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DARWIN INITIATIVE: APPLICATION FOR POST-PROJECT FUNDING 2005

Please read the Guidance Notes before completing this form. Give a full answer to each section; applications will be considered on the basis of information submitted on this form and on the merit of your current / recently completed Darwin Initiative project. The space provided indicates the level of detail required. Please do not reduce the font size below 11pt or alter the paragraph spacing. Please note the additional information requirements (CVs and letters of support as detailed in the Guidance for Applicants). Application is by invitation only.

1. Name and address of UK organisation

School of Biological Sciences
University of Aberdeen
Aberdeen, AB24 2TZ

2. Post-Project details

Project Title:

Bat Conservation Madagascar

Proposed start date: April 2005 Duration of project: 2 years

Darwin funding requested	Total	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09
	£ 71.8k	£ 37.3k	£ 34.5k	£ NIL	£ NIL

3. Original Project Title and Defra reference number (162/-/---)

The Conservation and Management of Malagasy Microchiropterans and their Habitats (162/10/024)

4. Principals in project. Please provide a one page CV for each of these named individuals where different from the original project. Letters of support must also be provided from the host country partner(s) endorsing the partnership and value of the Post-Project funding.

Details	Project leader	Other main UK personnel (working more than 50% of their time on project)	Main project partner or co-ordinator in host country
Surname	Racey	Jenkins	Rakotondravony
Forename(s)	Paul Adrian	Richard Keri Burnard	Daniel
Post held	Regius Professor of Natural History	Honorary Research Fellow	Senior Lecturer
Institution (if different to above)			University of Antananarivo
Department	Biological Sciences	Biological Sciences	Animal Biology
Telephone			
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Email			

5. Define the purpose (main objective) of the Post-project in line with the logical framework. How is it linked to the objectives of the original Darwin project?

The main objective is to meet (i) the ambitions of the original Malagasy Darwin team, (ii) the requests from our partners and (iii) bat conservation needs, by creating a national NGO. Fieldwork will address the priorities for conservation that emerged from the original project, such as ameliorating human-bat conflicts and assessing forest dependency. Our ecological training and education awareness activities will continue.

6. What have been the main outcomes (achievements) of the original project to date?

The main achievement has been to get microchiropterans, formerly the most neglected group of endemic Malagasy mammals, onto the conservation agenda. Conservation biologists and managers have started to include bats in their conservation plans and this is evidenced by numerous requests to the Darwin Bat Team to undertake bat projects, related to ecotourism, education and habitat management. Our training programme has produced a cadre of new bat biologists in Madagascar who are eager to advance bat conservation.

7. What steps have been taken to ensure that project purpose and outputs will be achieved within the original project term?

An advisory committee will be formed for the new NGO to monitor the transition process and to ensure that the NGO receives its official status during the project term. Steps to help us achieve our other aims include a closer relationship with host-country partners so that they are intimately integrated into the framework and will be anticipating the expected outputs. We have also tailored the project carefully so that all aims can be achieved, and this experience comes from lessons learned during the original project.

8. Please list the overseas partner organisation(s) that will be involved in the Post-project and explain their role and responsibilities in this work and in the original project (if applicable).

WWF-Madagascar (capacity building; new role), Department of Animal Biology & School of Agronomy, University of Antananarivo, School of Biological Sciences, University of Toliara (all, student training programme; continuation); CI-Madagascar (NGO creation; new role), WCS-Madagascar (GIS/database; new role), NGO-ACCE (environmental education, expanding role), ANGAP-Madagascar National Parks Service (bat conservation in PAs; continuation).

9. Please provide written evidence of commitment and capability of overseas partner in achieving the purpose and outputs of this project. Are formal agreements in place for overseas partner responsibility in this project?

We have formal protocols of collaboration with the University of Toliara, University of Antananarivo and the Madagascar Parks Service (ANGAP) that specify terms of reference. International NGOs were initially slow to demonstrate an interest in bat conservation with the original project but all are now fully supportive of this post-project application and evidence of this is attached.

10. What other consultation or co-operation will take place or has taken place already with other stakeholders such as local communities. Please include any contact with the government of the host country if not already provided.

