

Darwin Initiative for the Survival of Species

Half Year Report (due 31 October each year)

Project Ref. No.	162 / 12 / 024
Project Title	Institutional Capacity Building and Training, Royal Botanic Garden, Serbithang, Bhutan
Country(ies)	Bhutan
UK Organisation	Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh
Collaborator(s)	Royal Botanic Garden Serbithang
Report date	Period 30 April 2004 – 31 October 2004
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Project website	N/A

1. Outline progress over the last 6 months (April – September) 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 is fully on target. The Project Manager visited Bhutan to monitor progress and plan the year's work. He also drafted a Collections Policy. Two staff from Edinburgh spent three weeks at RBG Serbithang (RGSB) working in the Garden, leading training workshops and helping to draft policy documents. Three staff from Edinburgh spent 3 weeks in Bhutan leading interpretation and education workshops. As agreed they produced an Education Strategy document and an Interpretation Master Plan. Two staff from RBGE should have been in Bhutan now leading plant records workshops but there was a problem with flights and they are re-scheduled to visit in November. Two staff from RGSB should have visited RBGE for training in Aug/Sept but at their request this will now take place in February 2005.

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.

There have been no notable problems or unexpected developments.

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

N/A

Discussed with the DI Secretariat: no/yes, in..... (month/yr)

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, everything seems to be progressing very well and the Bhutanese are delighted with

progress.

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.**