

DPLUS017

Darwin Plus: Overseas Territories Environment and Climate Fund Project Application Form

Submit by Monday 23 September 2013

Please read the Guidance Notes before completing this form

Information to be extracted to the database and made public is highlighted in blue

Basic Data

1. Project Title (max 10 words)	LOWER PLANTS INVENTORY AND CONSERVATION IN THE FALKLAND ISLANDS
2. UK OT(s) involved	FALKLAND ISLANDS
3. Start Date:	01-04-2014
4. End Date:	31-03-2016
5. Duration of project (no longer than 24 months)	24 months

Summary of Costs	2014/15	2015/16	Total
6. Budget requested from Darwin	£103,629	£80,329	£183,958
7. Total value of Co-funding	£147,560	£45,050	£192,610
8. Total Project Budget (all funders)	£251,189	£125,379	£376,568
9. Names of Co-funders	National Museum of Wales, Falklands Conservation, FIG Environmental Planning Office, Royal Botanic Gardens Kew, University of Bangor		

10. Lead applicant organisation (responsible for delivering outputs, reporting and managing funds)	Falklands Conservation
11. Project Leader name	Dr David Doxford, Chief Executive Officer
12. Email address	CEO@conservation.org.fk
13. Postal address	PO Box 26, Stanley, Falkland Islands, FIQQ 1ZZ
14. Contact details: Phone/Fax/Skype	

15. Type of organisation of Lead applicant. Place an x in the relevant box.								
OT GOVT	UK GOVT	UK NGO	X	Local NGO	X	International NGO	Commercial Company	Other (e.g. Academic)

16. Principals in project. Please identify and provide a one page CV for each of these named individuals. You may copy and paste this table if you need to provide details of more personnel or more than one main, or other, project partner.

Details	Project Leader	Project Partner 1	Project Partner 2
Surname	Doxford	Tangney	Russell
Forename(s)	Dr David	Dr Ray	Dr Shaun
Post held	Chief Executive Officer	Head of Cryptogamic Botany	Director
Institution (if different to above)	Falklands Conservation	National Museum of Wales	Bangor University
Department		Department of Biodiversity and Systematic Biology	Wales Environment Research Hub
Telephone/Skype			
Email			

17. Has your organisation been awarded a Darwin Initiative award before (for the purposes of this question, being a partner does not count)? If so, please provide details of the most recent awards (up to 6 examples).

Reference No	Project Leader	Title
19-030	James Fenton	Falkland Islands raptors – reducing conflicts with rural livelihoods
EIDCF014	James Fenton	Developing Native Seed Mixes for Habitat Restoration in the Falklands
EIDCF019	James Fenton	Inshore Cetaceans of the Falkland Islands
DPLUS003	James Fenton	Biodiversity action planning in the Falkland Islands

18. If your answer to Q17 was No, provide details of 3 contracts previously held by your institution that demonstrate your credibility as an implementing organisation. These contacts should have been held in the last 5 years and be of a similar size to the grant requested in this application. (If your answer to Q17 was Yes, you may delete these boxes, but please leave Q18)

Contract 1 Title	
Contract Value	
Contract Duration	
Role of institution in project	
Brief summary of the aims, objectives and outcomes of the contract.	
Client reference contact details (Name, e-mail, address, phone number).	

Contract 2 Title	
Contract Value	
Contract Duration	
Role of institution in project	
Brief summary of the aims, objectives and outcomes of the contract.	
Client reference contact details (Name, e-mail, address, phone number)	

Contract 3 Title	
Contract Value	
Contract Duration	
Role of institution in project	
Brief summary of the aims, objectives and outcomes of the contract.	
Client reference contact details (Name, e-mail, address, phone number).	

Project Details

19. Project Outcome Statement: Describe what the project aims to achieve and what will change as a result. (50 words max)

This project will address the critical gap in knowledge of lower plants diversity in the Falkland Islands and provide conservation tools to improve local decision making.

Lower plants geospatial data will be added to local information systems; a reference collection will be created and training in lower plant identification provided.

20. Background: (What is the current situation and the problem that the project will address? How will it address this problem? What key OT Government priorities and themes will it address? (200 words max)

The strategically important Falkland Islands (FI) are subject to pressures from climate change, agriculture, fisheries, tourism and hydrocarbons exploration.

