

Darwin Initiative for the Survival of Species

Half Year Report (due 31 October each year)

Project Ref. No.	640/15/015
Project Title	Tools and training for fern conservation and monitoring, El Salvador
Country(ies)	El Salvador
UK Organisation	The Natural History Museum
Collaborator(s)	Jardin Botánico La Laguna, Ministerio del Ambiente y Recursos Naturales (MARN), SalvaNatura
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Project website	Not applicable

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 have made good progress in this first 4 months of the project. Project MOUs have been drawn up, and are being discussed in advance of signing at the first project workshop early in 2007. The Darwin Fellow, Jorge Monterrosa, initiated the databasing of all fern specimens in LAGU (El Salvador) and has begun some field work ahead of time. He travelled to Chicago to examine and database the rich fern collections held in the Field Museum of Natural History from 1-15 October 2006. Almost 1000 (930 exactly) specimens of ferns collected in El Salvador were examined and databased, 150 of these were re-identified based on current knowledge. A poster entitled “Herramientas y entrenamiento para la conservación y monitoreo de helechos de El Salvador” was prepared by Monterrosa and S. Knapp of the NHM and was presented at the Congreso Latinoamericano de Botánica in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic in late June 2006 by Knapp.

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.

There have been no unexpected developments over the last 4 months.

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 issues outstanding.

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.**