

Darwin Initiative for the Survival of Species

Half Year Report (due 31 October each year)

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Project Title	Community Conservation and Sustainable Development in the Awacachi Corridor, NW Ecuador
Country(ies)	Ecuador
UK Organisation	America Programme, Fauna & Flora International
Collaborator(s)	Fundación Awacachi
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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).
 - Awacachi Corridor Support Committee established and active.
 - First workshop about biological monitoring for Awacachi's rangers (7) carried out.
 - GIS mapping of the Awacachi Corridor finished
 - MoUs signed with the San Francisco Community willing to collaborate in the protection of the Corridor and in the participatory identification of alternative livelihoods suitable for the community.
 - Butterfly farm feasibility study completed and a community consciousness workshop programmed (beginning of December).
 - Socio-economic and botanical surveys completed.
 - Community meetings undertaken to identify alternative productive livelihoods.

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.

Training in Biological Monitoring Techniques: Meant to be carried out by end of September, 2004. The training is still ongoing. This process has been taking more time than the planned because it has been necessary to replace some of the rangers and the supervisor due to low performance issues. We expect to have this activity completed by the end of the 2004/05 Darwin year. Regarding budgets this delay will not affect the overall budget and in relation with the time table the only activity that can be affected is this one.

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

We have been in touch with Carrie Haloun in which an incongruence was clarified in the budget. The overall amount of the budget remains the same; only the amount requested to Darwin for FA environmental lawyer changed from £4000 to £8000 for 2004/2005.

Discussed with the DI Secretariat: Yes October, 2004

Changes to the project schedule/workplan: As yet, the training of the rangers has not been raised with the DI as developments on this have been fairly recent. The delay to finish the deliverable in full will be roughly 3-4 months.

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

During the last six month Fundación Awacachi has been improving their communications protocol, accounting system and technical expertise through the active exchange with Fauna & Flora International in order to improve the progress of the project.

Fundación Awacachi has changed name to Fundación Sirua due to the request from the Awa Federation, which did not wish their ancestral name of AWA (name of the indigenous group living in the area) to be used. This change has as well been delaying biological training with the Awa rangers since Awa Federation representatives requested this change before they would continue working on the project. This issue is now resolved and the Awa Federation is now re-engaging in the project.

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.**