The Falklands have an extensive lower plant flora with a high diversity of mosses, liverworts and lichens as compared with the vascular flora. Lower plants influence water and nutrient cycling, and are known to be sensitive indicators of climate change. They are also likely to play an important underpinning role in the ecosystem services of the islands, e.g. soil/peat formation & retention and carbon storage. FI peatlands hold significant carbon reserves, but are undergoing erosion through processes that are poorly understood. Recent extended dry spells have highlighted the role of lower plants in retaining moisture and preventing erosion.

Surprisingly little is known about the lower plant flora of the Falklands. The Falkland Islands Biodiversity Strategy 2008-18 identified this as a "critical knowledge gap". This project will address this knowledge gap, providing data essential for effective conservation planning and enhancement of the network of "Important Plant Areas" for the Falkland Islands. It would build directly on the recent OTEP-funded native plants project and contribute critical information to parallel projects relating to Protected Areas (OTEP funded) and Biodiversity Action Planning (Darwin +).

21. Methodology: Describe the methods and approach you will use to achieve your intended outcomes and impact. Provide information on how you will undertake the work (materials and methods) and how you will manage the work (roles and responsibilities, project management tools etc). Give details of any innovative techniques or methods. (500 words max)

This proposal has been developed in collaboration with the FI Government, National Museum of Wales and The Royal Botanic Gardens (Kew).

The project addresses UK commitments to the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Global Plant Conservation Strategy. The study is a high research priority for the host-country Government:

"The non-vascular flora of the Falkland Islands are poorly studied"

"Baseline surveying and taxonomic identification of lower plants, particularly lichens and mosses, are a high research priority" (FI State of the Environment Report 2008)

"High Biodiversity Priorities: Most Critical Knowledge Gap – Lower Plants"
(Falkland Islands Biodiversity Strategy 2008-18)

A programme of survey, capacity-building, outreach and conservation planning is proposed for the lower plant vegetation of the Falkland Islands. Over two years, the project will:

- Conduct three collecting, mapping and monitoring expeditions concentrating on the already identified Important Plant Areas (IPAs) alongside additional in-country field work carried out by the Project Officer;
- Develop a lower plants inventory for the Falklands Plants Database;
- Develop a field studies laboratory and lower plants herbarium in the Falklands capital, Port Stanley, and provide additional training for the volunteer herbarium curator;
- Train a Project Officer for Falklands Conservation, and ensure that all FC field staff (including volunteers, government personnel and local consultants) have a grounding in lower plant identification;
- Deliver training workshops for at least 40 local participants;
- Support Stanley Community School in producing educational materials;
- Publish four academic journal articles;
- Publish a 'flip book' guide to the common Bryophytes and Lichens of the Falkland Islands;
- Support the production of management guidelines for ten protected areas and IPAs.

The project will be innovative and distinctive by applying the ecosystem approach: a combination of taxonomic/biogeographical survey with consideration of the role of lower plants in providing ecosystem services.

Dissemination of results will be through a 'flip book' guide, reports to Government, scientific articles, popular (FI & UK) publications, educational outreach materials, websites and Darwin reporting.

The project will be a close collaboration between FC and NMW, with staff of both organisations sharing in research, training and dissemination activities.

The project team comprises high quality researchers in FC, NMW, University of Bangor and elsewhere. NMW has an international reputation in biosystematics, including Southern Hemisphere specialists on staff, and has run two successful Darwin Initiative projects in the past.

The project team includes:

- Prof Jeff Duckett (London), current President of the International Association of Bryologists.
- Prof Ed Maltby (Liverpool), Lead Author (Peatlands) for the UK National Ecosystem Assessment, and consultant on ecosystem services.
- Dr Shaun Russell (Bangor), expert in bryophyte production ecology and contributor of the chapters on this subject to the "Manual of Bryology".
- Alan Orange (NMW), Curator of Lower Plants and lichenologist.
- Dr Rebecca Upson (RBG Kew), experienced FI field botanist.

FC has extensive experience of running fieldwork in challenging conditions and has built relationships with local landowners.

Funding for this full project has not been accessible from other sources. 30 specialists from 15 international institutions have shown interest in contributing if Darwin funding is realised, with most of this assistance being self-funded.

22. How does this project:

- a) Deliver against the priority issues identified in the assessment criteria
 - b) Demonstrate technical excellence in its delivery
 - c) Demonstrate a clear pathway to impact in the OT(s)
- (500 words max)

(a) Deliver against the priority issues identified in the assessment criteria

Habitat or species conservation, management and sustainable use for terrestrial and marine environments.

