

Darwin Initiative

Half Year Report (due 31 October each year)

PLEASE NOTE: Due to the increased number of reports expected in 2005, we will not be able to confirm receipt of reports but will contact you individually should any questions arise

Project Ref. No.	13-023
Project Title	Tropical Canopy Training programme for the ASEAN region
Country(ies)	Sabah, Malaysia & ASEAN region countries
UK Organisation	Global Canopy Programme
Collaborator(s)	UMS, Royal society SEARRP, Yayasan Sabah
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Project website	www.globalcanopy.org/training/projects.php

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).

Activity over the previous 6 months has focused around the planning for the final course to be held in Sabah during January & February 2007. We held a separately financed meeting in Borneo between the GCP and UMS to plan the course and discuss the development of the canopy module. The science field manual is being finalised and translated into Malaysian in preparation for the next course. Recruitment of participants has begun, focusing on institutions that have not been previously engaged in the project.

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.

The project is generally progressing well and is meeting the majority of its targets. We do however anticipate that our trainee climbing instructors will require more supervised teaching experience than had originally been budgeted before they will be competent to teach independently. This may require a climbing supervisor to oversee the first 'independent' field course run by UMS in 2008. The GCP will seek the small amount of funds needed to make this happen. We don't anticipate that this will cause any problems for the outputs of the project but is simply a measure to ensure quality in future courses.

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

No changes have been made to the original agreement as no changes to the outputs are expected.

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?

There are no issues to report or discuss at this stage. The project is progressing well and we anticipate another successful and exciting course in January/February 2007. As planned, UMS are beginning to really take ownership of the course and to make it their own. This year's course will be largely run by UMS staff with UK staff acting in largely supervisory roles.

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.**