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Section 1 - Project Title & Contact Details

Q1. Project Title

Saving the Griffon Vulture from extinction in SBAs and Cyprus

Q2. Please select whether you are applying as an organisation or as an individual (Guidance section 3 and Guidance Glossary)

Organisation

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Section 2 - Overseas Territory(ies)

Q3. Overseas Territory (Guidance section 1.3):

Which UK Overseas Territory(ies) will your project be working in? Please note that in case of a non-permanent resident population you need to demonstrate a clear, meaningful, long-term link to the territory.

Sovereign Base Areas of Akrotiri and Dhekelia (on Cyprus)

* if you have indicated a territory group with an asterisk, please give detail on which territories you are working on here:

No Response

In addition to the UKOT(s) you have indicated, will your project directly benefit any other UK OT(s) or country(ies)?

Yes

Please list these below and describe how they will benefit:

Republic of Cyprus: the neighboring RoC will benefit from project actions as the project target species, the Griffon Vulture, ranges beyond the SBAs into RoC areas also. In fact, and even though the Akrotiri SBA hosts what has in recent decades been the most important remaining Griffon Vulture breeding site, there is no sense in treating these adjacent territories as anything but one ecological entity in the context of this effort to prevent the extinction of the vulture. Therefore, where appropriate, project actions will extend beyond the SBA boundaries to cover key areas of the vulture's range within the RoC.

Section 3 - Project Partners


Q4. Project partners (Guidance section 3.2)


In this section, please give details of all the partners involved (including the Lead Partner) and provide a summary of their roles.


Project Leader name (Guidance section 3.1): BirdLife Cyprus


Lead Partner name (if applying as an organisation; Guidance section 3.1):	BirdLife Cyprus
Lead Partner Website (if applicable):	www.birdlifecyprus.org
Is the Lead Partner based in a UKOT where the project is working (Guidance section 3.1)?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes
List other partners involved and where are they based:	none
Summary of roles and responsibilities of each partner in the project:	<p>BirdLife Cyprus (BC) is the leading nature conservation NGO in Cyprus, working across the Republic of Cyprus (RoC) and the Sovereign Base Areas (SBAs) for the protection of birds and their habitats. BC maintains an office with 16 qualified staff and has successfully managed projects funded by, among others, Darwin, the European Commission and the MAVA Foundation.</p> <p>BC prepared this project proposal and will have sole responsibility for its management and implementation, working closely with relevant stakeholders in the SBAs and beyond, as appropriate. BC has been actively involved in efforts and actions to save the Griffon Vulture in Cyprus in recent years (including through implementation of an ongoing EU LIFE-funded project) and will draw on the experience gained to implement the actions proposed here, effectively and within project timeframes. We have experience in vulture population monitoring and in working in areas of direct relevance to the current proposal, such as site protection and management, awareness and communications work, and the poison bait issue and the challenges involved in tackling this ecologically harmful illegal activity. Furthermore, BC has over the years built good working relationships with key relevant stakeholders. Such stakeholders are the SBA Administration and Environment Department, the Akrotiri Environmental Education Centre, the SBA Police, enforcement and environmental departments in the Republic of Cyprus, and local shepherds in the areas the vulture ranges over.</p>
I confirm that all listed partners are aware of this application and have indicated support:	Checked

Attach a Cover Letter for your application (Guidance section 4.2).

 [Cover letter for Cyprus vultures R3 DPlus Local](#)

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Section 4 - Project Summary & Description

Q5. Project Summary (Guidance section 3.8)

Please provide a brief summary of your project. This may be used in communication activities and/or published online, if your application is successful.

Our project aims at protecting the crucial Griffon Vulture nesting cliffs at Episkopi, Akrotiri SBA, an action key to saving this majestic bird from extinction in the SBAs and Cyprus. Allied to this will be training workshops for enforcement bodies, to increase cooperation and effectiveness in tackling illegal poison bait use - the biggest threat driving vultures to extinction - plus awareness-raising actions and work with local shepherds to set up novel farm feeding stations, providing safe food for vultures.

Q6a. Description (Guidance section 2.1 and 6)

Please provide a description of your project, including:

- the overall objective
- the current situation and the problem the project is trying to address
- what success will look like and how you will measure it

Please be as specific as possible when describing the project, using quantified data and evidence where available. You may wish to consider: what are the specific threats to the environment that the project will attempt to address, and what should we know about these threats? What does your successful project look like? And how will you demonstrate whether and how your project has been successful?

