



**Programme and Participants**

# **South Atlantic Overseas Territories Regional Biosecurity workshop**

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August – Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> August



**Green Mountain National Park**

**Ascension Island**

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## PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

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Day	Date	Sessions.	Location
Friday	14/08/15	Biosecurity Policy	Court House George Town
Saturday	15/08/15	Risk Assessments and horizon scanning	Red Lion Green Mountain
Sunday	16/08/15	Prevention: ships and ports	Red Lion Green Mountain
Monday	17/08/15	Rapid response	Red Lion Green Mountain
Tuesday	18/08/15	Sustaining support and awareness and next steps.	Red Lion Green Mountain

### Event Logistics:

- Buses will leave Georgetown for Green Mountain at **08:30 am** from the Conservation Centre. They will return from Green Mountain at the end of the day.
- Lunch and teas and coffees will be provided for all participants.
- Everyone to bring e-copies of documents, presentations, examples, reports, logos etc. on hard drives for sharing.

### Monday Evening 7pm Saints Club

Public Talk by Sarah Browning and Jen Lee – **Managing non-native plants on remote islands – lessons from South Georgia**



## DAY 1 – BIOSECURITY POLICY

Time	Topic	Presenter
10:00	Welcome	Dr Nicola Weber
	Why we are here and plan for the week.	Tara Pelembe
Brief overview Who we are, and where we are at. Presentations on the status of Biosecurity in OTs present – covering Policy, risk assessment, prevention, early detection and rapid response, sustaining support; resources and vision for the future <sup>1</sup> . (10 minutes presentation)		
10:05-10:10	Introductions: Name, organization, role, why here, what want to get out of workshop.	All to introduce
10:10 – 10:20	Status of Biosecurity on Ascension	Sam Weber
10:20 - 10:40	Status of Biosecurity on the Falklands	Ross James
10:40 – 10:50	Status of Biosecurity on British Antarctic territory	Kevin Hughes
10:50 - 11:00	Status of Biosecurity on South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands	Jen Lee
<b>11:00- 11:30</b>	<b>Break</b>	
11:30 – 11:40	Status of OT biosecurity within MOD	Nick Andrew-Guavain
11:40-11:50	Status of OT biosecurity within RSPB	Jonathan Hall
11:50 – 12:00	Status of OT biosecurity within JNCC	Tara Pelembe
12:00 – 12:30	Case study 1: Biosecurity policy in the United Kingdom	Niall Moore - 15-20 minutes presentation and 20 minutes discussion.
<b>12:30 – 13:30</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	
13:30 – 13:40	Status of biosecurity in Tristan da Cunha	Trevor Glass
13:40 – 13:50	Status of biosecurity in St. Helena	Jill Key
13:50- 14:45	Case study 2: St. Helena. Development of the National Policy (stakeholder consultations and workshops, institutional and legal frameworks and implementation plan)	Jill Key– 15-20 minutes presentation and 20 minutes discussion.
14:45-15:00	Biosecurity Legislation: What legislation is effective, examples of legislation where it exists, and any pitfalls/issues around implementing the legislation	ALL who have legislation to provide copy + pacific legislation examples provided discuss what does and doesn't work with the group.
<b>15:00 – 15:15</b>	<b>Break</b>	
15:15 – 16:00	Advice and discussion to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How to set up an effective biosecurity framework? Policy structure and operations</li> </ul>	Tara Pelembe to facilitate Ross James and Trevor Glass to give context for the

<sup>1</sup> All presentations to follow these standard headings.

	<p>the whole system.(Falkland’s request)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biosecurity policy (Tristan request)</li> </ul> <p>This session will be run by participants dividing by territory groups with different technical support people advising on territory specific policy and legislation questions and issues.</p>	requests to initiate the discussion.
<b>16:00 – 16:10</b>	<b>lessons learnt from the day and any actions that emerge – for discussion and presentation in the morning</b>	<b>Tara Pelembe.</b>

**Summary of SAOT Biosecurity policy status – (Annex 1 and background document)**

**Note: Our Biosecurity Policy should include all of the agreed policy principle**

- Operate a “white list” approach, whereby permitted products and materials are identified;
- Make risk-based decisions, following a formal import risk assessment process;
- Make evidence-based decisions;
- Work along the entire biosecurity continuum, with pre-border and border controls, and post-border monitoring and surveillance linked to emergency response measures;
- Address invasive species threats in both the marine and terrestrial environments;
- Adopt the precautionary principle, recognising that prevention is far more cost-effective than cure;
- Not use as a trade barrier;
- Collect and share information between Territories and our trade partners;
- Commit adequate resources to protect our borders.

