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**DARWIN INITIATIVE APPLICATION FOR UK OVERSEAS TERRITORIES CHALLENGE FUND:
Round 18**

Please read the Guidance Notes before completing this form.

1. Name, postal address and contact details of applicant organisation and main individual: (notification of results will be by email to this individual) Peter Richardson, Marine Conservation Society, Unit 3, Wolf Business Park, Alton Road, Ross on Wye, Herefords, HR9 5NB, UK	
E-mail address:	Phone:
2. Working title/name of the proposed resulting Darwin project (not exceeding 10 words): DEVELOPING MULTI-SECTOR STRATEGIES FOR MARINE RESOURCE USE, MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION.	
3. Proposed UKOT(s) involved Turks and Caicos Islands	Other collaborating country/ies to be involved UK

4. Principals in Challenge Fund work

(a) Please give the details of the main individuals who will be directly involved in the Challenge Fund award. Please copy the table if you require more space. CVs must be enclosed (max 1 page each).

Details	Main individual	2nd individual
Surname	Richardson	Sanghera
Forename(s)	Peter	Amdeep
Post held	Programme Manager	TCI Turtle Project Officer
Department	Conservation Team Marine Conservation Society (MCS)	Amanyara Nature and Outreach Team
Telephone		
Email		

Details	3 rd Individual	
Surname	Ranger	
Forename(s)	Susan	
Post held	Stakeholder Engagement Officer	
Department	Conservation Team Marine Conservation Society (MCS)	
Telephone		
Email		

(b) Partners relevant to the Challenge Fund award. Please provide details below, plus letters of support. (These letters should express intention to collaborate, contribution to the Challenge Fund activity, endorsement of the proposed partnership, and the expected contribution of the proposed resultant Darwin project to the conservation of the biodiversity of the relevant UKOT(s).) If you are a UKOT applicant, with no partner, you should provide a letter from your own organisation addressing these issues as appropriate.

Details	Main project partner	Other partners
Organisation	Department of Environment and Coastal Resources (DECR)	Amanyara Resort
Function/ Purpose of Organisation	Government conservation agency and key local government partner	Exclusive tourist resort and key local corporate partner.
Name of Main Contact	Wesley Clerveaux	Lindsay Mensen
Post Held	Director/Permanent Secretary	Amanyara Naturalist

5. Concept note for the Challenge Fund award (max 500 words). This question concentrates on what the current application is for and should demonstrate the objectives of the award including

- **what work will be carried out under the award;**
- **the location and duration of this work;**
- **what you expect to achieve from receiving the Challenge Fund award;**
- **details of how you will monitor and evaluate the work (reporting requirements for this fund are in the process of being finalised).**

This proposal describes a collaborative, 12-month scoping study in the Turks and Caicos Islands (TCI) to explore the potential for the development of a multi-sector strategy and partnership projects to address nationally important marine resource management issues.

Work and location: Based in Providenciales over 12 months, Project Officer Amdeep Sanghera will liaise closely with an established network of stakeholders across government, tourism and fishing sectors throughout the TCI to identify priority marine resource use issues, including but not limited to resource-user understanding of fisheries science; marine turtle fishery management; fishery best-practice and regulation compliance; and stakeholder understanding of and compliance with existing marine protected area legislation. This will require 2 days per week of Amdeep's time to arrange and implement meetings with stakeholders across Providenciales, North and Middle Caicos, South Caicos and Grand Turk. Amdeep will employ a mixed-methods approach including informal discussions, semi-structured interviews and community meetings. This liaison will allow the project partners to elucidate the needs and expectations of stakeholders while identifying areas of possible collaboration and conflict. These analyses will inform three one-day multi-stakeholder workshops held in Providenciales (to also serve North and Middle Caicos), South Caicos and Grand Turk held toward the end of the project. These workshops will identify and agree priority marine resource management issues; discuss and identify potential collaborative approaches; and develop outline plans for multi-sector partnership projects to address priority issues

What we expect to achieve:

- Two days per week of stakeholder liaison and recording across the TCI.
- Preliminary analysis of stakeholder liaison data.
- Three 1-day multi-sector workshops to agree priority work areas and outline plans for specific projects.
- Final project report with detailed recommendations for action and strategy to develop multi-sector projects over an extended period.

Monitoring and evaluation: During 2012, Amdeep will be employed part-time by the Amanyara Resort to develop tourism/research, education and outreach programmes within Providenciales communities. He will also be contracted by Marine Conservation Society (MCS) to deliver this proposed project under the Darwin UKOT Challenge Fund. Department of Environment and Coastal Resources (DECR) will make their officers available for participation when required, will provide technical guidance and assistance and will provide meeting venues where appropriate.