All of our planned activities have evolved through discussions with host-partners and, when they involve specific sites, also with stakeholders and communities. Building on the successful collaboration between ACCE and the Darwin Bat Team on the original bat project, where the link with the local NGO enabled local communities to be involved in our activities, we will develop closer links with small, grassroots NGO that operate at single site locations. This approach will also facilitate much closer contact with the government (Department of Water and Forests) at our project sites and link in with strategic plans of WWF and CI.

11. Are you aware of any other individuals/organisations carrying out similar work? Are there completed or existing Darwin Initiative projects (other than your original project) which are relevant to your work? Please give details, explaining the similarities and differences. Show how the outputs and outcomes of your work will be additional to any similar work, and what attempts have been/will be made to co-operate with and learn lessons from such work for mutual benefits.

Dr Steve Goodman (WWF and the Chicago Field Museum) will continue to conduct rapid species inventories and his group have recently become interested in bats (and 3 former Darwin 'bat' Trainees joined his team). The Darwin follow-up project will be distinct from the WWF/Chicago programme because it will focus on integrating ecology, conservation management, education and monitoring as opposed to taxonomy and biogeography. We will continue to collaborate with Dr Goodman on the description of new bat species.

12. How will the project assist the host country in its implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity? Please make references to the relevant article(s), of the CBD thematic programmes and/or cross-cutting themes (see Annex for list and worked example) and rank the relevance of the project to these by indicating percentages. Is any liaison proposed with the CBD national focal point in the host country? Further information about the CBD can be found on the Darwin website or CBD website.

This project will assist Madagascar implement article 12a (20%) and 12b (20%) by maintaining and extending the Darwin training programme on bat ecology and conservation for Malagasy biologists. By assessing forest dependency in bats and producing action plans we will support the Government's implementation of articles 7 (15%) and 8 (15%). Our broader activities in advocacy of bat conservation will assist in implementing article 10 (5%) and our continued emphasis of public awareness and education through school teaching and educating tour guides will implement article 13 (15%). Public availability of our databases and appropriate use for answering biodiversity management questions will contribute to implementing articles 17 (5%) and 18 (5%).

13. How does the work meet a clearly identifiable biodiversity need or priority defined by the host country? Please indicate how this work will fit in with the National Biodiversity Strategies or Environmental Action Plans, if applicable.

This project will meet the CAMP 2001 research (p. 20; Article 1-3) and management recommendations (p. 21 Articles 2 & 3). It will also implement the IUCN 2001 Species Action Plan for *Myzopoda aurita*. Project activities will also contribute to the *Madagascar Protected Area System Management Plan 2003*'s strategic objectives for (i) ecotourism for conservation and sustainable development (ii) optimizing the network through research and ecological monitoring (iii) effective conservation of protected areas and (iv) implementing 'in depth follow-on studies to inventories' as recommended for area of exceptional biodiversity.

14. If relevant, please explain how the project work will contribute to sustainable livelihoods in the host country

We will continue to evaluate the role of microchiropterans in consuming insect pests of crops such as cotton and will advise farmers on how to conserve bat populations. We will respond to requests to evaluate the role of megachiropterans in consuming high value fruit crops (e.g. litchis) and will work with grassroots Malagasy NGOS (e.g. ACCE and Mbarakaly) to conserve fruit bats with the cooperation and will of local farmers. We will also assess the importance of bats as a source of bushmeat and investigate the relationship between traditional beliefs, nutritional needs and conservation. Requests to the Darwin Bat Team to promote bat ecotourism at a number of sites will contribute to enhancing the long-term viability of protected areas.

15. What will be the impact of the work and how will this be achieved? How will these help to strengthen the long-term impact and legacy of your original Darwin project? Please include details of how the results of the project will be disseminated and put into effect to achieve this impact.

A new NGO will provide Madagascar with all the resources necessary to respond to bat conservation issues and will consolidate Darwin's investment. Without this, the legacy of the original project would be rapidly denuded as Darwin Trainees are unlikely to find employment in bat conservation elsewhere. Applied research will further demonstrate the value (economic, ecotouristic & biodiversity) of bats and will contribute directly to conserving bat roosting and feeding areas. Results will be disseminated locally to schools (posters, talks), nationally to government (reports, presentations) and internationally through papers and conferences.

