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Organisation: **Sudanese Development Initiative**
Funding Sought: **£5,310.00**

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Sudan's MPAs: Mobilizing partnerships for sustainable conservation and development

Section 1 - Contact Details

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Please add any 'Committee Feedback' to the field below:

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Section 2 - Title & Location

Q3. Working title of the proposed Darwin project

Sudan's MPAs: Mobilizing partnerships for sustainable conservation and development

Q4a. Host country (of proposed Partnership Project trip)

Sudan

Q4b. Other collaborating country/ies

No Response

Q5. Is this a resubmission of a previous scoping application?

No

Section 3 - Partnership Project Principals & Lead Organisation Summary

Q6. Principals in Partnership Project work i.e. the travellers

Please give the details of the individuals (up to 2) from the lead organisation who would be directly involved in the Partnership Project work – i.e. making a visit to a host country. One page CVs must be uploaded below.

Details	Main traveller (Project Leader)	Second traveller
Surname	El Mahdi	Tosserams
Forename(s)	Abdel-Rahman	Anne-Marie
Post held	Managing Director	Project Manager
Department	Executive Committee	Programs
		
		
		
Have you included an one page CV?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes

Please upload one page CVs for all Principals involved in Partnership Project work

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 [CV Anne-Marie Tosserams](#)

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Q7a. About the lead applicant organisation

Briefly discuss your expertise in sustainable use or conservation of biodiversity and/or development. Please refer to recent track record you have in this field. You may be asked to provide evidence of this track record.

SUDIA's programming on natural resource management and environmental conservation targets Sudan's national parks and protected areas. Our approach to conservation emphasises (i) developing initiatives where livelihoods of local community's and development are interlinked with protecting and conserving unique environments; (ii) raising awareness and knowledge on the importance of preserving biodiversity

and protecting species and their habitats; and (iii) strengthening the role and contribution of local authorities in improving governance, planning and dedicating resources for the conservation and sustainable development of these unique areas.

SUDIA efforts have to date been focused on the World Heritage site of Sanganeb Marine National Park and Dungunab Bay – Mukkawar Island Marine National Park in the Red Sea State of Sudan. Most recently (April 2014 – March 2018), SUDIA in partnership with the Cousteau Society implemented a project titled “Strengthening marine protected areas and marine ecotourism benefits in Sudan”. SUDIA’s contribution to the project was centred around the delivery of several activities that intended to diversify livelihoods and improve the socio-economic resilience of the community’s resident in the MPA whilst alleviating stress and reliance on fragile marine resources and eco-systems.

Q7b. Have you obtained a letter of support from the lead applicant organisation?

If yes, please upload below.

Yes

The limit for any single file uploaded as supporting materials with your application is 6MB. Please ensure documents are saved in PDF form where possible in order to minimise size.

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Section 4 - Project Partners

Q8. About the partner organisation(s)

Please list all the partners involved and explain their roles and responsibilities in the Partnership Project work. Briefly discuss your partner’s expertise in sustainable use or conservation of biodiversity and/or development. Please refer to recent track record they have in this field. You may be asked to provide evidence of this track record. If there is more than 1 partner organisation, you can enter the details of more partners below. Please specify which of the partners is new to the partnership.

1. Partner Name:	VNG International
Website address:	www.vng-international.nl/
Details of anticipated roles and responsibilities:	VNG International is the International Cooperation Agency of the Association of Netherlands Municipalities (VNG) aimed at strengthening democratic local governance in developing countries, and countries in transition. Within this Partnership Project, VNG International will specifically focus on strengthening the role of local authorities in bio- diversity conservation and sustainable development.

Expertise in sustainable use or conservation of biodiversity and/or development:

Local authorities are the tier of government closest to the citizens and as such is indispensable for proper service delivery and sustainable community development. For this reason VNG International has been supporting these organizations through capacity development interventions, amongst others in the areas of decentralisation, integrated strategic planning, service delivery (e.g. water & sanitation, food security, waste collection), local economic development (livelihoods), financial management, participatory decision making and infrastructure development.