## DAY 2 – RISK ASSESSMENT

Time	Topic	Presenter
09:00 – 09:05	Welcome	Dr Nicola Weber
09:05 – 09:10	Plan for the day	Anne Saunders
09:10 – 10:00	Feedback on lessons learnt from the day before – by groups + discussion	Anne Saunders facilitator
<b>10:00 – 10:30</b>	<b>Break</b>	
10:30- 11:15	Case study St. Helena : Procedures and protocols for both phytosanitary and zoosanitary risks (including development of import health standards for key risk species/commodities, import licensing system, inspection protocols.	Jill Key – 15-20 minutes presentation and 20 minutes discussion.
11:15 – 12:00	Case study 2: Risk assessment in the United Kingdom: Best practice, lessons learnt and cool tools. To include Horizon scanning.	Niall Moore - 15-20 minutes presentation and 20 minutes discussion.
<b>12:00 – 13:00</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	
13:30 – 15:00	<p>Advice and discussion to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Import risk assessment for new products and commodities (STH request) – focus not on using tools but rather on tapping in to technical advice to make the subjective decisions required by the tools as they are used so infrequently.</li> <li>• Risk assessment for fresh produce imports (SGSSI request)</li> <li>• Identifying high risk species pathways (given lack of agricultural sector on Ascension) and an already heavy laden invaded terrestrial ecosystem) – what do we need to keep out?(ASC request)</li> <li>• Once identified, determining what can be practically done to minimize risk with very limited resources (ASC request)</li> <li>• How to carry out import risk assessments (FLK request)</li> <li>• White lists.</li> <li>• Prioritization and using risk management procedures to decide what we can do something about/what we should try hardest to keep out.</li> </ul>	Anne Saunders to facilitate Ross James , Trevor Glass, Jen Lee, Sam Weber to give context for the relevant requests to initiate the discussion.

<b>15:00 – 15:15</b>	<b>Break</b>	
15:15 – 16:00	Development of output to include compilation of a combined view on technical support requirements for risk assessments.	
<b>16:00 – 16:10</b>	<b>Closing remarks</b>	

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- Make risk-based decisions, following a formal import risk assessment process;
- Make evidence-based decisions;

## DAY 3 – PREVENTION:

Time	Topic	Presenter
09:00 – 09:05	Welcome	Dr Nicola Weber
09:05 – 09:10	Plan for the day	Tara Pelembe
09:10 – 10:40	Drafting and agreement of position/outputs from yesterday ( collective support for risk assessment)	Tara Pelembe to facilitate.
<b>10:40- 11:00</b>	<b>Break</b>	
11:00- 11:30	Case study (FLK): Planning for marine invasive organisms. This is important in the Falklands because of the activity surrounding the development of a new oil industry and because of our important fishing industry.	Ross James– 15-20 minutes presentation and 20 minutes discussion.
11:30 – 12:30	Case Study (TDC) – marine invasives and their impact on Tristan	Trevor Glass
<b>12:30 – 13:30</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	
13:30 – 14:00	Case study 2: (SGSSI) rodent detection, monitoring biosecurity and incursion response on land	Jen Lee - 15-20 minutes presentation and 10 minutes discussion.
14:00-14:30	Using GIS as a tool for analysing data and assessing risks due to vessels movement	Ilaria Marengo
14:30 – 15:00	Advice and discussion to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biosecurity in construction materials (MOD request)</li> <li>• Exploring ways to pool effort and resources across the territories in order to tackle invasion risks posed by mutual air and sea links (ASC request)</li> </ul>	Tara Pelembe to facilitate: Nicholas Andrews- Gauvain, Jen Lee, Sam Weber to give context for the relevant requests to initiate the discussion.
<b>15:00 – 15:15</b>	<b>Break</b>	
15:15 – 16:00	Developing the output – a collective approach to working together with shippers, ports, MOD, RMS etc.	As above.
<b>16:00 – 16:10</b>	<b>Closing remarks</b>	

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## DAY 4 – EARLY DETECTION AND RAPID RESPONSE

Time	Topic	Presenter
09:00 – 09:05	Welcome	Dr Nicola Weber
09:05 – 09:10	Plan for the day	Anne Saunders
09:10 – 10:40	Re-cap on where we are at, and consolidating key messages actions and outputs , addressing any points that need following up or additional discussion.	Anne Saunders
<b>10:40- 11:00</b>	<b>Break</b>	
11:00- 11:45	Case study (FLK): about foot and mouth disease, the kinds of precautions we take to prevent an outbreak arising and the action plans we have in place should an outbreak occur	Ian Campbell– 15-20 minutes presentation and 20 minutes discussion.
11:45 – 12:30	Outbreak of Newcastle disease on St. Helena and how it was dealt with	Jill Key
<b>12:30 – 13:30</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	
13:30 – 14:30	Case study : Early detection in the United Kingdom and Europe: Best practice and lessons learnt. (to be relevant to small island context)	Niall Moore - 15-20 minutes presentation and 20 minutes discussion.
14:00– 14:30	Earwigs on the Falklands – lessons learnt	Ian Campbell
14:30 – 15:00	Advice and discussion to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Building a biosecurity centre (Tristan request)</li> </ul>	Anne Saunders to facilitate: Jen Lee, Trevor Glass to give context for the relevant requests to initiate the discussion.
<b>15:00 – 15:15</b>	<b>Break</b>	
15:15 – 16:00	Opportunity for more detailed discussion on specific areas with relevant technical experts or as a group.	As above.
<b>16:00 – 16:10</b>	<b>Closing remarks</b>	

