

Darwin Initiative: Half Year Report

(due 31 October 2013)

Project Ref No	19-030
Project Title	Darwin Initiative's Falkland Islands raptors – reducing conflicts with rural livelihoods.
Country(ies)	Falkland Islands
Lead Organisation	Falklands Conservation
Collaborator(s)	RZSS,RSPB, Falkland Islands Government, Hawk Mountain Sanctuary, Wildlife Conservation Society, Boise State University and EDM International Inc.
Project Leader	Dr David Doxford
Report date and number (eg HYR3)	31 st October 2013 HYR 2
Project website	N/A

1. Outline progress over the last 6 months (April – Sept) 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 project deployed six GPS tracker units on striated caracara during late August/early September 2013, these units are showing great results of the birds' movements already and should give the project a much better understanding of their ecology.

There are now 500 birds with leg bands and the farming community is slowly becoming more interested and involved in the reporting of banded birds.

Three public presentations were made by the project over the last six months as well as a short TV feature in the process of being made by a local TV company. One of these was to farmers.

A trip to New Island in the west of the Falklands was made in May to band some striated caracaras and to collect regurgitated pellets for analysis and observe what the birds are feeding on during the winter months on this non-farmed Island.

There was a trip to West Falklands to interview farmers about their views on impacts of raptors on sheep farming, this mostly received a positive willingness to be involved with the project.

2a. 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.

A change request has been submitted for changes to some of the outputs in order to match the project as currently constructed.

2b. Have any of these issues been discussed with LTS International and if so, have changes been made to the original agreement?

Discussed with LTS: Yes (Sept/Oct 2013)

Formal change request submitted: Yes (14 October 2013)

Received confirmation of change acceptance Yes

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

Yes No

3b. If yes, and you wish to request a carryforward of funds, this should be done as soon as possible through the formal Change Request process. However, it would help Defra manage Darwin funds more efficiently if you could give an indication now 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?

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 LTS International through a Change Request.

Please send your **completed report 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**