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## Darwin Plus: Overseas Territories Environment and Climate Fund

### What is it?

This is a UK Government funding stream dedicated to environmental projects in the UK Overseas Territories (co-funded by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra), the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) and the Department for International Development (DFID)).

The aim of the Fund is to help deliver long-term strategic outcomes for the natural environment in the UK's OTs.

### How much funding is available?

UK Government has committed up to £2m per year until 2015/16. There is no limit on the value of an individual project (successful projects have ranged from £8,000 to £285,000).

### Who is eligible to apply?

Applicants can be from anywhere in the world but projects must benefit one of the 14 UK Overseas Territories. Any type of organisation can apply: OT Governments; research institutions; private sector and NGOs.

### What sort of projects will it fund?

For the 2014 application round project themes were as follows:

- Habitat or species conservation
- Strengthening implementation of key international agreements (CBD, CITES and CMS)
- Economic valuation of natural resources (green economy)
- Sustainable development
- Environmental management
- Invasive alien species
- Climate change resilience, mitigation and adaption (including green energy)
- Water resources management;
- Waste management
- Environmental mainstreaming

### Where can I get more information?

For general information please see the Darwin Initiative website: <http://www.darwininitiative.org.uk/>

For specific policy enquiries please contact Sally Cunningham at the Darwin Secretariat in Defra (e-mail: [sally.cunningham@defra.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:sally.cunningham@defra.gsi.gov.uk)).

For practical advice on applications please contact Eilidh Young at our Darwin administrators (e-mail: [darwin-applications@ltsi.co.uk](mailto:darwin-applications@ltsi.co.uk)).

## Successful Darwin Plus projects in 2012:

DPLUS001	Bermuda invasive Lionfish control initiative	Bermuda Zoological Society	Bermuda	£169,898
DPLUS002	An autonomous seabird monitoring network for the southern ocean	University of Oxford	BAT, SGSSI	£215,848
DPLUS003	Biodiversity action planning in the Falkland Islands	Falklands Conservation	Falkland Islands	£105,200
DPLUS004	Upgrade and revision of reef survey resource	None - independent	Anguilla, Bermuda, BVI, Cayman, Montserrat, TCI	£8,000
DPLUS005	Sustainable management of the marine environment and resources of Tristan da Cunha	RSPB	Tristan da Cunha	£285,673
DPLUS006	Seed conservation in the Caribbean UKOTs	RBG Kew	Anguilla, BVI, Cayman, Montserrat, TCI	£95,755
DPLUS007	Using seabirds to inform Caribbean marine planning	University of Liverpool	Anguilla, BVI, Cayman, Montserrat, TCI	£226,367
DPLUS008	Rare plant census of St Helena	St Helena Nature Conservation Group	St Helena	£8,650
DPLUS009	Antarctic and sub-antarctic marine protected areas: using penguin tracking data to identify candidate areas	BAS - British Antarctic Survey	BAT, SGSSI	£142,176
DPLUS010	Coral nursery project in Little Cayman: enhancing resilience and natural capacity of coral reefs in the UKOTs	Central Caribbean Marine Institute	Cayman Islands	£41,631
DPLUS011	Ile Vache marine restoration project	Chagos Conservation Trust	BIOT	£32,256
DPLUS012	Conserving plant diversity and establishing ecosystem based approaches to the management of forest ecosystems in the BVIs	National Parks Trust of the Virgin Islands	BVI	£83,915
DPLUS013	Promoting the creation and appropriate management of protected areas in Anguilla and the Cayman Islands	Anguilla National Trust	Anguilla, Cayman	£193,568
DPLUS014	Conserving plant diversity and establishing ecosystem based approaches to the management of forest ecosystems in the BVIs	St Helena Active Participation in Enterprise (SHAPE)	St Helena	£99,200
			<b>Total</b>	<b>£1,708,137</b>

