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Strengthening local conservation leadership in response to COVID-19 in Timor-Leste

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Section 2 - Project Title & Previous Applications

Q3. Project Title:

Strengthening local conservation leadership in response to COVID-19 in Timor-Leste

Q4. Existing project

Q4a. Does your organisation have an existing (or recently finished) project under either Darwin Initiative, Darwin Plus or Illegal Wildlife Trade Challenge Fund?

Yes

If yes, please list the project reference and title of relevant projects (e.g. 25-001, DPLUS090, IWT099).

Reference of current/recent project:	Title of current/recent project:
24-012	Incentivising community-led marine biodiversity conservation on Atauro Island

Q4b. Is this proposal directly relevant to one of the projects listed above?

Yes

If yes, please list the relevant project reference and title.

24-012

Section 3 - Countries, Dates & Budget Summary

Q5. Which Fund's objectives will your project most directly address? (please only select one)

Darwin Initiative

Q6. Country(ies)

Which eligible country(ies) will your project be working in?

Country 1	Timor Leste (East Timor)	Country 2	No Response
Country 3	No Response	Country 4	No Response

Do you require more fields?

Yes
 No

Q7. Project dates

Start Date:

01 January 2021

End date:

31 March 2021

Q8. Budget summary

Darwin/IWT Funding Request

Total request 2020/21:

55,942.21

Please note all spending must fall between 1st January 2021 - 31st March 2021

Q8a. If any matched funding arrangements are proposed, please detail them here.

£ [REDACTED] of matched funding from a current (secured) grant is being applied to this project

Section 4 - Project Outcome and Summary

Q9. Outcome

What is the expected Outcome of this project?

Communities are empowered with strengthened leadership and technical skills for autonomous management of locally managed marine areas (LMMAs) in Timor-Leste

Q10. Summary of project

Please provide a brief summary of your project, its aims, and the key activities you plan on undertaking. 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.

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Section 5 - Project Partners

Q11. Project partners

Please list all the partners involved (including the Lead Organisation) and provide a summary of

their roles. Please upload letters, emails or other confirmation of support from any new partners.

Lead Organisation name:	Blue Ventures Conservation
Other partners involved:	National university: Universidade Nasionál Timór Lorosa'e, UNTL Department of Fisheries and Marine Science Department UNTL is the largest (and only public) university in Timor-Leste. National conservation NGO: Konservasaun Flora no Fauna (KFF).
Summary of roles and responsibilities in project:	<p>The institutional partnerships within this project seek to strengthen Timorese capabilities in marine management and monitoring, providing critical training to future conservation leaders at the same time as supporting the project's target communities.</p> <p>UNTL established the Department of Fisheries and Marine Science in 2018, offering the only fisheries and marine science degree in Timor-Leste, with the first cohort of students expected to graduate in 2022.</p> <p>20 UNTL students will be trained in marine ecosystem monitoring, data management and analysis, participating alongside community members in the surveys in four target communities.</p> <p>Timorese colleagues from KFF – Timor-Leste's first national biodiversity conservation organisation – will be part of the Timorese underwater reef monitoring team.</p>
If you have not provided evidence of support from the Lead Organisation or partners above, please explain why:	n/a

Please provide a combined PDF of letters of support from the lead organisation and partner(s) as relevant.

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Section 6 - Project Staff

Q12. Project staff

Please identify the core staff on this project, their role and what % of their time they will be working on the project. Further information on who should be classified as core staff can be found in the guidance. Please provide a 1 page CV for the proposed Project Leader and any co-Project Leader if relevant.

Name (First name, surname)	Role	% time on project	1 page CV attached?
Birgit Hermann	Project Leader	60	Checked
Asiem Sanyal	Conservation Science Manager, Reef Check Trainer and Project Manager	30	Checked
Dedy Martins	Conservation Coordinator and Reef Check Trainee	80	
Abrão Soares Pereira	Conservation Officer and Reef Check Trainee	80	

Do you require more fields?

