



Meeting 2

JNCC-NGO Overseas Territories and Crown Dependencies Group

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JNCC/NGO Overseas Territories & Crown Dependencies Group Terms of Reference and Ways of Working

Introduction

JNCC and many Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) have a strong common purpose to support nature conservation in the UK Overseas Territories (UKOTs) and Crown Dependencies (CDs). There are benefits in these bodies working together, utilising their distinct and unique roles to achieve a more collective approach. One mechanism for achieving this is through the JNCC/NGO Overseas Territories & Crown Dependencies Group.

Objectives

To provide support to nature conservation in the UK Overseas Territories and Crown Dependencies, through:

1. A more coordinated approach
2. Shared understanding of priorities
3. More efficient use of resources
4. Exchange of knowledge.

Ways of Working

The objectives will be achieved by:

1. Providing an opportunity for open discussion of issues and concerns of relevance to nature conservation in the UKOTs and CDs
2. Exploring and understanding any commonalities and differences between members of the group
3. Providing opportunities for taking a coordinated approach to the identification of priorities and principles for nature conservation in the UKOTs and CDs
4. Identifying and developing opportunities for working together to make best uses of resources available for nature conservation in the UKOTs and CDs
5. Undertaking joint work to help support nature conservation in the UKOTs and CDs
6. Identifying potential sources of funding for nature conservation in the UKOTs & CDs and, if appropriate, coordinating the pursuit of funds.

Scope

All UK Overseas Territories and Crown Dependencies are included in the work of the group

The work of the group will be restricted to nature conservation but defined in its broadest sense to include ecosystem services and related socio-economic issues.

Linkages with the JNCC/NGO group for nature conservation in the metropolitan UK will be maintained and exploited.

Meetings

Meetings will be arranged as and when needed until the initial focus of work is completed. A review of the need for further work and meetings will be undertaken as initial work starts to draw towards completion.

The Chair of meetings will rotate between members of the group. JNCC will chair every other meeting, alternating with an NGO body.

Draft agendas for meetings will be set by the Chair in consultation with the Chair of either the previous meeting or the following one, and then finalised in consultation with the rest of the group

Papers to support meetings will be produced by JNCC or other members of the group and will be signed off by the Chair and the Chair of either the previous meeting or the following one, prior to circulation to the group normally at least 10 full working days before the

meeting. Signing-off signifies suitability for discussion and not necessarily the Chair's agreement with points in the paper.

The Chair will arrange for a draft note of the meeting to be produced for agreement by the group by consensus. The note will not be attributed to individuals, except where appropriate, and will be made publicly available unless the group specifically advise otherwise.

The venue will be London unless the group recommends an agreed alternative venue.

Communication

The way members of the group communicate with each other and collectively will be critically important to achieving the group's objectives. The group adopts the following principles for communication:

- Members of the group will consult openly with each other on UKOT and CD issues and work when possible. This should happen at, and between, group meetings on an ongoing basis;
- Members of the group will use their existing contacts with NGO and governmental colleagues in the UKOTs and CDs to ensure that the group's discussions are informed by the views of these, and that information flows in all ways;
- Members of the group will update each other regularly on work (undertaken and planned) and issues of relevance to nature conservation in the UK overseas territories;
- Members of the group will involve each other in events and meetings whenever appropriate.
- The group will communicate its work to other relevant groups including the UK Four Countries Biodiversity Group, the IUCN EU Overseas Territories Group in Brussels and NGOs based in the Overseas Territories.

Membership

The group can make changes to its membership, by consensus, at any time. The current membership is:

- ***Governmental bodies and agencies***
 - Defra
 - JNCC
 - Royal Botanic Gardens Kew
 - UKOTA
- ***NGOs***
 - Alderney Wildlife Trust
 - Amphibian and Reptile Conservation Trust
 - Birdlife International
 - Blue Marine Foundation
 - Buglife
 - Chagos Conservation Trust
 - Falklands Conservation
 - Fauna & Flora International
 - Marine Conservation Society
 - Pew Trusts
 - Royal Society for the Protection of Birds
 - Royal Zoological Society of Scotland
 - South Georgia Heritage Trust
 - UK Overseas Territories Conservation Forum
 - Zoological Society of London
- ***Others***
 - IUCN National Committee UK
 - World Conservation Monitoring Centre