

Darwin Initiative: Half Year Report

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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.

The final edits were made to the manuscript over the past 6 months, and chapters were submitted to Kew Publishing for copying editing and design as they were completed. Formal discussions were held at a series of editorial meetings in May 2011, between the authors in the UK, Drs Hardwick and Blakesley, and Dr Steve Elliott, visiting from FORRU-CMU. A meeting was also held with the authors and members of the Kew Publishing team in May 2011, to discuss the publication process in more detail. In addition, regular Skype and telephone conferences have been held between the authors since the formal editorial meetings in May.

In summary, following the logical framework:

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

Output 2 Publication of guide – this was scheduled for the third year of the project, but due to the time taken to complete the editing of the final chapters, the official launch may be delayed until spring 2012. However, all chapters have been completed, peer reviewed, and revised by the authors. Six of the eight chapters have already been copy edited and designed. The final two chapters are expected to be laid out and ready for translation by the end of November 2011.

Output 3 Distribution of guide – this is also scheduled for the third year of the project, but for the reasons outlined above, is likely to take place over the summer of 2012, following the launch of the book.

No comments were received on the Second Year Report.

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.

It was noted in the End of Year report (2010/11), that the handover of the manuscript was postponed from April 2011 to early in the final year. Thus, the measurable indicators for Output 2 scheduled to be completed by April 2011, were carried over into Year 3. Originally it was

