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Conserving tropical marine ecosystems in TCI through science-based fisheries management

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Section 1 - Contact Details

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Section 2 - Title, Dates & Budget Summary

Q3a. Project title

Conserving tropical marine ecosystems in TCI through science-based fisheries management

Q3b. What was your Stage 1 reference number? e.g. DPR9S1\10008

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Q4. UKOT(s)

Which eligible UK Overseas Territory(ies) will your project be working in?

Turks & Caicos Islands (TCI)

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

No Response

Q4b. In addition to the UKOTs you have indicated, will your project directly benefit any other Territories or country(ies)?

No

Q5. Project dates

Start date:

01 July 2021

End date:

31 December 2023

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

2 years 6 months

Q6. Budget summary

Year:	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	Total request
Darwin funding request (Apr - Mar)	£125,236.00	£124,026.00	£95,643.00	£0.00	£ 344,905.00

Q6a. Do you have proposed matched funding arrangements?

Yes

What matched funding arrangements are proposed?

Match funding is provided through the provision of lab space and non-specialist equipment DECR staff time, office, equipment and vehicle use.

Q6b. Proposed matched funding as % of total project cost (total cost is the Darwin request plus other funding required to run the project). ■

Section 3 - Project Summary and Conventions

Q7. Summary of Project

Please provide a brief summary of your project, its aims, and the key activities you plan to undertake. Please note that if you are successful, this working may be used by Defra in communications e.g. as a

short description of the project on [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk).

Please write this summary for a non-technical audience.

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Q8. Biodiversity Conventions, Treaties and Agreements

Please detail how your project will contribute to the aims of the agreement(s) your project is targeting. What key OT Government priorities and themes will it address? You should refer to Articles or Programmes of Work here. You should also consider local, territory specific agreements and action plans here.

TCIG have not ratified CBD or CITES. Nevertheless, the project contributes to Aichi Targets 4 (Natural Resources); 6 (Sustainable fisheries); and 10 (Vulnerable Marine Ecosystems). It also contributes to fulfilling commitments under the UK Government's 2012 white paper (Chapter 13) and Defra's 25-year environment plan. UNCLOS 61(2) requires the coastal state to take 'into account the best scientific evidence available to it' in determining conservation and management measures.'

TCI Vision 2040 outlines 5 sustainable development goals, that underpin the (draft) National Physical Sustainable Development Plan (NPSDP) both Vision 2040 and the NPSDP require sustainable resource management. A TCI Environment Strategy (ES) is being developed and this project will contribute to the ES vision and to the mission of the DECR of which a sustainable fishing industry is a core element "To ensure sustainable utilization of the natural resources of the Turks and Caicos Islands, and to protect and promote biodiversity and economic prosperity through a sustainable fishing industry and environmentally sustainable development, a protected areas system and improved maritime affairs"

The TCIG Fisheries Mission Statement is "To protect and improve the fisheries through the effective management of fish stocks to promote economic prosperity", and this project will make an important contribution to the effective management of TCI's fish stocks.

Related legislation includes the Fisheries Limits Ordinance (December 2014) and the Fisheries Protection Ordinance (March 2018). The former mandates a fisheries plan (clause 30) that includes assessments of the present state of each fishery. The improved on-the ground data collection and subsequent stock assessments to be undertaken by this project will make an important contribution to the assessments of new fished species (currently the only stock assessment that has been reliable is that undertaken for the spiny lobster).

TCIG is a member of the Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism (CRFM) and one of the activities under this project will be the sharing of updated stock assessments and fisheries data with CRFM as required.

Section 4 - Lead Organisation Summary

Q9. Lead organisation summary

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

Yes

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

Reference No	Project Leader	Title
DPLUS 116	Tara Pelembe	Falklands wetlands and aquatic habitats: baselines for monitoring future change
DPLUS 094	Tara Pelembe	Developing Marine Spatial Planning (MSP) tools for Turks and Caicos
DPLUS 083	Tara Pelembe	Soil map and online database as climate change mitigation tools
DPLUS 071	Dr Paul Brickle	Fine scaling the design of Falkland Islands Marine Management Areas
DPLUS065	Dr Paul Brickle	Mapping Falklands and South Georgia coastal margins for Spatial Planning
DPLUS042	Dr Paul Brickle	Dolphins of the kelp: Data priorities for Falkland's inshore cetaceans


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


Yes

Please attach the requested signed audited/independently examined accounts.

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Section 5 - Project Partners

Q10. Project Partners

Please list all the partners involved (including the Lead Organisation) and explain their roles and responsibilities in the project. Describe the extent of their involvement at all stages, including project development.

This section should illustrate the capacity of partners to be involved in the project. Please provide Letters of Support for the Lead Organisation and each partner or explain why this has not been included.

N.B: There is a file upload button at the bottom of this page for the upload of a cover letter (if applicable) and all letters of support.