Throughout the years, VNG International has developed, coordinated and implemented several programmes related to natural resource management directed at strengthening the capacity of the relevant authorities thereby covering a wide spectrum: integrated water resource management (IWRM) (Kingfisher Programme 2012- 2018), food security (LGCP 2012- 2016 Uganda & Benin), livelihoods (Empowering refugee hosting districts in Uganda 2018), land use planning for rural/ urban areas (DEALS programme, 2017- 2021), Conflict and Peace and reconciliation (Inclusive Decision Making at Local Level 2017- 2021, Stability Through Community Resilience Sudan) etc.

This expertise is deployed amongst others through project management (identification, formulation, implementation, evaluation and dissemination of good practices), advisory services, training and capacity building, peer exchanges and study tours.

Name of main contact point and post held: Anne-Marie Tosserams
Project Manage

Have you included a letter of support from this organisation? Yes

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

No

Please provide all partner letters of support in one combined PDF.

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Q9. Can you confirm that at least one of the partners have not previously been in receipt of Darwin funds?

Yes

Section 5 - Justification & Concept Notes

Q10. Justification of need for a Partnership Project

Please provide written details of why alternative funding is not available from within your own organisation or from other sources. Will matched funding be provided?

Both SUDIA and VNG International are fully reliant on project funding. Whereas both organizations have been successful in acquiring project funding related to our own individual expertise, we have not yet been successful in acquiring project funding related to the scope of this suggested partnership project. We however believe that we offer a unique combination of expertise, as to ensure that the conservation of biodiversity and sustainable development is supported from the bottom up and is integrated at local level (through locality level plans, sector wide approaches etc). The partnership project aims to promote local action of local authorities in co-junction with the communities to manage, conserve and sustainably use biodiversity and ecosystems services, thereby providing strategic direction and ensuring an enabling environment for local initiatives. In addition, the partnership project aims to build local capacity to test/demonstrate local level approaches. Given that this partnership is focusing on a new area within Sudan and a newly combined approach, both organizations do not have funds available which can be used to match the requested funding.

Q11. Concept note for the Partnership Project

This question concentrates on the Partnership Project work and should demonstrate the objectives of the project including:

- **objectives of the visit**
- **what work (including research, remote communications or other collaborations) has been carried out prior to applying for this project**
- **what work will be carried out under the project – please see the guidance for advice on what type of activity can be funded**
- **evidence of the proposed partners' intentions to collaborate in your Partnership Project work**

The partners visit to the project location will be used to undertake consultations with local communities and authorities regarding the project to be developed for the 26th round of DI funding. The partners will also use the visit to review, validate and/or adjust the project concept with key stakeholders with attention to refining the desired project outcomes, anticipated outputs and the different methods/approaches for implementation. The visit will also be used to secure the initial consent and approval of local authorities and collect necessary data/information for developing the full proposal.

Prior to applying for this project, SUDIA had previously been partnering with the Cousteau Society (L'Equipe Cousteau) in a Darwin funded project titled "Strengthening marine protected areas and marine ecotourism benefits in Sudan" that was implemented between April 2014 – March 2018. SUDIA contribution to the project was centred around the achievement of an outcome related to livelihood diversification and improving the socio-economic resilience of the two community's resident in the MPA. An assessment on livelihoods and alternative income generating opportunities for the local communities was completed in early 2015. The assessment identified several IGA products that would contribute to the diversification of individual livelihoods whilst easing the dependence on marine resources in the MPA. Unfortunately, the setup and establishment of microfinance operations that were meant to act as a source of funding for these IGAs was derailed due to restrictions imposed by the local authorities in allowing the organization access to the communities and project locations.

Since resolving the issues with local authorities and acquiring full access to the communities in the MPA in April 2018, SUDIA has remained invested in the Red Sea MPAs. During the period 23 - 26 October 2018, SUDIA carried out two livelihoods related trainings targeting in the two communities of the MPA. The training on bakery and pastries production was carried out by the Department of Management of Nutrition Culture at the State Ministry of Education and comprised basic education on nutrition for women and children as well as practical sessions on the production of highly nutritious bakery products. Certificates of participation were awarded to the women along with an in-kind grant in the form of baking supplies (flour, sugar, salt, etc) that would enable them to start-up a small inhouse baking business and contribute to their livelihoods.