The project objective is to effectively protect the key Griffon Vulture nesting colony at Episkopi (Zapalo) Cliffs, within the Akrotiri Sovereign Base Area (SBA), raise awareness about the vulture's urgent plight, build effectiveness of anti-poisoning efforts and improve safe feeding conditions for vultures, thus helping prevent the extinction of this majestic bird.

The Griffon Vulture (*Gyps fulvus*) is the most threatened bird in Cyprus - fewer than 30 individuals remaining. These carrion-eating birds were abundant in the first half of the twentieth century, with up to 140 individuals observed at one carcass. However, from the 1950s onwards, frequent poisoning incidents and decreased food availability caused a rapid population decline, to just 14 individuals in 2005. A recent Population Viability Analysis predicts that, without effective intervention, the island population will go extinct in the next 15 years, largely due to high poisoning frequency. Illegal poison baits continue to exact a deadly toll on the vultures, and this project aims to make a difference by building enforcement capacity to tackle poisoning, increasing safe feeding opportunities for vultures, raising awareness and implementing visitor management actions to protect one of only two remaining nesting sites in Cyprus, at Episkopi Cliffs, Akrotiri. This site has been the most important for vultures in Cyprus in recent decades, but nests failed in 2022 and 2023, with increased disturbance at the coastal cliffs the most likely reason for this. This project will not work alongside ongoing EU-funded efforts to save the vulture, extending and replicating actions within the Republic of Cyprus (RoC) to the SBAs.

Through this project, BirdLife Cyprus will work with the SBA Administration (and especially the SBA Environment Department) and with relevant RoC authorities, to implement the following targeted conservation actions:

1. Creation of a 'Farm Feeding Station' at Sterakovou, a short distance from the Episkopi cliffs colony. This action will involve working with local shepherds to establish a fenced plot where they can leave out dead livestock for the vultures to eat, trialing a 'closer-to-natural' and community-based method of providing poison-free carrion for the birds. Such Feeding Stations have operated with success in Sardinia. As some shepherds do use illegal poison baits to protect their livestock from foxes and dogs, this action - alongside awareness-raising - can also act to bring them 'on-side'.
2. Reducing disturbance at Episkopi vulture nesting cliffs. This action will involve the erection of a gate on the

main track down to the popular beach below the vulture cliffs, to enable management of access to the area, which is right under vulture nesting sites. In addition to this, signage will be placed at all key access points to the cliffs area, informing visitors of the importance and sensitivity of the cliffs as a protected wildlife site.

3. Trainings on Wildlife Crime Investigation for SBA Police and SBA Environment department wardens. This action will build on the highly successful training programme started under the EU-Funded 'LIFE with Vultures' project (<https://birdlifecyprus.org/life-with-vultures/>) and will involve transfer of experience from RoC authorities and BirdLife Cyprus to relevant SBA enforcement bodies, mainly through seminars involving RoC and SBA enforcers. Securing effective and coordinated action against poison baits use in the countryside - a widespread problem - is key to reducing vulture mortality.

4. Education and awareness-raising actions, focusing on local shepherds but also the wider public, including school-children. This action in cooperation with the SBA Akrotiri Environmental Education Centre.

In the short-term, project success will be measured in terms of operation of the Farm Feeding Station, participation in training seminars and reduced disturbance at Episkopi Cliffs, while long-term, vulture breeding on the cliffs is the key metric.

Q6b. Long-term sustainability (Guidance section 2.1 and 6)

Please describe the long-term benefits of the project and the change it will bring about. How will the outcomes of the project be sustained after the funding is finished?

This project can contribute to saving Griffon Vultures, which have a crucial ecosystem role as obligate scavengers operating as nature's 'clean up crew', helping prevent the spread of disease.

Protecting key bird sites such as the Episkopi Cliffs has wider biodiversity benefits, beyond the immediate benefits vultures. These cliffs are important for other bird species, such Mediterranean Shags, but also for bats and flora, while turtles nest on Episkopi Cliffs beach.


Building capacity for tackling poison bait use will benefit not only vultures - for whom poisoning is the biggest threat - but also for a whole range of other wildlife (Ravens, Foxes, etc.), for companion animals (dogs often eat poison baits) and for man (baits pose a risk for countryside users).


