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Section 1 - Project Title & Contact Details

Q1. Project Title

Unveiling sea turtle movements using acoustic tracking in Cayman Islands

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. Please state whether the same (or a similar) project proposal has previously been submitted (or you are planning to submit it) to the UK Government for funding. This includes through Darwin Plus Local, Defra's other Darwin Plus grant schemes or other UK Government funding mechanisms. Failure to share this information may result in the application being ineligible (see Guidance section 2.1.1).

☐ No

Q4. Overseas Territory (Guidance section 1.3):

Which UK Overseas Territory(ies) will your project be working in?

☐ Cayman Islands

*** 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)?

☐ No

Section 3 - Project Partners

Q5. Project partners (Guidance section 3.2)

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

Project Leader name:
(Guidance section 3.1)

Alejandro Prat Varela

Lead Organisation name:
(if applying as an organisation;
Guidance section 3.1)

Cayman Islands Department of Environment

**Lead Organisation Website (if
applicable):**

<https://doe.ky/>

**Is the Lead Organisation based
in a UKOT where the project is
working?**
(Guidance section 3.1)

☐ Yes

**List other partners involved
and where are they based:**

The other partners involved in the project are Dr. Jane Hardwick, Research Officer II and Project Lead for the Darwin Project DPLUS184, and Mr. Joseph Roche Chaloner, Project Lead for the same Darwin Project. Both are based in the Cayman Islands and are affiliated with the Department of Environment, contributing their expertise to the research and protection of sea turtles in the region.

Summary of roles and responsibilities of each partner in the project:

Alejandro Prat-Varela, the project leader, oversees coordination, planning, and execution, ensuring successful field operations, accurate data collection, equipment deployment, and safety protocols. He also manages the project's timeline, budget, and reporting, maintaining alignment with conservation goals and ensuring smooth progress.

Dr. Jane Hardwick, the co-leader, supervises the project's scientific design and integration with other initiatives, including the Darwin Grant-funded study on climate change impacts on sea turtles. Her expertise ensures that the data collected is scientifically robust and contributes to broader conservation efforts.

Joseph Roche-Chaloner, Field Leader, organizes the practical aspects of fieldwork, including the deployment of acoustic transmitters and the collection of data on sea turtles. He ensures the safe and precise handling of the turtles and manages the overall safety of field operations.

Together, the team combines strong leadership, scientific expertise, and operational experience to ensure the success of the project, contributing valuable data to the conservation of sea turtles.

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).

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Section 4 - Project Summary & Description

Q6. 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.

This project uses acoustic transmitters and an existing acoustic receiver network to track hawksbill (*Eretmochelys imbricata*), green (*Chelonia mydas*), and loggerhead (*Caretta caretta*) sea turtles. The data collected will identify key feeding, interesting, and breeding areas, supporting conservation efforts and guiding protection strategies for these endangered species, ultimately aiding in the preservation of marine biodiversity in the Cayman Islands.

Q7a. 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 aims to address critical conservation challenges faced by marine turtles in the region by enhancing our understanding of their movement patterns, habitat use, and migratory behaviors. Through the deployment of acoustic telemetry tags, the project will collect vital data that will inform conservation strategies, ensuring the protection of key habitats and the long-term survival of these species.

Marine turtles, including green, hawksbill, and loggerhead turtles, play a crucial role in maintaining healthy marine ecosystems. In the Cayman Islands, they contribute to the balance of seagrass beds and coral reefs. However, these species face numerous threats, such as habitat degradation from coastal development, pollution, and unsustainable tourism practices, which have led to the destruction of critical feeding and nesting sites. Climate change further impacts turtle populations by altering nesting success and feeding areas. Additionally, human-turtle conflicts like illegal poaching and bycatch in fisheries continue to exacerbate the pressures on these populations. Despite their ecological importance, there is insufficient data on turtle migration routes and feeding habits, which hinders effective conservation efforts.