SUDIA continues to raise awareness and promote the World Heritage Site. In October 2018, together with World Heritage managers from the Africa and Arab region, SUDIA participated in a meeting in Red Sea state that focused on sharing expertise in balancing conservation of the site's unique natural values with the reduction of poverty among local communities that are directly dependent on the World Heritage area. SUDIA continues to manage the only website dedicated to the conservation and sustainable development of this World Heritage site – www.sudanmarineparks.info. SUDIA remains the only national Sudanese organization working in the Sudan MPAs and actively developing projects and programs that contribute to the sustainable conservation and development of the area.

Q12. Concept note for the resultant project

This question concentrates on the full Darwin application you intend to submit after the Partnership Project and should discuss:

- **the expected Outcome and Outputs of the resultant Darwin project**
- **how the resultant Darwin project would meet a need in the host country (and the wider region if applicable e.g. if the proposed project would be based in a UMIC)**
- **how the project would contribute to any or all of the following Conventions: the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD); the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing (ABS); the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGRFA); the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES); the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS); the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands**
- **how the project will contribute to sustainable development in the country concerned**
- **briefly explain the proposed partner roles in the resultant Darwin project**
- **briefly the expected role of the Partnership Project travellers in the resultant Darwin project.**

The project targets the UNESCO World Heritage site of Dungonab Bay Mukkawar Island Marine National Park located in Red Sea State of Sudan. It seeks to mobilize local communities and authorities in improving the governance, conservation and development efforts of the MPA. Outcomes and outputs envisioned –

Local communities, authorities and civil society work together to conserve ecosystems, species and marine biodiversity in the MPA. Illustrative outputs may include conservation awareness and education campaigns; Academic research report/s.

Local communities are increasingly adopting sustainable livelihood and resource use practices that benefit both the Park and the livelihoods of its inhabitants. Illustrative outputs may include support for innovative business actions; Village Environmental Management Plans; Actions for improved community well-being and environmental conservation.

Strengthened capacity of the locality administration of Mohamed Qol to integrate conservation and development goals outlined in the management plan into their planning, budgeting and reporting frameworks; Outputs include implementation of light infrastructure projects benefiting the two communities; licences and incentives to attract investment in eco-tourism;

The project will increase the contribution of the Republic of Sudan to the following Aichi Strategic Goals and Biodiversity Targets –

Strategic Goal A. - Address the underlying causes of biodiversity loss by mainstreaming biodiversity across government and society –

Target 1: By 2020, at the latest, people are aware of the values of biodiversity and the steps they can take to conserve and use it sustainably.

Target 2 - By 2020, at the latest, biodiversity values have been integrated into national and local development and poverty reduction strategies and planning processes and are being incorporated into national accounting, as appropriate, and reporting systems.

Strategic Goal B: Reduce the direct pressures on biodiversity and promote sustainable use

Target 6 - By 2020 all fish and invertebrate stocks and aquatic plants are managed and harvested sustainably, legally and applying ecosystem based approaches, so that overfishing is avoided, recovery plans and measures are in place for all depleted species, fisheries have no significant adverse impacts on threatened species and vulnerable ecosystems and the impacts of fisheries on stocks, species and ecosystems are within safe ecological limits.

The project will contribute to sustainable development in Sudan by furthering the involvement of civil society organisations, local communities and authorities in development planning and enhance delivery of basic services to communities and thereby help reducing poverty in a context of sustainable development.

SUDIA will represent the lead partner in the project responsible for the overall management of the project. SUDIA will also take the lead in achieving the envisioned Outcomes 1 and 2, whilst VNG International will lead on the achievement of Outcome 3.

The role of the Partnership Project travellers in the resultant Darwin project will be to schedule and organize meetings with the different stakeholders, facilitate discussions and community consultations, capture and document findings and results from the visit, and lead on the development and write-up of the full project proposal that is to be submitted to the next round of Darwin funding (Round 26).