Yes

Name (First name, surname)	Role	% time on project
Jemima Gomes	Community Liaison Officer, Seagrass Monitoring Officer and Reef Check Trainer in training	50
Armando Marques	Community Liaison Officer. Certified Reef Check Eco Diver	50
Oldegar Massinga	Operations Manager. Relationship Manager	30
Cristina Torres	Operations and Administration Officer.	20
Stephanie Rowbottom	Livelihoods Manager and Reef Check Trainer	20
Currently recruiting	Monitoring and Evaluation Lead	80
<i>No Response</i>	<i>No Response</i>	0
<i>No Response</i>	<i>No Response</i>	0

Please provide 1 page CVs for the proposed Project Leader and any co-Project Leader listed above as a combined PDF.

Ensure the file is named clearly, consistent with the named individual and role above.

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Section 7 - Problem, Method and Change Expected

Q13. Problem the project is trying to address

Please describe the problem your project is trying to address in terms of Covid-19 and its impact on biodiversity or IWT and sustainable livelihoods. For example, what are the drivers of loss of biodiversity that the project will attempt to address? Why are they relevant, for whom? How did you identify these problems? Please cite the evidence you are using to support your assessment of the problem (references can be listed in an additional attached PDF document).

Covid-19 has devastated Timor-Leste's emerging tourism industry, a newly important coastal livelihood around LMMAs – particularly for women – and a key financial incentive for community conservation. Disruption to seafood markets has caused a drop in fish prices, leading to concerns that the pandemic may intensify fishing pressure, undermine LMMA governance, and drive poaching within marine reserves. Families reliant on homestay and other conservation tourism revenues have lost a critical income that has been instrumental in catalysing community support for the growing network of locally managed marine areas (LMMAs) around Atauro island, home to some of the most biodiverse coral reefs on earth. The Atauro village of Behau Fatumeta reopened the marine No Take Zone (NTZ) within its LMMA to fishing as an emergency measure to provide access to a 'community bank' to increase community incomes during the pandemic.

Conservation tourism has also provided financing for Atauro's LMMAs through access fees, as well as the infrastructure for monitoring of key marine habitats. This monitoring has played a critical role in informing local management planning, and providing the data foundation for outreach efforts championing the importance of Timor-Leste's LMMAs in safeguarding traditional fishing livelihoods and threatened marine biodiversity. The Covid-19 pandemic has terminated these access fees, and all LMMA monitoring support. Prior to the pandemic, declining catches, rapid population growth and a lack of livelihood alternatives had pushed Timor-Leste's traditional fishers into deepening poverty, forcing communities to adopt increasingly unsustainable fishing practices to support dwindling catches, and perpetuating the low socio-economic development and high rural poverty seen in coastal zones. Globally, overfishing is the biggest driver of biodiversity loss in our oceans (ZSL Living Planet Report, 2020).

We have identified these problems through consultation by our team in Timor-Leste, which we have shared through a resource portal documenting Covid-19 impacts.

Q14. Methodology

Describe the methods and approach you will use to achieve your intended Outcome. Provide information on:

- How you have analysed historical and existing initiatives and are building on or taking work already done into account in project design. Please cite evidence where appropriate.
- The rationale for carrying out this work and a justification of your proposed methodology.
- If relevant, how this project links to an ongoing Darwin/IWT project.
- How you will undertake the work (materials and methods).
- How you will manage the work (roles and responsibilities, project management tools etc.).

Projects should also consider how best they can address inequality, especially gender inequality, as per the existing guidance for each fund.

Please make sure you read the Guidance Notes, particularly Section 3, before answering this question.

Alignment with existing initiatives

This project will coincide with the last three months of our three-year Darwin-funded project focused on incentivising community-led marine biodiversity conservation on Atauro Island. This new project will work across a larger spatial scale – supporting additional communities that are initiating or have already established LMMAs on the Timor-Leste mainland (Behau Fatumeta, Behau Lian-lidu, Beto Tasi and Ma’abat), following recent learning exchanges to Atauro during our ongoing Darwin project.

