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DARWIN INITIATIVE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR ROUND 23: STAGE 2Please read the [Guidance](#) before completing this form. Where no word limits are given, the size of the box is a guide to the amount of information required.

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ELIGIBILITY**1. Name and address of organisation**

(NB: Notification of results will be by email to the Project Leader in Question 6)

Applicant Organisation Name:	Wild Chimpanzee Foundation (WCF)
Address:	Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Deutscher Platz 6
City and Postcode:	04103 Leipzig
Country:	Germany
Email:	
Phone:	

2. Stage 1 reference and Project title

Stage 1 Ref:	Title: Enhanced biodiversity, water-security, and forest recovery in Guinea
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3. Project description (not exceeding 50 words)

This proposal is part of a project to create the Moyon-Bafing National Park (MBNP) in Guinea, aiming to protect the largest critically endangered West African chimpanzee population through: 1) regeneration of forest corridors; 2) stabilization of the hydraulic system; 3) promotion of sustainable agricultural practices and; 4) community conservation education.

4. Country(ies)

Which eligible host country(ies) will your project be working in? You may copy and paste this table if you need to provide details of more than four countries.

Country 1: Guinea	Country 2:
Country 3:	Country 4:

5. Project dates, and budget summary

Start date: April 2017	End date: March 2021			Duration: 4 years	
Darwin funding request (Apr – Mar)	2017/2018 £174 298	2018/2019 £67 141	2019/2020 £47 154	2020/2021 £46 284	Total £334,878
Proposed (confirmed & unconfirmed) matched funding as % of total Project cost					9.8%

6. Partners in project. Please provide details of the partners in this project and provide a CV for the individuals listed. You may copy and paste this table if necessary.

Details	Project Leader	Project Partner 1	Project Partner 2
Surname	Boesch	Keita	Sow
Forename (s)	Christophe	Mamady Sayba	Mamadou
Post held	President	Director General	Deputy Director
Organisation (if different to above)	Wild Chimpanzee Foundation	Office Guinéen des Parcs et Réserves (OGUIPAR)	Office Guinéen des Parcs et Réserves (OGUIPAR)
Department		Ministry for the Environment, Water and Forest	Ministry for the Environment, Water and Forest
Telephone			
Email			

Details	Project Partner 3		
Surname	Kaba		
Forename (s)	Moussa		
Post held	Founder and Head of Natural Resources		
Organisation (if different to above)	SYDEV (Synergies et Développement)		
Department	Natural Resource Management		
Telephone			
Email			

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

Reference No	Project Leader	Title
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8a. If you answered 'NO' to Question 7 please complete Question 8a, b and c.

If you answered 'YES', please go to Question 9 (and delete the boxes for Q8a, 8b and 8c)

What year was your organisation established/ incorporated/ registered?	2000
What is the legal status of your organisation?	NGO Yes Government No University No Other (explain)
How is your organisation currently funded?	By conservation agencies e.g. USFWS-Great Ape Conservation Fund, ARCUS Foundation, Paul Schiller Foundation, WWF, Mohamed bin Zayed Species Conservation Fund, Rainforest Rescue, APE-TAG, Zoo Leipzig, Columbus

	Zoo and Aquarium and other zoos, Zürcher Tierschutz, Disney Worldwide Conservation Fund, FAO-FLEGT, German GIZ, mining companies Guinea Alumina Cooperation and Compagnie de Bauxite de Guinée, and private donors.
Have you provided the requested signed audited/independently examined accounts?	We will attach them to the Stage-2 proposal. File is called "2014 Audit_Berney_WCF".

8b. DO NOT COMPLETE IF YOU ANSWERED 'YES' TO QUESTION 7.

Provide detail of 3 contracts/awards held by your organisation that demonstrate your credibility as an organisation and provide track record relevant to the project proposed. These contracts/awards should have been held in the last 5 years and be of a similar size to the grant requested in your Darwin application.

1. Title	St Andrews Prize for the Environment 2015
Value	100 000 USD
Duration	1 year
Role of organisation in project	The WCF was proposing and implementing all projects activities.
Brief summary of the aims, objectives and outcomes of the contract/award.	The aim of this award/prize was to help with the initial steps necessary for the creation of the Moyen-Bafing National Park, Guinea such as biomonitoring, demographic survey, socio-economic survey, community consultations, tree nursery and reforestation, environmental education and awareness.
Client/ independent reference contact details (Name, e-mail, address, phone number).	Carol Gibb PA to UK President Conoco Phillips (UK) Ltd Rubislaw House, Anderson Drive, Aberdeen, AB15 6FZ

2. Title	USFWS Great Ape Conservation Fund
Value	65 000 USD
Duration	1 year
Role of organisation in project	The WCF was proposing and implementing all projects activities.
Brief summary of the aims, objectives and outcomes of the contract/award.	The aims were to inform local communities and administrative authorities of the creation of the Moyen-Bafing National Park, assess the needs and opinions of local communities and gain a complete understanding of the spatial distribution of people within the study zone. Objectives consisted of starting the process through which WCF could gain an understanding of the communities in the zone and to start gathering local opinions and disseminate information throughout the zone with regards to the project. The outcomes of this award were that these aims and objectives were met through the undertaking and analysing data from a Focus Group study, a complete first informational community consultation mission in the sub-prefectures concerned and an exhaustive demographic survey of the region.
Client/ independent reference contact details	Dirck Byler - Technical Officer, USFWS-GACF 5275 Leesburg Pike Fall Church, VA 22041, USA

3. Title	Haldimann Stiftung
Value	150 000 USD
Duration	1 year
Role of organisation in project	The WCF was proposing and implementing all projects activities.
Brief summary of the aims, objectives and outcomes of the contract/award.	With this award activities for the creation of the Moyen-Bafing National Park were implemented by WCF, such as free environmental education program (Club P.A.N.) for around 500 children and their families in the Moyen-Bafing region, a tree nursery in Laffaboubé was established and is currently cultivating over 79'000 seeds/cuttings of ecologically valuable tree species used for forest regeneration in the Moyen-Bafing gallery forests and headwaters to create wildlife corridors and for stabilizing the river levels by protecting their water sources, thus avoiding habitat fragmentation and isolation of animal populations, causing their decline.
Client/independent reference contact details	Bernhard Trachsel Zoologe / Geschäftsleiter Witikonstrasse 18, 8118 Pfaffhausen, Switzerland

8c. DO NOT COMPLETE IF YOU ANSWERED 'YES' TO QUESTION 7.