Lead Organisation name:	South Atlantic Environmental Research Institute (SAERI)
Website address:	www.south-atlantic-research.org
Details (including roles and responsibilities and capacity to engage with the project):	<p>SAERI aspires to be a world renowned, environmental research institute. SAERI has the infrastructure and capacity to conduct environmental research throughout the South Atlantic and further afield. It has significant grant and project management and delivery experience which includes several previous Darwin Initiative projects.</p> <p>Tara Pelembe, the project leader has managed a number of large projects successfully seeing them through to timely and successful delivery. Dr Paul Brickle, SAERI's Executive Director is an established Fisheries Scientist, and will oversee the technical aspects. SAERI will also employ a Fisheries Scientist with the ecological and analytical skills to undertake the analysis elements of the project, and to manage project delivery.</p> <p>SAERI will be responsible for overseeing the management and delivery of the project as a whole. This includes ensuring that the project methodology is followed and all scientific outputs are robust and credible. This includes the project's financial management</p> <p>SAERI will Chair the Project Management Group that will comprise all partner organisations.</p>
Have you included a Letter of Support from this organisation?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes
Have you provided a cover letter to address your Stage 1 feedback?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes

Do you have partners involved in the Project?

Yes

1. Partner Name: Turks and Caicos Islands Government – Department of Environment and Coastal Resources (TCIG – DECR)

Website address: <https://gov.tc/decr/>

Details (including roles and responsibilities and capacity to engage with the project): The Department of Environment and Coastal Resources (DECR) is a line agency of the Turks and Caicos Islands government that is mandated to ensure the sustainable use of the natural resources of the Territory and to protect and promote biodiversity and economic prosperity through sustainable fishery industry, environmentally sustainable development and a Protected Areas system. The DECR comprised of a small team located in different islands (Providenciales as the head office, with satellite offices in South Caicos and Grand Turk). The DECR works closely with relevant TCIG departments such as the Department of Planning, Survey and Mapping, Agriculture, Environmental Health, among others. The Department supports the project by providing the access to existing data, office space, support staff, meeting venues, use of vessels and other related facilities to ensure success for the project. In return, the Department’s staff skills in spatial ecology and data management will be enhanced. DECR is headed by a Director and supported by a Deputy Director, 3 Assistant Directors (Enforcement; Protected Areas and Fisheries; Research and Development); Scientific Officer; Environmental Officers, Environmental Awareness Coordinator and Conservation Officers. The Fisheries Technician will be employed directly by DECR

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

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

Yes

2. Partner Name: Joint Nature Conservation Committee (JNCC)

Website address: www.jncc.gov.uk

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

JNCC has a long, successful record of UKOT work using ODA, CSSF and Darwin Plus funding, and has an active UKOT Programme (<https://jncc.gov.uk/advice/sustainable-development-overseas/>) which provides advice and support on a range of UKOT nature conservation issues and projects. JNCC has worked closely with SAERI on projects throughout the Caribbean and South Atlantic UKOTs. JNCC also work closely with TCIG on a range of initiatives, including the development a new, long term, Environment Strategy for the terrestrial and marine environments. The proposed project will make a significant contribution to this strategy, enhancing connectivity between current and future TCI projects.

The current JNCC-lead DPLUS119 project is building a technical partnership with TCIG to enable effective marine and coastal management. Synergies between the proposed project, DPLUS119 and DPLUS094 will enable links to be made that will bolster the outcomes of each project. JNCC and SAERI are partners on each other's projects and members of each other's project steering groups. Consequently, this will ensure the cohesion and compatibility of both project outputs.

JNCC will also provide links into international fora (e.g. CBD, CITES), furthering routes for knowledge exchange and to demonstrate UKs and TCIG commitment to meet objectives under various multi-lateral environmental agreements.

Have you included a Letter of Support from this organisation?

Yes

3. Partner Name:

Fish Ageing Services PTY Ltd (FAS)

Website address:

<http://www.fishageingservices.com/>

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

Fish Ageing Services (FAS) was created in 2008 by Directors Kyne Krusic-Golub and Simon Robertson, both of whom have over 40 years combined experience in the field of fish ageing. The FAS model is to provide years of our experience to ageing projects at a low cost. FAS use state-of-the-art equipment at Fish Ageing Services. The software used has been custom developed in-house and our methods have been developed after years of experience in the field of fish ageing. Our methods are efficient, accurate and cost effective delivering the best possible results for our clients. FAS also assist in the removal of otoliths from any species, and provide advice as to how best retrieve and store samples.

FAS will provide fish ageing expertise to this project, and one of the key contributions will be setting up the fish ageing equipment within the new laboratory and delivering an in-country training to DECR staff near the start of the project to ensure that the tools and skills required for the data collection are in place early on in the project delivery.

The FAS team member will be the Director Kyne Krusic-Golub.

Have you included a Letter of Support from this organisation?

Yes

4. Partner Name:

Ocean Environmental (OE)

Website address:

<https://alistairdunn1.github.io/>

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

Ocean Environmental (OE) has worked closely with SAERI over the last decade, and welcomes the opportunity to support this project in the Turks and Caicos Islands. OE provides independent, high quality research and data science to support conservation and sustainable management of the marine environment. OE are experts in marine and fisheries research providing statistical and mathematical modelling services, and work at the interface between government and decision makers.

OE is globally connected, using those connections to build trusted relationships and networks, providing robust and novel solutions to ensure conservation and environmentally sustainable outcomes. OE believes in science informed decision making, and we play our part to ensure that the best information is available to decision makers — providing the science to ensure both conservation and sustainability.

OE will provide expertise to this project, and one of the key contributions will be delivering an in-country capacity-building workshop to share skills on island, and to ensure that there is post-project sustainability. OE welcomes the opportunity to partner directly on this project with SAERI and DECR and look forward to working together on this exciting initiative.

The OE lead will be Alistair Dunn.

Have you included a Letter of Support from this organisation?

Yes

5. Partner Name:

No Response

Website address:

No Response

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

No Response

Have you included a Letter of Support from this organisation?

