

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

## **Note of Meeting**

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

28<sup>th</sup> April 2015

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

### Note of meeting – Theme: Action Planning.

<b>Date</b>	28 <sup>th</sup> April 2015
<b>Time</b>	14:00 BST
<b>Location</b>	remote
<b>Chair</b>	Tara Pelembe

#### Attendees

Number of people (10)  
Number of OTs/CDs (9)

<b>Name</b>	<b>OT/CD Government</b>
Natasha Lewis	Defra (UK)
Karl Netto	Gibraltar
Tara Pelembe	JNCC (UK)
Ben Sansom	St. Helena
Nicola Weber	Ascension Island
Jennifer Lee	South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands
Jacqui Christian	Pitcairn
Eric Salamanca	Turks and Caicos Islands
Samia Sarkis	Bermuda
Eram Qureshi-Hasan	FCO

#### Apologies

Liz Charter	Isle of Man
John Pinel	Jersey
Stephen Warr and Liesl Torres	Gibraltar
Andy McCutcheon	Guernsey
Stephen Mendes	Montserrat
Gina Ebanks-Petrie	Cayman
Dick Beales	DFID
Nick Rendell	Falklands
Dew Petit and Tammy Trott	Bermuda

### OTTRSG Face to Face meeting programme (Gibraltar 11<sup>th</sup> July 2015)

The main focus of the meeting was a discussion of the draft programme for the meeting (attached) The following key points emerged from the discussion, which will feed into an updated programme to be circulated shortly:

- **Data access session** – the group has already discussed this project in a previous meeting, and there will be a presentation on the OT data access project in the main conference, so that should be dropped. However a demonstration of the Gibraltar data management/GIS system was proposed as an inspirational start to the day.
  - **Decision and Action:** Karl to prepare a presentation showcasing their data management/GIS system for this session
- **Green economy session:** this was seen as an important session. It was noted that not everyone was aware of what had been done, how the green economy projects and processes had been run on the various overseas territories, so a synopsis of this was proposed. In addition, a discussion around where to go next was proposed. It was also suggested that some examples of different processes were presented, lessons learnt including the Falklands and one from the Caribbean OTs . It was also noted that
  - Gibraltar also ran a green economy project some years ago.

- Green economy was interesting but less relevant to some islands like Ascension.
- **Decision and Action:** Green economy presentations to be prepared in light of the above steer. JNCC to organise synopsis; **Steve Butler** to present the Falklands example and a Caribbean presenter to be identified.
- **Defra evidence gaps session:** It was agreed that this session would be rescheduled to follow the green economy one. Tasha Lewis gave a brief overview of the project (Tasha to add). Points to note
  - OT input into this project is very important
  - On Ascension this piece of work has already been done by the Ascension Island Government Conservation Department, it is important that there isn't duplication.
  - One of the work packages under the contract is to consult with OT governments.
  - The project was due to be completed in July but is running c. 2 months late so should finish August/ September.
  - The question of how the information will be used by Defra, especially in relation to whether there would be any connection to funding allocations and Darwin Plus was raised. Tasha agreed to consult internally and bring that information to the discussion in July.
- **Action:** **Tasha** to consult internally and bring information on relationship between project outputs and OT funding to the July meeting.
- **JNCC\_NGO areas of common focus:** All are welcome to join the 5<sup>th</sup> May workshop (programme attached) by skype where this will be discussed with UK organisations. The meeting in Gibraltar will provide an opportunity for OT government input and comment on the outputs. Outputs from the 5<sup>th</sup> May will be circulated to OTTRSG and made available online after Purdah.
- **Action:** **ALL** to let Tara know if you would like to skype into the 5<sup>th</sup> May workshop. Tara to circulate 5<sup>th</sup> May workshop presentations and outputs to the group.
- **The OTTRSG – where we are at, plan for the future etc.** discussion included:
  - This session – action, reflection is critical to the survival of the group and should ideally result in an action plan.
  - All to circulate a page summary in advance of the meeting highlighting what their departmental remit is (areas of environment covered) and a summary of what they are focussing on. So that we can find common areas of interest/areas where it is useful to work together.
  - The discussion in this session should consider whether the remit of the group should be expanded or include all areas of the environment, noise, air, waste etc.
    - **Action:** **ALL** to prepare a page summary and circulate to the group by **end of June**.

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- **Action:** **Tara** - Gibraltar logistics: The venue of the Gibraltar meeting will be circulated to participants as soon as possible.
- **Action ALL:** If anyone would like to send through a paragraph on their position to feed into the discussion on the 5<sup>th</sup> May, please send to Tara by Friday – it will be collated and shared with participants and fed into group discussions.