Describe briefly the aims, activities and achievements of your organisation. (Large organisations please note that this should describe your unit or department)

<p>Aims</p> <p>The Wild Chimpanzee Foundation's mission is to enhance the survival of the remaining critically endangered West African chimpanzee populations and their habitat, thereby participate in saving the behavioural diversity of this fascinating species. Our philosophy is threefold: Implement projects of Education, Conservation, and Research for and by the African people.</p>
<p>Activities</p> <p>The WCF works in various West African countries where it is spearheading protected area creation, eco-tourism and environmental education programs alongside supporting law enforcement, and raising awareness through theatre groups, movie presentations, newsletters, nature centres and eco-museums.</p>
<p>Achievements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contributing to the preservation of Tai National Park (Côte d'Ivoire) and Sapo National Park (Liberia) with its unique wildlife and critically endangered chimpanzee populations, - Creation of national parks in Liberia and Guinea, helping the national governments to fulfil their conservation objectives for forests, biodiversity protection and global climate.

9. Please list all the partners involved (including the Lead Institution) 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. Please provide written evidence of partnerships. Please copy/delete boxes for more or fewer partnerships.

<p>Lead institution and website:</p> <p>Wild Chimpanzee Foundation (WCF)</p> <p>www.wildchimps.org</p>	<p>Details (including roles and responsibilities and capacity to lead the project):</p> <p>Led by Professor Dr. Christophe Boesch; Founder and President of the WCF and Director at the Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology in Leipzig, Germany. Christophe Boesch has over 40 years of experience working in research projects all over Africa and 17 years of experience leading conservation activities (www.eva.mpg.de/staff/boesch/). The WCF is famous for implementing innovative monitoring methods that have been developed with the Max Planck Institute of Evolutionary Anthropology. Thereby, genetic monitoring, audio and video trapping become integrated into the more classic transect approach. In Guinea, in collaboration with the private mining and forestry sector, the WCF is protecting chimpanzees outside of protected areas and is spearheading original sustainable conservation concepts i.e. with the International Finance Corporation (IFC) and the Worldbank. WCF has grown into a performing and high profile NGO that has a yearly budget over one million dollars that is all invested in implementing conservation actions in regions with large numbers of the critically endangered western chimpanzees. WCF is active in countries such as Côte d'Ivoire, Liberia and Guinea, and directly works with the national park authorities and forestry authorities to improve the conservation of protected areas, decrease the pressure on chimpanzees and provide alternatives to bush-meat.</p>
<p>Have you included a Letter of Support from this institution?</p>	<p>No</p>

<p>Partner Name and website where available:</p> <p>Office Guinean for Parks and Reserves (OGUIPAR) Ministry of Environment and Eaux et Forets</p> <p>https://www.facebook.com/Minist%C3%A8re-de-l'Environnement-des-Eaux-et-For%C3%AAts-Guin%C3%A9-1581142278764708/</p>	<p>Details (including roles and responsibilities and capacity to engage with the project):</p> <p>OGUIPAR is the official body within the Ministry of Environment legally in charge of the protection and management of national parks and reserves in Guinea. WCF collaborates with OGUIPAR since the outset of our work in Guinea (2008) to achieve conservation goals. OGUIPAR validates our work/methodologies and representatives of the OGUIPAR are present in our field teams as data collectors, supervisors and organisers. The Minister of Environment, Water and Forest officially mandated WCF with OGUIPAR to work towards the creation of the Moyen-Bafing National Park in December 2015. The Prime Minister of Guinea started in December 2016 to supervise the process of park creation due to its high priority for the Guinean government.</p>
<p>Have you included a Letter of Support from this institution?</p>	<p>Yes</p>

<p>Partner Name and website where available:</p> <p>Synergies and Development (SYDEV)</p> <p>Website not available</p>	<p>Details (including roles and responsibilities and capacity to engage with the project):</p> <p>SYDEV is a Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) in Guinea specialising in community-led conservation projects with many years' experience in the region. In 2013 and 2014, SYDEV implemented six community projects funded by the World Bank through the "Projet d'Appui aux Communautés Villageoises" (PACV), such as forestation, farming, use of natural products, education and delimitation projects. WCF has worked with SYDEV on previous projects to implement the reforestation of community land to fight poverty and will thus continue collaboration for this project.</p>
<p>Have you included a Letter of Support from this institution?</p>	<p>No – discussions for cooperation on-going</p>
<p>Partner Name and website where available:</p> <p>Union Guinéen Volontaire de Développement (UGVD)</p> <p>Website not available</p>	<p>Details (including roles and responsibilities and capacity to engage with the project):</p> <p>UGVD is a larger NGO with some 30 staff members being active in the region since 30 years. They are performing sustainable economic development, lead diagnostic of local development plans and propose and implement development plans in different domains with the local communities.</p>
<p>Have you included a Letter of Support from this institution?</p>	<p>No – discussions for cooperation on-going</p>
<p>Partner Name and website where available:</p> <p>Action pour le développement intégré durable (ADID)</p> <p>Website not available</p>	<p>Details (including roles and responsibilities and capacity to engage with the project): (max 200 words)</p> <p>ADID is a relatively young small NGO in Labé covering about the same expertise as UGVD. They are active in fund raising and are involved in projects in the Labé region.</p>
<p>Have you included a Letter of Support from this institution?</p>	<p>No – discussions for cooperation on-going</p>
<p>Partner Name and website where available:</p> <p>Cercle de recherche et d'action pour le développement durable (CRADD)</p> <p>Website not available</p>	<p>Details (including roles and responsibilities and capacity to engage with the project):</p> <p>This NGO is active in the rural community of Kouratongo, that lays within the Moyen Bafing area, and implementing development plans with a special focus on the reduction of conflicts between cattle breeders and farmers, promoting improved honey collecting methods through Kenyan beehives and are also active in school environment education in the region. CRADD has implemented a very successful forest regeneration project within the Moyen Bafing area.</p>
<p>Have you included a Letter of Support from this institution?</p>	<p>No - discussions for cooperation on-going</p>

10. Key Project personnel

Please identify the key project personnel on this project, their role and what % of their time they will be working on the project. Please provide 1 page CVs for these staff, or a 1 page job description or Terms of Reference for roles yet to be filled. Please include more rows where necessary.

