

DARWIN INITIATIVE PROJECT SCHEDULE ref:162/08/220

Organisation name : Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) with various Belarusian institutions

Name of project : Management planning for conservation of fen mire biodiversity in Belarus

Project purpose : To prepare management plans for the conservation of mesotrophic fen mire biodiversity at three key sites in Belarus.

Project objectives : to achieve an improved understanding of catchment-based fen mire hydrology and hydrochemistry; to prepare broad ecological profiles (zoological and botanical) for Dikoe, Sporova and Zvanets mires; to improve the information base about the ecology of a key biodiversity indicator species (aquatic warbler); on the basis of information from the first three objectives, develop management plans for the three mires with local stakeholders; to secure public and political support for the implementation phase and identify potential sources of funding.

Length of project : April 1999 for 3 years

Total project cost : £202,009

Darwin funding profile : 1999/2000 £47,711; 2000/2001 £39,199; 2001/2002 £49,471

Other sources of funding : £56,755 from RSPB for part of staff costs, all RSPB overheads, six flights and the cost of a fax and printer; £8,871 from Belarus partners for equipment

Expenditure profile : see Table A

Target outputs : see Table B

Implementation timetable with milestones : see Table C

Key staff inputs : see Table D

Reporting requirements : 31 October 1999	First report (1.4.1999 to 30.9.1999)
30 April 2000	Annual report (1.4.1999 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 : Trainees in Belarus will be supervised by Dr Alexander Kozulin, Head of the Scientific Programme. There will be annual supervisory visits by RSPB's Head of International Research / RSPB Research Fellow at Cambridge University (3 visits in total). At the end of the project and one year afterwards, meetings will be held to evaluate the success of the project work, including the effectiveness of the training.

Table A

PROJECT COST				
Total Darwin Grant : £136,382.4				
Annual distribution of Darwin Grant				
↳	1999/2000	£47,711.46		
↳	2000/2001	£39,199.54		
↳	2001/2002	£49,471.41		
DARWIN GRANT : EXPENDITURE DETAILS				
Expenditure details	1999/2000	2000/01	2001/02	Total
Rents, rates, heating, lighting, cleaning				
Postage, telephone, stationery				
Travel, subsistence				
Printing				
Conferences, seminars, training				
Capital items				
Other:				
Salaries				

Table B

PROJECT OUTPUTS		
Year	Output ref. no.	Details
1999/2000		
September	6A/B	1 hydrologist receives training in computer modelling in UK for one week
October	4A/B 6A/B	3 Belarusian undergraduates trained for 1 week in ecological methods 1 Belarusian entomologist receives 2 weeks training in UK on faecal analysis
March	8 15A 15B 15C 18A 19A 19B	8 weeks spent by UK project staff in Belarus 1 National press release in Belarus 3 Local press releases in Belarus 1 National press release in UK 2 National TV programmes Belarus 2 National radio programmes in Belarus 1 National radio programme in UK
2000/2001		
April	6A/B	20 Belarusians receive management planning training in week long workshop
October	4A/B 6A/B	3 Belarusian undergraduates trained for 1 week in ecological methods 1 Belarusian entomologist receives 2 weeks training in UK on faecal analysis
March	8 14 B 15A 15B 18A 19A	9 weeks spent by UK project staff in Belarus 2 Conferences attended 1 National press release in Belarus 3 Local press releases in Belarus 1 National TV programme Belarus 1 National radio programme in Belarus
2001/2002		
April	6A/B	20 Belarusians receive management planning training in two week-long workshops
October	4A/B 4C/D 6A/B	3 Belarusian undergraduates trained for 1 week in ecological methods 4 Belarusian postgraduates receive 2 weeks training. 1 Belarusian entomologist receives 2 weeks training in UK on faecal analysis
January	12A 13A	aquatic warbler and hydrological databases established 3 reference collections established
March	3 7 8	3 Belarusians obtain MSc qualifications Guidelines prepared on management planning 9 weeks spent by UK project staff in Belarus

9	3 management plans delivered
11B*	8 papers submitted to peer-reviewed journals.
14A	1 conference organised to present findings
14B	3 conferences attended
15A	1 National press release in Belarus
15B	3 Local press releases in Belarus
15C	1 National press release UK
18A	2 National TV programmes Belarus
19A	2 National radio programmes in Belarus
19B	1 National radio programme in UK
20	£13691 estimated physical assets transferred to host country
22	5 permanent field plots established
23	Potential funding sources for implementation phase identified and funding applications prepared

*It is possible that output 11A “publication of 6 papers in peer-reviewed journals” may be not be achieved until after the project end date due to external factors (delay is frequently experienced at the publishers between submission and publication).

Table C

PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION TIMETABLE	
Date	Key milestones
1999/2000	
2000/2001	
2001/2002	

[Section 2.5 of the original application is attached as “workplan.doc”, a Word file. The accompanying chart is attached as “schedule.xls”, an Excel file. For the original application, this was printed to A3 paper and subsequently reduced.]

Table D

KEY STAFF INPUTS			
Name	Grade/Position		
Dr Norbert Schäffer	project co-ordinator		
Dr Rhys Green	research supervisor		
Dr Debbie Pain	research supervisor		
Dr Paul José	ecology, hydrology and water quality specialist		
Dr Ceri Evans	management planning specialist		
Dr Graham Hirons	reserves ecology specialist		
STAFF TIME ALLOCATIONS (% of time spent on this work)			
Name	1999/2000	2000/2001	2001/2002
Dr Norbert Schäffer	30	30	30
Dr Rhys Green	4	4	4
Dr Debbie Pain	4	4	4
Dr Paul José	4	2	2
Dr Ceri Evans	2	13	28
Dr Graham Hirons	---	2	---