16. Explain how gains from the Post-project work will be distinct and additional to those of the existing project. Show where possible how these gains require limited resources and could not be achieved without the funding.

In getting bats onto the conservation agenda, the original Darwin project created the demand for a permanent bat team in Madagascar. The legacy of other Darwin projects in Madagascar has been constrained by exit strategies that have failed to recognise that, in addition to running student training programmes on neglected areas of biodiversity, there is also a need to develop or create institutions to make best use of the Darwin end product. Post-project activities will be new areas of research, developed during two Darwin bat projects in Madagascar and, in many cases, directly requested by host-country partners.

17. How will the work leave a lasting legacy in the host country or region?

This project aims to leave a legacy of a national conservation team, specialising in bats, and with the capacity to develop projects on other small vertebrates in the future. The presence of a specialist group will act as a focal point for national bat conservation activities, visiting scientists and will be a potential host-country partner of future Darwin Initiative projects. The Darwin Bat Team on the original project is more than a sum of its parts, but in the absence of bat conservation body, the legacy would be diminished as individuals drift away from bats to find jobs.

18. Please provide a clear exit strategy and describe what steps have been taken to identify and address potential problems in achieving impact and legacy

The exit strategy is that after two years, the follow-up project will leave behind a national NGO, staffed by Malagasy researchers and supported by a sound F&A system. We intend to avoid the potential problem of lack of long-term funding for bat conservation by (i) applying for funds available to national NGOs that are currently unavailable to us (ii) collaborating with international NGOs in joint applications (ii) expanding our remit to include other small vertebrate species to enhance our profile and broaden funding opportunities.

19. How will the project be advertised as a Darwin project and in what ways would the Darwin name and logo be used?

The original project has enjoyed considerable publicity and the Darwin logo has featured regularly and prominently on posters, leaflets, student theses, education films and national TV broadcasts. The logo accompanies the UK and Malagasy flags on the Darwin Landrover. Her Majesty's Ambassador to Madagascar, Mr. Brian Donaldson, facilitated greater press coverage for the Darwin project than would have otherwise been possible. The logo will continue to be used on all appropriate outputs.

20. Will the Post-project include training and development? Please indicate who the trainees will be and criteria for selection indicating where they were involved in the original project. How many will be involved, and from which countries? How will you measure the effectiveness of the training and will those trained then be able to train others? Where appropriate give the length and dates (if known) of any training course. How will trainee outcomes be monitored after the end of the training?

Darwin Malagasy assistants (3) and the F&A Officer will follow advanced training courses commensurate with their positions, and will include GIS (2 wks), Management & Leadership (1 wk), Advanced Computing (2 wks) and English (6 mo). These individuals are the future leaders of the project and need to have a grounding in a wide range of professional skills. These biologists are also the most experienced bat researchers in Madagascar and will continue to take lead roles in training the less experienced members of the team, thus ensuring a significant amount of down-flow in skills to the Darwin Trainees. The second tier will be for 2 of the 12 Darwin Trainees from the original project who have showed considerable promise as potential staff members of the future. These two students will follow a programme designed to provide experience in project design, management of field operations, budgeting and reporting and will essentially give the individuals more independence and responsibility than is possible for the closely supervised DEA scholarships, and it will be their first job. Should we continue to attract additional funds for small projects or scholarship we will increase the number of new Darwin Assistants accordingly. The project will also engage another 3 Malagasy Darwin Trainees to conduct their masters research on bat conservation to continue the highly successful training initiative between Malagasy universities and the University of Aberdeen. These students will have no prior knowledge of bats and will receive basic field training and will undertake courses in basic computing.