Rationale

Community consultations carried out during the pandemic have identified a consistent need throughout these LMMAs for strengthened local capability and autonomy in LMMA management, monitoring and governance. While these capacity needs predate the pandemic, they have become more acute as a result of the disruption to fisheries markets and termination of tourism income and LMMA access fees, with widespread concerns of erosion of local conservation efforts from growing fishing pressure and poaching.

Approach and methodology:

1. LMMA governance and management support. We will provide intensified technical support to the Atauro’s Behau Fatumeta LMMA management group following the temporary opening of its LMMA no take zone (NTZ) to support livelihoods during the pandemic. Training will support the management association’s efforts to renewed closure of the NTZ in March 2021, and to prepare this management group to provide peer to peer support to neighbouring communities who are considering a LMMA. We will support a LMMA peer learning exchange between nine coastal communities who already have a LMMA in place or are currently considering a LMMA: to share experiences and best practices about maintaining local conservation efforts during the pandemic - Vila, Beloi Aldeia 1, Beloi Aldeia 2, Biqueli and Adara (on Atauro Island); and Behau Fatumeta, Behau Lian-lidu, Ma’abat and Beto Tasi (on Timor-Leste’s mainland).
2. Community participation in marine mapping and monitoring for management. We will provide training in SCUBA monitoring and mapping of target ecosystems and fisheries using established methodologies for participatory mapping and monitoring (notably Reefcheck EcoDiver for coral reefs, CMS-UNEP seagrass survey). Where appropriate fisheries monitoring will target gleaning fisheries of particular importance to women. Training will be delivered to a mobile team of seven Timorese for the SCUBA based coral reef monitoring and fisheries monitoring (three representatives from KFF) and twenty undergraduate students from the inaugural marine science cohort of Universidade Nacional Timór Lorosa'e (for the seagrass mapping).
3. Strengthened community outreach. We will train participants and three women-led fisheries monitoring groups (in Behau Lianlidu, Behau Fatumeta and Ma’abat LMMAs) in skills required to interpret and share the results of their monitoring data during community outreach events. Training will ensure that traditional ecological knowledge and experience are utilised wherever possible, for example through knowledge of

locations and timing of spawning aggregations, and that the critical interrelationships between conservation and food security are emphasised.

For all three approaches, participants from nine partner communities, university students and KFF representatives will be selected through an open process. A majority of participants will be women, helping tackle women's inequality by empowering female participants in decision making.

Q15. Change expected

Detail the expected changes this work will deliver. You should identify what will change and who will benefit a) in the short-term (i.e. during the life of the project) and b) in the long-term (after the project has ended). Please describe the changes for biodiversity/environment and for people in developing countries, and how they are linked. If you are proposing building on a current or past project, be clear how additional benefits will be delivered through this project.

When talking about people, please remember to give details of who will benefit and the number of beneficiaries expected. The number of communities is insufficient detail – number of households should be the largest unit used. If possible, indicate the number of women who will be impacted.

Without the project, growing pressure from overfishing and the associated risk of poaching within and around Timor-Leste's LMMAs – exacerbated by livelihood disruption and pressures stemming from the pandemic – risk undermining local governance institutions and eroding compliance with the country's emerging network of LMMAs.

This in turn would intensify ongoing and potentially irreversible declines in catches and ecological integrity; loss of globally-important biodiversity; reduced fisher earnings and reduced food security. This scenario would intensify the already high vulnerability of target communities to climate change, further weakening socio-ecological resilience. Against this baseline the following changes are expected.

Short-term (3 months):

The project will strengthen multidisciplinary technical skills, confidence, and conservation leadership capabilities of 30 LMMA representatives, 24 fisheries monitoring technicians, 7 SCUBA-based reef monitoring representatives (all community members) and 20 Timorese students, the majority women. It will support these participants to take a lead in efforts to monitor and manage marine conservation efforts across nine coastal communities, during a period of heightened scarcity and livelihood vulnerability.

