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Organisation: **RSPB**  
Funding Sought: **£146,766.00**

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**Strengthening biosecurity for remote Territory communities and their World Heritage**

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# Section 1 - Contact Details

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## GMS ORGANISATION

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Type	Organisation
Name	RSPB
Phone (Mobile)	
Email (Work)	
Website (Work)	
Address	

### Q3. Lead organisation type

Please select one of the below options.

UK NGO

## Section 2 - Title, Dates & Budget Summary

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### Q4. Project title

Strengthening biosecurity for remote Territory communities and their World Heritage

### Q5. Project dates

**Start date:**

01 April 2019

**End date:**

31 March 2021

**Duration (e.g. 2 years, 3 months):**

2 years

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### Q6. UKOT(s)

(See Guidance Notes)

Which UK Overseas Territory(ies) will your project be working in? You may select more than one UKOT

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from the options below.

- Pitcairn, Henderson, Ducie & Oeno Islands\*
- St Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha\*

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

Pitcairn, Tristan da Cunha

In addition to the UKOTs you have indicated above, will your project directly benefit any other country(ies)? If so, list here.

South Africa, French Polynesia, New Zealand

## Q7. Budget summary

Year:	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	Total request
Q7a. Request from Darwin:	£89,358.00	£57,408.00	No Response	£ 146,766.00

Q7b. Proposed (confirmed and unconfirmed) co-financing as % of total project cost 22%

## Section 3 - Lead Organisation Summary

### Q8. Lead organisation summary

Please provide the following information on the lead organisation

What year was your organisation established/ incorporated/ registered? 1889

What is the legal status of your organisation?  NGO

How is your organisation currently funded? The RSPB is currently funded by Membership subscriptions and donations, legacies, grants corporates and trusts, trading and land income and other smaller sources.

Have you provided the requested signed audited/independently examined accounts? If you select "yes" you will be able to upload these. Note that this is not required from Government Agencies.  Yes

Please attach the requested signed audited/independently examined accounts.

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**Q9. Has your organisation been awarded Darwin Initiative funding before (for the purposes of this question, being a partner does not count)?**

Yes

If yes, please provide details of the most recent awards (up to 6 examples)

Reference no.	Project leader	Title
DPLUS005	Andy Schofield	Sustainable management of the marine environment and resources of Tristan da Cunha (EX)
DPLUS028	Andy Schofield	Assessing the conservation status of the atlantic yellow-nosed albatross
DPLUS053	Alexander Bond	Project Pinnamin: conserving northern rockhopper penguins on Tristan da Cunha
DPLUS055	Elizabeth Radford	Saving the Iguana Islands of Turks and Caicos
DPLUS062	Andy Schofield	Securing the future of the Tristan marine environment
DPLUS076	Cleo Small	Reducing South Georgia albatross mortality in High Seas tuna fisheries

## Section 4 - Project Partners

### Q10. Project partners

Please list all the partners involved (including the Lead Organisation) and explain their roles and responsibilities in the project. Describe the extent of their involvement at all stages, including project development. This section should illustrate the capacity of partners to be involved in the project, and how local institutions, local communities, and technical specialists are involved as appropriate.

**Please provide written evidence of partnerships. Please add fields for more partnerships, if required. Details on roles and responsibilities in this project must be given for the Lead Organisation and all project partners.**

**N.B. There is a file upload button at the bottom of this page for the upload of all letters of support.**

**Lead Organisation name:** Royal Society for the Protection of Birds

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**Details (including roles and responsibilities and capacity to engage with the project):**

The RSPB is the largest conservation NGO in Europe and has a track record of successful project delivery in the OTs under both Darwin and BEST. The RSPB has been working with the OTs for over 20 years. The underlying principle of our work is to establish enduring relationships with local partners in order to help support the development of sustainable and locally-lead conservation programmes. We therefore helped establish the Tristan Conservation Department in 2009, and have worked with the Pitcairn Government's Natural Resources Division for almost 15 years.

The RSPB will provide technical and financial project management, plus activity coordination and M&E, all in close liaison with the project partners, steering group and stakeholders. Jonathan Hall has worked with Pitcairn since 2010. His background in environmental policy means he will oversee constructive engagement in policy development. Andy Schofield has extensive experience working on the ground with both the Pitcairn and Tristan communities. He was appointed by Tristan as their Biosecurity Inspection Officer for the Agulhas II voyage in 2018. He will provide first-hand biosecurity expertise and partner Government support. Ruth Sharman will provide financial management support, and has five years of experience working with the Tristan Government.

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**Have you included a Letter of Support from this organisation?**  Yes

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**Do you have partners involved in the Project?**

Yes

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**1. Partner Name:** Tristan da Cunha Island Government

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**Website address:** <http://www.tristandc.com>

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**Details (including roles and responsibilities and capacity to engage with the project):**

The Tristan da Cunha Island Government governs this small Territory, with executive authority residing in the office of the Administrator, and responsibilities divided across a range of Government Departments. Several of these Departments have a history of successful involvement in Darwin Plus projects. The Administrator and Island Council have undertaken to clarify departmental responsibilities by identifying a lead department for biosecurity, along with an on-island staff lead. This individual will be the recipient of the focussed biosecurity training on both Agulhas II voyages.

The Tristan Conservation Department meanwhile was established in 2009 and is lead by Trevor Glass with support from three on-island colleagues and one off-island (UK-based) environmental policy officer. Trevor was consulted throughout the development of this project. The Department is currently recruiting a new postholder for its environmental policy role. The successful applicant will represent the Tristan Government at the Cape Town workshops, and be responsible for biosecurity policy development. The elected Island Council has responsibility for adopting newly proposed biosecurity policies as they see fit.

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**Have you included a Letter of Support from this organisation?**  Yes

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**Do you have more than one partner involved in the Project?**

Yes

**2. Partner Name:** Government of the Pitcairn Islands

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**Website address:** [www.government.pn](http://www.government.pn)

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**Details (including roles and responsibilities and capacity to engage with the project):**

The Pitcairn Natural Resources Division (NRD) is a constituent division of the Pitcairn Islands Government, with responsibility for the environment. NRD has experience of successfully partnering in Darwin Plus projects, as well as major EU-funded environment programmes such as the €12m regional INTEGRÉ project to mitigate the impacts of climate change on European Territories in the Pacific. The NRD has been working in partnership with the RSPB since 2007 to implement the restoration of Henderson Island World Heritage Site, leading on community engagement, legal permissions and local biosecurity. The longstanding Division Manager, Michele Christian, will lead the NRD's involvement in the project, and oversee all the Pitcairn components. Michele will be contributing time outside the project budget as part of her core role, and will nominate the four Pitcairn Islanders who are to receive biosecurity training. She will also be responsible for submitting the reports to Island Council and developing policy alongside the Attorney-General's office for Council consideration and adoption. Key capacity will also be provided by the Pitcairn Islands Office in Auckland, which holds responsibility for the new charter vessel contract, plus the Attorney-General's office, which is focussed on the development of sound and effective legislation.

