

Darwin Initiative for the Survival of Species

Half Year Report Form

Project title	Terrestrial invertebrate biodiversity in Galapagos: training and collection rehabilitation.
Country	Ecuador
Organisation	National Museums & Galleries of Wales
Project Reference No.	162/9/010
Reporting period	April 2002 --September 2002

1. Outline progress over the last 6 months against the agreed baseline timetable for the project.

May 2002: Training Course in Hymenoptera identification at Imperial College, London attended by Ruth Boada, who also visited Cardiff.

Sept 2001: Visit to UK (Cardiff) by Lazaro Roque to study towards his MSc thesis as well as visiting London (Nat. Hist. Museum) for insect identification.

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 effect the budget and timetable of project activities. Have any of these issues been discussed with the Department and if so, have changes been made to the original agreement?

Dr Charlotte Causton, CDRS project co-ordinator in Galapagos left her position in June 2002. A replacement has now been found but Lazaro Roque has been acting as liaison for the project.

The final 'workshop' can no longer take place as planned in Galapagos. The DI grant was never intended to cover the costs of all possible participants and there are unfortunately insufficient funds available at this stage. However, there will be talks between those interested in the invertebrates to produce a discussion document.

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

None at this stage