Specialized training on wildlife crime investigation, provided through this project, builds relevant capacity (and cooperation between enforcement bodies), ensuring increased long-term effectiveness in the tackling of poison bait use.


Awareness raising actions build public support for and engagement in nature conservation efforts, while working with local shepherds to set up farm feeding stations builds support for vulture conservation.


After-project, BC will build on the increased momentum actions will generate, including through securing on-going funding for anti-poison bait actions.

(Optional) Please upload any additional and supporting materials or files (such as maps of project sites, etc) below. Maximum of 5 sides of A4, and is combined as a single PDF:

 [Supporting material BC Vultures](#)

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Section 5 - Project Outcome(s)

Q7. Project Outcome(s) (Guidance section 1.2)

Successful Darwin Plus Local projects must demonstrate measurable outcomes in at least one of the themes of Darwin Plus with a clear focus on biodiversity and the natural environment, either by the end of the project or soon after through a credible plan.

Please confirm that your project has a clear focus on biodiversity and the natural environment.

Checked **Biodiversity: improving and conserving biodiversity, and slowing or reversing biodiversity loss and degradation;**

Checked **Climate change: responding to, mitigating and adapting to climate change and its effects on the natural environment and local communities;**

Checked **Environmental quality: improving the condition and protection of the natural environment**

Checked **Capability and capacity building: enhancing the capacity within OTs, including through community engagement and awareness, to support the environment in the short- and long-term.**

Please justify your selection. Please use quantitative information where possible here.

Preventing Griffon Vulture extinction will represent a major conservation success, as this emblematic species is on the brink of extinction in the SBAs and Cyprus. Furthermore, tackling threats such disturbance at key wildlife sites and poison bait use will make a significant wider contribution to biodiversity conservation, as these issues are relevant for many local species.

Establishing farm feeding stations leads to reduced CO2 emissions, as livestock farmers avoid having to ferry dead animals to centralized disposal sites.

Restoring vultures as 'nature's clean-up crew' improves environmental quality, while targeted wildlife crime prevention training builds key capacity among OT enforcement bodies.

Section 6 - Workplan

Q8. Workplan (Guidance section 2.2)

Please provide anticipated dates for the start and end of your planned project here. Please use the Darwin Plus Local Project Workplan (available at: [Darwin Plus website](#)) to provide a list of the individual activities you have planned for this project, a brief description of what each activity entails, and the months in which the activities will be carried out. If the project involves only one activity (e.g. a purchase), please still provide project start and end dates (noting estimated times for procurement). Please note that your project must start after 1 April 2024 and be completed by 31 March 2025.

Start date:	End date:	Duration (e.g. 3 months):
01 April 2024	31 March 2025	12 months

Please upload the completed Darwin Plus Local Project Workplan with your proposed project activities here

Section 7 - Costs

Q9. Costs (Guidance section 2.2 and please read the Finance Guidance)

Please provide a breakdown of costs to be funded through Darwin Plus Local (in GBP).

Are you seeking any matched funding for this project?

No

Budget line	Explanation	Cost in GBP
Staff costs:	<p>This covers the cost of four existing, experienced BirdLife Cyprus employees to be assigned to manage and implement the project, delivering on project tasks.</p> <p>Tasks to be implemented by the team of four are as detailed under section Q6a 'Description' and include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The establishment of a 'farm feeding station' for vultures,2. Protection (access management) for the key Griffon Vulture nesting colony at Episkopi (Zapalo) Cliffs,3. Coordinating trainings to build effectiveness of anti-poisoning efforts, and4. Awareness-raising about the vulture's urgent plight	
Consultancy costs:	<p>These costs relate to implementation of the action for reducing disturbance at Episkopi (Zapalo) vulture nesting cliffs.</p> <p>Specifically, we need expert external support for the making and erection of a gate on the main track down to the popular beach below the vulture cliffs, to enable management of access to the area.</p> <p>In addition to this, signage - to be placed at all key access points to the cliffs area - will be designed by an external designer and made by a sign-maker. Almost 20 such signs are planned.</p>	
Overhead costs:	<p>To cover the overheads of the project lead, BirdLife Cyprus, to support the management and running the project.</p>	
Travel & subsistence costs:	<p>All four project actions will involve travel to attend meetings and seminars, visit sites, carry out awareness-raising activities and liaise with shepherds and other key stakeholders.</p>	
Operating costs:	<p>These costs relate to action 3, namely coordinating trainings to build effectiveness of anti-poisoning efforts.</p>	

