

**UK Overseas Territories and Crown Dependencies  
Training and Research Programme Steering Group**  
Minutes from meeting<sup>1</sup> held 28<sup>th</sup> April 2010

**Training and Research Programme (Work Programme: July 2010)**

**Items requiring a decision**

1. [Objective 2](#) (ref 2.1.3 page 7) List of consultants

Members agreed it would be useful to have a list of consultants that have done work in the territories. JNCC don't have a system for approving consultants but could provide a list of people who have worked in the territories which others can add to. List should include name, address and email contact of consultant, which territories they have worked in (including date/s) and the project details.

<b>ACTION 1.1</b> JNCC to create list of consultants, circulate to Steering Group for members to add further consultants and post onto website.
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Deadline: 6 AUG 2010
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2. [Objective 3](#) (ref 3.5 page 9) Workshop

Members supported the idea of a workshop, noting concerns about whether or not they could attend due to limited time, budget and relevance of workshop aims. Some issues (e.g. Marine Conservation Areas, how to do research with limited resources) may be relevant to all members. The workshop would need detailed planning and it was suggested if funding is an issue members should consider conference call with internet facilities as a plan B. Members agreed that a working group should take forward the planning of such an event.

<b>ACTION 2.1</b> JNCC to facilitate working group to plan workshop aims, timing and prepare a paper for the October OTBG meeting. Working group to operate via email and telephone conference. Feedback progress to next SG meeting.
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Working group to include: Wesley (TCI), Fiona (IoM), Isabel (St H), Karim (Anguilla) and JNCC.
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Deadline: Working group to produce paper by 22 SEPT 2010
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**Discussion items**

None

**Information sharing items**

3. [Training](#) supported by JNCC

Elizabeth noted that JNCC had received 3 training requests this financial year (from SBA Cyprus, Ascension and Bermuda) and reminded members to send requests as soon as

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<sup>1</sup> See Annex 1 for attendee list

possible as it takes about 1 month to process the request. Fiona noted that Manx Wildlife Trust were putting together a request for GIS training.

#### 4. [JNCC contribution projects](#)

Elizabeth noted that JNCC had provided contribution funds for two projects in April 2010 (Falklands and South Georgia 'Algal biodiversity' and TCI 'rescue and collection of endemic plants'). JNCC will be issuing the next call in September for one further project up to a maximum of £3000 (70% project costs).

#### 5. [FERA](#) (Food and Environment Research Agency)

Elizabeth noted that JNCC were following up [activity 2.1.2](#) from the work programme by creating a Memorandum of Agreement with Fera. The aim of the MoA is to act as a lever to assist Fera in working with the territories. It is hoped that by setting up the MoA there will be wider opportunities for the territories to access Fera and receive support. A copy of the MoA will be circulated to the SG once it has been signed.

Members were reminded to contact [Fera](#) with ideas for projects which require their support.

### **AOB**

#### Collaboration with Cefas (Centre for Environment, Fisheries & Aquaculture Science) and Buglife

Tara noted that in follow up to the work programme (key output 2.1 link into scientific community) Cefas and Buglife had expressed an interest in doing further work with the territories. Tara met with Cefas and they provided an outline of the range of expertise they can offer the territories (to be circulated to the SG). Both organisations are willing to receive requests direct from the territories.

The contact for Buglife is: Dr Richard Smith, UK Overseas Territories Project Officer, [info@buglife.org.uk](mailto:info@buglife.org.uk)

The contact for Cefas is: Tony Beeching, [tony.beeching@cefas.co.uk](mailto:tony.beeching@cefas.co.uk)

#### News sharing

Jan (Guernsey): Almost completed Stage 1 habitat survey, more than 10% more tree cover than 10 years ago but losing agricultural land

Fiona (IoM): 19 organisations on island signing biodiversity recording partnership

Pantelis (Cyprus): Designated 3 Special Protection Areas (under EU Birds Directive) and planning to designate Special Areas of Conservation (under EU Habitats Directive)

Wesley: Government approved legislation on marine pollution and 3 further sets of legislation (environmental management, biodiversity and CITES) to be approved by the end of the summer

Nick (Falklands): JNCC invasive species funding useful small scale projects developing, also work on marine invasive species and rodent eradication

Karim (Anguilla): Change in Government, CITES legislation to take effect 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 2010, biodiversity heritage act to take effect by end of the year. Regulations complete in November, being brought into force section by section. Hope to get environment protection act approved shortly.

Tara (JNCC): UK Government making cuts, some filter through to JNCC. Don't have details for OT programme at the moment but there will be cuts across all work areas, don't know timescale or extent yet.

## **Funding**

### **Items requiring a decision**

None

### **Discussion items**

#### 6. Commercial funding opportunities

JNCC can explore potential for options for commercial funding sources, Nikki Chapman is leading this. Sponsorship may be easier to achieve in terms of items compared with generic projects. Members were asked whether they thought this would be useful, what type of things fit into this category and whether anyone had experience of commercial sponsorship.

Jan noted that Guernsey were finding it hard to get sponsorship in the current economic downturn and had more success in getting labour e.g. staff for a day. Fiona noted that they had received sponsorship for their basking shark project in the form of satellite tags. Tina noted her experience pre-JNCC was that sponsors look for maximum publicity e.g. logo well publicised. Jan noted that it would be hard for JNCC to get sponsorship for territories as a whole everyone is working in different areas and has different needs and it may be better use of time for individual territories to follow up opportunities as they require.

#### 7. Collate additional information on non-economic challenges paper

Tara reminded members that Nikki was looking for examples for her paper on non-financial barriers to nature conservation. JNCC will re-circulate the paper and members to send suggestions to Nikki.

<b>ACTION 7.1</b> JNCC to re-circulate non-economic challenges paper to SG. Members to send suggestions on the paper to Nikki Chapman
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### **Information sharing items**

#### 8. ENRTP results

No results available yet, JNCC will circulate when they are available.

#### 9. Darwin applications

JNCC reminded members to contact [Nikki Chapman](#) as soon as possible if they would like to receive support with the next round of Darwin applications.

**AOB**

JNCC noted that the next SG meeting will be in October and Karim Hodge kindly agreed to chair the next meeting.

## Annex 1

### Attendees at UK OT Training and Research Programme Steering Group meeting 7<sup>th</sup> July 2010

<b>Name</b>	<b>Country/Organisation</b>
Karim Hodge	Anguilla (Chair)
Nick Rendell	Falkland Islands
Fiona Gill	Isle of Man
Isabel Peters	St Helena
Jan Dockerill	States of Guernsey
Pantelis Chaeilaou	SBA Cyprus
Wesley Clerveaux	TCI
Tara Pelembe	JNCC
Elizabeth Moore	JNCC
Tina Yates	JNCC
John Henson Webb	JNCC