Name (First name, surname)	Role	Organisation	% time on project	1 page CV or job description attached?
	Project Leader			Yes/No
Christophe Boesch	Founder and president of WCF (not on payroll)	WCF	30%	yes
Julia Riedel	WCF Assistant to Managing Director Europe	WCF	40%	yes
Virginie Vergnes	WCF Country Director Guinea	WCF	50%	yes
Moussa Kaba	WCF Education Officer and OGUIPAR Liaison Officer	WCF	100%	yes
Salian Traore	OGUIPAR Liaison Officer/Botanist/Sociologist	WCF	60%	yes
Florence Vernadat	WCF Assistant Director Guinea	WCF	100%	yes
Charlotte Coupland	WCF Project Officer Guinea	WCF	100%	yes
Marine Marc	WCF Project Officer Guinea	WCF	100%	yes
Samuel Pereira Dias	WCF Project Officer Guinea	WCF	100%	yes
Assane Sefou Beavogui	WCF Field Project Coordinator Guinea	WCF	100%	yes
Anaëlle Huon de Kermadec	Assistant Socio-economic Officer	WCF	100%	yes

11. Problem the project is trying to address

Please describe the problem your project is trying to address in terms of biodiversity and its relationship with poverty. 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?

If your project is working on an area of biodiversity or biodiversity-development linkages that has had limited attention (both in the Darwin Initiative portfolio and in conservation in general) please give details.

The Sahel region has experienced a prolonged decrease in rainfall leading to severe water shortage, progress of desertification and hardship for the local human populations, leading to important migration to better places. Unmanaged deforestation, in Guinea, has contributed to a seasonal loss of about 80% of water sources for 6-7 months/year, leading to severe impacts for humans and nature with prolonged water shortage, decreasing field productivity, and increasing poverty. So far, hardly anything has been proposed to a human population, with low education levels relying on traditional and unsustainable uses of natural resources. The project proposes a National Park in the Moyen-Bafing region in the north of Guinea, home to the largest remaining population of the Critically Endangered Western chimpanzee (*Pan troglodytes verus*) in West Africa (WCF 2014, 2016). This area, inhabited as well by an important biodiversity including potentially 11 endangered animal species, is one of the most important water catchment in West Africa, with the Bafing River (becoming Senegal River), and is the important water source for seven African countries. As the area contains hundreds of small human communities, it represents a unique opportunity to alleviate the climate changes' negative consequences in an integrated conservation project.

Guinea is one of the poorest countries in the world, ranking 182nd of 188, as classified by the United Nations Development Programme - Human Development Index in 2014. The poverty

rate increased from 53% in 2007 to 55% in 2012. Human poverty both exacerbates and is exacerbated by environmental degradation, and limited investments exist for nature conservation. The Western chimpanzee subspecies, upgraded to Critically Endangered by the IUCN Red List in 2016, is highly threatened in Guinea by human activities such as logging, bushfires and non-sustainable agriculture, resulting in the destruction and fragmentation of their habitat and the essential living resources.

12. Biodiversity Conventions, Treaties and Agreements

Your project must support the objectives of one or more of the agreements listed below. Please indicate which agreement(s) will be supported and describe which objectives your project will address and how. Note: projects supporting more than one will not achieve a higher score.

Convention On Biological Diversity (CBD)	Yes
Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS)	No
International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGRFA)	No
Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES)	No
Global Goals for Sustainable Development	Yes

12b. Biodiversity Conventions

Please detail how your project will contribute to the objectives of the agreement(s) your project is targeting and how your project will help to achieve the Global Goals for Sustainable Development (SDGs). You should refer to Articles or Programmes of Work here. Note: No additional significance will be ascribed for projects that report contributions to more than one agreement

This project will help Guinea to honor its commitment to the CBD, in particular to achieving the Aichi Targets by contributing to the national goal of placing 15% of its terrestrial areas under protection by 2020.

The project further contributes to the three CBD objectives: 1) **To conserve biological diversity**; the creation of a new protected area will play a vital role in the protection of critically endangered chimpanzee (*Pan troglodytes verus*) populations, in conjunction with conserving other threatened wildlife and preserving the high biodiversity of the region. 2) **Sustainable use of biodiversity**; gazettement of the National Park (NP) and zoning will support the sustainable use of biodiversity currently threatened by habitat degradation and fragmentation. Driven by poverty and unable to respond to internally and externally driven threats, this project aims to enable local communities to protect their local environment through capacity building and education, alongside other measures such as sustainable micro-projects. 3) **Equitable sharing of benefits from biodiversity**; local communities will be involved in all processes that lead to the establishment and protection of the NP, and the value and relevance of their knowledge, innovations and practices towards the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity recognised. Some employment activities and increased profitability of income generating activities as well as long-term benefits as a result of ecosystem restoration will concomitantly secure a more sustainable future for biodiversity and people.

In this way, and by ensuring that all voices are heard through the analysis and development of a national and regional consultation process (underway) and socio-economic study (Focus Groups of men and women of all ages already undertaken), the project also contributes to achieving goals 1,2,5,6,12 and 15 of the Global Goals for Sustainable Development which deal with poverty, hunger, gender equality, clean water responsible consumption and life on land.

12c. Is any liaison proposed with the CBD / ABS / ITPGRFA / CITES / SDG focal point in the host country?

Yes No if yes, please give details:

13. Methodology

Describe the methods and approach you will use to achieve your intended outcomes and impact. Provide information on how you will undertake the work (materials and methods) and how you will manage the work (roles and responsibilities, project management tools etc.).

The project is overseen by Professor Boesch and led by WCF in collaboration with in-country partners. During 2016, consultations have been led at the national and regional level to initiate the park creation. The government of Guinea included the park creation as a priority, the prime minister himself overseeing all steps, and a workshop validating the park delimitation will be held with the government early 2017.