Yes
 No

6. Partner Name:

No Response

Website address:

No Response

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





No Response





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

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

No Response

Please provide a cover letter responding to feedback received at Stage 1 if applicable and a combined PDF of all Letters of Support.

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Section 6 - Project Staff

Q11. Project Staff

Please identify the core staff on this project, their role and what % of their time they will be working on the project. Further information on who should be classified as core staff can be found in the guidance.

Please provide 1 page CVs for these staff, or a 1 page job description or Terms of Reference for roles yet to be filled. These should match the names and roles in the budget spreadsheet. If your team is larger than 12 people please review if they are core staff, or whether you can merge roles (e.g. 'admin and finance support') below, but provide a full table based on this template in the PDF of CVs you provide.

Name (First name, Surname)	Role	% time on project	1 page CV or job description attached?
Tara Pelembe	Project Leader	10	Checked
Lormeka Williams	Project Co-Leader and strategic lead in TCI.	10	Checked
Dr Paul Brickle	Strategic lead and Fisheries specialist expertise	5	Checked
To be recruited	Project Manager/Fisheries Scientist	100	Checked

Do you require more fields?

Yes

Name (First name, Surname)	Role	% time on project	1 page CV or job description attached?
To be recruited	Project officer/Fisheries technician	100	Checked
Kathy Lockart	DECR Fisheries Science	10	Checked
Tyann Henry	Environment Officer	10	Checked
Catherine Gallagher	Data management oversight and advice	5	Checked
Teresa Bowers	SAERI business and Admin support	2	Checked
Dr Megan Tierney	Project Management group and links with other Darwin projects	5	Checked
Alistair Dunn	Stock assessments and modelling	2	Checked
Kyne Krusic-Golub	Fish ageing training and equipment installation	2	Checked


Please provide 1 page CVs (or job description if yet to be recruited) for the Project staff listed above as a combined PDF.

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

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Have you attached all Project staff CVs?

Yes

Section 7 - Background & Methodology

Q12. Problems the project is trying to address

Please describe the problem your project is trying to address in terms of environment and climate issues in the UKOTs.

For example, what are the specific threats to the environment that the project will attempt to address?

Why are they relevant, for whom? How did you identify these problems? How will your proposed project help?

Please cite the evidence you are using to support your assessment of the problem (references can be listed in your additional attached PDF document which can be uploaded at the bottom of the page).

TCI possess a rich, diverse and productive marine environment with significant fisheries resources. Its fisheries comprise a significant component of its resources and are important to its national economy and sustain livelihoods. The TCI fisheries are defined as having a commercial (i.e., SSF) sector, a subsistence sector (personal/family use), and a recreational sector (sport/enjoyment). The three main commercial fishery target species on the islands are queen conch (*Strombus gigas*), Caribbean spiny lobster (*Panulirus argus*) and reef fish. In recent decades, tourism has surpassed fishing as the leading industry, and visitors demanding locally caught seafood have put additional pressure on the TCI's marine resources. Fisheries management is impeded by limitations on landings and life history data. Without these fundamental components, good fisheries management is not possible and often leads to unsustainable practices, overfishing, impacting ecosystem function, reef health and livelihoods.

The TCIG aim is long-term sustainability of the fishery for the benefit of future generations, but data collection and management is a realised issue. In partnership with TCIG, specifically DECR, and fishers the project aims to address barriers to landings and life history data, crucial to stock assessments. The project will encourage greater participation of fishers in the management process through the Government's Fisheries Advisory Committee (FAC) and DECR personnel. Specifically, through workshops and working closely with fishers it will centralise fish landing points to enable efficient data collection for landings and life history parameters. It will provide data collection training, and equipment such as measuring boards and scales, create an integrated fisheries database, equip a fisheries laboratory with otolith processing facilities and equipment for examining the reproductive biology of commercial species, and will work with DECR to develop monitoring and stock assessment routines. The project will be delivered by a Fisheries Scientist and Fisheries Technician working fulltime at DECR.

Q13. Methodology

Describe the methods and approach you will use to achieve your intended Outcome and Impact. 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.
- How you will undertake the work (materials and methods).
- How you will manage the work (role and responsibilities, project management tools etc.)

Please make sure you read the [Guidance Notes](#) before answering this question.

(This may be a repeat from Stage 1 but you may update or refine as necessary)

We will build on: DPLUS 094 'Developing Marine Spatial Planning (MSP) tools for Turks and Caicos' SAERI is working with DECR to develop a marine data portal and WebGIS. MSP stakeholder workshops engage key people to promote a holistic MSP process. JNCC DPLUS119: 'Technical assistance programme for effective coastal-marine management' in the TCI focuses on the broad coastal and marine environment. A regional CEFAS fishery project DPLUS067 looks at 'regional collaboration to achieve sustainable fisheries

management'. An efficient, cost effective fisheries laboratory model will be adapted for TCI based on SAERI's experience from the Falkland Islands, Ascension (DPLUS021) and St Helena (DPLUS039).

Lack of front-line data remains a critical barrier to effective fisheries management. A priority of this project, in partnership with DECR and TCI fishers, is to deliver accurate landings data, population dynamics and life history data for stock assessments to fill existing data gaps.

WP1. Workshop and Stakeholder engagement to build fishers' capacity to self-regulate and self-organise for participation in fisheries management through inter alia the centralisation of landing sites to improve data collection opportunities. We will work with stakeholders to consult on the requirements for fisheries data to benefit all, including good data management, and to enable them to identify, establish and utilise specific designated landing sites. If required, recommendations for changes to legislation to designate these landing sites will be made.