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**Have you included a Letter of Support from this organisation?**  Yes

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**3. Partner Name:** BirdLife South Africa

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**Website address:** <http://www.birdlife.org.za/>

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**Details (including roles and responsibilities and capacity to engage with the project):**

Originally established in 1905, BirdLife South Africa (BLSA) is a registered non-profit, public benefit environmental organisation with over 5,000 members and 30 nationwide bird clubs throughout South Africa. It is the local country partner of BirdLife International, and produces its own magazine. BLSA's mission is to conserve biodiversity through scientifically-based programmes and supporting the sustainable and equitable use of natural resources.

Headquartered in Johannesburg, it has a thriving regional office in Cape Town, which leads on seabird bycatch issues and thus has expertise in developing strong relationships with vessel crew members. This office is also responsible for BLSA's long-term strategic commitment to the restoration of Marion Island, a rodent-infested subantarctic South African island where the South African National Antarctic Programme (SANAP) has another base. BLSA is collaborating with the South African Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) on the Marion Island Restoration Project, so is well placed to assist engaging their staff on strengthening biosecurity practices across the entirety of the South African programme. Staff member Nini van der Merwe will participate in the Cape Town workshops, facilitate preparatory and follow-up engagement with the South African authorities and vessel crew, and ensure support for wider pre-border biosecurity activities in Cape Town.

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**Have you included a Letter of Support from this organisation?**  Yes

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**4. Partner Name:** *No Response*

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**Website address:** *No Response*

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**Details (including roles and responsibilities and capacity to engage with the project):** *No Response*

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**Have you included a Letter of Support from this organisation?**  Yes  No

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**5. Partner Name:** *No Response*

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**Website address:** *No Response*

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**Details (including roles and responsibilities and capacity to engage with the project):** *No Response*

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Have you included a Letter of Support from this organisation?  Yes  No

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6. Partner Name: *No Response*

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Website address: *No Response*

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Details (including roles and responsibilities and capacity to engage with the project): *No Response*

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Have you included a Letter of Support from this organisation?  Yes  No

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If you require more space to enter details regarding Partners involved in the Project, please use the text field below.


*No Response*

Please provide letters of support from the lead organisation and all partners as a combined PDF.

 **Letters of Support- remote territory biosecurity**

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## Section 5 - Project Staff

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### Q11. Project staff

Please identify the core staff on this project, their role and what % of their time they will be working on the project.

These should match the names and roles in the budget spreadsheet.

Please provide 1 page CVs for these staff.

Name (First name, Surname)	Role	% time on project	CV attached below?
Jonathan Hall	Project Leader	6	Checked
Andy Schofield	Co-Project Leader	15	Checked
TBC	Project Coordinator	50	Checked


**Do you require more fields?** Yes


Name (First name, Surname)	Role	% time on project	CV attached below?
TBC	Gough biosecurity expert & trainer	12	Checked
TBC	Tristan Biosecurity Lead	13	Unchecked
TBC	Tristan Policy Officer	13	Checked
Nini van der Merwe	South African Govt engagement	6	Checked
Pitcairn biosecurity staffer 1	Pitcairn biosecurity	10	Unchecked
Pitcairn biosecurity staffer 2	Pitcairn biosecurity	10	Unchecked
Pitcairn biosecurity staffer 3	Pitcairn biosecurity	10	Unchecked
Pitcairn biosecurity staffer 4	Pitcairn biosecurity	10	Unchecked

**Please provide 1 page CVs (or job description if yet to be recruited) for the Project staff listed above as a combined PDF. Ensure CVs clearly correspond to the named individual and role above.**

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**Have you attached all Project staff CVs?** No**Why have all Project staff CVs not been attached?**

Tristan Government Biosecurity Lead: Tristan Government has undertaken in writing to identify a lead biosecurity Department and named individual if the project is successful. No job description is attached as, at present, there is still uncertainty whether it will be the Police or Agriculture Departments.

Pitcairn biosecurity staffers: Michele Christian, Head of Pitcairn NRD, will clarify which Pitcairners receive training and develop job descriptions with project support.

**Section 6 - Background & Methodology**

## Q12. Summary of Project

**Please provide a brief summary of your project, its aims, and the key activities you to undertake. Please note that if you are successful, this wording may be used by Defra in communications e.g. as a short description of the project on GOV.UK. Please bear this in mind, and write this summary for a non-technical audience.**

The project will support the Pitcairn and Tristan da Cunha Governments to collaboratively strengthen biosecurity capacity in their Territories and thus enhance the protection of their natural-resource dependent economies and World Heritage Sites from invasive alien species. Recognising capacity constraints, we will focus on; strengthening 'pre-border' biosecurity in the gateway ports to both Territories, developing and passing appropriate local biosecurity policies, and working with the key vessel operators to ensure biosecurity improvements are owned and embedded for the long-term.

## Q13. 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?**

Tristan da Cunha and Pitcairn both hold 95+ unique species, threatened World Heritage Sites (WHS) and, on their one inhabited island, natural-resource dependent communities. Both also share limited entrance pathways: just four vessels regularly visit.

Pitcairn Government has asked for support as it has limited on-island biosecurity expertise, a new supply vessel contracted to start in early 2019, and no capacity to methodically engage with the vessel operator or gateway ports in New Zealand and French Polynesia. Pitcairn also lacks comprehensive biosecurity legislation, and desires to address the issue of invasive rodents on their island.

Tristan Government needs to establish clearer biosecurity leadership, expertise and policy, plus address the issue of new species continuing to be brought to Gough Island WHS. The South African National Antarctic Programme (SANAP) runs the Agulhas II to Gough (via Tristan), but Tristan is without capacity to engage on either South African biosecurity protocols or on-the-ground practice in Cape Town / on-board.

The project will therefore comprehensively address pre-border biosecurity and on-vessel practices, provide training to local staff and technical support to policy development. It responds to Territory Governments requests, and addresses local priorities to safeguard income streams, fulfil WHS responsibilities and conserve unique species.

