

#### **The Darwin Initiative**

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Expectations of the Day

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# Partnership Working



- •The main requirement of a DI project is for the UK to partner with an institution(s) in the host country.
- Working in partnership to deliver conservation outcomes is therefore essential.
- •Focus of attention of DI has largely been on the UK institution until recently.
- •This is an opportunity to learn from you and hear your opinions.

#### The African Perspective



- Tanzania 2008 we met with project staff from:
  - Kenya
  - Tanzania
  - Uganda
  - Nigeria
  - South Africa
  - United Kingdom
- Focus was on how do we better understand the needs and requirements of the host-country partners?

## The South American Perspective



- DI objective is to assist countries rich in biodiversity
- Therefore we need to better understand the challenges facing institutions
- May be a need for a focused response geographically – i.e. South America different to African challenges
- Opportunity for host countries to interact directly with the Darwin Initiative

### **Group Sessions**



- 1. Establishing a Mutually Beneficial Partnership
  - Starting up a novel relationship
  - Balance of power from design to delivery
- 2. Long-distance project management
  - Logistics of working remotely
  - Monitoring & evaluation of progress and impact
- 3. Evolving partnerships
  - Increase in capacity can mean shift in roles of partners
  - Post-projects and beyond Darwin funding