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- Address invasive species threats in both the marine and terrestrial environments;



## DAY 5 – SUSTAINING SUPPORT – AWARENESS RAISING, RESOURCES AND NEXT STEPS

Time	Topic	Presenter
09:00 – 09:05	Welcome	Dr Nicola Weber
09:05 – 09:10	Plan for the day	Tara Pelembe
09:10 – 10:40	Case study: (TDC) – training in St. Helena	Trevor Glass
<b>10:40- 11:00</b>	<b>Break</b>	
11:00- 11:45	Case study (FLK): Our experience of using media (TV, radio, newspapers, information leaflets, posters etc). in getting the biosecurity message across to importers and the general public. How does this compare to other SAOTs and the UK?	Ross James– 15-20 minutes presentation and 20 minutes discussion.
11:45 – 12:30	Case study 2: (SGSSI) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working with the tourism industry to ensure awareness/compliance with biosecurity procedures for visitors.</li> <li>• Working with suppliers and local population to manage biosecurity risk throughout the supply chain i.e. using policies, procedures and checks at different stages of cargo packing, handling and unpacking</li> </ul>	Jen Lee - 15-20 minutes presentation and 20 minutes discussion.
<b>12:30 – 13:30</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	
13:30-14:15	Case study 2: (STH) Communications (development of the biosecurity communications strategy, inter-agency and trader relationships)	Jill Key - 15-20 minutes presentation and 20 minutes discussion.
14:15 – 15:00	Advice and discussion to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintaining political support and funding (STH request)</li> <li>• Maintaining public co-operation (importers and consumers) through compliance and enforcement (STH request)</li> <li>• How to get stakeholders and the general public involved in decision-making and in abiding by the decisions made (FLK request)</li> </ul>	Tara Pelembe to facilitate: Jen Lee, Trevor Glass to give context for the relevant requests to initiate the discussion.
<b>15:00 – 15:15</b>	<b>Break</b>	
15:15 – 16:00	consolidation of outputs and finalizing of wording on the regional biosecurity principles.	As above.
<b>16:00 – 16:10</b>	<b>Closing remarks</b>	

**Relevant regional biosecurity principles**

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  - Commit adequate resources to protect our borders.
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<b>Name</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Role</b>
Dr Nicola Weber	Ascension Island Government	Head of Conservation
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Amy Soar	Ascension Island Government	Policy Officer
Dr Jill Key	St. Helena Government	Biosecurity and Pest control officer
Ross James	Falklands Government	Biosecurity Officer
Ian Campbell	Falklands Government	Senior Agricultural Adviser
Steve McClean	Falklands Government	Customs Officer
Trevor Glass	Tristan Government	Head of Conservation
Julian Repetto	Tristan Government	
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Anne Saunders	Joint Nature Conservation Committee (JNCC)	ACAP Co-ordinator, and JNCC South Atlantic Overseas Territories Conservation Officer
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## ANNEX 2: SUMMARY OF SAOT BIOSECURITY POLICY STATUS –

SAOT	Biosecurity policy?	Status (i.e. does it have an official government status), weblink + comments (e.g. is it covered by/included in another policy)
Ascension	No	Currently has no biosecurity policy or legislation. The development of a biosecurity strategy is a target of the National Biodiversity Action Plan <a href="http://www.ascension-island.gov.ac/government/conservation/projects/bap/">http://www.ascension-island.gov.ac/government/conservation/projects/bap/</a>
Falklands	No	Overarching environmental objective in the Falkland Islands Plan <a href="http://www.falklands.gov.fk/self-sufficiency/the-islands-plan/">http://www.falklands.gov.fk/self-sufficiency/the-islands-plan/</a>
South Georgia and South Sandwich islands	Yes	Biosecurity is covered in new South Georgia strategy for 2016-2020 which is in review and is available at: <a href="http://www.sgisland.gs/index.php/%28g%29SGSSI%20Draft%20Strategy%202016-2020?useskin=gov">http://www.sgisland.gs/index.php/%28g%29SGSSI Draft Strategy 2016-2020?useskin=gov</a>
St. Helena	Yes	Endorsed; links to national sustainable development plan and national agriculture policy. <a href="http://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/st-helena-biosecurity-service/">http://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/st-helena-biosecurity-service/</a>
Tristan da cunha	No	A National Biosecurity Policy ('Biosecurity Tristan da Cunha') is being drafted in collaboration with St Helena to provide a framework for mitigation against the risk of introduction of new potentially harmful pests to Tristan da Cunha. One action on biosecurity currently sits in the <a href="#">Biodiversity Action Plan</a>
UK	Yes	<a href="#">Invasive Non-Native Species Framework Strategy</a> for Great Britain