This project will track 22 marine turtles using acoustic tags to identify their migration patterns and seasonal behaviors. This includes 7 juvenile hawksbill turtles, 7 juvenile green turtles, 3 adult male green turtles, and 5 adult female loggerhead turtles. The primary objective is to gather data that will pinpoint key feeding, interesting, and breeding areas, which are essential for conserving these species. The success of the project will be measured through several outcomes:

1. Mapping Turtle Movement Patterns: The data collected will allow us to map the migration routes of marine turtles, revealing previously unknown or under-protected habitats. Success will be measured by the number of tags deployed, the quantity and quality of the data gathered, and the identification of critical turtle habitats.
2. Conservation of Priority Habitats: The information obtained will inform conservation actions, including the designation of new marine protected areas and improvements in existing conservation measures. Success will be assessed based on the extent to which the data is used to influence local environmental policies and enhance protections for identified habitats.
3. Capacity Building and Local Engagement: The project will provide training for local staff and stakeholders in the use of telemetry technology, data collection, and conservation practices. Success will be measured by the number of local people trained and engaged in the project, and the integration of these skills into future conservation activities.
4. Sustainable Policy and Long-Term Impact: The project will contribute to the development of sustainable conservation frameworks for marine turtles in the Cayman Islands. The success of this outcome will be measured by the integration of project findings into local policies and the creation of sustainable financing mechanisms for long-term turtle conservation.

To measure success, both quantitative and qualitative indicators will be used. Quantitative measures include the number of turtles tagged and tracked, the amount of data collected, the number of new conservation areas created, and the number of local staff trained. Qualitative success will be evaluated through stakeholder engagement, the incorporation of project findings into local policy, and the effectiveness of community outreach and education initiatives. Regular monitoring and evaluations will ensure the project's strategies remain effective and adaptive, and the results will be publicly shared to maximize their impact on both local and global conservation efforts.

By focusing on marine turtles, this project contributes directly to the preservation of biodiversity, helping to mitigate environmental threats and fostering local capacity to address future challenges. The data collected will guide the management of marine ecosystems and promote sustainable conservation practices, aligning with the goals of the Darwin Plus Local fund.

Q7b. 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?

The long-term sustainability of the project lies in its ability to generate actionable data that will inform lasting conservation efforts. By identifying critical feeding and breeding habitats, the project will directly contribute to the establishment of protected areas and improved management practices for marine turtle conservation in the Cayman Islands. These outcomes will continue to benefit turtle populations long after the project's completion.

Capacity building is another key aspect of sustainability. Through training local staff in telemetry technologies and conservation practices, the project will enhance the long-term conservation capacity of local authorities and stakeholders. This knowledge will be integrated into future management plans and conservation strategies.

Additionally, the project will create a foundation for ongoing data collection, with local stakeholders utilizing the tracking equipment and methodology for future monitoring of turtle populations. Policy and advocacy efforts will ensure that the data continues to influence local environmental policies, securing further protections for marine turtles.

Finally, the project's findings will inform sustainable financing strategies, creating opportunities for continued funding and support for long-term conservation. By embedding these outcomes into local practices and policies, the project will ensure the continued protection and monitoring of marine turtle populations beyond the funding period.

(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:

- ☐ Cayman Islands_Acoustic receiver network
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Section 5 - Project Outcome(s)

Q8. 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 note: Any proposals including research or monitoring are required to demonstrate a clear link to tangible outcomes for conservation of biodiversity and the natural environment. Please explain how any new research will be applied to drive environmental outcomes on the ground.

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;**

Please tick which additional theme(s) of Darwin Plus your project contributes to (if relevant):

Unchecked	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.

The project will contribute to the conservation of biodiversity, specifically improving the protection of key feeding and breeding habitats for marine turtles. By mapping their movement, we aim to reduce habitat degradation and provide data that can be used for long-term management plans.

Themes:

- Biodiversity: Tracking turtle movements will help us conserve critical habitats and reverse habitat loss.
- Environmental quality: The data will aid in improving protection measures for key marine environments.
- Capacity building: We will engage local stakeholders in data collection, enhancing conservation skills within the community.

Section 6 - Workplan

Q9. 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: <https://darwinplus.org.uk/how-to-apply/local-applications/>) 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 2025 and be completed by 31 March 2026.

Start date:	End date:	Duration (e.g. 3 months):
01 April 2025	31 March 2026	12 months

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

- ☐ [R5_DPlus_Local_Implementation_Timetable_Template_-_FINAL](#)
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Section 7 - Costs

Q10. 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? (Please note that this is optional and there is no requirement to seek matched funding for Darwin Plus Local projects).