The WCF Project Director oversees all activities, coordinated on the ground by a Guinean supervisor. All activities implemented will ultimately be managed by trained personnel from the local communities. This project will pilot a mixed model approach, whereby the regeneration of forest corridors will achieve: 1) increased forest connectivity and availability of essential natural resources for wildlife and; 2) the stabilisation of local hydrology through reduced soil erosion and evaporation. These combined activities will improve access to water for wildlife and human communities, enabling the implementation of sustainable agricultural practices through the creation of a converted wetland. Satellite imagery analysis has refined our understanding of the region's hydrography, revealed levels of forest degradation along waterways, and allowed us to see the potential for forest connectivity, protection and regeneration. This information, alongside community consultations will enable the selection of a suitable pilot site for reforestation and the creation of a pilot converted wetland. After an in-depth consultation process, the WCF will facilitate a 'mise-en-défens' or 'restricted land-use' contract within a community, whereby >50 ha of village land will be voluntarily donated for reforestation. A 40ha area will thus be dedicated to the regeneration and protection of the village's up-stream gallery forests and headwaters, and 10ha for the creation of an orchard for sustainable natural resource use. WCF has already established a tree nursery containing economically and ecologically valuable local tree species for these goals.

This project will further design and establish an irrigated wetland production system (5-10 ha). Wetlands have important economic functions for crops and vegetable gardens. The area will thus be used for rice paddies and for the implementation of 15 market gardens. The efficiency of this approach will be demonstrated and results exchanged between communities throughout the Moyen-Bafing region for future replication in the target zone.

Consultations held with the pilot communities will facilitate a participatory process to determine management plans, create a collaborative management team and to implement project activities. >30 local people will be trained: 1) to develop the skill necessary for the establishment and plantation of the tree nursery; 2) management/maintenance in wetland conversion, and; 3) in permaculture, for the implementation of sustainable agricultural practices (market gardens and rice production).

WCF will simultaneously carry out a biomonitoring study using line transects, accompanying camera traps, with a focus on chimpanzees, important biodiversity and forest cover. This approach will increase our understanding of, and enable us to monitor the extent and distribution of biodiversity throughout the Moyen-Bafing National Park (MBNP). The distribution maps derived from these data allows identification of population density, further guiding efforts to create viable forest corridors.

14. 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 and b) in the long-term.

The focus on environmental monitoring and capacity building in local communities seeks to break the increasingly destructive cycle of dependence on unsustainable practices and the exclusion of **women and young people** in decision making processes. This aims in the short-term to benefit a number of **local communities** through increased profitability of income generating activities and to promote widespread engagement and commitment in neighboring communities facing similar socio-economic challenges.

The regeneration of forest corridors along the water-heads and gallery forests will directly address the issue of decreased water resources and decreased connectivity for fauna. In the short-term, reforestation within “mis-en-defens” areas will lead to increased forest cover, although we are aware that this will take a few years. In addition, **natural forest regeneration process** can lead to a rapid increase in forest cover, as shown in Niger. In the middle-term, this project should lead to increased water stability and regular forest ecological services through better forest management, while at the same time re-establishing vital forest cover.

The stabilization of the hydraulic system will result from both the previous activities, but as well from a better control of the yearly fire, and tree cutting practices by the communities. Especially the control of bushfire, with the construction of fire walls, will lead to rapid improvement in the deforestation process.

Improved sustainable agricultural practices will promote: A strong increase in rice and vegetable production over a smaller surface area, providing increased economic revenue to local communities and reducing environmental pressures, as slash and burn practices are replaced, thus also reducing poverty and stopping desertification.

In the long-term, conserving and restoring this region’s highly rich biodiversity (including forest cover) will increase ecosystem resilience and will contribute to and safeguard the health, livelihoods and wellbeing of around **50 local communities** within the project area, thus helping reduce poverty.

15. Pathway to poverty alleviation

Please describe how your project will benefit poor people living in low-income countries. Give details of who will benefit and the number of beneficiaries expected to be impacted by your project. 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.

Due to the broad scale of the MBNP project over an area of 8000 km² an estimated 67,431 inhabitants of 405 villages and hamlets will be within one of the park’s zones and will benefit either directly or indirectly from the project scope.

In the short-term, these communities may benefit from educational initiatives, employment opportunities and the micro-projects put in place. In the long-term, benefit will come from the rehabilitation of the ecosystem contributing to stabilise the water functions and directly combating the ultimate cause of poverty in the region - the decrease crop productivity.

Specifically, the biomonitoring survey employs and trains 30 Guinean staff (including 4 female cooks and a minimum of 2 female assistants). At each field site, a local eco-guide is employed to help undertake the surveillance activities.

The market gardens will be headed by interest-groups comprised solely of women: 7 women per hectare of garden. The management committee for the “mise-en-défens” pilot project will be comprised of 8 people in total (most commonly men). The tree nursery will train and employ 2-4 managers to run it and the process of planting the trees and cutting the firebreaks for reforestation will employ around 20 people per village.

In the long-term, more sustainable management of the environment by the local communities will lead the path to more sustainable activities, directly increasing the resilience of the people- Seeing the positive example in the pilot communities will entice the neighbouring communities to adopt similar practices that will spread in the region and allow initiating a wave of forest rehabilitation, promoting a more sustainable way of life in the local communities around the park.

16. Exit strategy

State whether or not the project will reach a stable and sustainable end point. If the project is not discrete, but is part of a progressive approach, give details of the exit strategy and show how relevant activities will be continued to secure the benefits from the project. Where individuals receive advanced training, for example, what will happen should that individual leave?

WCF works on this project in partnership with OGUIPAR and will continue to work with and train their personnel as well as members of the local communities to manage and protect the MBNP once it is established. WCF's goal is to initiate a program of professional monitoring and surveillance practices to be undertaken by eco-guards overseen by a conservator.

Currently, a steering committee is being established that will include representatives from the Ministries of Mining, Power and Environment. This step will help to prevent conflict over land use and create a dialogue between key stakeholders.

