

Darwin Initiative: Half Year Report

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Project Ref. No.	EIDPO031
Project Title	Restoration of the Mangrove Finch in Isabela, Galápagos
Country(ies)	Galápagos, Ecuador
UK Organisation	Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust
Collaborator(s)	Charles Darwin Foundation, Galápagos National Park Service
Project Leader	H. Glyn Young
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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).

Field Manager of the existing project (15/005), Dr. Birgit Fessl, resigned her position in August 2009 following completion of three years excellent service. The last period of the first project (with financial extension into Year 4) and first months of this project (start date 1st July 2009) were spent completing outputs (Action Plan, published papers, and two student theses). The job of field manager to replace Birgit was advertised widely in Spanish and English and from the 28 applications three applicants were pre-selected for interviews (by phone). Francesca Cunninghame was offered the position for her wide experience in the field of translocation (in New Zealand) and her excellent Spanish skills. Francesca began work on 1st November 2009 and visited Durrell's headquarters in Jersey (3rd-6th November) meeting Glyn Young, Birgit Fessl and Durrell personnel for planning meetings before flying out to Ecuador.

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 affect the budget and timetable of project activities.

Recruitment needed slightly longer than expected. However, the field manager will be at site in time for the forthcoming breeding season.

Have any of these issues been discussed with the Darwin Secretariat and if so, have changes been made to the original agreement?

No

Discussed with the DI Secretariat: no/yes, in..... (month/yr)

Changes to the project schedule/workplan: no/yes, in.....(month/yr)

3. Are there any other issues you wish to raise relating to the project or to Darwin's management, monitoring, or financial procedures? No