WP2. Training and Data collection and data management. A data collection manual will be developed and DECR staff will be trained in data collection for landings, species-specific length frequency, length weight and sexual maturity assessments. Training will be provided for the collection of otoliths for age and growth studies and for the collection of gonads for histological analyses to ground truth macroscopic and maturity assessments. DECR will be supplied with measuring boards, scales and data recording forms. A data recording app will be developed to aid the efficiency of data acquisition. SAERI's IMS-GIS Data Centre, in collaboration with CITU, will create a purpose built integrated relational database to store data and provide a basis for analyses with a webGIS for data visualisation.

WP3. Small but state of the art fisheries laboratory. Building on experience in the Falkland Islands and Ascension the project will provision the equipment in DECR's new laboratory, to create a fisheries science laboratory. The aim is for this to be a central facility for fisheries laboratory services across the Caribbean providing both project legacy and a self-financing business case. DECR staff will be trained in the use of all of the equipment.

WP4. Stock assessment of priority species. Building on previous stock assessment training undertaken in DPLUS067, a refresher stock assessment workshop with DECR staff will be undertaken, and stock assessment of additional priority species will be undertaken. Stock assessment routines for DECR will be consolidated and strengthened.

All project partners will be members of the PMG, which will meet quarterly. All stakeholders will form part of the PSG, which will meet bi-annually. The project manager will meet monthly with the FAC.

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

No Response

Section 8 - Stakeholders and Beneficiaries

Q14. Project Stakeholders

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

The key government stakeholder in this the project is DECR who hold the responsibility for Fisheries

Science and management in TCI. DECR have been consulted throughout the development of the bid, the DECR Director is co-leading the project and will have a project staff member embedded in their team. The focus of the bid and the activities has emerged as a gap area through regular engagement with DECR; we have held regular meetings with DECR to develop the content of the bid prior to both Stage 1 and stage 2.

In addition to DECR, a number of other government departments including the Department of maritime affairs, the department of survey and planning, the Information Technology department will be regularly updated through briefings from the DECR director and will be invited to attend regular 6-monthly stakeholder engagement meetings.

The project will continue to engage the fisheries sector through workshop and training sessions, and regular updates with project staff, and 1:1 or small group conversations. Stakeholder engagement processes will be adapted according to the stakeholder group.

The TCI community, NGOs, Industry stakeholders and those involved in fisheries locally and internationally will be engaged through the stakeholder engagement processes

All stakeholders will be kept informed via the Project Manager, a project website and regular online blogs, and will be invited to targeted engagement meetings.

There is an established working relationship between SAERI, DECR and JNCC upon which this project is being built.

Q15. Institutional Capacity

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

SAERI aspires to be a world renowned, well branded environmental research institute. SAERI has the infrastructure and capacity to conduct environmental research throughout the South Atlantic from the equator to the ice in Antarctica. SAERI's Executive Director is an established marine scientist with many years' experience managing and co-ordinating multi institutional research projects. SAERI's IMS-GIS data centre, will take care of the management of the entire life cycle of the data generated by the project. Data documentation and accessibility will be ensured through filling the metadata form (as requested by the research permit) and by creating a user-friendly and easy to use webGIS service open to the wide public. Data storage occurs on a dedicated server backed up daily and off-site.

The Department of Environment and Coastal Resources (DECR) of the Turks and Caicos Government is mandated to ensure the sustainable use of the natural resources and to protect and promote biodiversity and economic prosperity in the Territory. The DECR is headed by a Director and supported by Deputy Director, 3 Assistant Directors, Scientific Officer, 4 Environmental Officers and Conservation officers plus support staff (Administration and field workers). Its technical staff have relevant graduate degrees but lack specific expertise on geospatial ecology and data management. The DECR have several active projects in partnership with international institutions/universities in fisheries management, species conservation, climate change, biosecurity, mapping and marine biodiversity, among others. DECR staff are actively involved in policy and legislative works in TCI.

Q16. Project beneficiaries

Who will your project benefit? You should consider the direct benefits as a result of your project as well

as the broader indirect benefits which may come about as a result of your project achieving its Outputs and Outcome. The measurement of any benefits should be included in your project logframe.

The direct beneficiaries will be the TCIG and the stakeholders of the marine fisheries industry, who through this project will acquire the tools needed to collect relevant data in the fisheries sector to make more informed decisions regarding the sustainable management of the marine fisheries which will complement the tools being developed within DPLUS094. The benefits will be realised throughout the TCI Fisheries sector and Government levels such as the DECR. There will be an increase in capacity of data collection, management and storage will ensure that outputs will advisor on future management activities. Increases in skills and understanding are being measured through relevant indicators outlined in the logframe.

In turn, this will have wider benefits for the local stakeholders in the fishing communities, helping to support a healthy and sustainable industry, of which they rely, increasing also the sustainability of the tropical marine ecosystems and having wider benefits for those who rely on TMEs for their livelihoods, health and wellbeing.

Section 9 - Gender and Change Expected

Q17. Gender (optional)

How is your project working to reduce inequality between persons of different gender? At the very least, you should be able to provide reassurance that your proposed work is not increasing inequality. Have you analysed the context in which you are working to see how gender and other aspects of social inclusion might interact with the work you are proposing?

