



Meeting 1

JNCC-NGO Overseas Territories and Crown Dependencies Group

8th January 2014

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Falklands Conservation – role and priorities

For JNCC NGO Meeting: 8 January 2014

Falklands Conservation (FC) is an independent membership-based registered charity working to protect all wildlife and habitats in the Falkland Islands for future generations. We have over 30 years' experience of managing and implementing research and conservation projects around the Islands and rely on donations and public support to carry out our work.

- Largest conservation NGO in the Falkland Islands
- BirdLife International Partner
- Signed three-year MoU with the Falkland Islands Government (FIG)

Our key roles:

- 1) Undertaking research to underpin conservation action
- 2) Provision of independent environmental advice to FIG
- 3) Education and outreach about the Falklands' wildlife and its importance
- 4) Running a conservation activities group for young Islanders
- 5) Champion for wildlife – working as an NGO, and with other NGOs, to argue the case for wildlife conservation, and to promote environmental issues generally.

Recent and ongoing major projects:

Over the years we have led and continue to lead many projects to help fill gaps in our understanding of the ecology of the Falkland Islands and the surrounding seas. These include monitoring breeding seabirds, albatross demographics, seabirds at sea, terrestrial plants, invertebrates, invasive species, marine mammals, seabird diet and foraging, raptors, inshore cetaceans, habitat restoration, protected areas and biodiversity action planning.

We will begin work on three new Darwin Plus projects on habitat restoration, lower plants and marine spatial planning from April 2014.

Priority areas JNCC can help with:

- Enhanced implementation of a network of Protected Areas, especially Marine Protected Areas
- Aiding government sign-up to CBD (and delivery of and contribution to the UK's CBD targets)
- Continued delivery of obligations under ACAP
- Removing existing invasive alien species and strengthening biosecurity protocols to prevent the accidental arrival of new non-native species. (How links to possible DEV CO funding plans?)
- Regulating new and developing fisheries (refer to CCAMLR for existing best practice)
- Helping to close legislative gaps.

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