This project directly supports all terrestrial conservation actions along with land management for agriculture & recreation and development planning.

Strengthening and improving implementation of key Multi-lateral Environmental Agreements (CBD, CITES and CMS).

The project directly supports FIG in considering adoption of CBD and relates to ten CBD Aichi Targets:

- 1 - Increasing awareness of biodiversity through training and communications;
- 2 - Incorporation in BAP, site management plans & EIAs;
- 5 - Increases protection for IPAs by informing designations;

- 11 - Supports protected area designations;
- 12 - Identifies rare & threatened species and assemblages;
- 14 - Highlights ecosystem services role of lower plants;
- 15 - Protects peat communities;
- 17 - Contributes to BAP revision;
- 19 - Increases knowledge base;
- 20 – Attracts funding & expertise.

Sustainable development planning and policy development.

Data derived from the project will support planning and development decisions and protected areas designation.

Development and use of tools and systems for environmental management, including integration across other sectors.

The project will provide a critical component of the planned FI GIS Centre (at SAERI) and the FIG Islands Database.

Climate change resilience, mitigation and adaption, including the development of green energy initiatives.

Proper management of cryptogams is critical to the maintenance of soil structure and hence resistance to drying and wind erosion; both factors have become prominent in FI in recent years and hence a major concern to land managers. Additionally peat soils provide carbon sequestration.

Water resources management.

Lower plants are critical to preventing dehydration, slowing runoff and increasing percolation.

Projects that help to take forward work in priority areas identified through environmental mainstreaming (where this process has taken place).

The project would assist in meeting several key areas identified by the IEEP Environmental Mainstreaming in the Falkland Islands report, namely: filling knowledge gaps, supporting CBD targets, increasing human capacity, supporting site designations, extending knowledge of ecosystem services and providing key data for EIAs.

(b) Demonstrate technical excellence in its delivery

Field work will be carried out in collaboration with internationally acknowledged specialists in lower plants. Fieldwork will be organised and delivered through Falklands Conservation, the pre-eminent conservation body in the Islands and experienced at organising field surveys in the locally challenging conditions across a range of biota and in partnership with landowners.

Data will be held locally and incorporated into an opensource GIS system alongside other spatially referenced data for vascular plants, seabirds, raptors and pinnipeds. This will provide a management, research and educational resource for the Islands.

A cheap and accessible 'flip book' will be developed (as pioneered by the Vascular Plants project).

Knowledge Transfer will encompass local field staff and decision makers as well as formal and informal education systems.

(c) Demonstrate a clear pathway to impact in the OT(s)

The project follows an Inform-Assimilate-Apply model by deriving primary survey data, presenting and interpreting these through GIS, training key partners locally in adding to data sets and interpreting their significance and therefore contributing to management decisions.

The trained staff, 'flip book' guide, reference collection and data set will provide a continuing impact locally.

There is potential for other OTs to learn from this project; the Project Officer will contribute through the planned British Ecological Society conference on plant conservation in OTs.

23. Who are the stakeholders for this project and how have they been consulted (include local or host government support/engagement where relevant)? Briefly describe what support they will provide and how the project will engage with them. (250 words max)

Falklands Conservation works in close collaboration with the Falklands Islands Government. Under the current Memorandum of Understanding between FIG & FC, Falklands Conservation has a role to:

- Engage the local community in conservation projects, issues and activities
- Support implementation of the Biodiversity Strategy and agreed outcomes from the 2011 workshop
- Curate and manage the Falkland Islands' national herbarium and insect collections.

Falklands Conservation has discussed the project with FIG's Environmental Planning Office, who are in full support of the project. The Environmental Planning Office will be on the Steering Group of the project. Liaison includes the FI Dept of Agriculture who will be included on the project Steering Group.

The University of Bangor led on a 2010 DI-funded two week scoping visit by Dr Shaun Russell. In 2011, a team comprised of Prof Jeff Duckett, Dr Ray Tangney & Alan Orange conducted a three week exploration.

During these visits to FI meetings were held with key stakeholders including the Governor, Members of the Legislative Assembly, FIG officials in Environment and Agriculture, media representatives, farmers and schoolteachers.

The Royal Botanic Gardens Kew, with both their experience of working in the Falklands and their botanical expertise, will be a supporting partner, particular in the provision of advice on habitat and species action plans and in training/mentoring the Project Officer. They have also commented on the draft and are in full support of the project. They will have a place on the Steering Group.

