## Darwin Initiative for the Survival of Species

## Half Year Report (due 31 October each year)

Project Ref. No.	14/051
Project Title	In Ivan's Wake: Darwin Initiative BAP for the Cayman Islands
Country(ies)	Cayman Islands
UK Organisation	University of Exeter
Collaborator(s)	In the Cayman Islands: Cayman Islands Department of the Environment Office of the Governor of the Cayman Islands In the UK: Karen Varnham Invasive Species Consultant Royal Botanic Gardens Kew Royal Society for the Protection of Birds In USA: Duke University Marine Geospatial Lab Local collaborators in the Cayman Islands Department of Agriculture Mosquito Control Unit Bat Conservation Group Blue Iguana Recovery Programme Cayman Wildlife Connection Garden Club Humane Society National Trust for the Cayman Islands QEII Botanic Park Wildlife Rehab Centre
Report date	31 <sup>st</sup> October 2006
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Project website	http://www.seaturtle.org/mtrg/projects/cayman/

## 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 continues to be highly productive. In particular the number of Species Action Plans that are in preparation (7!) greatly exceed our initial expectations and reflect the local buy in and dedication of the team. In addition, all planned field work was carried out successfully and a large number of undergraduates and high school students were trained and participated in field work over the summer month.

Details of outputs and milestones are given below:

June 2006 GIS Workshop led by Duke University

**June 2006** Darwin articles prepared for Wider Caribbean Working Group and Forum News. **June/July 06** Eleven undergraduates trained in GIS ground truthing, in-water and nesting beach monitoring for marine turtles and conch surveying

**June 06** Two Newspaper articles: Native Tree Nursery Set for Botanic Park. Bat Population down 84% (available on project website)

July 06 Five undergraduates trained in marine turtle nesting beach monitoring August 06. Newspaper article: Museum Supports Darwin Initiative

August/September 06 Draft Species Action Pl Wild Banana Orchid, Cayman (Cuban) Parrot, Brown Booby, Vitelline Warbler, Queen Conch, Marine Turtles, Silver Thatch.	ans prepared for:		
<b>September 2006:</b> Draft educational materials for schools distributed to teachers <b>October 2006:</b> Darwin Officer Matt Cottam attended UKOTCF conference in Jersey <b>October 2006.</b> First peer-reviewed paper published in Endangered Species Research <b>October 2006</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Newsletter completed			
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.			
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

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 <u>planned</u> modifications to your project schedule/workplan or budget should <u>not</u> 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, <u>stefanie.halfmann@ed.ac.uk</u>. The report should be between 1-2 pages maximum. <u>Please state your project reference number in the header of your email</u> <u>message.</u>