

## **DARWIN INITIATIVE PROJECT SCHEDULE ref: 162/08/204**

**Organisation name :** HTS

**Name of project :** Collecting and cataloguing algae for the Natural History Museum Oman

**Project purpose :** To describe the species diversity in the waters off Southern Oman before the algal resources are overexploited.

**Project objectives :** to collect, label, identify and present a fully referenced algal collection at the Oman Natural History Museum with a parallel collection at the Natural History Museum UK; to transfer knowledge from British algal experts to Oman Museum curators with training in preservation techniques, taxonomy and methods of displaying algae collections; to promote environmental and biodiversity awareness through interpretative displays and posters in the Oman Natural History Museum through the production of algal biodiversity handbook.

**Length of project :** June 1999 to April 2002

**Total project cost :** £194,973 (Darwin funding + funding derived from other sources)

**Darwin funding profile :** 1999/2000 £58,231; 2000/2001 £59,731; 2001/2002 £50,011

**Other sources of funding :** £27,000 from HTS to meet part of staff costs, half of administrative costs in Oman and all the back up costs in the UK.

**Expenditure profile :** see Table A

**Target outputs :** see Table B

**Implementation timetable with milestones :** see Table C

**Key staff inputs :** see Table D

<b>Reporting requirements :</b> 31 October 1999	First report (1.6.1999 to 30.9.1999)
30 April 2000	Annual report (1.6.1999 to 31.3.2000)
31 October 2000	Six month report (1.4.2000 to 30.9.2000)
30 April 2001	Annual report (1.4.2000 to 31.3.2001)
31 October 2001	Six month report (1.4.2001 to 30.9.2001)
30 April 2002	Annual report (1.4.2001 to 31.3.2002)
30 June 2002	Final report.

**Arrangements for monitoring trainee outcomes :**

- 1 Database Random annual check of samples against database entries; quarterly check on new entries by transfer; corrections and advice will be given (by email when not in country).
- 2 Website Continuous monitoring over the WWW; recommendations for improvement and changes etc will be made by electronic communications.
- 3 Curation Examination of algae preserved and labeled by trainees; make recommendations for improvements during on going visits until acceptable standards are attained. Compare with checklist developed in collaboration with algal experts at Natural History Museum, UK.

**Table A**

<b>PROJECT COST</b>				
<b>Total Darwin Grant : £167,973</b>				
Annual Darwin Grant				
☺	1999/2000	£58,231		
☺	2000/2001	£59,731		
☺	2001/2002	£50,011		
<b>DARWIN GRANT : EXPENDITURE DETAILS</b>				
<b>Expenditure details</b>	<b>1999/2000</b>	<b>2000/01</b>	<b>2001/02</b>	<b>Total</b>
Rents, rates, heating, lighting, cleaning				
Postage, telephone, stationery				
Travel, subsistence				
Printing				
Conferences, seminars, training				
Capital items				
Other:				
Salaries				

**Table B**

<b>PROJECT OUTPUTS</b>		
<b>Year</b>	<b>Output ref. no.</b>	<b>Details</b>
<b>1999/2000</b>		
July	17A	Dissemination network established on WWW
August	15C	National Press Release, UK
September	6A/B	2 museum curators trained in database skills, website and interpretation techniques for 6 weeks each.
	6A/B	A one week workshop on curation techniques in Oman for technical staff of the museum and Ministry and University of Sultan Qaboos
	15A	National Press Release
March	8	UK staff spend 14 weeks in Oman in this year
<b>2000/01</b>		
August	7	1 poster produced for distribution
August	7	An interpretative display produced for general public
October	18A/19A	National TV Features/Radio Features
March	8	UK staff spend 14 weeks in Oman in this year
	10	Booklet designed
<b>2001/02</b>		
October	19A	National Radio Feature
February	9	Management plan produced
March	8	UK staff spend 14 weeks in Oman in this year
March	11B	At least 4 papers published
	12A	1 database established
	13A	2 reference collections established
	15A/C	National Press Release Oman and UK
	20	£4,000 worth of computer equipment handed to host country
	22	5 field plots to be established
	23	£27,000 matching resources raised for the project

Table C

<b>PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION TIMETABLE</b>	
<b>Date</b>	<b>Key milestones</b>
<b>1999/2000</b>	
July	Equipment purchased
August	Website established Training of 2 Omani staff starts Work on design of database starts
September	Collection of specimens starts Preservation and labelling of specimens starts Collection of specimens ends
October	Identification of algae starts Design of database completed Preservation and labelling of specimens ends Training of 2 Omani staff is completed
<b>2000/2001</b>	
June	Design of museum display starts
August	Design of museum display is completed Work on producing poster is completed
September	Collection of specimens starts Preservation and labelling of specimens starts
October	Collection of specimens ends Preservation and labelling of specimens ends
January	Design of booklet starts
<b>2001/2002</b>	

September	Collection of specimens starts Preservation and labelling of specimens starts
October	Collection of specimens ends Preservation and labelling of specimens ends
November	Management Plan development start Booklet design completed
December	Booklet published
February	Management plan completed and delivered to Ministry of Regional Municipalities and Environment (MRME)
March	Identification of algae completed Database entry complete Website updates completed



**Table D**

<b>KEY STAFF INPUTS</b>			
<b>Name</b>	<b>Grade/Position</b>		
Dr L Barratt	Project coordinator		
Ms Emma Dodsworth	Research Assistant		
Dr A R Dawson Shepherd	Technical Advisor		
Dr Ian Titley	Taxonomic Advisor		
Dr Sideeqa	Research Coordinator		
2 curators	Curators		
<b>STAFF TIME ALLOCATIONS (% of time spent on this work)</b>			
<b>Name</b>	<b>1999/2000</b>	<b>2000/2001</b>	<b>2001/2002</b>
Dr L Barratt	15	15	15
Ms Emma Dodsworth	65	65	65
Dr A R Dawson Shepherd	15	15	15
Dr Ian Titley	25	25	25
Dr Sideeqa	5	5	5
2 curators	5	5	5