WCF discusses through the International Finance Corporation (IFC) with mining companies to establish their chimpanzee offset in the MBNP according to the IFC Performance Standard 6. We are in contact with two of them, currently undertaking feasibility studies, and if the MBNP is selected, this provides a sustainable funding source to implement the activities for the park management and potentially for the local communities. This process is expected to be in place at the earliest in 2 to 3 years. At the same time, WCF is looking for international partners to complement funding to achieve a sustainable scheme in perpetuity as recommended by the IFC.

17a. Harmonisation

Is this a new initiative or a development of existing work (funded through any source)?

Preliminary studies were carried out in 2012 and 2014 to identify an optimal site for the Protected Area. The project dossier for the creation of the MBNP was ratified by the Government of Guinea in November 2015. In late 2015 and throughout 2016 studies/initiatives that have been undertaken in the study zone include:

- further biological inventory with a stratified design that focused on complimenting existing knowledge by looking at forest connectivity;
- a demographic survey of the human population;
- a Focus Group Study on the relationship that exists between the local communities and their natural environment, as part of a wider socio-economic study;
- a first community consultation/awareness raising mission of each sub-prefecture concerned regarding the project;
- an environmental education program;
- a tree nursery is cultivating 79'000 seeds of ecologically valuable tree species which will be planted in 2017;
- a nest degradation study to better estimate chimpanzee abundance;
- a water-level study to monitor fluctuations in water availability.

These activities have been funded through a number of different awards and grants including (but not restricted to) MAVA, St Andrews Prize for the Environment, Haldimann Stiftung, USFWS Great Ape Conservation Fund and Zürcher Tierschutz.

17b. Are you aware of any other individuals/organisations/projects carrying out or applying for funding for similar work?

If yes, please give details explaining similarities and differences explaining how your work will be additional to this work and what attempts have been/will be made to co-operate with and learn lessons from such work for mutual benefits.

No

18. Ethics

Outline your approach to meeting the Darwin Initiative's key principles for research ethics as outlined in the [Guidance](#).

- WCF works closely with OGUIPAR consulting directly with their Director General and employing two permanent Liaison Officers, to ensure that all work undertaken is appropriately validated and meeting all legal and ethical obligations in Guinea.
- All activities are under the leadership of experienced Guinean Project Supervisors

and the field teams include members from communities within the area affected. WCF is in constant contact with local leaders, gaining understanding and consent for the activities proposed.

- A Consultation Framework has been developed so as to inform the local communities and administrative bodies of the project, educate and solicit local opinions and advices. This framework additionally forms a key stage in the process of Free and Prior Informed Consent and demonstrates to the communities the importance placed on local knowledge.
- The next stage in the Consultation process will involve a restitution of results from studies and integrate local opinion into the mapping strategy. This will combine information from the biological inventories, satellite image analysis, and the demographic survey with a participatory mapping project to include local knowledge of land use and traditional practices.
- All staff is trained, given appropriate uniforms, equipment and insurance in case of accident or injury. Minor medical costs are covered by WCF. WCF cars are equipped with all relevant tools and spares, and are properly insured and carry the relevant papers.
- Throughout all studies the right to anonymity of those involved is assured.
- Those involved in project design, analysis and reporting have many years of experience, conduct through literature reviews and/or use internationally recognised methodologies as recommended by specialists from the Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology in Leipzig, Germany.

19. Raising awareness of the potential worth of biodiversity

If your project contains an element of communications, knowledge sharing and/or dissemination please provide a description of your intended audience, how you intend to engage them, what the expected products/materials will be and what you expect to achieve as a result. For example, are you expecting to directly influence policy in your host country or is your project a community advocacy project to support better management of biodiversity?

Communication/dissemination of information:

Christophe Boesch is long-time member of the executive committee of the IUCN/Section Great Apes and such was the co-editor of the regional conservation action plan for chimpanzees (Kormos and Boesch 2003) and is coordinating the present plans with the preparation of the new chimpanzee action plans for Guinea and West Africa.

In Guinea, the Consultation Framework has been ensure the dissemination of information regarding the project, and act as a forum for discussion of opinion. It aims to reach every community therein. The first such phase was considered a success with higher than expected turnout, high satisfaction rates (according to the satisfaction questionnaire) and positive attitudes towards the project. Local communities would like further consultation to either take place directly in the communities or by radio which WCF will take into account for the next stages. Television and radio are used regularly to ensure that important governmental meetings are publicised.

Knowledge sharing/ dissemination of knowledge:

Club P.A.N. (WCF's environmental education program) is educating hundreds of children and their families each year. This program consists of 12 lessons on environmental protection as well as practical conservation exercises such as tree planting, environmental clean-ups or children/village discussion rounds about environmental topics. Pre- and post-evaluations of the students measure the level of knowledge gain and change in attitudes towards the conservation of nature.

Future activities planned for the sharing of knowledge includes the WCF newsletter called "Wisdom of the forest" that is being produced by WCF and includes stories, comics and puzzles related to nature and chimpanzee conservation. A theatre tour in and around the Protected Area that has also proven very popular at other sites is planned whereby amateur actors from

the local communities perform educational plays relating to the protection of chimpanzees and biodiversity.

20. Capacity building

If your project will support capacity building at institutional or individual levels, please provide details of what form this will take and how this capacity will be secured for the future.

OGUIPAR staff members have and continue to be trained in the collection of quality data. In 2016, following internationally recognised methods for biological inventory, socio-economic interviews and demographic surveys, as well as leading the informative consultation processes. Their capacity will continue to be reinforced during the upcoming biomonitoring program with special focus on the use of GPS and compass that will be transferable in the future when SMART software is introduced for the monitoring and surveillance of the park. OGUIPAR staff will be trained in the analysis of biomonitoring data using GIS tools and produce spatial distribution maps of wildlife species and anthropogenic activities.

Members of local villages will continued to be trained to collect data for the biomonitoring line transects, water-level and meteorological data as well as undertaking fieldwork for other activities such as the nest degradation studies. As the project progresses the number of people trained in project methods will necessarily increase as all activities require the cooperation and participation of both government officials and the local communities.

