

# Darwin Initiative: Half Year Report

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<b>Project Ref No</b>	19-009
<b>Project Title</b>	Galapagos marine invasive species: prevention, detection and management
<b>Country(ies)</b>	UK, Ecuador
<b>UK Organisation</b>	University of Southampton
<b>Collaborator(s)</b>	Charles Darwin Foundation (CDF), Galapagos National Park Service (GNPS), the Navy's Oceanographic Institute (INOCAR), National Direction of Aquatic Spaces (DIRNEA), Ecuadorian Agency for Quality Assurance (AGROCALIDAD) and University of Dundee.
<b>Project Leader</b>	Dr Ken Collins
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<b>Project website</b>	<a href="http://www.southampton.ac.uk/oes/research/projects/galapagos_marine_invasive_species_prevention_detection_and_management.page?">http://www.southampton.ac.uk/oes/research/projects/galapagos_marine_invasive_species_prevention_detection_and_management.page?</a>

## **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).**

In July Volker Koch was replaced as CDRS, Galapagos project leader by Stuart Banks (CV attached).

Soledad Luna initially led the field project team until June and is due to be replaced shortly. Current team members are: David Acuña Marine Ecologist, Nathalia Tirado, ecologist, zooplankton specialist and marine collections curator, Jennifer Suarez junior ecologist and Inti, PhD candidate within the project. There has also been input from Martin, database programmer working on the marine invasive database for future link up to a citizen science program and the online CDF Datazone, and Graciela Monsalves, science communicator.

In the first 6 months of the project the team have surveyed 101 monitoring sites around the entire Galapagos archipelago.

In September 2012 Inti Keith attended a Marine Invasive Course, Guayaquil and Stuart Banks has been meeting with government authorities in San Cristobal to discuss a Galapagos "single entry" port in Baltra as part of the on-going territorial planning and new inspection dock for construction in Guayaquil.

## **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.**

The project provides for overseas PhD fees (£13590) for Inti Keith to be registered at University of Southampton. Unfortunately to date I have not been able to secure matching funds for her stipend and travel.