Capital equipment:	Costs of capital equipment for establishment of the novel 'Farm Feeding Station' at Sterakovou, a short distance from the Episkopi cliffs vulture colony. This action will involve working with local shepherds to establish a fenced plot where they can leave out dead livestock for vultures to eat.	██████████
Other Costs	To cover costs of educational materials for action 4, Awareness-raising about the vulture's urgent plight, an action to be carried out in cooperation with the SBA Akrotiri Environmental Education Centre	██████████
Total:		██████████

This section provides more information on the budget to help evaluators understand how you will use the funds you are requesting. You do not need to list all costs, but please list and detail costs of more than £1,000 per item below, under the appropriate budget line.

Details of staff costs over £1,000 (if relevant)

Project Coordinator, Melpo Apostolidou (58 days assigned to project, day rate of ██████████) to manage the project and implement tasks 1, 2 & 3.

Communications Coordinator, Elena Markitani (12 days assigned to project, day rate of ██████████) to implement task 3.

Education and Development Officer, Christia Alexandrou (20 days assigned to project, day rate of ██████████) to implement task 4.

Conservation Projects Officer, Martha Petrou (130 days assigned to project, day rate of ██████████) to implement all tasks.

Details of overhead costs over £1,000 (if relevant):

This was calculated as 5% of the total costs of the budget lines of the four project actions.

Details of travel and subsistence costs over £1,000 (if relevant):

Many of the project sites (such as the Episkopi Cliffs, where vultures breed, and Sterakovou, where the 'farm feeding station' will be set up) are relatively remote and cannot be reached by public transport, so relevant actions will involve fuel costs for travel with BC office vehicles, while awareness-raising activities will also involve road travel to schools and shepherd's farmsteads.

Details of operating costs over £1,000 (if relevant):

Cost of venue rental, catering and materials for a seminar for training and knowledge exchange on Wildlife Crime Investigation for SBA Police and SBA Environment department wardens. This seminar will involve transfer of experience from RoC authorities and BirdLife Cyprus to relevant SBA enforcement bodies, and up to 40 participants are expected to take part.

Details of capital equipment costs over £1,000 (if relevant):

This covers 'Farm Feeding Station' establishment and operation costs relating to:

1. Cost of electric fencing to keep foxes and stray dogs out of the Farm Feeding Station (estimated at ██████████)

2. Cost of a trail camera (and SD card) to monitor the running of the Farm Feeding Station by the shepherds and its use by feeding vultures (estimated cost of ██████████)

Details of consultancy costs over £1,000 (if relevant):

Expert external support for the making and erection of a gate on the main track down to the popular beach below the vulture cliffs, to enable management of access to the area, will cost an estimated [REDACTED].

In addition to this, signage - to be placed at all key access points to the Episkopi Cliff beach, will be designed by an external designer and made by a sign-maker. Almost 20 such signs are planned, at an estimated cost of [REDACTED].

Details of other costs over £1,000 (if relevant)

Action 4 on Awareness-raising about the vulture's urgent plight, will involve organizing events for shepherds and their families (key stakeholders in the vulture-saving effort) and also for the wider public, with a focus on schoolchildren.

These actions require the production of educational materials such as games and leaflets, of vulture-themed T-shirts for handing out at events (to shepherds and their families)

If your project budget was prepared in another currency and converted to GBP, please provide the exchange rate, its source, and the date it was accessed:

Other currency:	Exchange rate:	Source of this exchange rate:	Date exchange rate accessed:
EURO	0.8647	https://www.xe.com/currencyconverter	29 November 2023

Darwin Plus Local has been created to build capacity and contribute to local economies in-territory.

What % of the total will be spent in the OTs? 84

If less than 80% of the total project spend is to be spent within the OT(s), please explain why.

No Response

Section 8 - Local and National Priorities

Q10. Local and national priorities

Please explain how this project aligns with local and national priorities? You may wish to consider the project in the context of national environmental laws, objectives, strategies, territory specific agreements, action plans or policies.

As an endangered species, the Griffon Vulture is strictly protected under the SBA Game and Wild Birds Ordinance 21/2008, which mirrors the RoC law transposing EU Birds Directive provisions.