Both project co-leaders are female. If awarded, the project will be delivered by a mixed team and we will work with TCIG staff and stakeholders to ensure an equal gender representation wherever possible. In the SAERI office, the current staff cohort is 60% female and 40% male, and SAERI has an equal opportunities policy.

It is recognised that workshops are not be the best approach to engage all sectors of society. Therefore, this project will use different stakeholder engagement mechanisms for different audiences developed through our previous work in TCI. For example we have already timetabled our engagement events with the fishermen to coincide with fishing off-season when they will not be at sea. With staff on island, we can build even greater flexibilities into timing, and adjust according to weather etc. i.e. other factors that determine fishermen availability.

Events will be as inclusive as possible, regardless of gender, age or ability and will be planned based on advice from DECR to be held in convenient locations and at times that will be appropriate to reach the maximum number of participants.

Q18. Change expected

Detail the expected changed this work will deliver. You should identify what will change and who will benefit a) in 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 the environment and, where relevant, for people in the OTs, and how they are linked.

Short term:

During the life of the project, with designated landing sites, training and increased human resource, we

anticipate that the quantity and quality of fisheries will be significantly improved enabling reliable stock assessments to be undertaken to sustainably manage the TCI fisheries.

All stakeholders will work in the spirit of trust and collaboration and will be involved the process of recommending landing sites, understanding the requirements for reliable data, and feeding into data collection, management and training processes. This includes the Fisheries Cooperative who are in the process of signing an MOU with TCIG.

The project laboratory in Providenciales will work with the laboratories in South and North Caicos to provide a holistic overview of species age and growth across all of the islands which has not been possible previously.

All data generated from this new project will feed into the new DPLUS094 data portal and WebGIS tools.

Long term

The Tropical Marine Ecosystems of TCI are improved through more sustainable fisheries management.

The DECR will absorb the fisheries technician post into the department at the end of the project to ensure that there is long-term continuity and capacity to continue the processes established during the project.

Updates to the Fisheries Protection Ordinance mandate the landing of all fish catches at designated landing sites across all of the islands.

TCI becomes a central facility for fisheries laboratory services for the Caribbean.

Q19. Pathway to change

Please outline your project's expected pathway to change. This should be an overview of the overall project logic and outline how you expect your Outputs to contribute towards you overall Outcome, and, longer term, your expected Impact.

The overall outcome of the project is 'Improved landings and life history data, data management enshrined within TCIG processes its importance understood by the fishing community leading to a significant improvement in sustainable fisheries management'. This will be achieved through 5 outputs. One focuses on ensuring there is a robust project management system to enable delivery the other 4 focus on: stakeholder engagement, and the designation of landing sites (output 2); in-country training in data collection and management (output3); the equipping of a Fisheries Science laboratory and relevant training (output 4) and the undertaking of stock assessments for priority species (output 5).

With two project staff being based full-time in the TCI at DECR's offices, and DECR co-leading the project complimented by additional external expertise as required, there is sufficient human resources to enable the training to be supported and embedded in ways of working over the 2.5 years of the project to ensure that there is a step change in the way that Fisheries data and Fisheries Science is undertaken in TCI. DECR's commitment to absorb the Fisheries Technician into the department will serve to further enhance the longevity and robustness of the systems and processes established here.

Q20. 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”. Where individuals receive advanced training, for example, what will happen should that individual leave?

Through long term discussions with TCIG much thought has been put into the way the project is constructed an implemented to ensure post project sustainability. This includes embedding a staff member in DECR at the start of the project to ensure there is sufficient resource in DECR to meaningfully engage with the project. Whether this role should be absorbed into DECR post-project has to be carefully considered in the context of how best to manage human resource across DECR and the Director will use the first year of the project to analyse/review whether this option or one where the responsibilities of the staff member are shared across DECR Scientific officers' roles best ensures post-project sustainability. This will be decided at the end of Y1 so that all job description or new post requests can be built into the TCIG annual HR and budgeting processes.

In addition, two training workshops will ensure that the skills required to use the laboratory equipment, the data collection protocols and undertake the stock assessments are transferred to as large a number of on island staff as possible, with in-country staff providing 1:1 follow up and flexible advice throughout the duration of the project.

Section 10 - Funding and Budget

Q21. Budget





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

- [R9 D+ Budget form for projects under £100,000](#)
- [R9 D+ Budget form for projects over £100,000](#)

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

N.B: Please state all costs by financial year (1 April to 31 March) and in GBP. Darwin Plus cannot agree any increase in grants once awarded.

Budgets submitted in other currencies will not be accepted. Use current prices – and include anticipated inflation, as appropriate, up to 3% per annum. The Darwin Initiative cannot agree any increase in grants once awarded.

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Q22. Funding

Q22a. Is this a new initiative or a development of existing work (funded through any source)?

New initiative

Please provide details:

This is a new initiative for TCI but will build on a number of existing initiatives including: DPLUS 094 'Developing Marine Spatial Planning (MSP) tools for Turks and Caicos' - the marine data portal and WebGIS developed there will be utilised by this project. JNCC DPLUS119: 'Technical assistance programme for effective coastal-marine management' in the TCI focuses on the broad coastal and marine environment, and project staff are members of this projects PMG. A regional CEFAS fishery project DPLUS067 looks at 'regional collaboration to achieve sustainable fisheries management', and this project will utilise and adapt any training materials that have been developed under DPLUS067 should they be in the public domain and/or accessible to TCIG. An efficient, cost effective fisheries laboratory model will be adapted for TCI based on SAERI's experience from the Falkland Islands, Ascension (DPLUS021) and St Helena (DPLUS039).