## Q14. Methodology

**Describe the methods and approach you will use to achieve your intended Outcome 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.**

The RSPB's dedicated OTs team will project manage, supported by in-house invasive species and biosecurity policy experts. Project design is heavily informed by previous in-Territory work, resulting in major emphasis on providing repeated follow-up / ongoing assistance to maintain scrutiny and embed sustained delivery. Building on longstanding Territory Governments partnerships, we will hold project management discussions with both at least monthly, and quarterly steering group meetings joined by Jill Key, the UK Government's CSSF-funded OTs biosecurity programme lead (to ensure complementarity). To build best

practice ownership by vessel operators and gateway ports, all stakeholders will be involved as much as possible. The RSPB will facilitate information-sharing between the Territories.

Output 1: A New Zealand (NZ)-based biosecurity expert will be hired for world-class expertise, first-hand familiarity with NZ best-practice and in-person availability to support the Pitcairn Islands Office and Attorney-General (both in Auckland). Travelling on-board the supply vessel from NZ to Pitcairn will enable longer-term constructive engagement with the crew to increase their ownership of good practice. First-hand visits to all gateway ports will ensure accurate baselines and identify unknown challenges. On-island training will be tailored to local circumstances, whilst new biosecurity equipment and awareness-raising materials will be sourced in NZ due to its world-leading product range. An Auckland review meeting will enable collaborative discussion with, and recommendation implementation by, the vessel operator, whilst follow-up visits to Auckland (twice) and Mangareva (once, in collaboration with a Pitcairn Islander) will help ensure sustained and measurable delivery.

Output 2: World-class NZ expertise will be sourced to conduct the feasibility assessment of joining the community-desired Pitcairn rodent eradication with a planned eradication on Henderson Island WHS. Community consultation will be lead by Andy Schofield (RSPB), who has extensive experience of working with small island communities and previously spent 3 months living on Pitcairn.

Output 3: Dispersed biosecurity incident reports from annual Gough voyages will be summarised as a project baseline and for discussion at an all-stakeholder kick-off workshop in Cape Town. Already secured representation from the South African Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) and its agency SANAP, plus the presence of the UK Government (Jill Key), will help develop high-level ownership to strengthen biosecurity. BirdLife South Africa will facilitate ongoing follow-up with SANAP (both are Cape Town-based). New biosecurity equipment will be purchased as required to facilitate recommendation uptake, whilst a biosecurity expert on both SANAP's 2019 and 2020 voyages will ensure implementation and provide on-the-job training for a Tristanian. Finally a 'wash-up' workshop in Cape Town at the end of Year2 will ensure ongoing accountability for implementation after the first workshop, finalise the biosecurity plan and provide another opportunity to embed change.

Output 4: A biosecurity expert will assess the loading of both Ovenstone fishing vessels (the main providers of transport to Tristan) prior to the Cape Town workshop, which Ovenstone have agreed to attend, thereby guaranteeing complete vessel operator representation. Follow-up visits during vessel loading will assist and oversee recommendation implementation, plus provide measures of change for the wash-up workshop.

**If necessary, please provide supporting documentation e.g. maps, diagrams etc., using the File Upload below.**

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*No Response*

## **Section 7 - Objectives, Stakeholders & Sustainability**

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### **Q15. Project Objectives**

**How does this project:**

- **Deliver against the priority issues identified in the assessment criteria**
- **Demonstrate technical excellence in its delivery**

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

- Priority issues

This project focusses on the Round 7 priority issue of 'dealing with invasive non-native species'. It will work methodically with two Territories to deliver a measurable step-change in biosecurity practices in their gateway ports and on-board their principal access pathways so as to reduce invasive species arrivals. It fulfils the priority of 'implementing National Biodiversity Action Plans' for Tristan da Cunha. The Tristan NBAP 2012-16 encompasses priority actions: 4.1.2 The Conservation Department will work with the South African authorities to improve arrangements for checking and transporting cargo in Cape Town and 4.1.7 Funding will be sought for biosecurity training.

The project will help Tristan da Cunha fulfil its responsibility under the Convention on Biological Diversity Aichi Target 9 on Invasive Alien Species, and fulfils numerous core components of the Gough Island WHS Management Plan: 'High-Level Objective 3 to prevent the introduction of any individual non-native animals, plants, other organisms' and Priority Action A2 to 'prepare and implement a comprehensive biosecurity plan for all human movements and activity'. The project is supported by the Administrator, Council and Conservation Department, and will help safeguard the UK Government's significant financial investment in the eradication of invasive mice from Gough.

The project was specifically requested by the Government of the Pitcairn Islands, who seek support for strengthening their pathway biosecurity. The Pitcairn Environment Charter commits to 'attempt the control and eradication of invasive species'. Pitcairn has been working to update its biosecurity legislation for several years, and whilst it has not yet been able to complete this, it intends to do so. The Island Council formally approved the project, and specific activities were included at the request of the Natural Resources Division.

- Technical excellence

RSPB has extensive expertise in island biosecurity policy and practice, derived from our UK work and two decades working with the OTs. World-class expertise from NZ will supplement in-house capacity and deliver the Pitcairn components of the work programme, plus UK Government expertise for Tristan. The buy-in of all the publically available vessel operators demonstrates stakeholder engagement expertise, whilst partnership with BLSA brings extensive South African Government policy engagement experience. Within Territories, RSPB has a tangible track record of collaboratively working to achieve sustainable legislative change, evidenced by our publications on OT environmental governance. Territory staff capacity will meanwhile be increased via targeted training, with clear follow-up visits and workshops to embed sustainability (demonstrating experience in effective OT project design).

- Clear pathway to impact

This timely project is tightly focussed on achieving impact for biosecurity delivery. It aims to achieve change in vessel pathway practices via training, collaboration and operator ownership of the issue, and through legal requirements simultaneously placed in Territory policy. It therefore works both practically on the ground via cultural change and at the policy level to reinforce long-term impact. RSPB are committed to the long-term restoration of Henderson Island WHS, so will be able to utilise the Council decision on joining with a Pitcairn operation to directly inform operational design.

## **Q16. Project Stakeholders**

**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.**

The Tristan da Cunha Administrator, Island Council and Conservation Department were all consulted as part of the project's development. The Administrator has undertaken to designate a new lead biosecurity department and staff member outside of Conservation, plus ensure the participation of the UK-based Tristan environmental policy officer (shortly to be employed) in the Cape Town workshops.