WCF and OGUPAR intend to continue to work together to ensure efficient management of activities, and WCF will ensure the correct implementation of programs that shall be incorporated into the park's management plan. This will include the obligatory inclusion of local community members into the surveillance teams of eco-guards who shall be trained by international experts and national authorities.

21. Access to project information

Please describe the project's open access plan and detail any specific costs you are seeking from Darwin to fund this.

The biological data on chimpanzee populations collected by WCF are shared with the APES (Apes, Populations, and Environments) database that forms part of the IUCN/SSC Primate Specialist Group. It aims to provide an accurate and objective global picture on the distribution and status of great apes, and thus inform long-term management and conservation strategies for these taxa: <http://www.primate-sg.org/apes/>

Activity reports are published on the WCF-Website. Regular communication on WCF-Facebook and WCF-Webpage News on the activities will be done: www.wildchimps.org, and www.facebook.com/wildchimps

22. Match funding (co-finance)

a) 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.

Confirmed:

Zürcher Tierschutz – year-2 of 3 (£XXX) for reforestation and environmental education
Private donor (£XXX) for MBNP

22b) Unsecured

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

Date applied for	Donor organisation	Amount	Comments

22c) None

If you are not intending to seek matched funding for this project, please explain why.

NA

23) 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 WCF has a zero-tolerance anti-corruption policy that outlines in the strictest terms how corruption is defined and that payment, gifts, contributions or favours given or received for the purpose of influencing project activities, politicians or candidates for public positions is strictly prohibited.

Immediate and accurate reporting of fraudulent or corrupt activity is obligatory.

To avoid risks associated with the illegal use of natural resources WCF will work with the local communities and OGUIPAR to achieve the following:

- Thorough an environmental education program for local people to instil a sense of importance to nature protection
- Allow the communities to see for themselves the benefits of a healthy ecosystem through the implementation of sustainable practices
- Empowerment of local communities giving them ownership of the protection of the area
- Implementation of a strict patrol regime using SMART software. SMART patrol programs increase the efficiency of rangers by bridging the growing gap between the sophistication of those involved in the illegal trade of wildlife and natural resources. It combines software with an emphasis on capacity building and best practices to empower staff, boost motivation, and promote transparent monitoring of the effectiveness of Protected Area patrolling.

PROJECT MONITORING AND EVALUATION

MEASURING IMPACT

24. LOGICAL FRAMEWORK

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

Project summary	Measurable Indicators	Means of verification	Important Assumptions
<p>Impact: Promote stabilisation of the hydraulic system and ensure long-term food and water security within the proposed Moyen-Bafing National Park, benefitting local biodiversity (particularly chimpanzee populations) and human communities.</p>			
<p>Outcome: (<i>changes expected from the project and who is expected to benefit</i>):</p> <p>Environmental rehabilitation through regeneration of 50has of forest to increase connectivity and stabilizing the hydraulic system to benefit local biodiversity and enable improved sustainable agricultural practices for local populations.</p>	<p>0.1 50 ha reforested achieving a 33% increase in forest cover within the valley of the pilot village by the end of year 4</p> <p>0.2 Forest clearance reduced by an 80 % through less wood cutting, felling and burning in project focal areas by the end of year 4</p> <p>0.3 By end of year-4, chimpanzee population is stabilized in the area and biodiversity is increasing in the valley with our pilot projects</p> <p>0.4 Approximately 10 households taking part in the market garden project by the end of year 2 and 30% increase in yearly yield by year 4</p> <p>0.5 A 40% increase in agricultural yield for 10 households through implementation of the irrigated</p>	<p>0.1 Data collection from satellite image analysis for assessing base-line forest cover and on-the-ground monitoring;</p> <p>0.2 Data collected from 2017 socioeconomic survey to assess baseline land clearance rates and evaluate improvements throughout the projects duration</p> <p>0.3 Project surveys from data collected by the yearly biomonitoring study to assess the density and distribution of fauna and flora will show an increase against baseline data</p> <p>0.4 Data collected from 2017 socioeconomic study to assess baseline income</p> <p>0.5 Data from 2017 socioeconomic survey assessing current yield levels (yield per hectare) will</p>	<p>Government Departments continue to support and facilitate the implementation of the National Park Note 1: OGUIPAR (Ministry of Environment, Water and Forest) has validated and collaborated with WCF throughout all project stages, in particular, when defining priorities. They will be represented within the steering committee and will remain fully involved throughout the project.</p> <p>Country remains politically stable. Note 2: Guinea has remained relatively politically stable for the last 8 years. The WCF has experienced no problems throughout our duration there. The country has been declared free of the Ebola virus, as stated on the FCO website</p> <p>The target local community is willing to partake in novel livelihood strategies Note 3: The 2016 Focus Group</p>

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	<p>rice fields and market gardens by the end of year 3</p> <p>0.6 Positive improvements to gender equity as women across the 10 households participate in the project, as a result of focus group discussions, consultations and training for market gardens</p>	<p>monitor increase against baseline data</p> <p>0.6 Number of women attending workshops and running a market garden, 20% increase in yearly income</p>	<p>study and initial consultation stage implemented with the local community throughout the project area has identified a level of willingness to partake in this project. Consultation and communication with the target community will be fundamental to ensuring that no activities are undertaken without their voluntary support and participation</p> <p>The target local community remain willing to actively engage in the alternative livelihood strategies and retain committed to sustainable use of natural resources</p> <p>Note 4: We will place a strong emphasis on capacity building and communication emphasizing the importance of participatory management and to ensure that everybody involved has a good knowledge and understanding of project steps and outcomes and the benefits of sustainable strategies. An evaluative process will furthermore be fundamental – given the project's participatory approach</p>
<p>Outputs:</p> <p>1. Reforestation of 40 ha of gallery forests and headwaters alongside the creation of 10 ha of orchards and capacity building</p>	<p>1.1 1 x 1.5ha tree nursery established and 16,000 successful saplings available for plantation (anticipating a potential 20% loss) in by year 1</p>	<p>1.1 Documentation about the tree nursery and the plantation actions</p> <p>1.2 Regular site visits to ensure on-</p>	<p>Soil perturbation of degraded land does not prevent assisted regeneration of natural occurring trees</p>