Q22b. Are you aware of any other individuals/organisations/projects carrying out or applying for funding for similar work?

No

Q23. Co-financing

Are you proposing co-financing?

Yes

Q23a. Secured

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

(See [Finance for Darwin/IWT](#) and [Guidance Notes](#))

Donor organisation	Amount	Currency code	Comments
DECR	██████	GBP	TCIG, lab space, equipment
DECR	██████	GBP	TCIG human resources
DECR	██████	GBP	TCIG extra resources
JNCC	██████	GBP	JNCC staff time

Q23b. 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. This should also include any additional

funds required where a donor has not yet been identified.

Date applied for	Donor organisation	Amount	Currency code	Comments
<i>No Response</i>	<i>No Response</i>	0	<i>No Response</i>	<i>No Response</i>
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Do you require more fields?

- Yes
- No

Section 11 - Finance

Q24. Financial Controls

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

SAERI will be responsible for establishing the financial reporting systems to ensure that governance is strictly adhered to in accordance with SAERI and the DPLUS Financial guidelines. SAERI is a Charity registered in England and Wales. Grant financial management will be provided by SAERI's Deputy Director (DDBP). Funds will be in a ring-fenced account with restricted access. DDBP has extensive donor and investment fund management, charity CEO and organisational management experience. SAERI's accounts are audited externally, annually and have achieved unqualified audits thus far. Before separation from FIG, SAERI formed part of FIG's finance infrastructure and audit, and the accountancy system and internal controls are proven through previous grants of similar magnitude. SAERI has successfully completed and audited DPLUS027, DPLUS 042, DPLUS065 with DPLUS083 underway The PM, under the guidance and approvals of DDBP, will submit a quarterly budget for approval to the PMG and quarterly financial reports to DPLUS.

Q25. Financial Management Risk

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.

The Board of Trustees reviews changes to policies annually. A standing item at Board Meetings is a review of the organisational Risk Register. There are standardised financial policies and procedures which have

clear checks and balances for managing all of the organisation's finances. SAERI manages multiple projects from multiple funding sources and strict financial reporting procedures are adhered to. All restricted funds are ring-fenced in the accounts, with separate bank accounts. There are no foreign exchange risks as the award currency is the same as SAERI's operating currency.

The financial controls outlined in Q24 form an integral part of the systems in place to mitigate against any threats or risks of fraud or bribery. SAERI operates UK and FI bank accounts and access is limited to the DDBP and the Executive Director. All transactions are reviewed by two individuals and cross-checked.

In addition, SAERI has in place the following relevant documents:

- Anti-Bribery and Corruption Policy
- Data Protection Policy
- Whistleblowing and Public Interest Disclosure Policy
- Internal Financial Procedures with Risk and Fraud management sub-policies & Procedures (initial review from Mazars LLP)
- Delegation of Authority
- TORs for the Board of Trustees, Audit Committee and Remuneration Committee

Q26. Balance of budget spend

Explain the thinking behind your budget in terms of where funds will be spent. What benefits will the Territory see from your budget? What level of the award to you expect will be spent locally? Please explain the decisions behind any funding that will not be spent locally and how those costs are important for the project.

TCI is a co-project leader, and while incumbent government staff cannot receive external project funding, one of the new project posts will be financed through this project ensuring that the additional human resource required by TCIG to ensure implementation is available.

In addition to staffing costs, DECR will receive the laboratory equipment required to undertake the fish ageing and stock assessments.

The project manager will be employed by SAERI and therefore is not reflected in the budget as a DECR cost, however the PM will be based permanently in TCI, will sit at the DECR offices, and all of their spending on housing, tax etc. will remain locally within TCI.

The off-island costs relate primarily to expertise that will be brought to the project by off-island experts who will travel to TCI to deliver training to ensure that there is capacity building and post project sustainability.

We estimate that at least ████ of the budget will be spent locally on TCI.

Q27. Capital Items

If you plan to purchase capital items with Darwin Plus 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.

The capital items being purchased are:

(1) Equipment for the fisheries laboratory. This will be bought and will be delivered to TCI. They will remain on the island and ownership will be transferred from the project to DECR at the end of the project

(2) IT equipment to support the project (computers and server space). This will be bought and will be delivered to TCI. They will remain on the island and ownership will be transferred from the project to DECR at the end of the project.

(3) Capital costs are less than 10% of the total project budget.

Q28. 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.

SAERI and TCIG have galvanised [REDACTED] match funding for the project.

SAERI has successfully managed a number of Darwin Plus projects and provides excellent value for money to support TCI in the delivery of this project. With our model of having core project staff based in-country for the duration of the project, we significantly reduce international travel costs while significantly increasing in-country engagement in the project. Having implemented DPLUS094 SAERI has a detailed understanding of ways of working, costs and living and operating in TCI which also means awareness of best value options for project implementation e.g. for importation of goods, on island accommodation and transport etc.

DECR partners have contributed their time as in-kind, and they have allocated space specifically for this fisheries work within the new laboratories that are being developed. This sharing of laboratory resource shows not only good value for money but also a clear commitment to the project which is vital to the successful delivery of the project.

JNCC have contributed in-kind time to the project, and the links between this project and JNCC's current and proposed initiatives in TCI are important as it will help to ensure that there is good complementarity between projects and opportunities for resource sharing are identified.

