

Darwin Initiative

Half Year Report (due 31 October each year)

PLEASE NOTE: Due to the increased number of reports expected in 2005, we will not be able to confirm receipt of reports but will contact you individually should any questions arise

Project Ref. No.	Ex 162/10/019
Project Title	Enabling implementation of threatened bird Species Action Plans in Africa (Follow-Up Project)
Country(ies)	Africa, particularly: Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Egypt, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, Rwanda, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Tanzania, Tunisia, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe
UK Organisation	The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB)
Collaborator(s)	BirdLife Africa Partnership
Report date	April 2005 – September 2005
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Project website	www.birdlife.org

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).

Output 3: Project planning, fundraising and project management capacity of SIGs enhanced

The report for first training workshop (on Project Planning, Fundraising, and Project Management) held in late February 2005, was combined with that of the second workshop (see below) and produced as a hard copy introductory summary with a CD as an annex.

Output 4: Advocacy and communication capacity of SIGs enhanced

The modules of the training programme on advocacy and communication were delivered to the National Species Action Plan/Species Interest Group Coordinators from 7 to 10 June 2005 during the second of the two planned training workshops that was held in Jinja, Uganda.

Output 5: Research and monitoring capacity of SIGs enhanced

The modules of the training programme on Research and monitoring were delivered to the National Species Action Plan/Species Interest Group Coordinators from 11 to 13 June 2005 during the second of the two planned training workshops that was held in Jinja, Uganda. The report for the two workshops has been produced (see output 3 above) and distributed.

Output 6: Species Action Plan implementation by SIGs initiated in a range of countries

Various countries continued to implement some aspects of existing Species Action Plans (SAPS), e.g. Rwanda (Grauer's Scrub Warbler), Sierra Leone (White-necked Picathartes), Cameroon (Grey-necked Picathartes, South Africa (Blue Swallow). The Birdlife Partner in Zambia obtained funds for implementation of some aspects of the Blue Swallow SAP in Zambia and Malawi and plans to start work in November. Others have been supported by the National Coordinator and RSPB to develop and submit quality proposals on implementation of SAPs

