

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.	14-022
Project Title	Predictive tools for targeting conservation effort on Bornean forest reserves, Sabah, Malaysia
Country(ies)	Malaysia
UK Organisation	University of York
Collaborator(s)	Universiti Malaysia Sabah, Forest Research Centre, Sabah, Leeds University, Natural History Museum
Report date	28 October 2005
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Project website	

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).

The project started in June 2005. The following progress has been made since then:

1. The two Darwin Fellows who will be working on the project have been appointed. These are Dr Suzan Benedick (senior fellow) and Mr Mazidi Abd. Ghani (junior fellow).
2. The Project Leader (Jane Hill) and Database Manager (Keith Hamer) visited Sabah for 1 month in September (2005). During this trip we visited our Malaysian collaborators at Universiti Malaysia Sabah (Prof Dr Maryati) and at the Forest Research Centre Sepilok (Dr Chey Vun Khen). The main aims of the visit were to i) discuss progress on the project to date; ii) obtain permission for working on insect collections in Sabah, iii) develop protocols for selecting other Museums to visit in Malaysia and SE Asia. We visited two of the Sabah collections and developed the protocols that will be used to construct the electronic bases. Both Darwin fellows received training in database design. Suzan Benedick (Darwin Fellow) is in email contact with Dr Alison Cameron (Mapping & modelling advisor) to further develop methods of data capture from specimens. Plans are underway for the first Darwin Fellow to visit the UK early next year. Permission has been obtained to visit the insect collections at the Amsterdam Museum. Permission is being sort for visits to collections in Sarawak, Brunei, Peninsular Malaysia, and Indonesia.
3. A laptop and digital camera for use of the project were taken out to Sabah and left with the Darwin Fellows for their use in constructing the electronic butterfly database.

<p>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.</p> <p>No problems encountered</p>	
<p>Have any of these issues been discussed with the Darwin Secretariat and if so, have changes been made to the original agreement?</p>	
<p>Discussed with the DI Secretariat:</p>	<p>no/yes, in..... (month/yr)</p>
<p>Changes to the project schedule/workplan:</p>	<p>no/yes, in.....(month/yr)</p>

<p>3. Are there any other issues you wish to raise relating to the project or to Darwin's management, monitoring, or financial procedures?</p> <p>No</p>

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.**