24. Institutional Capacity: Describe the implementing organisation's capacity (and that of partner organisations where relevant) to deliver the project. (500 words max)

A Project Officer will be employed for the duration of the work and will be primarily responsible for planning and implementing the field work, collating the data, organising training and communications activity. The Project Officer will be housed in Falkland Conservation's offices in Jubilee Villas in Stanley and will have access to the full range of FC's equipment and resources.

Roles & responsibilities

NMW Head of Cryptogamic Botany, Dr Ray Tangney – Coordination of expert contributions and subsequent publishing.

FC CEO, Dr David Doxford - Project Manager and Chair of the Steering Group; will allocate 10% of time to this project.

FC Conservation Officer, Dr Andy Stanworth: Advice on fieldwork and protected areas

UK Executive Officer, Sarah Brennan: UK Liaison

FC Office Manager, Farrah Peck: Project support.

FC Watch Group Leader, John Carlin: Educational linkages

FIG Environmental Planning Officer, Nick Rendell: Sharing oversight of the whole project, and relating the work to the review of the FI Biodiversity Strategy and to the outputs from the Protected Areas project

RBG Kew EU BEST Project Officer, Dr Rebecca Upson: Relationships to vascular plant data and herbarium.

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25. Expected Outputs			
<i>Output (what will be achieved e.g. capacity building, action plan produced, alien species controlled)</i>	<i>Indicators of success (how we will know if its been achieved e.g. number of people trained/ trees planted)</i>	<i>Status before project/baseline data (what is the situation before the project starts?)</i>	<i>Source of information (where will you obtain the information to demonstrate if the indicator has been achieved?)</i>
1. Major advance in knowledge of Falkland Islands plant diversity and biogeography, and southern hemisphere oceanic peatland ecosystems.	Inventories of Falkland's lower plant species published, database populated, 'flip book' published. Research papers on taxonomy, biogeography and ecology of Falkland's cryptogams produced. Ecosystem reporting.	Current critical knowledge gap for cryptogams. Lack of baseline data, and local taxonomic identification capacity lacking.	Appearance of Falklands cryptogam lists in international journals. Appearance of publication series in lower plants, ecology and conservation journals. Availability and uptake of Flip Book.
2. Conservation of Falklands vegetation and habitats enhanced.	Project inputs to Islands Development and Conservation Plans. Identification of potential Important Plant Areas for lower plants.	High biodiversity priority of lower plants, lack of lower plants data input to IPAs	Falklands Government and other stakeholder reports on protected area designation progress. Site management statements and species action plans.
3. Capacity for biodiversity study improved, including new facilities for local and visiting scientists and consultants.	Enhanced laboratory and herbarium facilities established and functioning at Falklands Conservation HQ. Lower plants training for the Project Officer provided on site and in UK.	Lack of resources for study of cryptogams, reference herbarium needed, capacity to study cryptogams need enhancement.	FC and NMW reports, Professional Society Bulletins and Darwin reporting.
4. Local community training events to raise awareness and influence for the conservation of island vegetation and important habitats.	Completion of at least 4 day-courses (lab and field) in lower plants identification and ecology, for minimum 40 local officials, farmers, tourism operators, consultants, private citizens, schoolchildren and visitors Articles for local newspaper (Penguin News), farmers newsletter ('Woolpress') and interviews for Falkland Islands Radio Service (FIRS) and local television (KTV). Activities days for Watch Group.	Lack of awareness of lower plants in public and other stakeholder groups regarding importance and ecological roles of lower plants and current complete absence from ESHIA and EIA documents.	Course report and feedback forms, FC and professional society Bulletins. Press releases and media reporting. New tourism operator activities and "stories" in practice. Inclusion in EIAs.

26. Expected Outcomes: How will each of the outputs contribute to the overall outcome of the project? (100 words max)

The outcome will be to fill the critical gap in lower plants diversity knowledge in the Falkland Islands region and enhance local biodiversity by improving decision making.

Priority biodiversity data will be generated, interpreted and made available to all stakeholders. Lower plants training for FC, FIG and local consultants will ensure that local staff have a grounding in whole vegetation appraisal and a better understanding of FI plant diversity in order to make more informed land management decisions.

A legacy will be generated through provision of a GIS database, trained staff, a reference collection and a readily accessible flip-book guide.

