

# **UK Overseas Territories and Crown Dependencies Training and Research Programme**

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### **Note of the UK Overseas Territories and Crown Dependencies Steering Group Meeting**

25<sup>th</sup> November 2013

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## Overseas Territories and Crown Dependencies Training and Research Group (OTCDTRG)

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<b>Date</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> November 2013
<b>Time</b>	14:00 GMT
<b>Location</b>	remote
<b>Chair</b>	Tara Pelembe

#### Attendees

Number of people	(15)
Number of OTs/CDs	(11)

<b>Name</b>	<b>OT/CD Government</b>
Karim Hodge and Calvin Samuel (Andre)	Anguilla
Nicola Weber and Jolene Sim	Ascension Island
Gina Ebanks-Petrie and Tim Austin	Cayman Islands
Nick Rendell	Falkland Islands
Liz Charter	Isle of Man
John Pinel	Jersey
Julia Henney	Guernsey
Ben Samson	St. Helena
Jennifer Lee	South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands
Trevor Glass	Tristan da Cunha
Samia Sarkis and Tara Pelembe	JNCC

#### (1) Review of TORs for the group      Group discussion

- The general feedback was that the TORs don't need to be extensively changed. The group has evolved, and the nature of discussions has expanded beyond the original remit. Nevertheless the concept of the group is more important i.e. that this is a group for sharing information, ideas and expertise across the OTs and CDs. Coordinating funding bids and building and sharing capacity and skills were also highlighted as important roles. The TORs, in a form, will be unlikely to cover the discussion content and group sentiment in its entirety.

#### Decision 1a      It was agreed that minor adjustments to the TORs should be made to reflect:

- Wider remit to include Legislation and Policy
- Consultation role between OT and CD from OT/CD to JNCC (and on occasion) HMG and vice versa.
- Huddle would be trialled as a means of information share.
- Email correspondence that is circulated to the group is useful and should be continued.

**Action 1a** JNCC to update TORs to reflect this and circulate to group for sign off.

#### (2) Feedback from Gibraltar GIS workshop (John Pinel, Calvin Samuel, Julia Henney).

- Key points from the workshop:
  - QGIS is a free online system
  - workshop presentations are available online and will be circulated to the group by John Pinel (DONE)
  - Importance of detailed Metadata
  - Importance of data collection, data entry and data sharing protocols
  - GIS manager on each OT/CD.

- Gibraltar workshop really showcased cross agency working and cross agency input and collaboration around GIS. The workshop agenda was targeted to all

**Action 2a John to circulate GIS workshop presentations to the group.**

**Quick overview of GIS in OTs and CDs**

<b>OT/CD Government</b>	<b>GIS information:</b>
Anguilla	Have a GIS system with aerial photography, satellite data, ecological data, habitat mapping and classification (terrestrial). Working on marine habitat mapping, commercial fisheries and landsat imagery to measure coastal change over time.
Ascension Island	Have a GIS system and have made the switch to QGIS. Have had technical input from Illaria (SAERI) and Katie Medclaf.
Cayman Islands	tbc
Falkland Islands	GIS system being developed in collaboration with SAERI – technical input from Illaria. QGIS training will be carried out on island in the near future.
Isle of Man	Working with technical input from Katie Medclaf to update habitat maps using low cost alternatives
Jersey	A variety of data sets and formats. Important to set data protocols early.
Guernsey	GIS manager on each OT/CD.
St. Helena	Central spatial system important.
South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands	GIS system set up – Jennifer will circulate link .
Tristan da Cunha	No GIS for Tristan yet.
JNCC	

**Action 2b Jennifer to circulate SGSSI online GIS link to the group.**

**(3) Blue Turtle Award**

JNCC’s annual blue turtle award call is due. Group discussion on potential changes in the award criteria, and the value of the award in its current format.

**Decision 3a: JNCC Blue Turtle Award 2013 to remain in its current format. Information on international and UK schools awards be circulated to OTs and CDs as they become available.**

**(4) Any other business**

Thanks to those who submitted CMS reports. Those who have been approached and haven’t submitted reports please do so

**Action 4a outstanding CMS reports to be submitted.**

**(5) Date of next meeting: Doodle poll to be sent around.**