## Successful Darwin Plus projects in 2013:

DPLUS015	Strategic management of invasive alien plants on South Georgia	Government of South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands	South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands (SGSSI)	£92,200
DPLUS016	Caicos pine forests: mitigation for climate change and invasive species	Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew (RBG Kew)	Turks and Caicos Islands (TCI)	£199,693
DPLUS017	Lower plants inventory and conservation in the Falkland Islands	Falklands Conservation	Falkland Islands	£183,958
DPLUS018	Taxonomic and conservation status of <i>Oceanodroma</i> storm petrels in the South Atlantic	Government of St Helena	St Helena	£43,430
DPLUS019	Socio-economic aspects of turtle conservation in the Cayman Islands	Government of Cayman Islands	Cayman Islands	£149,904
DPLUS020	St Helena baseline assessment; a foundation for effective environmental management	Government of St Helena	St Helena	£96,700
DPLUS021	Ascension Island Marine Sustainability (AIMS) – a fisheries and marine biodiversity project	Government of Ascension	Ascension Island and the Falkland Islands	£261,087
DPLUS022	Anguilla National Ecosystem Assessment (NEA) - towards a green economy	Government of Anguilla	Anguilla	£190,500
DPLUS023	Building capacity for habitat restoration in the Falkland Islands	Falklands Conservation	Falkland Islands	£107,967
DPLUS024	Darwin Fellowship – MRes Carbon sequestration in community forests, St Helena	Government of St Helena	St Helena	£21,617
DPLUS025	Conservation of the spiky yellow woodlouse and black cabbage tree woodland on St Helena	St Helena Nature Conservation Group	St Helena	£37,090
DPLUS026	British Virgin Islands MPA and hydrographic survey capacity building	Centre for Environment, Fisheries & Aquaculture Science (CEFAS)	British Virgin Islands (BVI)	£253,443
DPLUS027	Marine spatial planning in the Falkland Islands	South Atlantic Environmental Research Institute (SAERI)	Falkland Islands	£151,572
DPLUS028	Assessing the conservation status of the Atlantic yellow-nosed albatross	RSPB	Tristan da Cunha	£82,081
DPLUS029	Securing St Helena's rare Cloud Forest trees and associated invertebrates	Government of St Helena	St Helena	£98,380
			<b>Total</b>	<b>£1,969,622</b>

## Successful Darwin Plus projects in 2014:

DPLUS030	Building systems and capacity to monitor and conserve BVI's flora	Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew	British Virgin Islands (BVI)	£99,896
DPLUS031	South Georgia Habitat Restoration Project: Final Phase	South Georgia Heritage Trust	South Georgia	£249,783
DPLUS032	Luc Clerveaux: Fellowship	Marine Conservation Society	Turks and Caicos Islands	£28,935
DPLUS033	Enhancing biosecurity and biological control capacity in the Falkland Islands	CABI International	Falkland Islands	£107,539
DPLUS034	Fastouri marsh restoration and a flagship wetland in the Cyprus Sovereign Base Areas (SBAs)	Birdlife - Cyprus	Cyprus SBAs	£248,073
DPLUS035	BVI seabird recovery planning programme	University of Roehampton	British Virgin Islands	£47,907
DPLUS036	Sustainable management of threatened predators to enhance reef resilience	Marine Conservation International	Cayman Islands	£173,439
DPLUS037	Conserving the genetic diversity of St Helena's endemic flora	Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew	St Helena	£69,247
DPLUS038	Mapping Ascension Island's Terrestrial Ecosystem	Ascension Island Government	Ascension Island	£39,835
DPLUS039	Sustainable development and management of St Helena fisheries and marine tourism	Government of St Helena	St Helena	£270,737
DPLUS040	Securing the future for St Helena's endemic invertebrates	St Helena National Trust	St Helena	£179,332
			<b>Total</b>	<b>£1,514,723</b>

## Successful Darwin Plus projects in 2015:

	Water Security and Sustainable Cloud Forest Restoration on St Helena		St Helena	£123,356
	Mapping St Helena's Biodiversity and Natural Environment		St Helena	£212,135
	Project Pinnamin: conserving northern rockhopper penguins on Tristan da Cunha		Tristan da Cunha	£199,068
	Waste to warmth - cardboard into insulation boards and fuel bricks		St Helena	£99,650
	Maximising long-term survival prospects of Montserrat's endemic species and ecosystem-services		Montserrat	£165,400
	Creating a Terrestrial Action Plan for the Chagos Archipelago		British Indian Ocean Territory (BIOT)	£243,074
	Consolidating local capacity for sustainable restoration and monitoring of Protected Areas in the Virgin Islands		British Virgin Islands (BVI)	£85,413
	Tracking marine megafauna at Ascension Island: towards evidence-based 'blue belts'		Ascension Island	£48,568
	Reduce, reuse, recycle – developing a waste management strategy for Ascension		Ascension Island	£99,993
	Dolphins of the kelp: Data priorities for Falkland's inshore cetaceans.		Falkland Islands	£269,910
	Assessment, protection and actions for important seabird populations in the Cayman Islands		Cayman Islands	£201,985
	Managing Antarctic krill fisheries: identifying candidate marine areas for protection		South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands (SGSSI), British Antarctic Territory (BAT)	£99,937
	Mapping Anguilla's 'Blue Belt' Ecosystem Services		Anguilla	£271,238
	South Georgia Habitat Restoration Project: Post-baiting Phase		SGSSI	£97,0000
			<b>Total</b>	<b>£2,216.727</b>