Section 6 - Costs

Q13. Costs

Provide a detailed breakdown of costs to be funded by the Darwin Initiative in GBP.

	Main traveller	Second traveller	Total
Airfare including travel to airport	£ [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

Visas and other travel documents	£ [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Daily subsistence rate per day	£ [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
Number of days subsistence claimed (max 30 days per traveller)	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
Total daily subsistence claimed (calculated from figures above)	£ [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Workshop costs (please provide details below)			£ [REDACTED]
Other costs (please provide details below)			£ [REDACTED]
		Total request from Darwin (must not exceed £10,000)	£ 5,310.00

Workshop costs

Please provide further details on your workshops costs. Put N/A if not relevant.

- Venue hire at 3 locations ([REDACTED] GBP)
- Food and refreshments for 3 consultative workshops with 15 persons each ([REDACTED] GBP)
- Participants local transport costs ([REDACTED] GBP)
- Equipment rental/use ([REDACTED] GBP)
- Stationary and workshop supplies ([REDACTED] GBP)

Other costs

Please provide further details on your other costs. Put N/A if not relevant.

- Local transport costs from Port Sudan to the MPA site involves vehicle rental for 3 days priced at [REDACTED] GBP per day. ([REDACTED] GBP)
- Additional per diem for state-level focal point to accompany the team to the project location and provide translation services (if required) valued at [REDACTED] GBP per day for 3 days. ([REDACTED] GBP)
- Unforeseen costs ([REDACTED] GBP)

Section 7 - Timetable & Activities

Q14. Provide anticipated dates of travel (start and finish) and activities to be

undertaken on your trip.

N.B.: this question is specifically about your travel plans – your dates and specific milestones during travel – NOT your timetable to Stage 1 application. Your application will be considered ineligible if this section does not specifically cover your planned Partnership Project trip.

Date	Milestone
01 April 2019	START
12 April 2019	Visit workplan and ToR developed
20 April 2019	Partners meeting in Khartoum/Visit schedule finalized
24 April 2019	Consultation workshops and meeting in project locations
30 April 2019	Debriefing session in Khartoum
07 May 2019	Visit report write-up
<i>No Response</i>	<i>No Response</i>
31 May 2019	FINISH

Q15. In what year would you expect to submit the full Darwin project application?

Round 26

Section 8 - Certification

Q16. Certification

On behalf of the

company

of

Sudanese Development Initiative

I apply for a grant of

£5,310.00

I certify that, to the best of our knowledge and belief, the statements made by us in this application are true and the information provided is correct. I am aware that this application form will form the basis of the Partnership 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 uploaded CVs for project principals
- I have uploaded letters of support from the lead application organisation and the partner(s)

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Name	Abdel Rahman El Mahdi
Position in the organisation	Managing Director
Signature (please upload e-signature)	 Signature  13/11/2018  11:22:13  gif 24.28 KB
Date	13 November 2018

Section 9 - Submission Checklist

Checklist for submission

	Check
Have you provided anticipated start and end dates for your Partnership Project trip?	Checked
Has your application been signed by a suitably authorised individual?	Checked
Have you read the Guidance documents for both Main projects and Partnership Project, and are you satisfied that your concept would be eligible for a main project application?	Checked
Have you read the current Terms and Conditions for this fund and can you confirm you are willing to be bound by these if your application is successful?	Checked
Have you uploaded 1 page CVs and letters of support as required?	Checked
Have you checked the Darwin website immediately prior to submission to ensure there are no late updates?	Checked

We would like to keep in touch! Please check this box if you would be happy for the lead applicant (Flexi-Grant Account Holder) and main traveller/project leader (if different) to be added to our mailing list. Through our mailing list we share updates on upcoming and current application rounds under the Darwin Initiative and our sister grant scheme, the IWT Challenge Fund. We also provide occasional updates on other UK Government activities related to biodiversity conservation and share our quarterly project newsletter. You are free to unsubscribe at any time.

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