



# The Darwin Initiative Workshop for New Projects

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# Welcome & congratulations

- Round 20 – just completed
- 282 applications received at Stage 1
- 64 applicants invited to Stage 2
- 21 new main projects funded
- 50 applications for Darwin Plus
- 15 new Darwin Plus projects funded



# Evolution of the Darwin Initiative

- Launched in 1992 at the Rio Earth Summit
- Aim to help developing countries implement the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)
- 2003 - introduced post-projects, scoping awards and fellowships.
- 2008 widened scope to include CITES and CMS
- Since 2010 - focus on development and poverty alleviation
- 2013 – focus on illegal wildlife trade



# Darwin and the UK OTs

- 2009 – Darwin funding ring-fenced for projects in the UK OTs
- Challenge Fund established (to scope out main round applications)
- 2012 - Darwin Plus Fund established
  - Dedicated fund for environment projects in the OTs
  - co-funded by Defra, DFID and FCO
  - To date has funded 29 projects totalling £3.7m



# Snapshot of Darwin's success

- Over £106m invested since 1992 in 908 projects working in 159 countries
- Over 1500 species or habitat management plans
- Over 2000 peer review papers
- Around 700 species reference collections
- Around £5m value of physical assets handed over to host country(s)
- Over £50m resources leveraged as a result of Darwin projects



# The Future of Darwin

- Defra remains committed to the Darwin Initiative
- Recognising the strength of Darwin, this support is now supplemented by commitment from DFID.
- Next round of funding expected Summer 2014.



# Darwin 'Family'

**Darwin Secretariat (Defra)**

**Darwin Expert Committee (DEC)**

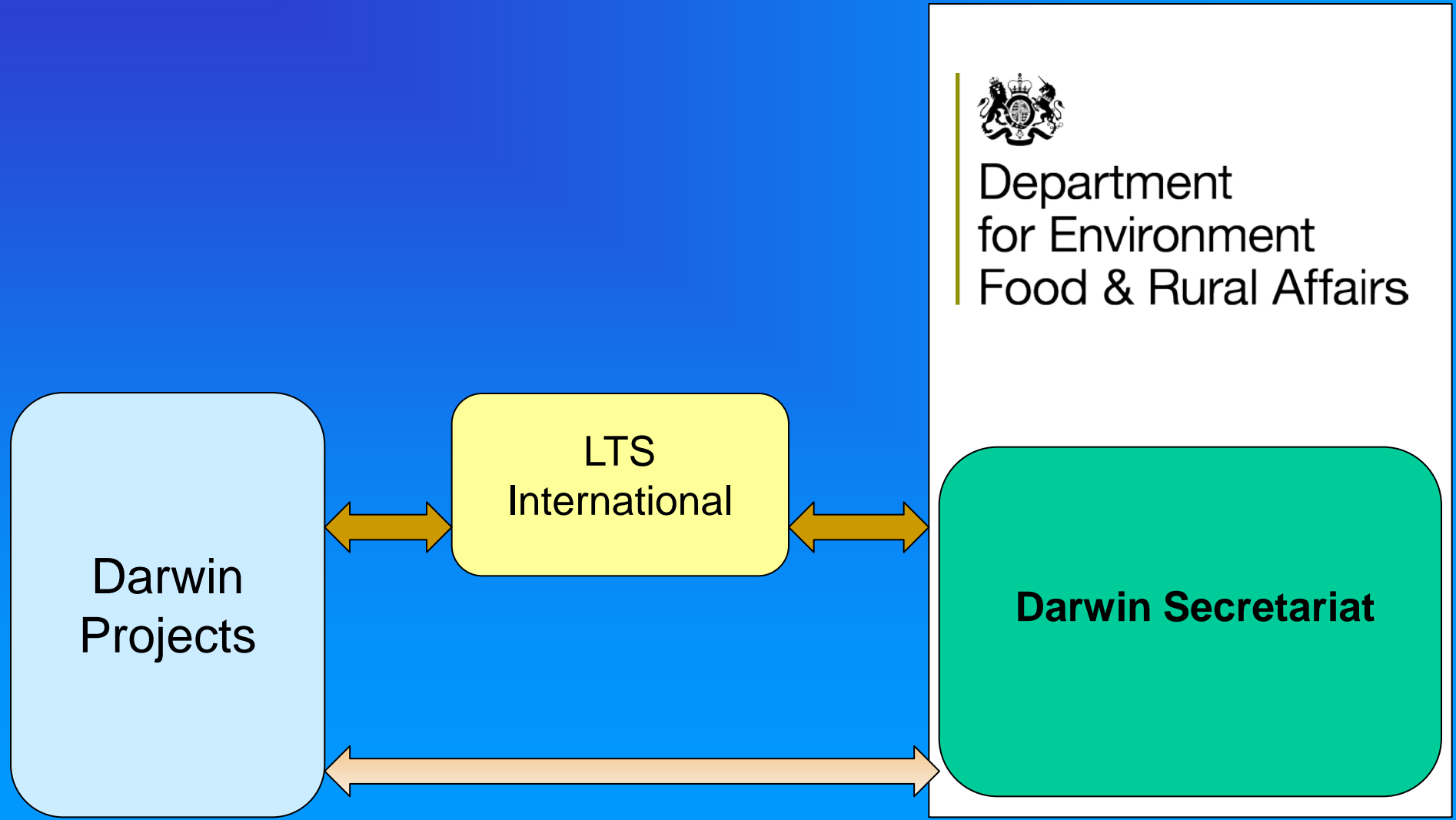
**Darwin Plus Advisory Group (DPAG)**

**LTS International (Darwin Administrators)**

**Darwin projects**



# Who's Who in Darwin?







# Darwin Initiative Secretariat – our roles

- **Clare Hamilton** – overall management /strategy of the Darwin Initiative
- **Sally Cunningham** – Management of the Darwin administration contract, policy adviser
- **Huw Joynson**– support to the Darwin Expert Committee
- **Paula Hendy** – Financial administration (payment of claims).



# What the Darwin Secretariat do...

- Overall management and strategy of Darwin Initiative
- Ministerial advice (PQs, correspondence, briefings)
- Management of the Darwin and M&E contract
- Support to the DEC and DPAG
- DEC appointments
- Publicity and events



# Publicity and Events

- Darwin Website
- Darwin Newsletter
- Darwin Twitter account
- Darwin Facebook page (new)
- You Tube channel (new)

## Events:

- New Project Leaders workshop
- Applicants workshop
- Ad hoc events





# Publicising your Darwin project

- Keep us informed of progress
- Please mention the Darwin Initiative!
- Maintaining a high profile for the Darwin Initiative helps maintain Government funding
- Contact LTS and/or Defra for further info

**Any questions?**

