

Darwin Initiative for the Survival of Species

Half Year Report Form

Project Title	Institutional Capacity Building and Training, Royal Botanic Garden, Serbithang
Country	Bhutan
Organisation	Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh
Project Ref. No.	162 / 12 / 024
Report date	Period 1 April 2003 – September 2003

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).

The project's starting date was 1 August 2003 and two elements of the project have already taken place in the 2 month period covered by this report. Both are in accordance with the Application Form.

1. Dr Ugyen Tshewang, Director of the National Biodiversity Centre in Bhutan visited RBGE to study botanic garden management, curation, education and conservation.
2. David Rae visited Bhutan to finalise the programme and set up the work programme for RBGE staff for the rest of the year.

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?

There have been no notable problems to date and none are anticipated. Some visit dates have had to change slightly to accommodate other events but all visits will still take place within the stated financial accounting period.

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

No, it is still early within the project's life but everything seems to be working very well at present.