The South African Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) and SANAP were both consulted as part of the project's development. The Deputy Director-General of the DEA has provided a letter of support and guaranteed involvement of his Department and SANAP. SANAP have agreed to host both Cape Town workshops at their offices, plus have Tristan-nominated biosecurity expertise on-board. Ovenstone fishing company, who provide primary transport to Pitcairn, have agreed to a biosecurity expert visiting their vessels loading, and to participate in the workshops. Their letter of support is attached.

The Pitcairn Government specifically requested support for vessel pathway biosecurity, policy development, and on the feasibility of joining island rodent eradications together. Further consultation lead to inclusion of the risk assessments and expanding the training to two additional reserve staff. Working relationships are already established with the Attorney-General's office, and the Pitcairn Government office will facilitate relations with the new charter vessel (to be announced mid-September).

Finally, the UK Government's CSSF OTs biosecurity project was consulted, who agreed to sit on the steering group and participate in the first Cape Town workshop, as well as confirming our on-the-ground collaborative approach was complementary to their programme.

## **Q17. Institutional Capacity**

### **Describe the lead organisation's capacity (and that of partner organisations where relevant) to deliver the project.**

As noted in our answers to Q10 and Q15, the RSPB has the capacity to deliver this project effectively. Specifically:

The RSPB is the largest conservation NGO in Europe and has a track record of successful project delivery in the OTs under both Darwin and BEST. The RSPB has been working with the OTs for over 20 years. The underlying principle of our work is to establish enduring relationships with local partners in order to help support the development of sustainable and locally-lead conservation programmes. We therefore helped establish the Tristan Conservation Department in 2009, and have worked with the Pitcairn Government's Natural Resources Division for almost 15 years.

RSPB has extensive experience of managing grant funding and of prioritising spending, and procedures which follow the highest standards of financial accountability and control. RSPB has extensive expertise in island biosecurity policy and practice, derived from our UK work and two decades working with the OTs. Within Territories, RSPB has a tangible track record of collaboratively working to achieve sustainable legislative change, evidenced by our publications on OT environmental governance. A NZ-based biosecurity expert will also be hired for world-class expertise, first-hand familiarity with NZ best-practice and in-person availability to support the Pitcairn Islands Office and Attorney-General. UK Government expertise from the CSSF-funded OTs biosecurity programme will also be utilised: Dr Jill Key (APHA) will sit on the project steering group and attend the Cape Town workshop, whilst Jonathan Hall (RSPB) sits on the CSSF project's steering group, so complementarity can be ensured.

The Tristan Government is committed to clarifying departmental responsibility and nominating a staff lead to receive biosecurity training. Multiple Governments Departments have already been successfully involved in Darwin Plus projects, whilst a newly employed UK-based environmental policy officer will be able to advance policy development. Capacity is limited on-island, and the project therefore responsibly



concentrates on delivering pre-border improvements for Tristan and not over-stretching any of the staff with pre-existing Darwin Plus commitments.

The Pitcairn Government's Natural Resources Division has partnered in multiple Darwin Plus projects and has extensive experience of collaborating effectively with the RSPB. Recognising that having only two biosecurity roles leaves them exposed if anyone is off-island when the supply vessel visits, the project will help build back-up staffing capacity on-island. Capacity is available in the Attorney-General's office in Auckland, and within Michele Christian's core work programme, to pass an Environmental Protection Ordinance, which will contain biosecurity provisions.

BLSA has a regional office in Cape Town which is experienced in engaging vessel crews and already has relations with the Cape Town-based South African National Antarctic Programme (SANAP). BLSA is working in partnership with the South African Government to remove introduced rodents from another remote South African island where SANAP has a base, so is committed to strengthening biosecurity across the entire South African programme. This project therefore aligns with BLSA's strategic priorities, and they will be able to use their extensive experience of governmental engagement to help assist the South African Government with implementation.

## Q18. 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 and how will it be funded?**

The project will work very closely and collaboratively alongside local policy development processes in both the Pitcairn and Tristan Governments to achieve sustainable legislative outputs that are grounded in first-hand experience and up-to-date biosecurity data. The Government of the Pitcairn Islands will seek to add any new biosecurity protocols arising into an appendix to their boat charter contract. Tristan da Cunha has a longstanding collaboration with Ovenstone, enabling sustainable embedding of any new biosecurity requirements. The provision of training, follow-up visits to Auckland and Mangareva, and a wash-up Cape Town workshop will help embed ownership and changed practices on-the-ground. BLSA are meanwhile committed to working towards another major island rodent eradication with SANAP, so have strengthening the biosecurity practices of the Agulhas II as a long-term work programme goal.

The RSPB is committed to long-term partnerships with Pitcairn and Tristan da Cunha, so will provide follow-up post-project with technical support and small grants to help ensure sustainability. RSPB is committed to the restoration of Henderson Island World Heritage Site, and will use the findings from the combined operation feasibility study for future planning, in collaboration with Pitcairn.

## Section 8 - Funding and Budget

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### Q19. Budget

**Please complete the appropriate Excel spreadsheet, which provides the Budget for this application. Some of the questions earlier and below refer to the information in this spreadsheet. Note that there are different templates for projects requesting over and under £100,000 Darwin Plus budget**

- **R7 D+ Budget form for projects under £100,000**
- **R7 D+ Budget form for projects over £100,000**

Please refer to the [Finance Guidance for Darwin and IWT](#) for more information.

**N.B.:** 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.

↓ [RSPB biosecurity remote Territories budget](#)

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## Q20. Co-financing

Are you proposing co-financing?

Yes

### Secured

Provide details of all funding successfully levered (and identified in the Budget) towards the costs of the project, including any income from other public bodies, private sponsorship, donations, trusts, fees or trading activity, as well as any your own organisation(s) will be committing.

(See "[Finance for Darwin & IWT](#)" and the "[Guidance for Applicants](#)" documents)

The RSPB has committed to contributing £X from its core budget.

The Tristan da Cunha Government has committed to contributing £X in salaried effort from its core budget.

The Government of the Pitcairn Islands will contribute salary and overhead costs from its core budget, to the value of £X.

BirdLife South Africa will contribute £X in overhead costs.

### Unsecured

Provide details of any co-financing where an application has been submitted, or that you intend applying for during the course of the project. This could include co-financing from the private sector, charitable organisations or other public sector schemes.