Episkopi Cliffs are the key nesting site for the species in Cyprus and are designated as a Special Protection Area (the equivalent of an EU NATURA 200 site) under the Ordinance. The Sovereign Base Administration (SBAA) therefore has a statutory obligation to protect the species and its habitat and maintain and/or improve its conservation status through management actions, awareness raising and preventative action to reduce population decline.


Actions under the project will contribute to the direct protection of the site (through the placing of the barrier for access control), assist in the reduction of poisoning incidents (creation of a feeding station in close proximity to the Episkopi Cliffs and increased enforcement capacity in combatting wildlife crime). Project actions will also raise awareness with a view to minimising potentially damaging activities to the site and the species (educational programmes and awareness actions for local shepherds and the wider public).


The RoC has similar obligations to protect the vulture, arising from the Birds Directive, and project actions will help in meeting these commitments.


Will the project take place on Government owned land or water or involve biocontrol, invasive alien species control or eradication?


Yes

Please attach evidence that you have Government support for this project i.e. a Letter of Support. Applications which indicate that they do not take place on Government land or water, but which propose work that appears to the reviewers would be difficult/impossible to carry out without working on government land or waters may be ineligible if no Letter of Support is provided.

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Section 9 - Project Risks

Q11. Project Risks

Please demonstrate your consideration of any risks involved in this project and how you intend to manage them. Please note the importance of health and safety and environmental risk assessment in the design of your project. If there is any possibility that your project may have negative impacts on the environment or human health, it is important that you provide a comprehensive analysis of potential environmental and human health risks, and the prevention measures you will take to ensure the work does not cause harm.

Depending on your project, you may wish to consider:

- Biosecurity risks – particularly for projects involving external equipment.
- Safeguarding risks – particularly for projects involving vulnerable groups such as children, older people or people with disabilities.

Risk

Mitigation

Reluctance and/or failure of key stakeholders to engage actively and effectively with key project actions, and in particular the actions relating to working with local shepherds to set up 'farm feeding stations' for vultures and SBA authorities to participate in Wildlife Crime Prevention training programmes.

This risk is minimized and effectively countered by the work BirdLife Cyprus has already done in building contacts and good communication with the two stakeholder groups involved, namely local shepherds and SBA authorities (including SBA Police).

In particular, engagement through the on-going EU-funded 'LIFE with Vultures' programme - which focuses on RoC areas - has facilitated this, to a point where we are confident these stakeholders will be willing to actively engage with the current project.

Safeguarding risks - though this project does not have a focus on or particular involvement with vulnerable groups, project activities do involve contact with the general public so this risk area cannot be ignored.

BirdLife Cyprus (BC) implements a Safeguarding Policy that has been approved by the organization's Council. The purpose of this policy is to protect people, particularly children, vulnerable adults and beneficiaries of assistance, from any harm (psychological, physical and any other infringement of an individual's rights) that may be caused due to their coming into contact with BC. The BC Safeguarding policy covers the organization's own employees and also all associated personnel whilst engaged with work or visits related to BC. As project leader, BC will ensure safeguarding principles and practices are applied in all project activities.

COVID-19 risks: while the COVID-19 pandemic does not - at present - pose as big a risk as it did in recent years, there remains a risk that the pandemic could limit the carrying out of events, project meetings, field work and project activities in general.

This risk will be limited by using tele-conferencing and virtual events as alternatives as needed, and by following all up-to-date advice issued by health authorities in the SBAs and Republic of Cyprus, regarding precautions relating to COVID-19.

Do you require more fields?

No

Section 10 - Terms & Conditions

Q12. Terms and conditions (Guidance section 3.10)

By applying for Darwin Plus Local you are adhering in full to the grant Terms and Conditions in full (available at: [Darwin Plus website](#) and as referenced in the Guidance at section 3.10). For information, the Terms and Conditions include requirements for all applicants to (amongst other requirements as per the full Terms and Conditions):

- Uphold a zero tolerance for inaction approach to tackling sexual exploitation, abuse, and harassment.
- Where appropriate, make all reasonable and adequate efforts to address gender inequality and other power imbalances.
- Notify all cases of fraud and theft (whether proven or suspected) relating to the project to the Grant Administrator as soon as they identified.

Please indicate you have read, and understood, and will adhere to the Terms and Conditions.