Long-term (1-3 years):

Increased participatory monitoring and management capabilities within the nine existing and prospective LMMAs will strengthen community conservation and local governance as the cornerstone of maintaining fisheries sustainability and food security. This will benefit an estimated 1,018 households (5,400 people) in coastal communities, living in the coastal villages within and adjacent to the LMMAs.

Increased technical capabilities will also reduce reliance on outside expertise, and strengthen the autonomy and resilience of Timor-Leste's emerging LMMA movement.

By bringing together a cohort of community conservation practitioners, students, and Timorese conservationists, the project will strengthen relationships between Timor-Leste's LMMAs, enhancing cooperation and sharing, and raising awareness of community conservation efforts at a national level. Better-managed fisheries and the preservation of the biodiversity underpinning fisheries will also increase communities' resilience to climate change.

If necessary, please provide supporting documentation e.g. maps, diagrams, references etc., as a PDF using the File Upload below:

Section 8 - Aims, Objectives and Exit Strategy

Q16. Aims and objectives

Clearly outline the aim and objectives of the project and how the achievement will be measured. Use SMART objectives if possible.

This short-term project aims to provide intensive training and support to communities leading nine current and prospective LMMAs in Timor-Leste, through peer networking and training in LMMA governance, participatory marine mapping, habitat monitoring and fisheries management, and community outreach. The project will have an emphasis on engaging women.

Specific objectives include:

LMMA governance and management support.

Organise peer learning exchange between 30 representatives from nine communities with current or prospective LMMAs – measured by meeting minutes and photos

Organise 6 LMMA management meetings with Behau Fatumeta – measured by meeting minutes and photos

Reclosure of the Behau Fatumeta LMMA NTZ – measured by signed community agreement and photos

Community participation in monitoring for management

Provide multidisciplinary training in coral reef monitoring and seagrass mapping, and small-scale fisheries monitoring to 7 Timorese representatives and 20 undergraduate students (respectively) – measured by participants securing a 100% pass rate in computer species ID assessments

Provide advanced SCUBA training to PADI Advanced Open Water level (or equivalent training standard) for 7 representatives – measured by achievement of 100% certification

Provide Reef Check EcoDiver training to 7 representatives – measured by achievement of 90% pass rate of the computer test

Provide training in the UNEP/CMS seagrass survey methodology (including conducting and analysing surveys) to 20 undergraduate students – measured by assessment results and completed survey results from four sites

Strengthened community outreach

Provide training in data management and interpretation to 3 women-led fisheries monitoring groups (24 participants)

Provide training in data literacy and interpretation to 30 representatives from current and prospective LMMAs for use in community outreach and engagement

Q17. Exit strategy

State how the project will reach a stable and sustainable end point, and explain how the outcomes will be sustained, either through a continuation of activities, funding and support from other sources or because the activities will be mainstreamed in to “business as usual”.

The project will support Blue Ventures' long-term investment in building local support, capacity, and leadership for gender-equitable community-based marine management across Timor-Leste.

The use of community-led monitoring of marine ecosystems and fisheries has proven to be an effective catalyst for wider local engagement in marine management in diverse contexts throughout Southeast Asia and Melanesia.

The project's emphasis on local training will ensure skills remain within target communities.

The project will use village exchanges, training and other learning opportunities to strengthen a network of communities, students, and local conservation practitioners motivated to expand the work beyond the project term.

BV remains committed to supporting marine conservation in Timor-Leste in the long term and is increasing investment in the development of our Timorese colleagues.

Section 9 - Budget

Q18. Budget

Provide a detailed breakdown of costs to be funded by the Darwin Initiative/Darwin Plus/IWT Challenge Fund in GBP.

See [Finance for Darwin/IWT](#) for which costs sit under which budget line.

Budget Line	Cost in £ (GBP)
Staff costs	██████████
Consultancy costs	0
Overhead costs	██████████
Travel and subsistence	██████████
Operating costs	██████████
Capital equipment*	██████████
Other costs	██████████
Total (Must be less than or equal to £60,000)	55,942.00

***If you are proposing to purchase any capital items over £1,000 please detail these here and provide justification below**

trailer for boat storage (£██████████)

Q19. Financial Risk Management

This question considers the financial risks to the project. Explain how you have considered the risks and threats that may be relevant to the successful financial delivery of this project. This includes risks such as fraud or bribery, but may also include the risk of fluctuating foreign exchange and internal financial processes such as storage of financial data.