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**Please give brief details including when you expect to hear the result. Please ensure you include the figures requested in the Budget Spreadsheet as Unconfirmed funding.**

N/A

**Do you require more fields?**

No

## **Section 9 - Financial Controls, Value for Money & Open Access**

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### **Q21. 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?**

RSPB will manage the grant and has extensive experience of managing grant funding and of prioritising spending, a good track record with the management of Darwin Projects, and procedures which follow the highest standards of financial accountability and control. Ruth Sharman in the RSPB's Project Development and Support Unit will oversee spending of the project funds. Ruth has overseen the financial management of multiple Darwin Plus and EU BEST projects in the UK Overseas Territories over the past six years, including several in Tristan da Cunha.

RSPB will sub-grant to the Tristan Government, Pitcairn Government and BirdLife South Africa where needed and partners will produce quarterly financial reports and submit them to the RSPB.

RSPB will contract any consultants through appropriate competitive tendering processes that fulfil Darwin and RSPB requirements.

The project will be audited once it has ended and as final reports are submitted.

### **Q22. Financial Management Risk**

**Explain how you have considered the risks and threats that may be relevant to the success of this project, including the risks of fraud or bribery.**

The RSPB takes financial risk very seriously, especially in projects implemented outside the UK, and has established an International Financial Risk Management Working Group to deal with exactly this issue. For the project proposed here, though, we consider the risk to be low. RSPB has zero tolerance systems in place around bribery, and conducts spot check financial audits of all our overseas partners to assess for fraud risk. We have long-term partnerships in which we provide regular funding to both the Territory Governments, so are familiar with their financial management systems. BirdLife South Africa, the other partner, is likewise a long-term and highly reliable recipient of RSPB core funds in which we have great confidence. Much of the grant meanwhile will be spent by the RSPB on behalf of the project, permitting greater direct control and reducing consequent risk. Internal RSPB procedures will ensure close monitoring of project spend- a separate budget line will be established and monthly financial reports issued. When RSPB staff do visit either of the Territories, they will nonetheless conduct a financial spot check on behalf of our International Financial Risk Management Working Group.

### **Q23. 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.**

This project provides value for money by simultaneously and comprehensively addressing a longstanding priority issue in two very similar remote Territories. Biosecurity concerns have not been successfully resolved to date via piecemeal or remote-advice approaches. The RSPB has worked closely with both Territories for over a decade so developed this project only once explicit demand was made by both of them, and designed it based on first-hand experience of working with them to deliver sustainable conservation. This project is therefore based on a convincing theory of change and represents a pathway to genuine impact. Combining similar needs in Tristan and Pitcairn into one project meanwhile saves on core management costs and maximises synergies.

Budgeting was based on prior RSPB experience of travelling to both Territories, plus of hiring expert staff in New Zealand. Travel to both Territories, but Pitcairn in particular, is extremely expensive. Costs have been reduced by minimising travel to the Territories, competitively recruiting 2 of the 3 Pitcairn-visiting staff from New Zealand to reduce travel distances, collaborating with other projects to secure co-financed expert staff time on the Agulhas II and by securing meeting facilities in Cape Town from the South African Government.

## **Q24. Outputs of the project and Open Access**

**All outputs from Darwin Plus projects should be made available on-line and free to users whenever possible. Please outline how you will achieve this and detail any specific costs you are seeking from Darwin Plus to fund this.**

Open access to data and the products of research is a general policy of RSPB. All data, reports, leaflets, training materials, photographs and other outputs from the project will be free access, and available in digital form where possible and appropriate on the Darwin and RSPB websites. Annual and half-year reports to Darwin will list project progress and the products available from them. RSPB will facilitate exchange of policy documents between the Tristan da Cunha and Pitcairn Governments as permitted, along with exchange to other remote Territories in the South Atlantic and Indian Oceans. All reports, recommendations and policy discussions will also be shared with the CSSF-funded 'Overseas Territories Biosecurity' project being lead by the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA). Final adopted legislation will be made publically available by both Territory Governments.

The Tristan da Cunha website will host biosecurity story updates, whilst social media accounts from Pitcairn Island and RSPB will be used to promote photographs and stories arising from biosecurity activities on Pitcairn and in Mangareva.

Regionally, BirdLife South Africa will promote the recommendations arising for Gough Island World Heritage Site to be adopted across the whole suite of South African remote subantarctic island bases. RSPB will meanwhile share outcomes from the Pitcairn components of the project with the Pacific Invasives Initiative (PII) and the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environmental Programme (SPREP) for wider utilisation.

## **Q25. Safeguarding**

**See Guidance Note 3.7**

**Projects funded through Darwin Plus must fully protect vulnerable people all of the time, wherever they**

work. In order to provide assurance of this, we would like projects to ensure they have the appropriate safeguarding policies in place. Please check the box to confirm you have relevant policies in place at that these can be available on request.

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## Section 10 - Logical Framework

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### Q26. Logical Framework

Darwin Plus projects will be required to report against their progress towards their expected Outputs and Outcome if funded. This section sets out the expected Outputs and Outcome of your project, how you expect to measure progress against these and how we can verify this.

**Annex D and Annex E in the Guidance Notes provides helpful guidance on completing a logical framework, including definitions of the key terms used below.**

#### Impact:

Improved biosecurity for Tristan da Cunha and the Pitcairn Islands safeguards natural-resource dependent economies, protects World Heritage Sites, enables recovery of highly threatened species and safeguards UK Government conservation investments.

**Project Summary**

**Measurable Indicators**

**Means of Verification**

**Important Assumptions**

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**Outcome:**

Improved biosecurity procedures, policy and capacity for the Pitcairn Islands, Gough Island World Heritage Site and pre-border vessel pathways to Tristan da Cunha are collaboratively developed and sustainably implemented.

0.1 Biosecurity checks in Cape Town show year on year improvement from pre-project baseline (Agulhas II) and Year 1 baseline (Ovenstone fishing vessels).

0.2 Nominated Tristan da Cunha biosecurity lead fully running Agulhas II biosecurity checks by EOP.

0.3 Tristan da Cunha and Gough Island biosecurity policies updated as required and passed by Island Council by EOP.

0.4 Biosecurity checks in both Pitcairn pathway ports show year on year improvement from Year 1 baseline.

0.5 Updated Pitcairn Island biosecurity policies and procedures adopted by Island Council and appended to supply vessel charter contract by EOP.

0.1.1. Agulhas II Biosecurity Inspection Reports. Ovenstone vessel visit reports. Concluding report from the Year 2 wrap-up workshop.