The budget was calculated from actual costs incurred by SAERI in managing similar projects, and in consultation with DECR to establish realistic on-island costs. Emphasis has been given to providing the project with the necessary equipment and expertise for success.

Q29. Outputs of the project and Open Access

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

Processes established under project work mean all outputs will be made available online and free to use whenever possible.

Information: Reports, meeting notes, training manuals, volunteer resources etc. will be made available online via the dedicated project webpages set up on the SAERI / DECR websites. All Project partners and stakeholders will therefore have access to all of these information outputs. To ensure that all stakeholders have access and are aware of project outputs, regular stakeholder meetings will summaries these outputs, and paper copies of relevant information will be provided to stakeholders who might not have internet access.

Data: TCI data will be deposited in the TCIG data portal (set up by SAERI for TCIG under DPLUS 094).

Protocols on data documentation, security, access, preservation of ownership and intellectual property rights will be adhered to. The single centralised location and standardised data request procedure maximise the profile and accessibility of existent data.
 All spatial data will be able to be visualised online by everyone through the project-based webGIS service.

The TCIG data analyst will be responsible for keeping the data on a spatial database as much as possible and allow data sharing among the project partners to facilitate the collaboration, and will be supported by the SAERI data manager.

All peer-reviewed journal articles will be targeted at open source journals and there is some institutional budget to ensure this. The project will of course also adhere to the DPLUS data requirements as outlined in the DPLUS Terms and conditions

Section 12 - Safeguarding

Q30. Safeguarding

Projects funded through Darwin Plus 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. Please confirm the lead organisation has the following policies in place and that these are available on request:

We have a safeguarding policy, which includes a statement of our commitment to safeguarding and a zero tolerance statement on bullying, harassment and sexual exploitation and abuse	Checked
We have attached a copy of our safeguarding policy to this application	Checked
We keep a detailed register of safeguarding issues raised and how they were dealt with	Checked
We have clear investigation and disciplinary procedures to use when allegations and complaints are made, and have clear processes in place for when a disclosure is made	Checked
We share our safeguarding policy with downstream partners	Checked
We have a whistle-blowing policy which protects whistle-blowers from reprisals and includes clear processes for dealing with concerns raised	Checked
We have a Code of Conduct in place for staff and volunteers that sets out clear expectations of behaviors - inside and outside of the work place - and make clear what will happen in the event of non-compliance or breach of these standards	Checked

Please outline how you will implement your policies in practice and ensure that downstream partners apply the same standards as the lead organisation.





SAERI has a comprehensive safeguarding policy that formally outlines policy principles and responsibilities within the organisation and includes a designated safeguarding officer (DSO). SAERI is incorporating safeguarding as part of our organisational induction procedures for all new employees and all incumbent staff are expected to be conversant with all our policies including this one. SAERI has an existing MOU with DECR for the employment of project staff which ensure duty of care to SAERI DPLUS staff in TCI.

In preparing the project, we have already sent a copy of our safeguarding policy to all project partners. Adherence to the policies will form part of the PMG Terms of Reference. The first PMG meeting will include a presentation that gives an overview of the key elements of the relevant policies, and safeguarding will be a core PMG agenda item.

As part of our stakeholder engagement, we will ensure that key elements of the relevant policies are brought to the attention of stakeholders through a standardised introduction to the project.

DECR co-leader and project staff members on island for project duration will help to ensure that any in-country issues or concerns should be brought to the early attention of the PMG.

Please upload the Lead Organisation's Safeguarding Policy as a PDF

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Section 13 - Logical Framework





Q31. Logical Framework

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

- [Stage 2 Logframe Template](#)

Please complete your full logframe in the separate Word template and upload as a PDF using the file upload below. Copy your Impact, Outcome and Output statements and your activities below - these should be the same as in your uploaded logframe.

Please upload your logframe as a PDF document.

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Impact:

Tropical Marine ecosystems on TCI are improved through sustainable fisheries management, secured by working in partnership with fishermen to improve data collection critical to assessing fisheries.

Outcome:

Improved landings and life history data, data management enshrined within TCIG processes, and its importance understood by the fishing community leading to a significant improvement in sustainable fisheries management.

Project Outputs

Output 1:

Stakeholders are meaningfully engaged in understanding the requirements for robust fisheries data and in the designation of landing sites.

Output 2:

TCIG staff and fishers trained in data collection and fisheries data is well managed.

Output 3:

Fisheries Science laboratory fully equipped, and staff fully trained.

Output 4:

Stock assessments of priority species undertaken.

Output 5:

Project Management structure, monitoring and evaluation and communication tools established

Do you require more Output fields?

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

- Yes
 No

Activities

Each activity is numbered according to the Output that it will contribute towards, for example 1.1, 1.2 and 1.3 are contributing to Output 1.