The scoping study will be designed and steered by the lead contacts within these key project partner organisations. Project partners will meet with Amdeep in the TCI at the outset of the project (April 2012) to agree a detailed project workplan with SMART targets, identify milestones and develop a reporting schedule. Amdeep will then report weekly progress to the lead partners. In addition the lead partners will meet with Amdeep via teleconference every quarter to evaluate progress against milestones and SMART targets, and agree any amendments to project work to account for delivery issues. The partners will meet again with Amdeep in TCI for a preliminary evaluation, to coincide with the multi-stakeholder workshops. Amdeep and the project partners will then produce a final project report with detailed recommendations describing an extended proposal under the Darwin Fund.

6. Concept note for resultant project (max 500 words). This question concentrates on the full Darwin application you intend to submit after the Challenge Fund award and should demonstrate:

- **Expected purpose and outputs of the resultant Darwin project**
- **How the resultant Darwin project would meet a need (and how this need was defined) in the UKOTs and help the territory/ies in its implementation of any or all of the following Conventions: the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)/Convention on Migratory Species (CMS)/Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES).**
- **Brief evidence of the proposed partners' intentions to collaborate in the Challenge Fund award and an outline of their expected role in the resultant Darwin project: include brief details of contact to date and planned ongoing collaboration. This would normally be supported by a letter or email of support, which may present the majority of this evidence.**
- **The expected role of the UKOTs and other UK expertise in the resultant Darwin project**

Purpose: Enhanced conservation of marine resources in the Turks and Caicos Islands (TCI) through strategic, and mutually beneficial multi-sector collaboration.

Outputs: Multi-sector strategy and action plan to manage marine resource use in the TCI, and pilot specific multi-sector partnership projects to effectively manage marine resource use, and raise awareness of the conservation needs of TCI marine biodiversity, with particular regard to endangered marine species, commercially-fished species and marine protected areas (MPAs).

Need: There is documented evidence of declines in the abundance of fishery target species in the TCI over recent decades, while fisheries and MPAs present management, research and governance challenges to the DECR. These challenges have been compounded by unprecedented growth in the tourism sector over the same time period, leading to increased stress on TCI's marine resources.

Characteristic of the UKOTs, insufficient resources are available to TCI authorities to effectively manage both extractive and recreational use of marine biodiversity. This, coupled with a limited effective understanding and communication of marine resource management and science, has led to conflict between resource users and regulators and some non-compliance with existing regulations, particularly within the fishing sector. Despite significant dependence on TCI marine biodiversity across sectors, there has not been a multi-sector initiative to enhance management of marine resource use in TCI.

While neither the CBD or CITES currently extend to the TCI, this project will contribute to these conventions by raising awareness of the conservation needs of marine endangered species and habitats, and enhancing sustainable management of marine biodiversity. This project will meet TCI's commitments to the CMS, particularly with respect to Article III, clause 4 regarding conservation of Appendix I species and their habitats; and clause 5c regarding the needs of traditional subsistence users of endangered species in TCI.

Dr. Peter Richardson has over 20 years of experience managing conservation projects overseas, including marine turtle work in Greece and Sri Lanka, and more recently the Defra-funded Turtles in the UK Overseas Territories (TUKOT) project in 2002, and the current Turks and Caicos Islands Turtle

Project (TCITP).

Amdeep Sanghera is a social scientist who has worked full-time in the TCI since 2008, during which time he has generated extensive stakeholder relations across relevant sectors.

Sue Ranger has been integral to MCS' stakeholder engagement projects since 2002, including work in the UK, the Caribbean and Sri Lanka. Sue will provide technical support for Amdeep throughout the project duration and support delivery of stakeholder engagement process design, development of research tools, data analysis and reporting.

Wesley Clerveaux is Director of the DECR and a Permanent Secretary, and has detailed, fundamental understanding of marine biodiversity governance challenges within TCI. DECR was the key local partner for the TUKOT project, and is the key partner for the TCITP.

Lindsay Mensen is Resident Naturalist at the **Amanyara Resort**, and has many years of experience of tourism development within the TCI, including the integration of tourism and community development. Lindsay has liaised closely with the TCITP since 2008, facilitating the corporate support of Amanyara in 2011.

7. Justification of need for a Challenge Fund award. Please provide details of why alternative funding is not available from within your own organisation or from other sources. Will matched funding be provided? (max 250 words)

Since 2008 MCS has invested significant resources in the Turks and Caicos Islands Turtle Project (TCITP), including extensive biological and socio-economic research with the University of Exeter and Duke University, with Duke also collaborating on the development of the Community Voice Method (CVM) of stakeholder engagement (e.g. see documentary <http://www.duke.edu/~gbc/TalkinTurtle/>). This project is working towards the development of a new marine turtle fishery management plan and revised regulations to be finalized in early 2012.