27. Main Activities

Output 1	Understanding lower plant diversity and biogeography
1.1	Recruit and train a Plants & Habitats Conservation Officer
1.2	Undertake 3 expert-led field expeditions alongside further field work carried out by locally-based Project Officer
1.3	Produce updated lists of bryophytes and lichens
1.4	Establish lower plants GIS database
1.5	Produce identification 'flip guide' for common bryophytes and lichens
1.6	Produce an Ecosystems Services scoping report
1.7	Publish four peer-reviewed papers and articles
Output 2	Enhanced conservation of species and habitats
2.1	Contribute lower plants component for ten protected area management statements including IPAs
2.2	Contribute to Species / Habitat management plans (or action plans) produced for Government, public authorities and other implementing agencies in the host country
2.3	Enhance database of lower plant species distributions and conservation status for Falkland Islands
2.4	Provide lower plants training and mentoring for the Project Officer and for Falklands Conservation staff, to provide capacity for ongoing monitoring
Output 3	Increasing capacity for study and monitoring of lower plants
3.1	Establish an accessible reference collection in FI for bryophytes and lichens
3.2	Establish a network for dissemination of results to peers
3.3	Establish permanent monitoring plots
Output 4	Improving awareness & understanding of lower plants
4.1	Run education and training workshops for the local community
4.2	Produce training materials for two workshops
4.3	Produce four host country and UK national press releases
4.4	Produce four host country TV and radio press releases
4.5	Produce four FC newsletter articles

28. Risks			
Description of the risk	Likelihood the event will happen (H/M/L)	Impact of the event on the project (H/M/L)	Steps the project will take to reduce or manage the risk
Key staff unavailable	L	H	Develop linkages across a range of institutions to identify potential reserves.
Severe weather impacts on fieldwork	L	M	Timetable fieldwork at most favourable times of year; develop reserve days.
Timetabling conflicts with other fieldwork makes it difficult to access equipment or transport	L	M	Project officer liaises closely with other FC research projects and core staff to ensure resources are available.
Difficulty in recruiting suitable project officer	L	H	Reach out to partner bodies to highlight opportunity. Advertise through FC newsletters, members and volunteers.
Poor attendance/engagement in training	L	M	Project officer promotes project through local media, FC volunteer network and liaises with key individuals directly.

29. Sustainability: How will the project ensure benefits are sustained after the project has come to a close? If the project requires ongoing maintenance or monitoring, who will do this? (200 words max)
<p>Increased capacity for lower plant work, coupled with enhanced local stakeholder awareness, will contribute to the durability of the project outcomes. NMW has committed to providing its services in the Falkland Islands beyond the completion of the present proposed project.</p> <p>Progression beyond project end:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The lower plants inventory, Falkland Islands GIS Centre and plants database will continue to grow; • Training for the Project Officer and other FC and FIG staff will embed enhanced capacity and awareness of lower plants for further studies, EIAs, designations etc; • Inputs to Species and Protected Area conservation plans and the Biodiversity Strategies; • The establishment of the laboratory/herbarium facility will facilitate scientific visits & local studies; • Funding will be sought for a full scale Field Guide to bryophytes and lichens of the Falkland Islands; • Increased stakeholder awareness and local involvement in land-use decisions and habitat protection; • New relationships with internal and external partners will be forged as a result of the multi-stakeholder framework of this project, in turn contributing to the legacy and sustainability of the work; • Partner agencies will identify scope for involving postgraduate and postdoctoral researchers and for seeking follow-on funding for specific areas identified during the course of the project.

30. Monitoring & Evaluation: How will the project be monitored and who will be responsible? Will there be any independent assessment of progress and impact? When will this take place, and by whom? (250 words max)
<p>Falklands Conservation operates a formal project management system adopted and modified from Scottish Natural Heritage.</p> <p>The progress of the project will be monitored and evaluated by principal project staff through a local Steering Group of interested parties which will meet on a four monthly (three per year) basis to assess progress. UK partners will participate via teleconference. The Project Officer will report against an</p>

agreed project plan and the contracted outcome measures.

Outputs will be tested with key stakeholders in the FI and modified in the light of feedback.

The project completion report is after the project is over and is linked to the final payment.

31. Financial controls: Please demonstrate your capacity to manage the level of funds you are requesting. (Who is responsible for managing the funds? What experience do they have? What arrangements are in place for auditing expenditure?)

