

Darwin Initiative

Half Year Report (due 31 October each year)

Project Ref. No.	14-039
Project Title	Large-scale habitat mapping and local conservation initiatives for Jerdon's course, India
Country(ies)	India
UK Organisation	CAER, University of Reading
Collaborator(s)	University of Reading, RSPB, BNHS
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Project website	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).

Project milestones

1. Satellite imagery analysis

Milestones have been completed as planned. We produced a map of suitable habitat for Jerdon's courser within its known range, and have used this to search potentially new areas for the birds (see below). We have also developed a new analytical method for mapping suitable habitat, which has enabled us to produce a much more realistic map, which is now being combined with information on human activities on the ground to support advocacy work being led by BNHS.

2. Field research programme

Milestones have been completed as planned. The main activity in the last 6 months has been to undertake bird censuses using soil tracking strips in new areas identified using our habitat map. This work was completed by June 2007, but found no Jerdon's courser. A repeat survey of scrub habitats was also completed between May-August 2007, and will be used to update habitat maps based on satellite imagery data. This will allow us to quantify losses of suitable habitat for Jerdon's courser, and feed these outputs into conservation advocacy work being led by BNHS.

3. Site designation

To date, no new sites have been identified.

4. Community conservation areas

This issue was dealt with in detail in our last Annual Report.

5. Manual development

Outputs to support BNHS advocacy work are currently being developed.

6. Workshops

No activities in this area over the reporting period (see Annual Report 2007 for further details).

7. Publicity material

There are no new activities to report at this time.

Telugu-Ganga Canal

A meeting involving BNHS and the Irrigation Department is planned for December 2007, otherwise there have been no new developments over the reporting period.

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?

Not applicable

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 Secretariat directly.raised with the Darwin

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.**