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	<p>1.2 25 sq.km reforested as saplings are planted every 5m at a distance of 20m each side of the riverbed in gallery forests and headwaters for >40ha by end of year 2</p> <p>1.3 10 ha of orchards planted by the end of year 2 for future sustainable income generation for local community</p> <p>1.4 2 x members of the local community (1x manager and 1x assistant successfully trained to manage and maintain tree nursery by year 1) and recruited</p>	<p>the ground monitoring</p> <p>1.3 Regular site visits and on-the ground monitoring</p> <p>1.4 Contracts for two locally employed staff for tree nursery management, having attended training workshop; training report</p> <p>1.5 WCF annual report presenting results;</p>	<p>The target community is willing to partake in a reforestation project See Note 3 above</p> <p>The target community is willing to adapt their current unsustainable practices by reducing slash and burn/tree cutting in order to facilitate long-term reforestation. See Note 4 above</p>
<p>2. 5-10ha of showcase converted wetland designed and tested in a participatory process with members of the local community trained in wetland management</p>	<p>2.1 5-10ha of community land voluntarily donated and legally designated for conversion within the proposed MBNP zone by end of year 1</p> <p>2.2 Management plans and collaborative management team created by end of year 1</p> <p>2.3 Numbers of people trained from local community in wetland creation and management for sustainable agriculture by year 1</p>	<p>2.1 Copies of legal documents pertaining to voluntary donation of 50 ha of village land for project activities</p> <p>2.2 Minutes from community consultation meetings</p> <p>2.3 Results from training workshop (number of people attended; results from practical tests)</p> <p>2.4 Monitoring and reports of crop yield</p>	<p>The target local community is willing to participate in this novel approach and are receptive to adapting their current non-sustainable practices. Note 4 above</p> <p>The showcase converted wetland will be accepted by the local community and will successfully increase crop yields and ultimately yearly income</p> <p>The target local community remain willing to actively engage in the alternative livelihood strategies.</p>

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	<p>2.4 A 40% increase in agricultural yield to 10 households by the end of year 3</p> <p>2.5 8 workshops held in wider community at the end of year 4 to disseminate results and encourage replication of strategy</p>	<p>2.5 Minutes from meetings held with other villages within the zone and community engagement measured by number of people attending</p>	<p>Note 3 and 4 above</p> <p>Trained individuals from the local community will continue to participate and remain with the project.</p>
<p>3. Establishment of and capacity building for the creation of 15 individual market gardens within the same area. To ensure the acquisition of the knowledge and skill-base necessary for establishing and maintaining a plot of land for sustainable agriculture, while promoting a shift towards more sustainable methods such as composting, recycling and water conservation for enabling long-term food security and minimizing ecological impacts</p>	<p>3.1 Formation of market garden group to include 15 community members (men and women) all agreed and committed to establishment and maintenance of individual market gardens by the end of year 1 or 2</p> <p>3.2 15 community members attending 3 day permaculture workshop for establishment and maintenance of sustainable market gardens end of year</p> <p>3.3 1 x starter-kit provided to community market garden group (wheelbarrow, tools, seeds, educational resources...) during year 1</p> <p>3.4 Preparation and creation of market gardens (clearance of land, fencing, planting of seeds) end of year 1</p> <p>3.5 On-going on the ground technical</p>	<p>3.1 Progress measured (plot maintenance, vegetable yield, income gained) via interviews and site evaluation on a six monthly basis</p> <p>3.2 Interviews will gauge continued interest in the scheme, and to evaluate technical support required</p> <p>3.3 Income from excess produce expected after year 2</p> <p>3.4 WCF report presenting results</p>	<p>The target local community groups are first willing, and second, retain willingness to explore alternative livelihood diversification strategies.</p> <p>Note 3 and 4 above</p> <p>The success of the pilot project will be encouraging the wider local community to adopt these approaches.</p>

Project summary	Measurable Indicators	Means of verification	Important Assumptions
	support and regular evaluation of progress throughout project duration		
<p>4. Biomonitoring for collection of data that monitors the density and distribution of fauna (chimpanzees, other primates, bovidae, suidae, mammals, carnivores and rare and threatened species) throughout the proposed MBNP zone. This will be done in view of documenting increased use of reforested areas and corridors by local wildlife and increased biodiversity</p>	<p>4.1 Increased use of reforested corridor by fauna by 10% in Year 1, and of about 30% by year 4</p> <p>4.2 Increase of 20% in the number of different species using the corridors by year 4</p> <p>4.3 Increase of 20% in threatened animal species using the corridors between year 2 and 4</p> <p>4.4 Biological understanding of project area drastically increased, as extensive data collected demonstrate the extent and distribution of fauna and flora throughout the project area</p>	<p>4.1 Video clips of camera located in reforested corridors</p> <p>4.2 Analysis of video clips over the whole NP,</p> <p>4.3 Frequency of visits to different cameras</p> <p>4.4 Published results of the biomonitoring study</p>	<p>The biomonitoring method used allows to monitor the wildlife in the Moyen-Bafing area</p> <p>Note 5: The method is based on international IUCN standards that have proved to be reliable in estimating wildlife populations (Buckland et al. 2001, Kuehl et al. 2008)</p> <p>The target local community is willing to participate in this novel approach and are receptive to adapting their current non-sustainable practices.</p> <p>Note 4 above</p>

25. Provide a project implementation timetable that shows the key milestones in project activities. Complete the following table as appropriate to describe the intended workplan for your project (Q1 starting April 2017)

