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Britain to fund biodiversity study
The British government is funding an important three-year project to help preserve PNG’s rich biodiversity. Britain’s Darwin Initiative for the Survival of the species is funding the project. The project aims to create links between the researchers and local communities and educate them on their options for future forest use. The project, which will run until 2004, will fund a team of 13 PNG para-taxonomists, including training in Britain for six of the team members. It will also fund biodiversity surveys in Madang, Enga, Gulf, Chimbu, Southern Highlands and West Sepik.

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