

Darwin Initiative: Half Year Report

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Project Title	Restoring Tropical Forests: a Practical Guide
Country(ies)	Thailand
UK Organisation	Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew
Collaborator(s)	FORRU, Chiang Mai, Thailand
Project Leader	<i>Kate Hardwick</i>
Report date	31/10/10
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Project website	www.kew.org and www.forru.org

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 main aim of this project is to strengthen the long term impact and legacy of two previous Darwin projects (162/11/23 and 14-010), by enabling the outputs of those projects (i.e. two manuals on tropical forest restoration for biodiversity recovery – designed for use in Indochina) to be adapted and enhanced for wider use throughout the tropics.

Work continued on the manuscript throughout the past 6 months and most chapters have now been drafted. Lengthy discussions were held at a series of editorial meetings at Kew and other venues in May 2010, between the authors in the UK, Drs Hardwick and Blakesley, and Dr Steve Elliott, visiting from FORRU-CMU. Significant progress was made, particularly relating to the case studies; reviewing material already drafted; and the content of chapters to be drafted in the second year. In addition, regular Skype conferences have been held between the authors since the formal editorial meetings in May. A meeting was also held with the UK authors and the Head of Kew Publishing, Gina Fullerlove, in June 2010, to discuss the publication schedule for the book in more detail.

The manuscript is nearing completion, and the process of peer review has begun, with sections sent to reviewers in Kew and externally.

In summary, following the logical framework:

Output 1 Information gathering from projects around the world – information gathering complete

Output 2 Publication of guide – scheduled for the third year of the project

Output 3 Distribution of guide – scheduled for the third year of the project

Output 4 Publication of guide on the web – scheduled for the third year of the project

Output 5 Response to web – scheduled for the third year of the project

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.

As noted in the End of Year report (2009/10), it was decided that the book should be published in the final quarter of Year 3, rather than the second quarter of Year 3.

Discussions with Gina Fullerlove indicated that it would be better to translate the text after the layout and design is completed, rather than before, as planned in the project proposal. This would make the job easier for the translator and reduce the need for further layout adjustments once the translation has been done. Adjusting the schedule in this way would necessitate carrying forward the £5,000 allocated for translation costs from Yr 2 to Yr3.

A new project implementation timetable has been prepared and will be submitted with a change request form in November 2010.

Have any of these issues been discussed with the Darwin Secretariat and if so, have changes been made to the original agreement?

Yes, changes to publication date were discussed in End of Year report, changes to translation schedule discussed by phone (Oct 2010). A change request form is being prepared.

Discussed with the DI Secretariat: ~~no~~/yes, in Oct/2010 (month/yr)

Changes to the project schedule/workplan: ~~no~~/yes, in Oct/2010 (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 raised with the Darwin Secretariat directly.

Please send your **completed form email** to Eilidh Young, Darwin Initiative M&E Programme at Darwin-Projects@ectf-ed.org.uk. The report should be between 1-2 pages maximum. **Please state your project reference number in the header of your email message eg Subject: 14-075 Darwin Half Year Report**