Checked

Supporting documents list (please have these ready to attach with application)

- Cover Letter of no more than two A4 pages. (Guidance section: 4.2 has information on what this cover letter should include).
- If the project takes place on public land or water or is addressing invasive alien species, a Letter of support from OT Government.
- Project Workplan in the template provided for Darwin Plus Local (available at: [Darwin Plus website](#)).
- Map and additional information (optional) maximum five additional pages.

If your application is successful

If your project application is successful, the Fund Administrator (NIRAS) will ask you to provide some financial evidence for due diligence checks before you receive your project grant. (Please see section 3.3 of the Darwin Plus Local Finance Guidance). Please be ready to provide this evidence promptly.

- **Financial evidence for organisations:** Year-end financial statements, the latest management accounts or audited accounts (if you have these).
- **Financial evidence for individuals:** Proof of identity such as a passport, ID card or driving licence and solvency (such as bank statements) and a police check.

Section 11 - Certification

Certification

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the statements made in this application are true and the information provided is correct.

Checked

I have the authority to submit an application on behalf of my organisation.

Checked

Name: Martin Hellicar

**Position in the organisation:
(if applicable)** Director

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Section 12 - Submission Checklist

Checklist for submission

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I have read the Guidance documents, including the “Darwin Plus Local Guidance” and the “Darwin Plus Local Finance Guidance”.	Checked
If my proposed project takes place on public lands or water or is addressing alien invasive species, I have uploaded a Letter of Support from Government.	Checked
I have uploaded a cover letter that details the information requested in the guidance (Guidance section 4.2 has information on what this cover letter should include).	Checked
I have read, and can meet, the current Terms and Conditions for this fund.	Checked
I have provided actual start and end dates for my project that fit this Round.	Checked
I have provided my summary budget based on UK government financial years i.e. 1 April – 31 March and in GBP in the application form.	Checked
I have uploaded my project workplan using the specific template provided.	Checked
I have uploaded all supplementary documents if I have any.	Checked
(If copying and pasting into Flexi-Grant) I have checked that all my responses have been successfully copied into the online application form.	Checked
The application has been signed by a suitably authorised individual (clear electronic or scanned signatures are acceptable).	Checked
I have checked the Darwin Plus website immediately prior to submission to ensure there are no late updates.	Checked
I have read and understood the Privacy Notice on the Darwin Plus website.	Checked

We would like to keep in touch!

Please check this box if you would be happy for the lead applicant (Flexi-Grant Account Holder) and project leader (if different) to be added to our mailing list. Through our mailing list we share updates on upcoming and current application rounds under Darwin Plus. We also provide occasional updates on other UK Government activities related to biodiversity conservation and share project news. You are free to unsubscribe at any time.

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Data protection and use of personal data

Information supplied in the application form, including personal data, will be used by Defra as set out in the **Privacy Notice**, available from the [Forms and Guidance Portal](#).

This **Privacy Notice must be provided to all individuals** whose personal data is supplied in the application form. Some information may be used when publicising Darwin Plus including project details (usually title, lead partner, project leader, location, and total grant value).

Project Title:

Darwin Plus Local

Provide a **Workplan** that shows the key milestones in project activities. Complete the following table as appropriate to describe the intended workplan for your project. Round 3 is for a **maximum of 12 months** with activities starting from 1 April 2024. All activities must be completed by 31 March 2025.

Please add/remove columns to reflect the length of your project. For each activity (add/remove rows as appropriate) indicate the number of months it will last, and shade only the months in which an activity will be carried out. The workplan can span multiple pages if necessary.

Activity #	Description (max 25 words)	No. of months	UK Financial Year 2024/25											
			Calendar Year 2024									Calendar Year 2025		
			Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
1	Creation of shepherds' 'Farm Feeding Station' to provide safe carrion for vultures, a short distance from the key Episkopi cliffs colony, Akrotiri SBA.	12												
2	Reducing disturbance at Episkopi vulture nesting cliffs. Erection of gate on the main track down to the beach below the vulture cliffs and visitor signage.	6												
3	Trainings on Wildlife Crime Investigation for SBA Police and SBA Environment department wardens. Transfer of knowledge and experience from existing RoC programme.	9												
4	Education and awareness-raising actions, focusing on local shepherds but also the wider public, including school-children. This action in cooperation with the SBA Environment Department.	9												