

Darwin Initiative: Half Year Report

(due 31 October 2010)

Project Ref No	17-030
Project Title	Participatory approaches to nominating Crocker Range Biosphere Reserve, Sabah, Malaysia
Country(ies)	Malaysia
UK Organisation	Global Diversity Foundation
Collaborator(s)	Sabah Parks, Pacos Trust, Buayan-Kionop JKKK
Project Leader	Gary Martin
Report date	30/11/10
Report No. (HYR 1/2/3/4)	HYR 2
Project website	None, although general updates on GDF's projects are available on www.globaldiversity.org.uk

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).

This report outlines project activities over the period 1 April – 30 September 2010. The project has progressed smoothly and in accordance with the projected activity timeframe over this period, with no significant setbacks or obstacles. The uncertainty created by rumours of a proposed 'Kaiduan Dam' has eased considerably amidst governmental denials of the project and dissipation of the rumours themselves.

Following on from a training course on the development of a Biocultural Community Protocol for Ulu Papar delivered by Natural Justice during February and March 2010 (see previous Annual Report for further details), we have conducted follow-up workshops and discussions with the Ulu Papar communities to develop the structure and content of the protocol. The protocol is now in the draft final stage, and encompasses community provisions for the management of natural resources and landscapes (based on customary laws and practices), provisions guiding community relationships and interactions with governmental and non-governmental organisations, recognition of the rights of indigenous peoples under state and international legal instruments, and a community "action plan" for awareness-raising and the dissemination of information regarding the Ulu Papar area and its indigenous inhabitants. A final draft is expected to be completed by early 2011, which will then undergo final review, revision and endorsement by the Ulu Papar communities. The protocol will be initially produced in hard-copy and soft-copy formats and disseminated amongst local communities and government departments, and a web-based version of the protocol will be produced later in 2011. In addition, Mr. Harry Jonas and Ms. Holly Shrumm of Natural Justice have recently relocated to Sabah, and are making substantial contributions to the finalisation and future development of the protocol.

On the 4th and 5th of May 2010, the Sabah Drainage and Irrigation Department (DID) conducted a visit to the community of Buayan, to discuss potential collaborative initiatives for the protection and management of Ulu Papar's water catchments. The visit was considered successful in establishing a link between the Ulu Papar communities and DID, and dialogues between the two are expected to continue with facilitation/mediation provided by GDF upon request by either party.

3. Do you expect to have any significant (eg more than £5,000) underspend in your budget for this year?

Yes No

If yes, and you wish to request a carryforward of funds, this should be done as soon as possible. It would help Defra manage Darwin funds more efficiently if you could give an indication of how much you expect this request might be for.

Estimated carryforward request: £

4. Are there any other issues you wish to raise relating to the project or to Darwin's management, monitoring, or financial procedures?

None

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 LTS International directly.

Please send your **completed form by email** to Eilidh Young at Darwin-Projects@ltsi.co.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: 17-075 Darwin Half Year Report**