LOGICAL FRAMEWORK

21. Please enter the details of your project onto the matrix using the note at Annex 1 of the Guidance Note.

Project summary	Measurable indicators	Means of verification	Important assumptions
<p>Goal:</p> <p>To draw on expertise relevant to biodiversity from within the United Kingdom to work with local partners in countries rich in biodiversity but poor in resources to achieve</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the conservation of biological diversity, the sustainable use of its components, and the fair and equitable sharing of the benefits arising out of the utilisation of genetic resources 			
<p>Purpose</p> <p>To establish a national conservation organisation, specialising in bats, that is self-sufficient and maintains the Malagasy student training programme with research projects focussed on assessing forest dependency in bats and wider awareness raising activities</p>	<p>Public launch</p> <p>New legal status as NGO & board of advisors appointed</p> <p>Darwin Trainees engaged on bat conservation research projects</p> <p>Bats kept on the conservation agenda</p>	<p>Media coverage and legal documentation sent to Darwin</p> <p>Additional collaborations formed with new host-country partners</p> <p>Included in national biodiversity events as an NGO partner</p>	<p>Continued support of Malagasy staff</p> <p>Media interest</p> <p>Governmental approval</p> <p>Other NGOs accept us as a potential new partner</p> <p>The demand for trainees by this, and other organisations, does not outstrip availability</p> <p>Bat conservation is taken seriously and interest is matched by commitment</p>
<p>Outputs</p> <p>National Conservation NGO, for bats</p> <p>Student theses</p> <p>Bat conservation plans</p> <p>Education and awareness</p>	<p>Mission statement, website, brochure</p> <p>Students graduated</p> <p>Posters, interpretation boards and media coverage</p>	<p>All copies, recordings and photos sent to Darwin</p>	<p>Continued support from host-country partners in obtaining permission</p>
<p>Activities</p> <p>Establishing new NGO with sound financial management</p> <p>Darwin Trainee and Assistant training and development programme</p>	<p>Activity Milestones (Summary of Project Implementation Timetable)</p> <p>Yr 1: Change our legal status to NGO and to introduce a sound F&A system. Key staff to follow training courses. Launch of the new NGO with media coverage. Appointment of advisory board and first meeting held. Yr 2: The NGO active in bat conservation and participating at national, regional and local levels. Support given to local NGOs with an interest in bat conservation. Business plan produced, with host-country partners, to ensure long-term funding.</p> <p>Yr 1: Training courses attended. Two Darwin Trainees to conduct DEA research. Darwin Assistant to undertake conservation research and contribute to training. Presentations given to interested parties. Yr 2: One Darwin Trainee to conduct DEA research and follow training course, more to follow with additional funding. Yr 1 students to defend theses and graduate.</p>		

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

Project implementation timetable		
Date	Financial Year	Key milestones
04/05	Apr – Mar 2005/06	Workshop to assess IUCN Red List for Malagasy bats
05/05	Apr – Mar 2006/07	New (2) Darwin Assistants recruited
06/05	Apr – Mar 2007/08	Commence field surveys in littoral forests
08/05	Apr – Mar 2005/06	Commence training programme for project staff and students
09/05		New (2) Darwin Trainees recruited
10/05		Assessment of bats as bushmeat
12/05		Bat roost conservation awareness project
01/06		NGO status endorsed by government and advisory committee selected
05/06		Website
06/06		Public launch
01/07		Commence field surveys in deciduous forests
		New (1) Darwin Trainee recruited
		First annual meeting of NGO
		Commence fruit bats as pests project
		Bat roost conservation awareness project
	Apr – Mar 2006/07	Second annual meeting of NGO
		Commence bat conservation survey of Anjohibe Caves
		Third annual meeting of NGO

23. Set out the project's measurable outputs using the separate list of output measures.

PROJECT OUTPUTS		
Year/Month	Outputs	Description (include numbers of people, publications, days/weeks)
05/06 – 07/01	2	3 Malagasy DEA (=masters) students to graduate
05/05 – 06/012	3	8 people to obtain qualifications in GIS (2 wks), English (6 mo), leadership/management (1 wk) and communication skills (1 wk)
05/05 – 07/01	5	Training for Darwin Assistants (5) & Darwin Trainees (3) for 21 mo
05/04 – 05/06	6A, 6B	Project F&A person trained by WWF, 12 wks
05/09	7	(i) Teaching module for Malagasy universities on threatened bats (i) Large posters on bat conservation for three protected areas
05/04 – 07/03	8	(i) Richard Jenkins, 11 months and project coordinator (ii) Paul Racey, 1 month pa and project leader
05/06 – 07/01	9	(i) 3 bat conservation plans for protected areas (ii) update of <i>Myzopoda aurita</i> IUCN Action Plan (iii) review of IUCN RL
05/11	10	Bat monitoring/identification manual for Vohimana
07/03	11A, 11B	2 papers accepted for publication, 2 submitted
07/01	12B	Microchiropteran database, improved and handed over
07/01	13B	Microchiropteran specimen collection augmented and handed over
05/06 - 07/01	14A	2 seminars given to host-country partners pa
05/05 & 06/08	14B	IUCN/GMA (1 wk), Darwin Assistant attends international conference
05/06 - 07/01	15A , 15B	4 national press releases, 2 local press releases
05/06 - 07/01	18A	5 national TV programmes/features
05/06 - 07/01	19A	2 national radio interviews
	20	£45k worth of assets handed over to new NGO
	21	1 conservation NGO, for bats and small vertebrates
	22	University of Aberdeen equipment , Professor Paul Racey's time. £33k confirmed funding.

