

# 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**

<b>Project Ref. No.</b>	14-006
<b>Project Title</b>	Conservation of Small Vertebrates in Tsingy Bemaraha National Park, Madagascar
<b>Country(ies)</b>	Madagascar
<b>UK Organisation</b>	University of Aberdeen
<b>Collaborator(s)</b>	ANGAP (Madagascar National Parks Service)
<b>Report date</b>	25 October 2006
<b>Report No. (HYR 1/2/3/4)</b>	HYR 2
<b>Project website</b>	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).**

We held a multidisciplinary training course for the 18 park guides and 6 park conservation agents during May. This consisted of classroom lessons, exams and field visits and focussed on identification, natural history and conservation of (i) reptiles (ii) microchiropteran bats (iii) megachiropteran bats, with other taxa to be covered in 2007. A short but intensive course on etiquette, tourism and English and French language training was also provided. Herpetological surveys continued during May, as did investigations of cave-roosting bats. The conservation education project was launched in four primary schools around the park during May and was followed up by teaching training workshops, held in collaboration with the Ministry of Education and ANGAP (our host-country partners). ANGAP also invited us to produce six large colour posters about the small vertebrates in the reserve for display in the new visitor centre. Laboratory analysis (taxonomy, seed identification, reporting) and thesis preparation (3 Malagasy students) is ongoing.

**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.**

Nothing to report

**Have any of these issues been discussed with the Darwin Secretariat and if so, have changes been made to the original agreement? no**

**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

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](mailto: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.**