What makes a good Darwin application?

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Darwin Expert Committee

The DEC

- 20 members – academics, policy researchers, independent consultants, government officials

- Review and score proposals and make recommendations to DEFRA

- Contribute to Darwin strategy
- Act as ambassadors for Darwin
- Help build capacity for applications from developing countries

Proposal review process

- Review and score Stage 1 proposals against a checklist of issues (scoring criteria in Guidance; 3 reviewers per proposal)

- Discuss at a "sift" meeting to generate a shortlist for Stage 2

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- Discuss at a "sift" meeting to generate a list of recommended projects for DEFRA minister (subject to additional ODA eligibility screening by LTS)

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TIP: Read the questions in form and make sure you answer them!!

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   - Summary
   - Methodology
   - Logframe

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4. Biodiversity *and* poverty/livelihoods (but beware alternative livelihoods…)

Links to Conventions

Don't try and tick all the boxes

But for those you do, refer to specific decisions, calls for action, guidance and so that add weight to your proposal

GOOD LUCK!