

# 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>	14-026
<b>Project Title</b>	Horticulture and Education for Conservation in Nezahat Gökyiğit Botanik Bahçesi, Turkey
<b>Country(ies)</b>	Turkey
<b>UK Organisation</b>	Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh
<b>Collaborator(s)</b>	Nezahat Gökyiğit Botanik Bahçesi, Turkey
<b>Report date</b>	30 April 2005 – 31 October 2005
<b>Report No. (HYR 1/2/3/4)</b>	HYR 1
<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).**

Progress so far is good and on target compared to the project implementation timetable. The Project Manager (David Rae) visited Istanbul at the start of the project and finalised all the arrangements and planned outcomes for the forthcoming year. As planned, 2 staff from RBG Edinburgh visited Turkey in Sept/Oct to undertake a demonstration field trip with staff from NGBG. This was very successful and we were able to add value by including 2 staff from the UK's Forestry Commission on the visit (who paid for themselves). Two horticultural staff are currently in NGBG leading horticultural training and workshops. The purchase, installation and training of the database has been brought forward slightly and the propagation workshop has been put back slightly to accommodate the domestic arrangements of the staff involved. Nothing will be compromised and there will be no impact on the budget.

**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.**

None

**Have any of these issues been discussed with the Darwin Secretariat and if so, have changes 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?**

No, everything is going well and our Turkish colleagues are very happy with the project.

**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.**