conservation of many of the Key Biodiversity Areas the project is currently identifying.

April-Sept 2004 – Field training of nine young Bolivian biologists each for a period of two weeks (18 person/weeks). Five young Bolivian biologists trained on a one-to-one basis in writing scientific reports and papers. Three young Bolivian biologists trained on a one-to-one basis in conservation funding application techniques.

April-Sept 2004 – Writing of site inventory reports and conservation assessments for Bolivian Government and NGOs.

August 2004 – Biodiversity Inventory Techniques Workshop. Six student entomologists from the Noel Kempf Mercado Museum of Natural History Santa Cruz trained in field survey and identification techniques of Neotropical hoverflies (Syrphidae). The techniques learned allow this group to be used as a biodiversity indicator and are now an integral part of the project’s survey effort at each site. This is an additional project output.

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 is proceeding on time and on budget and we expect to considerably exceed the outputs stated in the original application. We are currently developing a post-project initiative with several of Bolivia’s major conservation and scientific organisations. The initiative aims to make biodiversity data on all vertebrate and some invertebrate species (both that collected by the project and that held in Bolivia’s national institutions) accessible to all Bolivians via a series of field guides, checklists and national searchable web databases. The project would be very interested in being asked to apply for Darwin Initiative post-project follow-up funding to catalyse this initiative by Bolivia’s conservation NGOs. We believe this would greatly enhance the KBA project’s legacy and strengthen Bolivia’s conservation capacity.

3. Are there any other issues you wish to raise relating to the project or to Darwin’s management, monitoring, or financial procedures? No.

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