MONITORING AND EVALUATION**24. Describe, referring to the Indicators in the Logical Framework, how the progress of the project will be monitored, including towards delivery of its outputs and in terms of achieving its overall purpose. Include information on how host country partners will be included in evaluation.**

The project will be susceptible to alterations in its timetable in accordance with the priorities of national government and the host-country partners (who will receive a copy of the Logical Framework). Once established, the new NGO's board members will evaluate the project against targets that will be set during its inaugural meeting. This board will function during and after the life of the project and will serve as a valuable way to assess progress and evaluate outputs. Our host-country partners will be closely involved in monitoring and evaluation; university staff will continue to accompany us into the field to assess student progress; staff from the University of Antananarivo will join the NGO's advisory board; WWF and CI will closely follow the progress of our transition to a new NGO.

FINANCIAL ASPECTS

25. Please state costs by financial year (April to March). Post-project funding will be provided for up to a maximum of 2 years. Use current prices - do not include any allowance for assumed future inflation. For programmes of less than 2 years' duration, enter 'nil' as appropriate for future years. Show Darwin funded items separately from those funded from other sources.

Please note that although four financial years are shown here, funding will only be awarded for a maximum period of two calendar years

Table A: Staff time. List each member of the team; their role in the project rate and the percentage of time each would spend on the project each year.

	2005/2006 %	2006/2007 %	2007/2008 %	2008/9 %
Paul Racey; Project Leader based in Aberdeen	10	15	NIL	NIL
Richard Jenkins; Project Coordinator based in Antananarivo	50	40	NIL	NIL
Amyot Kofoky; Research & training	100	100	NIL	NIL
Daudet Andriafidison; Research & training	100	100	NIL	NIL
Radosoa Andrianaivoarivelo; Research & training	100	100	NIL	NIL
Andrianajoro Rakotoarivelo; Research	100	100	NIL	NIL
Felicien Randrianandrianina; Research	100	100	NIL	NIL
Mhy Andriamampionona; Finance & Admin.	100	100	NIL	NIL
Radosao Andriamahaja; Driver	100	100	NIL	NIL

Table B: Salary costs. List the project team members and show their salary costs for the project, separating those costs to be funded by the Darwin Initiative from those to be funded from other sources.

Project team member	2005/2006		2006/2007		2007/2008		2008/2009	
	Darwin	Other	Darwin	Other	Darwin	Other	Darwin	Other
Paul Racey								
Richard Jenkins								
Amyot Kofoky								
D. Andriafidison								
R. Andrianaivo'ivelo								
A. Rakotoarivelo								
F. Randrian'rianina								
M. Andriamampi'na								
R. Andriamahaja								
3 Darwin Trainees								
Total cost of salaries								

Table C. Total costs. Please separate Darwin funding from other funding for every budget line.

	2005/2006	2006/2007	2007/2008	2008/2009	TOTAL
Rents, rates, heating,					
• Darwin funding					
• other funding					
Office costs eg postage,					
• Darwin funding					
• other funding					
Travel and subsistence					
• Darwin funding					
• other funding					
Printing					
• Darwin funding					
• other funding					
Conferences, seminars					
• Darwin funding					
• other funding					
Capital items/ equipment					
• Darwin funding Radio tracking equipment					
• other funding Radio tracking equipment Bat detectors Computer kit					
Other costs					
• Darwin funding New NGO promotion UK-MG return flight (RJ) Radio tags x 24					
• other funding Vehicle maintenance Field survey equipment					
Salaries (from previous)					
• Darwin funding					
• other funding					
TOTAL PROJECT COSTS	94.6k	69.1k	NIL	NIL	163.7k
TOTAL COSTS FUNDED FROM OTHER SOURCES	57.3k	34.6k	NIL	NIL	91.9k
TOTAL DARWIN COSTS REQUESTED	37.3k	34.5	NIL	NIL	71.8k

25. Please provide a written justification of why alternative funding is not available from within your own organisation or from other sources.

