

Note of OTBG Meeting 5.

22nd June 2011 Defra, London 11:am – 2:30pm

Summary Note

Representatives from UKOTA, DFID, Defra, FCO, Kew and JNCC (Secretariat) attended the fourth OTBG meeting chaired by Defra.

Some actions for the last meeting were discussed including:

- Clarification of OT eligibility for ICF.

Departments gave updates on progress and activities over the last 4 months. Highlights included:

- **UKOTA:** UKOTA representatives are supportive of the MEA workshop, and are exploring ways in which an OT student workshop can be funded.
- **Defra:** the call for the 18th round of Darwin has been launched; Flagship Species Fund funded 4 projects, one of which was in an OT (Anguilla); Defra will be attending the IUCN EU Overseas Platform meeting and the UKOTCF Biodiversity strategy meeting.
- **FCO:** OTEP projects have been awarded. The main focus is now on the OT white paper process.
- **JNCC:** Highlighted work on the marine framework; the biodiversity review (to be published on line shortly), and the 2011 Blue Turtle Award (call for nominations to be launched shortly)

Agenda items included:

- **UKOTA/MEA workshop:** An event to focus on MEA information and communication with UKOTA , OTBG, and UK NGOs.
- **UKOTCF meeting 28th June 2011:** OTBG members Defra JNCC and UKOTA would be attending this meeting.
- **UKOT Biodiversity strategy – what has been done and what needs to be done.** A summary of implementation over the last 6 months was presented, and targets that needed additional input were discussed.

Presentations:

- Dr Colin Clubbe gave a short presentation on Kew's work in the UK Overseas Territories