The TCITP stakeholder engagement methods, delivered by Amdeep Sanghera, generated an extensive network of marine resource users across sectors in the TCI. The CVM revealed a depth of stakeholder understanding of marine resource management issues beyond the turtle fishery, and a willingness to participate in the development of solutions to the wider problems facing the TCIs' marine environment. Work on the TCITP outputs continues, but we do not currently have funding to develop the methods we used to benefit wider marine resource management in the TCI.

Amdeep's ongoing presence in TCI in 2012, through part-time employment with Amanyara, presents a unique opportunity for UK Government to support the development of current stakeholder motivation and willingness into strategic and collaborative effort to benefit the wider marine environment and those stakeholders dependent on marine resource use.

Project partners will contribute in-kind resources to this project, including work permit, international flight, accommodation and office space for Amdeep (Amanyara), workshop venues (DECR), operational costs (MCS) and project staff time (DECR, MCS). These are detailed in the budget below.

8. Costs. Provide a detailed breakdown of costs to be funded by the Darwin Initiative.

Budget Line	Year 1	Year 2
Please complete those appropriate to your application – they may not all be relevant	Apr 2012 – Mar 2013 (parentheses indicate project partner contributions)	Apr 2013 – Mar 2014
Travel costs		
Amdeep Sanghera 1 X UK return airfare		£
Peter Richardson/ Sue Ranger 2 X UK return airfares		
Subsistence costs		
Peter Richardson/Sue Ranger, planning and assessment field trips (2 X 14 day field visits at £160 per day)		£
Overhead costs		
MCS overheads (15% of grant total)		£
Operating costs		
Amdeep internal flights £150 per month		
Amdeep ground transport £300 per month		
Amdeep telecommunications at £60 per month		£
Workshops at 3 X £2000 per event (including incentive stipends for selected stakeholders, e.g. fishers, who must sacrifice a day of income generation to attend).		
Capital costs (please specify)		£
Other		
Amdeep Sanghera consultancy for MCS at £100 per day for 104 days		£
Other		
Amdeep Sanghera work permit		£
Salaries		
Peter Richardson (20% of annual employment costs)		£
Sue Ranger (10% of annual employment costs)		
Total per year	£42,330	£
TOTAL REQUESTED FROM DARWIN INITIATIVE	£25,000	

9. Provide anticipated dates of award activity (including start and finish dates) and any milestones where relevant.

Date	Key Milestone
April 2012	START
April 2012	Project partner meeting with Amdeep Sanghera in TCI, and commence stakeholder liaison in Provo.
May 2012	Commence stakeholder liaison in South Caicos.
June 2012	Project partner teleconference progress review meeting and commence stakeholder liaison in Middle and North Caicos.
July 2012	Commence stakeholder liaison in Grand Turk.
August 2012	Stakeholder liaison.
September 2012	Project partner teleconference progress review meeting and stakeholder liaison.
October 2012	Complete stakeholder liaison in North, Middle and South Caicos, Grand Turk and Provo. Commence workshop planning.
November 2012	Continue workshop planning and commence preliminary report preparation.
December 2012	Project partner teleconference progress review meeting, preliminary report sign-off and complete workshop planning.
January 2013	2 nd project partner meeting with Amdeep Sanghera in TCI and 1 st stakeholder workshop.
February 2013	2 nd and 3 rd stakeholder workshops.
February to March 2013	Completion of final report with project recommendations.
March 2013	Write and submit full project proposal to Darwin Fund.
March 2013	FINISH

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

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<p>I certify that, to the best of our knowledge and belief, the statements made in this application are true and the information provided is correct.</p> <p>Name (block capitals): PETER RICHARDSON</p> <p>Position in organisation: BIODIVERSITY PROGRAMME MANAGER</p> <p>Signed: </p> <p>Dated: 30.01.2012</p> <p>Project title: DEVELOPING MULTI-SECTOR STRATEGIES FOR MARINE RESOURCE USE, MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION.</p>

Challenge Fund Application - Checklist for submission

	Check
Have you provided anticipated start and end dates for your award?	Yes
Are both your concept notes within 500 words each?	Yes
Has your application been signed	Yes
Have you read the Guidance Notes and are you satisfied that your concept would be eligible for a main project application?	Yes
Have you included CVs and letters of support as required?	Yes
Have you checked the Darwin website immediately prior to submission to ensure there are no late updates?	Yes

Once you have answered Yes to the questions above, please submit the application in Word format, not later than 2359h GMT on Monday 30 January 2012 to Darwin-Applications@ltsi.co.uk using the title of the project (or first few words) as the subject of your email.

Please also send a hard copy of the signature page (only) to the Darwin Applications Unit, LTS International, Pentlands Science Park, Bush Loan, Penicuik EH26 0PL.

Applicants from UKOT institutions should fax a copy of the signature page to the Darwin Applications Unit on 0131 440 5501 or email a scanned original signature to Darwin-applications@ltsi.co.uk.

DATA PROTECTION ACT 1998: Applicants 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