The University of Aberdeen has no internal funding sources to meet the salary costs of postdoctoral researchers. Richard Jenkins has successfully competed for a prestigious BP Conservation Programme Consolidation Award, which specifically excludes the salary costs of expatriate personnel. The same restrictions also apply to the three other grants already acquired for 2005/06, which are for Malagasy salaries and project running costs. Richard Jenkins has been an outstanding project coordinator, and his success was due to his commitment to the project, which saw him residing in Madagascar for over two years. He has secured the salaries of his Malagasy colleagues for the next two years and the priority here is to secure his salary.

26. Will matched funding be provided? Provide details of all other funding sources that will be put towards the costs of the project, including any income from other public bodies, private sponsorship, donations, trusts, fees or trading activity. Please include any additional funding the project will lever in to carry out additional work during or beyond the project lifetime. Indicate those funding sources that are confirmed.

Confirmed Grants [*all excluding salary costs for expatriate personnel]:

- *BP Conservation Programme [Consolidation Award] (£22k) 2005/06
- *People's Trust for Endangered Species (£4k) 2005/06
- *British Ecological Society [Overseas Bursary to Amyot Kofoky] (£8k) 2005/06
- *Disney Conservation Fund (£11k) 2005/06

Professor Paul Racey's time paid by the University of Aberdeen (£XX)

Pending [all excluding salary costs for expatriate personnel]:

- Bat Conservation International, Scholarship [Radosoa Andrianaivoarivelo] for £1.5k
- Lincoln Park Zoo Africa Fund [Daudet Andriafidison] for £4k
- Sir Peter Scott Memorial Fund [Richard Jenkins] for £9k
- Rufford Foundation [Amyot Kofoky] for £4k
- Fauna and Flora International, for £4k

The project leader will seek more funding from the Rufford Foundation and National Geographic Society

27. Please give details of any further funding resources sought from the host country partner institution(s) or others for this project that are not already detailed above. This will include donations in kind and un-costed support eg accommodation.

Madagascar is one of the poorest countries in the world and our national host-country partners are unlikely to be able to provide us with funding. The international NGOs that are also our host-country partners are more likely to provide sources of funding in the future. Conservation International has expressed a willingness to fund small projects on vulnerable bat species and WWF have agreed to work with us to acquire large funding that could sustain the project over the long-term.

28. What was the amount of funding for the original Darwin Project?

	Total Project Costs £
Amount of original Darwin Initiative project funding	145,125
+ Funding/Income from other sources	69,614
= Total original project cost	214,739

FCO NOTIFICATION

Please check the box if you think that there are sensitivities that the Foreign and Commonwealth Office will need to be aware of should they want to publicise details of the Darwin Post-project and the resultant work in the UK or in the host country.

CERTIFICATION 2004/5

On behalf of the trustees/company (*delete as appropriate*)

I apply for a grant of £71.8k in respect of expenditure to be incurred in the financial year ending 31 March 2006 on the activities specified in the Logical Framework.

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.

I enclose a copy of the CVs for project principals and letters of support.

Name (block capitals)	
Position in the organisation	

Signed

Date:

Please return this form by e-mail to ECTF at darwin-applications@ectf-ed.org.uk **by 21 January 2005**. Please put the title of the proposed project into the subject line of the e-mail. As much of the supporting documentation as possible should be sent along with the e-mailed application. However, if you are e-mailing supporting documentation separately please include in the subject line an indication of the number of e-mails you are sending (eg whether the e-mail is 1 of 2, 2 of 3 etc). **In addition**, hard copies of all applications and supporting documents should be submitted to the Darwin Applications Management Unit, c/o ECTF, Pentlands Science Park, Bush Loan, Penicuik EH26 0PH **postmarked not later than 21 January 2005**.

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