☐ No

Budget line	Explanation	Cost in GBP
Staff costs:	Staff costs include two full-time members (£/month for eight and six months, respectively) to manage fieldwork coordination, data collection, and overall project oversight. Additionally, three field assistants (£/month for three months each) will support fieldwork activities. These roles are critical for ensuring effective project implementation and achieving conservation goals for marine turtles in the Cayman Islands.	
Consultancy costs:	A data analyst and a training consultant to provide necessary training for staff on adult male turtles tagging and safe handling. These consultants will ensure the project follows best practices and generates high-quality data.	
Overhead costs:	Health insurance for the two full-time staff members and support for infrastructure needs such as logistics, communication, and tools for data analysis. These costs ensure the well-being of staff and the smooth execution and monitoring of the project.	
Travel & subsistence costs:	Transportation, accommodation, and per diem for staff and consultants, including international and local travel to the Cayman Islands, training locations, and field sites. It also includes expenses for attending conferences to present findings, engage with experts, and foster collaboration in marine conservation.	
Operating costs:	Operating costs for the project, including equipment maintenance, local transportation, fuel for boats, and fieldwork supplies, will be covered by the Cayman Islands Department of Environment. This support ensures that the project team has access to necessary resources for data collection and monitoring, while also facilitating smooth logistics for remote field sites. By handling these operational expenses, the Department of Environment enables the project to focus on its core conservation objectives, ensuring efficient and effective fieldwork throughout the project's duration.	£0.00

Capital equipment:	The project will purchase a minimum of 22 acoustic tags to track turtle movements, with costs ranging from £ to £ per tag, depending on the sea turtle life stage. Tags for juvenile turtles are less expensive, while those for adults are more costly. Additionally, the budget includes an extra £ to cover the cost of additional acoustic tags or receivers that may be required due to breakage, loss, or unforeseen events, ensuring the project's continuity and data collection reliability.
Other Costs	Conference participation fees, enabling staff to present research findings, network with professionals, and exchange best practices. It also includes funds for publishing scientific articles, contributing to the dissemination of project results and increasing its scientific impact. These activities will expand the project's reach, foster collaboration, and ensure continued knowledge sharing within the conservation community.
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)

Staff costs cover salaries for two full-time team members and three field assistants. Alejandro Prat-Varela, employed for eight months at £ per month, will oversee project coordination, data analysis, and stakeholder engagement. Dr. Jane Hardwick, the co-leader, whose full salary is covered by the DoE, will assist with coordination, operations, collaboration with local stakeholders, and data analysis. Joe Roche-Chaloner, employed for six months at £ per month, will lead fieldwork and training activities. Three field assistants, hired for three months at £ per month each, will include local and international biologists with experience working with turtles in the Cayman Islands.

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

Overhead costs include health insurance for the two full-time staff members, ensuring their well-being and coverage for unforeseen emergencies during the project. Additionally, these costs support essential infrastructure needs such as communication services, logistical coordination, and data analysis tools. This enables the team to manage fieldwork efficiently, ensuring smooth execution and comprehensive monitoring throughout the project. These measures are critical to maintaining operational continuity and safeguarding staff during their work on marine turtle conservation in the Cayman Islands.

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

No Response

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

No Response

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

No Response

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

A data analyst will oversee the processing and interpretation of telemetry data, ensuring accurate and meaningful results to inform conservation strategies. A training consultant will provide hands-on instruction to staff and field assistants, focusing on safe handling and tagging techniques for adult male turtles. This will ensure adherence to best practices and the successful execution of field activities.

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

No Response

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:
<i>No Response</i>	<i>No Response</i>	<i>No Response</i>	<i>No Response</i>

Darwin Plus Local has been created to build capacity and contribute to local economies in-territory (Guidance section 2.1.1 and section 1.8.4 of the Finance Guidance).

In-territory spend is defined in Darwin Plus Local as including funding spent on:

- Equipment purchased in-territory;
- Equipment that cannot be acquired in-territory and is therefore purchased abroad, but will remain and be used in-territory beyond the life of the proposed Darwin Plus Local project;
- Training or skills that cannot be acquired in-territory and are therefore purchased abroad, but will be used in-territory beyond the life of the proposed Darwin Plus Local project;
- Time for consultants or staff based in-territory.

In-territory spend does not include:

- Time for consultants or staff who are based abroad, even if they travel to the OT to undertake the work;
- Shipping and import costs for equipment purchased abroad;
- Travel and subsistence costs where they incur spend outside the OT.

What % of the total will be spent in-territory?

If less than 80% of the total project spend is to be spent in-territory, please explain why.

No Response

Section 8 - Local and National Priorities

Q11. 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.

This project directly supports key environmental priorities in the Cayman Islands, contributing to both local and national conservation efforts. At the national level, it aligns with the National Biodiversity Action Plan (2009), which emphasizes protecting endangered species like hawksbill (*Eretmochelys imbricata*), green (*Chelonia mydas*), and loggerhead (*Caretta caretta*) turtles. The plan focuses on habitat preservation, mitigating human impacts, and leveraging scientific research for effective conservation, core objectives of this initiative.

