

PROJECT REPORTING FORM



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

COUNTRY: Tristan da Cunha

PROJECT TITLE: Enabling the people of Tristan da Cunha to implement the CBD in the Marine Environment (Project No. EIPD023). (JNCC Grant for algal identification)

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

The project was able to enter samples of almost all the different types of algae collected on Tristan during the project into this major international project. Sequencing of algae offers an up-to-date alternative to more laborious and costly morphological identification methods, and allows rapid comparison with entities from source countries either side of the South Atlantic (South Africa and South America). Tristan has many endemic species, and the inclusion of Tristan material in the database is of great value to the IBOL project.

PROBLEMS and RESOLUTION

The project took longer than anticipated to set up and complete, and, although the algae have been sequenced, results of genetic comparisons are still awaited. Meaningful results are partly dependent on data for comparison also being in the database; this is an ongoing, major international project and it may take some time for all relevant data to be submitted from other countries. However the inclusion of Tristan material should encourage other parties from either side of the Atlantic to submit their own algal samples.

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

ACTIVITY	ACTUAL OUTCOME	COMMENTS
1	Genetic sequencing achieved for all specimens submitted, results entered into IBOL database	Awaiting results of comparisons with other relevant databases - ongoing as these are updated and completed
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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 ✓ 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:**

I am delighted that this extra funding from JNCC enabled our project to enter Tristan material into a major, world-wide genetic sequencing programme. Tristan is a very special place and maintaining its marine biodiversity is vital for the Tristan economy. Accurate identification of key species such as seaweeds underpins sustainable management of Tristan's marine resources.
(Sue Scott)

- 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.**

A photographic guide to the marine life of Tristan da Cunha, including marine algae, has been produced as part of the main project, for use in education and training on Tristan. As this is in album form it is not possible to provide a copy.

- 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.**

The University of New Brunswick, Canada, provided sequencing service and interpretation expertise.

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