0.2.1. Agulhas II Yr2 biosecurity inspection report. Trainer feedback report.

0.3.1. Copies of Tristan da Cunha and Gough Island biosecurity policies.

0.4.1 Auckland and Mangareva inspection reports for Year 1 and Year 2. Report from Auckland workshop.

0.5.1 Copies of Pitcairn Island biosecurity policy, procedures and vessel contract appendix.

Assumption: Cooperation of vessel and port operators and willingness to improve procedures. Risk mitigation: Both Tristanian vessel operators already agreed to take part, and a Cape Town-based NGO partner for further on the ground engagement. End of project wash-up workshop to maintain accountability for duration of project. Return visits by expert consultant to Auckland and Mangareva to further relationships and implementation. New Territory policies will also provide a clear legal lever for port-based change if required.

Assumption: Governments of Pitcairn and Tristan da Cunha take ownership of the biosecurity procedures. Risk mitigation: Project clearly requested by both Territory Governments. Focus on pre-border security in order not to set off any internal political tensions. Repeated visits by biosecurity experts. Inclusive stakeholder workshops. Technical assistance on hand for policy development.

**Output 1:**

Practices and policies along the biosecurity continuum reviewed, updated and implemented for the Pitcairn Islands.

1.1 A NZ-based biosecurity expert hired in Q1(Yr1) to assess standards along the whole Pitcairn supply vessel route.  
1.2 Biosecurity practices and protocols during Auckland and Mangareva vessel loading and Pitcairn unloading assessed by Q2 (Yr1).  
1.3 Four Pitcairners have increased capacity to implement biosecurity practices by Q2 (Yr1) and deliver improved biosecurity checks.  
1.4 Two biosecurity and invasive species risk assessments completed (1. Endangered Pitcairn reed-warbler, 2. Pitcairn's honey production) by Q3 (Yr1) and submitted to Island Council.  
1.5 Biosecurity expert retained as technical advisor for Pitcairn Government NRD and Attorney-General for policy development till EOP.  
1.6 Vessel operator agrees to implement new recommendations during Auckland workshop in Q3 (Yr1).  
1.7 New Pitcairn biosecurity policy passed by Island Council and appended to supply vessel contract by Q2 (Yr2).  
1.8 Implementation of vessel-loading recommendations in Auckland and Mangareva in Yr 2

1.1.1 Biosecurity expert tender and contract documents.  
1.2.1 Assessment reports as submitted to Government of the Pitcairn Islands  
1.3.1 Training report. Signed attendance register. Biosecurity check reports. Follow-up RSPB visit report. Biosecurity equipment and awareness-raising materials receipts.  
1.4.1 Risk assessment documents as submitted to Government of the Pitcairn Islands  
1.5.1 Contract documents. Provision of comments made on draft policies and procedures. Travel receipts for face-to-face support.  
1.6.1 Meeting report. Biosecurity equipment receipts.  
1.7.1. Pitcairn biosecurity policy documents. Supply vessel contract appendix.  
1.8.1 Update report as submitted to Government of the Pitcairn Islands. Pitcairn island biosecurity staff report from Mangareva checks.

Assumption: A New Zealand-based biosecurity consultant can be hired for both on the ground visits and retained policy advice. Mitigation: NZ invasive species networks maintained by RSPB staff. Wealth of biosecurity policy experience in this country.  
Assumption: New Pitcairn supply vessel operator and crew open to engaging and improving biosecurity practices. Mitigation: Biosecurity expert will travel on-board from NZ to Pitcairn to provide ample engagement time with crew. Government of Pitcairn Islands / FCO holds contract and able to require engagement. Some budget available for new biosecurity equipment.  
Assumption: Port staff in Mangareva open to implementing improvements. Mitigation: Two visits by biosecurity expert, and at least one by Pitcairn biosecurity staffer enable development of relationships and follow-up. Jonathan Hall is a fluent French speaker.  
Assumption: Pitcairn Council willing to pass new biosecurity policy. Mitigation: Council has approved the proposal and its policy aims. Retention of advice capability enables

assessed against  
baseline.

responsiveness to  
Council ideas or  
concerns.

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**Output 2:**

Feasibility of combining  
invasive rodent  
eradication for Pitcairn  
and Henderson Islands  
assessed, and Island  
Council decision on  
whether to proceed on  
such a basis taken.

2.1 Aerial island rat  
eradication operational  
expert hired by Q2 (Yr1).  
2.2. Pitcairn assessment  
and consultation lead by  
operational expert and  
experienced RSPB  
Pitcairn community  
engagement officer by  
Q4 (Yr1).  
2.3 Feasibility study  
submitted to RSPB and  
the Government of the  
Pitcairn Islands by Q2  
(Yr2).  
2.4 Informed Island  
Council position on  
whether want a future  
Henderson operation  
joined to a Pitcairn one  
adopted by Q3 (Yr2).

2.1.1 Contract  
documents.  
2.2.1 Trip report. Travel  
receipts. Island Council  
meeting minutes.  
2.3.1 Feasibility study  
document.  
2.4.1 Island Council  
minutes.

Assumption: Aerial  
island eradication expert  
available for hire.  
Mitigation: Will recruit in  
NZ, where a wealth of  
such expertise (and also  
cheaper to travel to  
Pitcairn from).  
Assumption: Pitcairn  
Island Community  
retains interest in  
eradicating rats from  
Pitcairn. Mitigation: This  
has been a consistent  
ask from the Pitcairn  
community since 2011.  
Andy Schofield has  
previously lived for 3  
months on Pitcairn and  
can ensure optimal  
community consultation.

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**Output 3:**

Practices and policies along the biosecurity continuum reviewed, updated and implemented for Gough Island World Heritage Site.

3.1 Lead Tristan da Cunha Government biosecurity department designated by Q1 (Yr1).  
3.2 Gough biosecurity practices baseline established by Q1 (Yr1)  
3.3 Q2 Year 1 Cape Town stakeholder workshop agrees suite of recommended biosecurity improvements.  
3.4 New Tristanian biosecurity lead and Agulhas II crew have improved biosecurity skills due to on-board training during Q2 (Yr1) voyage to Gough Island.  
3.5 Gough biosecurity policy and procedure recommendations as required submitted to and adopted by Island Council in Q4 (Yr1)  
3.6 New training developed and added to annual SANAP Gough voyage training programme in Q2, along with provision of new equipment as required (Yr2)  
3.7 Tristanian biosecurity officer leads biosecurity implementation on Year 2 Agulhas II voyage, with RSPB biosecurity expert as supporting deputy  
3.8 Progress review completed and finalised Gough biosecurity plan approved at Year 2 Cape Town 'wash-up' workshop.