It also complements the National Conservation Law (2013), which mandates the protection of marine species and habitats. Monitoring turtle movements and behaviors, the project provides critical data to inform enforcement of this law and guide the establishment of marine protected areas.

Locally, the project strengthens the Cayman Islands Department of Environment's (DoE) ongoing marine turtle monitoring program and supports the territory's obligations under the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD). While the Cayman Islands are not direct signatories to the Inter-American Convention for the Protection and Conservation of Sea Turtles (IAC), the project adopts conservation methodologies aligned with its principles.

By identifying critical habitats and providing actionable insights, this project not only advances marine turtle conservation but also reinforces the Cayman Islands national and international commitments to biodiversity protection.

Will the project...

Take place on Government owned land or water?

☐ Yes

Involve biocontrol, invasive alien species control or eradication?

☐ No

Require permit(s) from Government departments for completion of activities?

☐ No

If you have answered yes to any of the questions above, 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.

☐ Letter of support_DoE

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Section 9 - Project Risks

Q12. 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.**
For example, you should consider the ratio of vulnerable people or children to adults, ensuring there are appropriate background checks of all staff, and informing vulnerable groups and children of their right to safety and protection.

Risk	Mitigation
Adverse weather conditions, such as tropical storms, hurricanes, or prolonged rough seas, may delay fieldwork, particularly the deployment of acoustic tags and data collection from the receivers.	The project timeline is designed to allow flexibility in field activities, with critical tasks such as tag deployment scheduled over multiple months to ensure enough opportunity to complete the work despite potential weather disruptions. We will also coordinate closely with local weather services to adjust our schedule as needed and ensure the safety of personnel and equipment during extreme weather events.
The project depends heavily on the functionality of acoustic tags and receivers. Equipment failure could hinder data collection.	All equipment will be tested thoroughly before deployment, and we will have spare units on hand in case of malfunction. In addition, a partnership with specialized technical support providers will be in place for rapid troubleshooting and repair services, minimizing downtime in the field.
Unforeseen delays in shipping or customs clearance of imported equipment, such as acoustic tags and receivers, may delay project activities.	Equipment procurement will begin well in advance of the project's start date, ensuring sufficient time for delivery and customs processes. We will also maintain close communication with suppliers and customs officials to avoid unnecessary delays and establish contingency plans for accessing similar equipment locally or regionally if necessary.

Do you require more fields?

☐ Yes

Risk	Mitigation
Handling wild turtles for tag attachment poses risks of stress or injury to the animals, which could affect their natural behavior or survival.	The project team will include experienced marine biologists trained in safe turtle handling techniques, minimizing the risk of injury or stress to the animals. Additionally, we will follow established best practices for tag attachment, ensuring that tags do not negatively impact the turtles' movement or behavior. All fieldwork will be carried out under strict ethical guidelines and in accordance with local wildlife conservation regulations.

Incomplete data collection due to tags malfunctioning, detaching from turtles, or failure of acoustic receivers to record movements could lead to gaps in the dataset, compromising the study's outcomes.	We will deploy more acoustic receivers and tags than the minimum required to account for potential data losses. By using a robust data collection design with redundancy, we aim to ensure sufficient data are gathered to meet the project objectives. Moreover, regular maintenance of the receivers and frequent monitoring of tag signals will help detect any issues early, allowing for timely corrective actions.
No Response	No Response
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No Response	No Response

Section 10 - Terms & Conditions

Q13. 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: <https://darwinplus.org.uk/how-to-apply/local-applications/> 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, is addressing invasive alien species or includes activities requiring a permit, a Letter of support from OT Government.**
- **Project Workplan in the template provided for Darwin Plus Local (available at: <https://darwinplus.org.uk/how-to-apply/local-applications/>).**
- **Map and additional information (optional) maximum five additional pages.**

If your application is successful

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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:	Alejandro Prat Varela
Position in the organisation: (if applicable)	Field Leader
Signature (please upload e-signature)	☐ e-Signature ☐ 25/11/2024 ☐ 16:30:40 ☐ pdf 34.9 KB
Date:	25 November 2024

Section 12 - Submission Checklist

Checklist for submission

	Check
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 (found at: https://darwinplus.org.uk/apply/local-applications/) 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 (available at: https://darwinplus.org.uk/apply/local-applications/).	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).