Blue Ventures' approach to risk management is proactive and fully integrated into day-to-day working. Blue Ventures maintains a comprehensive register of risks (governance, operational, financial, regulatory, environmental and external), and maintains mitigation controls and contingency plans, with designated responsibilities. Our board and senior management team review and update this register every quarter. Field risk assessments are carried out annually for our programme operations, and our policies are fully compliant with the highest standards of field operating protocols.

Specific risks include:

Exchange rate fluctuations: BV monitors exchange rates weekly and undertakes weekly assessments of country budget requirements to avoid having large quantities of local currency. Most of our costs (including staff salaries) are paid in US dollars. Our budget includes a protective exchange rate, based on the average GBP:USD rate over the past 3 months to ensure instability of the pound does not have an adverse effect on the project.

Fraud and bribery: BV follows a Fraud Policy that details the steps that should be taken if staff, volunteers or contractors suspect fraud or financial irregularity. This policy is shared with new staff and partner organisations.

Q20. Capital items

If you plan to purchase capital items with Darwin/IWT funding, please indicate what you anticipate will happen to the items following project end. If you are requesting more than 10% capital costs, please provide your justification here.

Equipment purchased during the project will remain on our central asset register.

To ensure the boat is safe and easy to move, we have included a boat trailer

We do expect wear and tear in diving and marine surveying items used in the field due to local conditions – in particular salt, sun and seawater perishing some items, however we follow protocols to ensure care in use, storage and maintenance, and these items are under the 10% of the proposed budget.

Q21. Value for Money

Please describe why you consider your application to be good value for money including justification of why the measures you will adopt will secure value for money.

Community-based approaches to conservation are proven to be cost effective and support local ownership and buy-in.

Investing in people – prioritising women – is key to the project's objective: building the capacity of target communities and partners to independently monitor and manage marine resources in the long-term, even in the absence of tourism-derived income. Given this, Blue Ventures' staff time represents a major component of the project.

The project will be delivered by Blue Ventures' local team, comprising six Timorese nationals and three

resident foreign technicians.

All food and travel will be sourced through local service providers and using community homestays wherever possible to maximise community benefit from any services procured by the project. Costs are set based on previous actual spends.

The project does not involve any major capital expenditure.

BV ensures efficiency via strong financial management, good work-planning, staff support and supervision, and ongoing monitoring to keep activities on track and enable adaptive management. The project will have a grant manager assigned to track spending, with support from the Finance Manager, and output targets will be monitored by the Field Programmes Director and Executive Director on a monthly basis.

Section 10 - Ethics and Safeguarding

Q22. Ethics

Outline your approach to meeting Darwin/IWT's key principles for ethics as outlined in the guidance note. Additionally, are there any human rights and/or international humanitarian law risks in relation to your project? If there are, have you carried out an assessment of the impact of those risks, and of measures that may be taken in order to mitigate them?

All activities in this project explicitly promote human rights, gender mainstreaming and local leadership in conservation and fisheries management.

The project team will follow rigorous UK-accredited operating policies and protocols, reviewed annually by BV's senior management team and Board of Trustees. These cover all aspects of field operations and welfare, including health and safety, navigation at sea, marine research methods, child protection and safeguarding, discrimination, research ethics, conflicts of interest, anti-bribery, procurement and fraud. BV maintains a research ethics committee, tasked with the responsibility for reviewing all research methods, and ensuring consultations with local stakeholders prior to undertaking field research.

Q23. Safeguarding

Projects funded through the Darwin Initiative/IWT Challenge Fund must fully protect vulnerable people all of the time, wherever they work. In order to provide assurance of this, projects are required to have appropriate safeguarding policies in place. The award Terms and Conditions set out clear requirements on safeguarding. Please confirm you have read and understand these and that you comply with them all.

