Darwin Initiative for the Survival of Species Half Year Report (due 31 October each year)

Project Ref. No.	13-022
Project Title	Falkland Islands Invertebrates Conservation Project
Country(ies)	Falkland Islands
UK Organisation	Falkland Conservation (United Kingdom)
Collaborator(s)	Falkland Conservation (Falkland Islands)
Report date	8 October 2004
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Project website	Under construction (to be running within six months)

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).

Our project started on 1 September 2004 and from that date is running to the original plan/timetable. During our first month we have begun to review the known Falkland invertebrates data, have planned the first field season and purchased/made arrangements to ship to the Islands the required equipment.

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.

As a result of the later than expected onset of this Project, the academic base in the UK has been moved from the University of Wales Bangor (UWB) to Cambridge University. The reason for this change is that the Project Officer (Dr A. Jones) is now affiliated with the University Museum of Zoology Cambridge (UMZC). Both UWB and UMZC are happy with this arrangement and have provided written statements confirming their positions (see attached correspondence). This change in situation will have no effect on the project budget or timetable, and will benefit the Project in that the taxonomic collections of the UMZC will be available for consultation and reference.

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

The academic base change has been discussed with Carrie Haloun of the Darwin Secretariat who indicated that the new arrangement was satisfactory and acceptable.

Discussed with the DI Secretariat: YES no/yes, in September 2004

Changes to the project schedule/workplan: NO no/yes, in (month/yr)

Note: Only to the extent that the whole programme started on 1st September and not 1st April 2004. The workplan has not changed.

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

No

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 <u>planned</u> modifications to your project schedule/workplan or budget should <u>not</u> 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, <u>stefanie.halfmann@ed.ac.uk</u>. The report should be between 1-2 pages maximum. <u>Please</u> <u>state your project reference number in the header of your email messa</u>