



Meeting 1

**JNCC-NGO Overseas Territories and Crown Dependencies Group**

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<http://jncc.defra.gov.uk/default.aspx?page=4079>

### **IUCN National Committee UK (NCUK)**

IUCN NCUK comprises over 40 organisations based in the UK and UK Overseas Territories and has close links to the six IUCN Commissions. Membership of NCUK includes IUCN Members from both NGOs and UK Government. The focus of our work is delivery of the IUCN Programme 2012-16. IUCN NCUK represents Members interests in the United Kingdom and Overseas Territories and Crown Dependencies, including in the IUCN European region.

In 2010, IUCN launched the EU Outermost Regions and Overseas Countries and Territories Programme and NCUK intends greater participation in this. The objectives of the Programme are:

1. to raise awareness of Europe overseas' biodiversity and climate change issues with the EU and the international community to facilitate their integration into policies and programmes,
2. to actively promote collaboration in those regions where Europe overseas are located, and
3. to build the capacity of Europe overseas in biodiversity conservation and adaptation to climate change.

IUCN NCUK works as a convening body, aiming to bring together members from across the IUCN spectrum and from outside in order to share information and to discuss approaches to influencing conservation policy and practice. IUCN NCUK also seeks to add value to UK conservation work by developing projects linked to IUCN activity. The Committee has a Chair, elected for a four-year term, and the Committee's business is managed by an Executive Committee (ExCo) that is elected annually. It has a formal constitution that governs its actions, with a Chief Executive and Secretariat.

In summary, the UK Committee of IUCN is a broad partnership working to further the conservation of natural resources in the UK, Europe and globally, including UK Overseas Territories. It does this by building alliances with others, stimulating projects and providing the opportunity for sharing experiences in order to focus policy advice efforts. See more at: <http://www.iucn-uk.org/>

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