Checked

Section 11 - Key Milestones

Q24. Provide an overview of your proposed project, outlining key milestones.

N.B. This should cover the period of your requested project only and the start/end dates should match with those provided in Question 7.

Date	Key Milestone
01 January 2021	START
15 January 2021	Selection of 7 representatives for ReefCheck EcoDiver training and 20 UNTL students for Seagrass Mapping training
15 January 2021	Fortnightly technical advice meetings begin with Behau Fatumeta LMMA management group and/or community meeting support for wider community
31 January 2021	Training of 7 representatives in PADI Open Water Scuba Diver (or equivalent) complete
19 February 2021	Training of 20 UNTL students in Dugong/Seagrass Mapping Survey (1 week training)
26 February 2021	Three-day peer-to-peer LMMA learning exchange between 30 representatives from 9 communities (5x Atauro sites and 4x mainland sites) including training in data literacy/data interpretation
05 March 2021	Fortnightly technical advice meetings with Behau Fatumeta LMMA management group and/or community meeting support for wider community
28 February 2021	Data literacy/data interpretation training for women-led fisheries monitoring groups in 3 communities (Behau Fatumeta, Behau Lianlidu, Ma'abat)
28 February 2021	Training of 7 representatives in PADI Advanced Open Water Scuba Diver (or equivalent) complete
14 March 2021	Surveying 4 sites with seagrass mapping survey (2-3 days per site) by 20 UNTL students
15 March 2021	Closing ceremony of Behau Fatumeta LMMA after temporary six months opening
31 March 2021	Training in theoretical ReefCheck EcoDiver complete (computer test passed by all 7 trainees) Completed report on Dugong/Seagrass Mapping at 4 sites
31 March 2021	FINISH

Section 12 - Certification

Q25. FCDO notifications

Please check the box if you think that there are sensitivities that the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office will need to be aware of should they want to publicise the project's success in the Darwin/IWT competition in the host country.

Unchecked

Please indicate whether you have contacted your Foreign Ministry or the local embassy or High Commission (or equivalent) directly to discuss security issues (see Guidance Notes) and attach details of any advice you have received from them.

No

Q26. Certification

On behalf of the

trustees

of

Blue Ventures Conservation

I apply for a grant of

£55,942.21

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 have enclosed a CV for the Project Leader/co-PL and letters or confirmation of support (uploaded at appropriate points in application)

Checked

Name Dr Alasdair Harris

Position in the organisation Executive Director

Signature
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Date 02 November 2020

Section 13 - Submission Checklist

Checklist for submission

	Check
I have read the Guidance, including the “Guidance Notes for Applicants” and “Finance for Darwin and IWT Challenge Fund”.	Checked
I have read, and can meet, the current Terms and Conditions for the relevant fund.	Checked
I have provided actual start and end dates for my project.	Checked
I have provided my budget in GBP.	Checked
The application has been signed by a suitably authorised individual (clear electronic or scanned signatures are acceptable).	Checked
(If copying and pasting into Flexi-Grant) I have checked that all my responses have been successfully copied into the online application form.	Checked
I have included a 1 page CV for the Project Leader (and co-Project Leader if relevant).	Checked
I have included a letter or electronic confirmation of support from the lead organisation and main partner organisation(s) identified at Question 11, or an explanation of why not.	Checked
I have checked the website on GOV.UK immediately prior to submission to ensure there are no late updates.	Checked
I have read and understood the Privacy Notice on GOV.UK.	Checked

Data protection and use of personal data

Information supplied in this application form, including personal data, will be used by Defra as set out in the latest copy of the Privacy Notice for Darwin, Darwin Plus and the Illegal Wildlife Trade Challenge Fund available [here](#). This Privacy Notice must be provided to all individuals whose personal data is supplied in the application form. Some information may be used when publicising the Darwin Initiative including project details (usually title, lead organisation, location, and total grant value) on the GOV.UK and other websites.

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