

Darwin Initiative

Half Year Report (due 31 October each year)

Project Ref. No.	163/13/007
Project Title	Taxonomic training for a neglected biodiversity hotspot within Lao PDR
Country(ies)	Lao PDR
UK Organisation	Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh
Collaborator(s)	Forest Research Center (National Agriculture and Forestry Institute), National University of Lao PDR, IUCN Lao
Report date	3 rd October 2005
Report No. (HYR 1/2/3/4)	HYR 2
Project website	http://www.rbge.org.uk/rbge/web/science/research/tropdivers/laos.jsp <i>under development</i>

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).

TIME AND LOCATION	ACTIVITY	PROGRESS TO OCTOBER
April – July 2005 RBGE	1. Identification of specimens from Year 1 2. Master Database enhancement 3. Seminars and publicity outputs 4. Year 1 annual report	1. Continuing; 75% identified to species level; labels prepared and printed; duplicates despatched to Paris and Leiden 2. Taxon list revised; 4,000 indigenous taxa recorded – 2500 taxa based on specimens, remainder from literature 3. Two seminars presented; one by UK staff (April 20 th), one by Lao partners (July 22 nd) 4. Completed and submitted
April – July 2005 Lao PDR	Preparation of Lao translations for Botanical Glossary	Translation received at RBGE June 2005
July 2005 France, UK, Ireland	Study tour to the UK by senior partners from NUoL,	Visit to France (Paris) and Scotland by key partners from July 1 st - 22 nd completed. Visas for Ireland were not received in time so that this part of the visit did not happen
Aug-Sep 2005 RBGE	Draft version of French-Lao-English Botanical Glossary printed for testing during 2 nd training visit	Printed and ready for testing by students/ trainees in November Draft version of Botanical Resource Pointer also produced and ready for testing by students/ trainees in November

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 developments or problems in this reporting period. The project is proceeding according to schedule and within its budget.

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

No significant issues have arisen in the first 6 months that have required discussions with the Darwin Secretariat.

No changes have been made to the original agreement.

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?

Not at this stage

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.***