Activity	No. Of Months	Year 1				Year 2				Year 3				Year 4			
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
		April	Jul	Oct	Jan	April	Jul	Oct	Jan	April	Jul	Oct	Jan	April	Jul	Oct	Jan
Output 1	Reforestation																
1.1	Site Identification (before April 2017)																
1.2	Seeds collection																
1.3	Implementation of 1 Tree Nursery (TN)																
1.4	Training of manager (maintenance of the TN)																
1.5	Plantation of saplings (10ha orchard) and follow up of the TN																
1.6	Plantation of saplings (40ha gallery forests) and follow up of the TN																
Output 2	Mise en defens																
2.1	Site Identification																
2.2	Voluntary donation and legal designation of 50ha of community land																
2.3	Creation of Management plans and collaborative management																
2.4	2 days training for wetland management																
2.5	Creation of the converted wetland																
2.6	Communication of the success of the pilot																
2.7	Follow up																
Output 3	Market gardens																
3.1	Site Identification																
3.2	Creation of Management plans and collaborative management																
3.3	2 days training for market gardens management																
Output 4	Biomonitoring																
4.1	Preparation of the biomonitoring																
4.2	Training																
4.3	Field mission																
4.4	Data entry																
4.5	Analysis and report																
4.6	Camera trapping																
Output 5	Complementary Studies																
5.1	Birds Study: field mission																
5.2	Birds Study: data entry and analysis																
5.3	Flora Study: field mission																
5.4	Flora Study: data entry and analysis																

26. Project based monitoring and evaluation (M&E)

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 will be conducted specifically to achieve the objectives and indicators indicated in the logical framework. This will be achieved in various ways:

- The management team for each program or activity is experienced and can ensure a level of efficient and effective planning from the start.
- Given the need to have each stage of each activity validated by the Government of Guinea, each activity starts with detailed Terms of Reference to be evaluated and validated at a government level.
- All activities are compartmentalised, given their own WCF Officer who is responsible for assigning specific time limits, measurable expected outputs, and specific deliverables that form the basis for the training workshops. Stringent methods and analyses of the data taken by individuals can be compared to ensure that no one individual is underperforming.
- The management team will maximise the effort and efficiency of logistics so as to respect the time frame for the implementation of activities.
- Constant communication, reporting from team supervisors, data controls, and budget controls mean that flexibility can be worked in to the projects as necessary while keeping within reasonable margins.
- The management of activities will be adapted to unforeseen events and corrective measures will be taken to allow the program to continue despite any set-backs that may occur.
- Many activities will be repeated or contain multiple phases and as such verbal and written reports from supervisors and coordinators allow for greater surveillance and problem avoidance.
- Extensive activity reports are produced for each activity undertaken ensuring accountability and transparency as well as providing in-depth information on project progress for project partners and other key stakeholders (see www.wildchimps.org for up-to-date examples). Such reports additionally allow for project evaluation and adaptation of methods where necessary.
- The WCF Guinea Director is responsible for the M&E for the entire project, and is supported of the Deputy Director and the Project Officer. This hierarchy ensures that each phase of each activity is checked and validated on multiple levels.

Number of days planned for M&E	3 days / month
Total project budget for M&E	16'700£
Percentage of total project budget set aside for M&E	5%

FUNDING AND BUDGET

Please complete the separate Excel spreadsheet which provides the Budget for this application. Some of the questions earlier and below refer to the information in this spreadsheet. You should also ensure you have read the 'Finance for Darwin' document and considered the implications of payment points for cashflow purposes.

NB: The Darwin Initiative cannot agree any increase in grants once awarded.

27. 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.

The budget maximizes the activities with a good management team to ensure the quality of each step done and activities conducted. Our qualified employees will coordinate the community to reinforce the capacity exchange with them. There are no superficial costs and all costs will lead to the success of the project.

The WCF has been working in the region for some time and as such all budget items are based on current local prices and known necessary expenditures. Costs are kept down by grouping purchases for consumables such as food and efficient planning of team movements in the field. Salaried team members fill multiple rolls so that all members are flexible and able to work in many capacities whether in the office or in the field.

28. Capital items

If you plan to purchase capital items with Darwin funding, please indicate what you anticipate will happen to the items following project end.

NA

FCO NOTIFICATIONS

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

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) and attach details of any advice you have received from them.

Yes (no written advice) **Yes, contacted the British Embassy in Conakry, Guinea Letter follows** **Yes, advice attached** **No**

CERTIFICATION

On behalf of the trustees/company* of **The Wild Chimpazee Foundation**
 (*delete as appropriate)

I apply for a grant of **£334,878** in respect of **all expenditure** to be incurred during the lifetime of this project based on the activities and dates specified in the above application.


I certify that, to the best of our knowledge and belief, the statements made by us in this application are true and the information provided is correct. I am aware that this application form will form the basis of the project schedule should this application be successful.

(This form should be signed by an individual authorised by the applicant institution to submit applications and sign contracts on their behalf.)

- I enclose CVs for key project personnel and letters of support.
- I enclose our most recent signed audited/independently verified accounts and annual reports

Name (block capitals)	Christophe Boesch
Position in the organisation	President

Signed**



Date:

12-19-2016

If this section is incomplete or not completed correctly the entire application will be rejected. You must provide a real (not typed) signature. You may include a pdf of the signature page for security reasons if you wish. Please write PDF in the signature section above if you do so.

Stage 2 Application – Checklist for submission

	Check
Have you read the Guidance ?	yes
Have you read and can you meet the current Terms and Conditions for this fund?	yes
Have you provided actual start and end dates for your project?	yes
Have you provided your budget based on UK government financial years i.e. 1 April – 31 March and in GBP?	yes
Have you checked that your budget is complete , correctly adds up and that you have included the correct final total on the top page of the application?	yes
Has your application been signed by a suitably authorised individual ? (clear electronic or scanned signatures are acceptable)	yes
Have you included a 1 page CV for all the key project personnel identified at Question 10?	yes
Have you included a letter of support from your key partner organisations identified at Question 9?	yes
Have you been in contact with the FCO in the project country/ies and have you included any evidence of this? The British Embassy in Conakry – letter to follow	yes
Have you included a signed copy of the last 2 years annual report and accounts for the lead organisation?	yes
Have you checked the Darwin website immediately prior to submission to ensure there are no late updates?	yes

Once you have answered the questions above, please submit the application, not later than 2359 GMT on Monday 5 December 2016 to Darwin-Applications@ltsi.co.uk using the application number (from your Stage 1 feedback letter) and the first few words of the project title **as the subject of your email**. If you are e-mailing supporting documentation separately please include in the subject line an indication of the number of e-mails you are sending (eg whether the e-mail is 1 of 2, 2 of 3 etc). You are not required to send a hard copy.

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