

PROJECT REPORTING FORM



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If you have suggestions for improvement of this form, your feedback would be appreciated:

COUNTRY: Falkland Islands

PROJECT TITLE: Essential conservation tools: providing a user-friendly guide to the flora of the Falklands

REPORTER: Name, Organization, Contact Details.
✓ (✓ tick if same as APPLICANT)

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION: How did the project go? What were the HIGHLIGHTS and OVER-ACHIEVEMENTS of objectives? What CHALLENGES did you encounter? How were these RESOLVED?

HIGHLIGHTS and OVER-DELIVERY

So far it has been possible to work together and produce a large collection of images for the publication as well as a very detailed database of taxonomic information.

PROBLEMS and RESOLUTION

It is not always easy working as a team over distances of up to 8,000 miles apart, however modern communications such as email and video conferencing as well as travel to meetings has enabled the project to continue despite the overseas element of it.

The amount of work required to produce a high-quality, comprehensive fieldguide had been underestimated. Rather than cut corners, the project team decided to reschedule production and a new timetable has been drafted, with a deadline to get the final copy to the publishers by December 2014.

OUTPUTS: With reference to the FUNDS APPLICATION form, did your MAIN OUTPUTS achieve their EXPECTED OUTCOMES?

Funds sought and received from the JNCC were for the cost of additional staff time not already under salary = **£2,950**. This funding was to cover:

- Photographic equipment & IT usage: £450
- Travel (including field trips and office meetings): £400
- Research assistant remuneration ~ 300 hours @ £7/hour: £2,100

No.	Research Activity	To be completed by	Deadline
1	Identifying gaps in the photo database	L Griffiths	Beginning September 2012
2	Confirmation of the list of 'naturalised' species for inclusion	R Lewis	30 th September 2012
3	Photographing remaining species in the field	L Griffiths	31 st January 2013
4	Collation of species accounts and images	L Griffiths	31 st March 2013
5	Editing species accounts	R Upson	31 st July 2013
6	Production of taxonomic key	R Lewis	31 st January 2013
7	Introduction and background	L Griffiths	31 st July 2013
8	Other information for background e.g. threats	R Lewis & R Upson	31 st July 2013
9	Supplementary information: references, glossary, checklist	L Griffiths & R Upson	31 st July 2013
10	Proofreading	All	Beginning September 2013
11	Liaison with publishers and submission for printing	L Griffiths & R Upson	October 2013

ACTIVITY	ACTUAL OUTCOME	COMMENTS
1:	Gaps in photo database identified	100% completed
2	Falkland Island naturalised species checklist finalized	100% completed
3	42 photo gaps filled since 2012. 3 native species gaps remaining and 37 introduced species gaps	Work ongoing to complete introduced species gaps. Native species may not be achievable due to extinction.
4	Species traits collated in a spreadsheet to use as a basis for taxonomic key and species accounts. Images for publication selected and organized into appropriate filing system for easy access.	Complete
5	Species accounts are still in an atomized form in excel spreadsheet – this sheet has been reviewed but needs further development into final accounts for publication.	The sheets will be transferred to BRAHMS where text reporting function can be designed to produce the desired layout
6	First draft of taxonomic key complete.	This will be tested and

revised during the 2013-14 field season

- 7 Discussions have been had as to the most suitable way of achieving this.
- 8 Text produced in another form – to be edited for this publication.
- 9 References have been noted in outline. Glossary has been compiled though needs editing and conforming to Kew standards. The vascular plant checklist has also been completed and awaits formal publication
- 10 Not yet started
- 11 Information relating to the overall design concept has been discussed with the publishers

INFORMATION: This final section is, in some ways, the most important part of this form. Provision of this information will enable us to pursue further funding and support for conservation projects in the Overseas Territories.

I ATTACH the following, by way of INFORMATION:

(Please v tick appropriate boxes, and attached necessary information as necessary)

- Brief QUOTATIONS from the Project Manager / individuals involved with this project, which may be used freely by JNCC to promote and publicized the conservation achievements of this project through suitable media:**

A quote from Richard Lewis: 'A comprehensive fieldguide to vascular plants is an essential next step in further developing awareness and capacity for plant conservation within the Falklands community and it is eagerly awaited by people from many sectors, including farming, tourism and conservation.

It has been great to work with both Leila Griffiths and Rebecca Upson on this project. In collaboration with Rebecca Upson, we have finalised the checklists of native and introduced species. This has been an exciting project, with many new species records discovered by recent surveys and taxonomic problems addressed through consulting both recent and historic literature and specimens. We have drawn upon a wider range of sources than expected, including many valuable new records from local volunteers, including the first new species record identified via photos on Facebook!

Drawing on Leila's work to compile a character spreadsheet in preparation for the species accounts, I have developed a first draft of an identification key, which will be trialled by members of the community in the Falklands and will form the basis of a short Plant ID course which I will run in rural West Falkland in early 2014'

- PHOTOGRAPHS or VIDEO CLIPS and full details of associated photo-credits, which may be used freely by JNCC and other OTs, to promote and publicized the conservation achievements of this project through suitable media.**

- A scanned copy and / or web-address of any NEWS ITEMS, PUBLISHED ARTICLES arising from this project.**

- A copy of any EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS, books, brochures, pamphlets or posters, arising from this project.**

- Details of any WEBSITE or WEBLINKS arising from this project.**

- Details of any COLLABORATION or PARTNERSHIP, local or international, which contributed to the success of this project.**

- Details of any other unexpected benefits arising from this project, such as CONSERVATION AWARDS, PUBLIC SUPPORT, VOLUNTEER PARTICIPATION or SPONSORSHIP.**