- 1.1 Arrange and deliver fisheries data and designated landings sites consultation workshops
- 1.2 Write up the workshop report (including participant feedback) and publish online.
- 1.3 Identify landing sites on each of 5 islands
- 1.4 Prepare and submit paper with landing site recommendations to the Minister.
- 2.1. Produce a data collection manual and arrange and deliver landings data collection training sessions
- 2.2. Develop, test and finalise fisheries app.
- 2.3 Prepare and distribute data recording sheets to all relevant staff members
- 2.4 collect landings data for at least 4 species and input all of the landings data into the fisheries database and make database available online
- 2.5. Prepare and upload (at least 5) fisheries spatial data sets available on the TCI WebGIS
- 3.1. Purchase and install fisheries Science equipment.
- 3.2. Undertake Age and growth studies for 4 species
- 3.3. Undertake temporal assessments of GSI and sex transition for 4 species undertaken
- 3.4. Write business case for regional services
- 4.1. Deliver refresher stock assessment training
- 4.2. Undertake stock assessments for at least 2 priority species
- 5.1. Recruit PM and PO
- 5.2. Host quarterly PMG meeting
- 5.3. Create and update project Webpage.
- 5.4. Write and sign off M&E Plan.
- 5.5. Prepare and submit DPLUS reports (half yearly/yearly).





Section 14 - Implementation Timetable

Q32. Provide a project implementation timetable that shows the key milestones in project activities

Provide a project implementation timetable that shows the key milestones in project activities. Complete the Excel spreadsheet template as appropriate to describe the intended workplan for your project.

[Implementation Timetable Template](#)

Please add/remove columns to reflect the length of your project. For each activity (add/remove rows as appropriate) indicate the number of months it will last, and fill/shade only the quarters in which an activity will be carried out.

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Section 15 - Monitoring and Evaluation

Q33. 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. Additionally, please indicate an approximate budget and level of effort (person days) to be spent on M&E (see [Finance Guidance for Darwin/IWT](#)).

The project will be implemented as a partnership between SAERI, TCIG (DECR) and JNCC. These organisations will be members of the Project Management Group (PMG) whose main commitment and task is to monitor and steer the project.

The PMG will have equal representation of science- and policy-focussed organisations, which will audit the scientific integrity of the work and natural resource/climate change management-oriented organisations, which will ensure that local needs and aims are met.

The Terms of reference for the PMG will be established at the start of the project and will articulate the roles and responsibilities of all parties in the delivery of the project. Additionally, as part of the project management structure, in the first six months of their appointment, the Project Officers will prepare a detailed Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) plan in which a set of evaluation questions will be used to assess the effectiveness of the project's outcomes. Specific monitoring questions will be used to answer the evaluation

questions and will be checked through indicators, data sources/methods to obtain the data, and the responsibilities for data collection.

The M&E plan will be then submitted to the PMG for sign off. Oversight of the delivery of the M&E plan will be the responsibility of the Senior Project Officer, signing off of the implementation of the M&E plan will be the responsibility of the PMG. The POs will present a quarterly report on progress against deliverables, M&E and a quarterly financial report to the PMG which will check that the project delivers its outputs on time, within the proposed budget, and that the quality of the outputs is of a high standard. A component of the M&E budget allocation will be used to bring in specialist, independent review if identified as required by the PMG during and/or at the end of the project process.

The project leader will play a key M&E role and will undertake annual visits to TCI to monitor project progress and support project delivery

A Project Stakeholder Group (PSG) will also be created as a formal approach to include the stakeholders in TCI. Regular meetings of this group will also provide an opportunity for a wider and more mixed audience to review and comment on the outputs of the project. Summary reports of the project's outcomes will also be provided to the TCIG Cabinet (through appropriate channels) and to the Darwin Initiative as required by the donors reporting mandates.

An online project management and file-sharing system (e.g. teams or google docs) will be established to ensure all partners have access to relevant documents, targets, etc. irrespective of geographic location.

Total project budget for M&E in GBP (this may include Staff, Travel and Subsistence costs)	██████████
Number of days planned for M&E	67.00
Percentage of total project budget set aside for M&E (%)	██████

Section 16 - Certification

Certification

On behalf of the

trustees

of

South Atlantic Research Institute (SAERI)

I apply for a grant of

£344,905.00





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

(This form should be signed by an individual authorised by the applicant institution to submit applications

and sign contracts on their behalf.)

- I have enclosed CVs for project key project personnel, letters of support, budget and project implementation timetable (uploaded at appropriate points in application).
- Our last two sets of signed audited/independently verified accounts and annual report are also enclosed.

Checked

Name	Tara Pelembe
Position in the organisation	Deputy Director - Innovation
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Section 17 - Submission Checklist

Checklist for submission

	Check
I have read the Guidance documents, including the "Guidance Notes for Applicants" and "Finance Guidance".	Checked
I have read, and can meet, the current Terms and Conditions for this fund.	Checked
I have provided actual start and end dates for this proposed project.	Checked
I have provided a budget based on UK government financial years i.e. 1 April - 31 March and in GBP.	Checked
I have checked that the budget is complete, correctly adds up and I have included the correct final total at the start of the application.	Checked
The application has been signed by a suitably authorised individual (clear electronic or scanned signatures are acceptable).	Checked
I have attached my completed logframe and timeline as a PDF using the templates provided.	Checked
I have included a 1 page CV or job description for all the Project staff identified at Question 11, including the Project Leader, or provided an explanation of why not.	Checked

I have included a letter of support from the Lead Organisation and main partner organisation(s) identified at Question 10, or an explanation of why not.	Checked
I have included a cover letter from the Lead Organisation, outlining how any feedback at Stage 1 has been addressed where relevant.	Checked
I have included a signed copy of the last 2 years annual report and accounts for the Lead Organisation, or provided an explanation if not.	Checked
I have checked the Darwin Plus website immediately prior to submission to ensure there are no late updates.	Checked
I have read and understood the Privacy Notice on GOV.UK.	Checked

We would like to keep in touch!

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

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