3.1.1. Documentation from the Office of the Administrator.  
3.2.1 Baseline report as submitted to the Cape Town workshop.  
3.3.1 Workshop report. Attendance register show key expert and stakeholder attendance.  
3.4.1 Voyage biosecurity and trainers report submitted to the Tristan da Cunha and South African Governments.  
3.5.1 Recommendations document. Adopted Gough policy document.  
3.6.1 Training materials. Training register of attendance. Biosecurity equipment receipts and awareness-raising materials.  
3.7.1 Voyage biosecurity report as submitted to the Tristan da Cunha and South African Governments. Trainers report to trainee and Tristan Government.  
3.8.1 Workshop report. Gough biosecurity plan. Attendance register.

Assumption: South African Government remains supportive of implementing biosecurity improvements.  
Mitigation: High-level support from the Deputy Director-General in the Department of Environmental Affairs secured in writing. Local NGO partner near SANAP HQ involved as a project partner to help increase face-to-face engagement and follow-up. Initial stakeholder workshop to increase levels of ownership, and end of project workshop to maintain accountability for progress throughout. UK Government presence at initial workshop to show level of seriousness. Legal requirements for Gough biosecurity can be emphasised by Tristan da Cunha Government as well. Some budget available to help purchase any recommended new boat-based and/or dockside biosecurity equipment.

<p><b>Output 4:</b></p> <p>Improved pre-border biosecurity for the Tristan da Cunha group</p>	<p>4.1 Biosecurity expert assessment of loading protocols for both Ovenstone vessels in Cape Town completed and baseline established by Q2 (Yr1)</p> <p>4.2 Cape Town Year 1 workshop recommends best practice procedures and materials for pre-border biosecurity.</p> <p>4.3 Biosecurity expert reviews loading of both Ovenstone vessels and records improvement in implementation against baseline by Qs1and2 (Yr2)</p> <p>4.4. Cape Town Q3 Year 2 workshop reviews progress and makes final recommendations for biosecurity sustainability by EOP.</p> <p>4.5 Island Council adopt new pre-border biosecurity policy, as required, by EOP.</p>	<p>4.1.1 Assessment report for both vessels.</p> <p>4.2.1 Workshop report with best practice procedures and recommended equipment and materials. Travel receipts. Attendance register.</p> <p>4.3.1 Update report from follow-up visits. Biosecurity equipment receipts. Biosecurity awareness-raising materials.</p> <p>4.4.1 Workshop report with final recommendations for biosecurity sustainability. Travel receipts. Attendance register.</p> <p>4.5.1 Policy documents.</p>	<p>Assumption: Ovenstone remain willing to engage in biosecurity strengthening process.</p> <p>Mitigation: Support in writing received from joint company owners. Ovenstone retain long-term contract and commitment to Tristan da Cunha.</p>
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<p><b>Output 5:</b></p> <p>No Response</p>	<p>No Response</p>	<p>No Response</p>	<p>No Response</p>
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**Do you require more Output fields?**

**It is advised to have less than 6 Outputs since this level of detail can be provided at the Activity level.**

No

**Activities**

**Each activity is numbered according to the Output that it will contribute towards, for example 1.1, 1.2 and 1.3 are contributing to Output 1. Each new activity should start on a new line.**

Output 1 Activities

- 1.1 New Zealand-based biosecurity expert hired to assess standards along the Pitcairn supply vessel route.
- 1.2 Biosecurity expert conducts assessment of biosecurity facilities, equipment and practices in Auckland (NZ), on board the vessel, in Mangareva (French Polynesia) and at Pitcairn, feeding back in person and in writing to Pitcairn Government.
- 1.3 Biosecurity expert provides on-island training to four Pitcairners, two primary staff and two to serve as reserves when primary staff are off-island.
- 1.4 Biosecurity expert writes assessments of risks arising to the Endangered Pitcairn reed-warbler and Pitcairn's economically-important honey production from invasive species and inadequate biosecurity.

- 1.5 Follow-up Auckland workshop with Pitcairn Government and vessel operator to discuss assessment findings and recommendations.
- 1.6 New biosecurity equipment purchased for on-board vessel, in ports or on Pitcairn as required. Biosecurity signage and awareness-raising materials prepared and delivered to relevant ports.
- 1.7 Follow-up technical support provided to Pitcairn biosecurity staff by visit of invasive species eradication expert and Andy Schofield.
- 1.8 Biosecurity expert retained on draw-down contract in NZ to assist the Pitcairn Attorney-General's office (Auckland) with policy development
- 1.9 Pitcairn Council adopt new and proportionate biosecurity policy. New biosecurity requirements appended to supply vessel charter contract.
- 1.10 Biosecurity expert returns to Auckland (twice) and Mangareva (once, accompanied by a Pitcairn biosecurity officer) to ensure sustainable recommendation implementation.

#### Output 2 Activities

- 2.1 New Zealand-based aerial island rat eradication operational expert hired.
- 2.2 Review of existing rodent eradication feasibility studies for Pitcairn and Henderson.
- 2.3 Pitcairn Island eradication assessment and community consultation.
- 2.4 Feasibility study with planning, duration, cost and operational consequences of combining both operations developed.
- 2.5 Island Council adopt fully-informed position on whether would like these operations to be joined together

#### Output 3 Activities

- 3.1 Tristan da Cunha Government new biosecurity lead department designated.
- 3.2 Previous Gough biosecurity incident reports and recommendations reviewed by project coordinator to establish baseline for workshop.
- 3.3 Collaborative Cape Town stakeholder workshop with Tristan da Cunha, South African and UK Governments, plus other vessel operator and NGOs, held to review biosecurity continuum for Gough and agree suite of improvements.
- 3.4 Training and oversight to implement new protocols delivered by biosecurity expert, supported by new Tristan biosecurity lead as deputy, during loading and aboard September 2019 visit of Agulhas II to Gough Island.
- 3.5 New Gough biosecurity policy recommendations from workshop and voyage implementation submitted to Island Council for adoption.
- 3.6 New biosecurity equipment, training and awareness-raising materials obtained and developed for addition to annual SANAP pre-voyage training programme and use at port / on-board.
- 3.7 Tristanian biosecurity lead is main biosecurity officer on September 2020 Agulhas II voyage, overseeing implementation and adherence to new Gough biosecurity policy requirements, with support from biosecurity expert this time acting as deputy.
- 3.8 Second Cape Town stakeholder workshop reviews progress over two successive Gough voyages, approves finalised Gough biosecurity plan and makes final recommendations for sustainability.