Falklands Conservation has both a UK Honorary Treasurer and an FI Honorary Treasurer who oversee our funds in the UK and FI respectively. The CEO is responsible for day-to-day financial management, overseen both by the UK & FI trustees (who are reported to on a quarterly basis) and our auditors (Wilkins Kennedy, with offices in London and Stanley).

FC uses the software TAS for tracking income and expenditure, which is reconciled on a monthly basis; the FI Office Administrator is responsible for input in relation to FI income/expenditure, and the UK Executive Officer to UK income/expenditure.

FC has been in existence since 1991. Its Patron is HRH Duke of York and Sir David Attenborough is a Vice President.

Annual turnover is of the order of £0.5m, half of which is designated project funds. FC has successfully managed externally funded projects from OTEP, Defra, RSPB and WWF.

Please complete the separate Excel spreadsheet which provides the Budget for this application. Some of the questions earlier and below refer to the information in this spreadsheet.

NB: Please state all costs by financial year (1 April to 31 March) and in GBP. **Budgets submitted in other currencies will not be accepted.** Use current prices – and include anticipated inflation, as appropriate, up to 3% per annum. The Darwin Initiative cannot agree any increase in grants once awarded.

33. Value for Money

Please explain how you worked out your budget and how you will provide value for money through managing a cost effective and efficient project. You should also discuss any significant assumptions you have made when working out your budget.

(200 words max)

Budget development has benefitted from the direct experience of the reconnaissance expedition undertaken by the core team in 2011, the scoping visit by Shaun Russell in 2010, and the experience in the sister project in southern Chile (Darwin project ref. 13024). Experience gained in the Falklands has helped design the scope of the project and establish the ideal size for the field team. Using a core team common to most trips augmented by additional specialists will provide a combination of consistency of approach with the addition of a range of expertise.

Optimal survey team design required specialists in hepatics, mosses and lichens, and the need for ease of mobility.

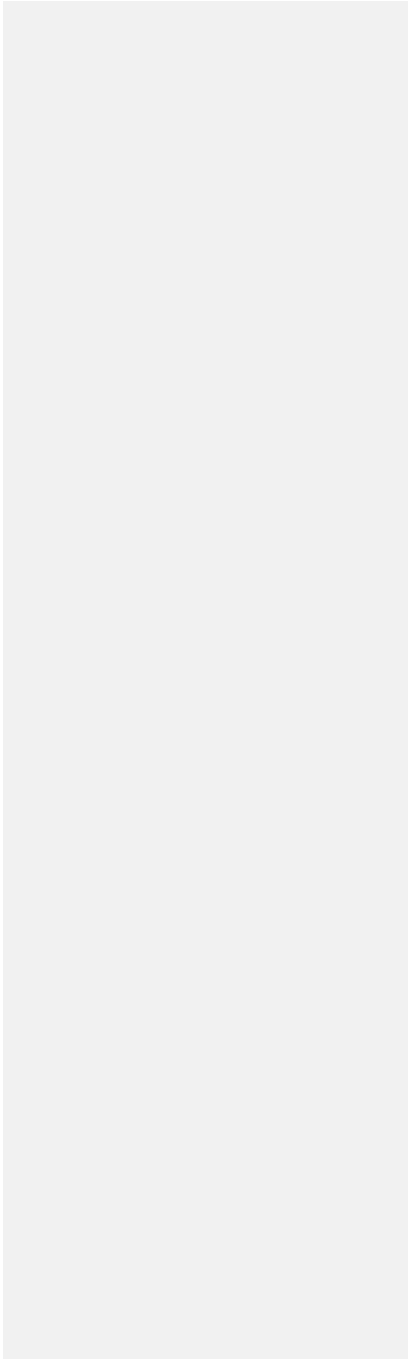
The continuing availability of the core team of specialists and the timely recruitment of a suitable candidate for the post of Project Officer are key assumptions. We are also assuming that inflation will not significantly affect our budgets, which are based on comparable recent fieldwork by FC projects. We do not expect these costs to alter unduly over the course of the project.

Falklands Conservation has considerable experience of planning and organising fieldwork across the islands. Hence the budget figures are robust.

