



Darwin Initiative/Darwin Plus Projects
Half Year Report
(due 31st October 2020)

Project reference	DPLUS115
Project title	Unlocking Falkland Islands Marine Management: Key Biodiversity Areas for seabirds
Country(ies)/territory(ies)	Falkland Islands
Lead organisation	Falklands Conservation
Partner(s)	BirdLife International, RSPB, Falkland Islands Government
Project leader	<i>Andrew Stanworth</i>
Report date and number (e.g. HYR3)	<i>HYR1</i>
Project website/blog/social media	<i>Falklandsconservation.com</i>

1. Outline progress over the last 6 months (April – Sept) against the agreed project implementation timetable (if your project has started less than 6 months ago, please report on the period since start up to end September).

1.1 We have had minimal discussion with Stakeholders as yet, due to us having almost no capacity to take forward this element of the work in the Islands, but also due to us having to revise the proposed analysis.

2.2 through 2.6 We made some initial progress in gathering up-to-date information to support the analyses. Until this is collated and assessed we will not be able to derive the exact scope of the KBA analysis.

3.6 there has been announcement of the project in local media

In reality we were still undertaking activities as per Q1 in Q2

2a. Give details of any notable problems or unexpected developments/lessons learnt that the project has encountered over the last 6 months (for Covid-19 specific delays/problems, please use 2b). Explain what impact these could have on the project and whether the changes will affect the budget and timetable of project activities.

The project start was delayed by a later announcement of our success with the proposal. Following this the project has been heavily impacted by the departure of the Project Officer in August (see below). Delivery of the project as set out has also been complicated by the progression of some of the analyses proposed as part of an academic paper of which we were unsighted until it was submitted for publication in September. The later impact is less significant than that of Covid-19, but non-the-less delayed progress as we tried to understand the implications of it and how that would change our approach. Although it will change our approach to analysis, it will not change the overall logframe as it is in the details of the analysis rather than the activities, outputs or outcomes.

2b. Please outline any specific issues which your project has encountered as a result of Covid-19. Where you have adapted your project activities in response to the pandemic, please briefly outline how you have done so here. Explain what residual impact there may be on your project and whether the changes will affect the budget and timetable of project activities.

The onset of Covid-19 not only delayed commencement of some of the project activities, but resulted in the departure of the Project Officer (PO) from the Islands in July. As a consequence we had to apply for a change request to extend the project which was agreed (CR20-87), but little work was/has been achievable. We have been continuously struggling to find a replacement PO.

2c. Have any of these issues been discussed with LTS International and if so, have changes been made to the original agreement?

Discussed with LTS: Yes

Formal change request submitted: Yes

Received confirmation of change acceptance Yes

3a. Do you currently expect to have any significant (e.g. more than £5,000) underspend in your budget for this year?

Yes No Estimated underspend: £

3b. If yes, then you need to consider your project budget needs carefully. Please remember that any funds agreed for this financial year are only available to the project in this financial year.

If you anticipate a significant underspend because of justifiable changes within the project, please submit a rebudget Change Request as soon as possible. There is no guarantee that Defra will agree a rebudget so please ensure you have enough time to make appropriate changes if necessary. Please DO NOT send these in the same email as your report.

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

No

If you were asked to provide a response to this year's annual report review with your next half year report, please attach your response to this document.

Please note: Any planned modifications to your project schedule/workplan can be discussed in this report but **should also** be raised with LTS International through a Change Request. **Please DO NOT send these in the same email.**

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