#### Output 4 Activities

- 4.1 Biosecurity expert visits both Ovenstone vessels during Cape Town loading to review biosecurity practices and establish baseline.
- 4.2 Cape Town stakeholder workshop about Gough also considers wider pre-border biosecurity practices for the Tristan da Cunha group and makes recommendations on procedures, equipment and materials.
- 4.3 New equipment and materials provided to Ovenstone, and biosecurity expert returns during loading of both vessels to assist in implementation and measure progress against baseline.
- 4.4 Second Cape Town stakeholder workshop about Gough also reviews progress on pre-border biosecurity and makes final policy and practice recommendations.
- 4.5 Tristan Government environmental policy officer develops and submits new pre-border biosecurity

policy to Island Council for adoption.

## Section 11 - Implementation Timetable

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### Q27. Provide a project implementation timetable that shows the key milestones in project activities

Please complete the Excel spreadsheet linked below to describe the intended workplan for your project.

#### Darwin Plus Implementation Timetable

Please add 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 fill/shade only the quarters in which an activity will be carried out.

Once you have completed your implementation timetable please upload it using the file upload tool below.

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↓ [RSPB biosecurity remote Territories implementation timetable](#)

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## Section 12 - Monitoring and Evaluation

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### Q28. Monitoring and evaluation (M&E) plan

Describe, referring to the Indicators above, how the progress of the project will be monitored and evaluated, making reference to who is responsible for the project's M&E.

**Darwin Initiative projects are expected to be adaptive and you should detail how the monitoring and evaluation will feed into the delivery of the project including its management. M&E is expected to be built into the project and not an 'add' on. It is as important to measure for negative impacts as it is for positive impact.**

The Project Leaders will be responsible for implementing M&E. The project will utilise the Logical Framework as the basis of monitoring progress and reporting to Darwin. The RSPB project management team (Jonathan Hall, Andy Schofield, Ruth Sharman and Project Coordinator) will have responsibility to track and review project progress through the M&E plan, which will be developed at project start-up in consultation with all partners. Project personnel will be in frequent contact over project progress, and priorities for output completion discussed and revised where necessary. Annual and half-year reports to Darwin will summarise progress against the planned outputs and activities.

## Outline M&E for each Output

Output 1. The biosecurity expert managed by Andy Schofield, with support from the project coordinator, will lead on the assessment and monitoring of biosecurity standards and practice along the Pitcairn Supply Vessel route through pre-agreed protocols and data collection methods to establish a baseline. This will be followed up with recommendations to the vessel operator and port authorities. The expert will also mentor and train crew on-vessel and biosecurity staff on-island, keeping records of the latter's training programme and performance. Follow-up visits to Auckland & Mangareva loadings will enable improvements to be measured against the baseline. Changes in policy at Pitcairn will be supported by the NZ-based biosecurity expert and Jonathan Hall, and monitored by review of Island Council meeting minutes and new policy documents.

Output 2. An aerial rat eradication operation expert, managed by Andy Schofield with support from the project coordinator, will lead on the feasibility study of combining rodent eradications on Pitcairn and Henderson. The expert will review past work and conduct the feasibility study, supported by the aerial eradications implementation team at the RSPB (on technical matters) and Andy Schofield (on Pitcairn community engagement). Outcomes will be monitored by review of Island Council meeting minutes.

Output 3 This work will be lead jointly by the RSPB's project coordinator and the Tristan Government. They will jointly review biosecurity practice and present a baseline at the start-up workshop. A newly appointed biosecurity lead for the government and the crew of the Agulhas II will be trained (using materials developed) by RSPB's Gough eradication manager (Year1) and Andy Schofield (Year2), with support from the project coordinator & BLSA, to improve biosecurity practice on-board. Data on performance of the crew will be collated and kept to follow up with recommendations on how to improve for the next trip. By the wash-up workshop, progress against the baseline will have been measured on two separate voyages.

Output 4. A baseline of pre-border biosecurity practices will be established early in the project via separate assessments of loading practices for both Ovenstone vessels. BLSA will help support assessment of recommendation implementation, plus use of equipment and materials, via follow-up visits, enabling a review of progress against baseline to be established for the wash-up workshop.

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<b>Number of days planned for M&amp;E</b>	44.00
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<b>Total project budget for M&amp;E (this may include Staff and Travel and Subsistence Costs) (£)</b>	
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<b>Percentage of total project budget set aside for M&amp;E (%)</b>	5.00
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## Section 13 - Certification

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### Certification

**On behalf of the**

trustees

**of**

Royal Society for the Protection of Birds

## I apply for a grant of





£146,766.00

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 applicant institution to submit applications and sign contracts on their behalf.)

- I enclose one page CVs for key project personnel and letters of support.
- I enclose the most recent 2 sets of signed and audited/independently verified accounts.

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Name	Dieter Hoffmann
Position in the organisation	Head, International Strategy & Capacity Building Department
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## Section 14 - Submission Checklist

### Checklist for submission

	Check
I have read the Guidance documents, including the "Guidance Notes for Applicants" and "Finance Guidance".	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 this proposed project.	Checked
I have provided a budget based on UK government financial years i.e. 1 April - 31 March and in GBP.	Checked
I have checked that the budget is complete, correctly adds up and have included the correct final total at Q7.	Checked

<b>The application has been signed by a suitably authorised individual.</b>	Checked
<b>I have included a 1 page CV for all the Project staff (listed at Q11) on this project, including the Project Leader.</b>	Checked
<b>I have included a letter of support from the applicant organisation, main partner(s) organisations and the relevant OT Government.</b>	Checked
<b>I have uploaded a signed copy of the last 2 years annual report and accounts for the lead organisation, or provided an explanation if not.</b>	Checked
<b>I have checked the Darwin Plus website immediately prior to submission to ensure there are no late updates.</b>	Checked
<b>I have read and understood the Privacy Notice on GOV.UK.</b>	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 the Darwin Initiative, Darwin Plus and our sister grant scheme, the IWT Challenge Fund. We also provide occasional updates on other UK Government activities related to biodiversity conservation and share our quarterly project newsletter. You are free to unsubscribe at any time.**

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