Provide a project implementation timetable that shows the key milestones in project activities. Complete the following table as appropriate to describe the intended workplan for your project (Q1 starting April 2014)

Activity	No of Months	Year 1				Year 2				Year 3			
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Output 1 Lower plant diversity and biogeography													
1.1 Recruit and train a Plants & Habitats Conservation Officer	2	X	X										
1.2 Undertake 3 field expeditions	5			X	X			X					
1.3 Produce updated lists of bryophytes and lichens	1					X							
1.4 Establish lower plants GIS database	1					X							
1.5 Produce flip guide for bryophytes and lichens	1					X	X						
1.6 Produce an Ecosystems Services report	0.5									X			
1.7 Publish four peer-reviewed papers and articles	1					X				X			
Output 2 Enhanced conservation of species and habitats													
2.1 Contribute lower plants component for protected area management statements including IPAs	1				X			X					
2.2 Contribute to 10 Species / Habitat management plans	1				X			X					
2.3 Enhance lower plant database	1.5									X			
2.4 Provide lower plants training and mentoring	1	X	X				X						
Output 3 Increasing capacity for study and monitoring of lower plants													
3.1 Establish a reference collection in FI for bryophytes and lichens	1				X			X					
3.2 Establish a network for dissemination of results to peers	0.5		X										
3.3 Establish permanent monitoring plots	0.5				X			X					
Output 4 Improving awareness & understanding of lower plants													
4.1 Run education and training workshops for the local community	2			X						X			
4.2 Produce training materials for 40 workshop participants	2			X									
4.3 Produce 4 host country and UK national press releases	0.5		X			X				X			
4.4 Produce 4 host country TV and radio press releases	0.5		X			X				X			

4.5	Produce 4 newsletter articles	1			x			x				
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CERTIFICATION

On behalf of the trustees of Falklands Conservation

(*delete as appropriate)


I apply for a grant of £183,958 in respect of **all expenditure** to be incurred during the lifetime of this project based on the activities and dates specified in the above application.

I certify that, to the best of our knowledge and belief, the statements made by us in this application are true and the information provided is correct. I am aware that this application form will form the basis of the project schedule should this application be successful. *(This form should be signed by an individual authorised by the lead institution to submit applications and sign contracts on their behalf.)*

I enclose CVs for project principals and letters of support. Our most recent audited/independently verified accounts and annual report are also enclosed/can be found at (delete as appropriate):

Name (block capitals)	DR DAVID DOXFORD
Position in the organisation	CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Signed



Date:

Application Checklist for submission

	Check
Have you read the Guidance Notes ?	✓
Have you checked the Darwin Plus website immediately prior to submission to ensure there are no late updates?	✓
Have you provided actual start and end dates for your project?	✓
Have you provided your budget based on UK government financial years i.e. 1 April – 31 March and in GBP?	✓
Have you checked that your budget is complete , correctly adds up and that you have included the correct final total on the top page of the application?	✓
Has your application been signed by a suitably authorised individual ? (clear electronic or scanned signatures are acceptable in the email)	✓
Have you included a 1 page CV for all the principals ?	✓
Have you included a letter of support from the main partner(s) organisations ?	✓
Have you included a copy of the last 2 years' annual report and accounts for the lead organisation? An electronic link to a website is acceptable.	✓

Once you have answered the questions above, please submit the application, not later than midnight GMT at the end of Monday 23 September 2013 to Darwin-Applications@ltsi.co.uk using the first few words of the project title **as the subject of your email**. If you are e-mailing supporting documentation separately please include in the subject line an indication of the number of e-mails you are sending (e.g. whether the e-mail is 1 of 2, 2 of 3 etc). You are not required to send a hard copy.

DATA PROTECTION ACT 1998: Applicants for grant funding must agree to any disclosure or exchange of information supplied on the application form (including the content of a declaration or undertaking) which the Department considers necessary for the administration, evaluation, monitoring and publicising of Darwin Plus. Application form data will also be held by contractors dealing with Darwin Plus monitoring and evaluation. It is the responsibility of applicants to ensure that personal data can be supplied to the Department for the uses described in this paragraph. A completed application form will be taken as an agreement by the applicant and the grant/award recipient also to the following:- putting certain details (i.e. name, contact details and location of project work) on the Darwin Initiative and Defra/FCO/DFID websites (details relating to financial awards will not be put on the websites if requested in writing by the grant/award recipient); using personal data for the Darwin Initiative postal circulation list; and sending data to Governor's Offices outside the UK, including posts outside the European Economic Area. Confidential information relating to the project or its results and any personal data may be released on request, including under the Environmental Information Regulations, the code of Practice on Access to Government Information and the Freedom of Information Act 2000.