

# The Darwin Initiative Workshop for New Projects



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from the British people

# Welcome & congratulations



## **Main Darwin (developing countries):**

- Round 22 – just completed
- 417 main project applications received at Stage 1
- 63 main project applications invited to Stage 2
- **34 new main projects funded**
- 7 scoping projects funded
- 1 Darwin Fellowship funded

## **Darwin Plus (UK Overseas Territories):**

- Round 4 just completed
- 37 applications for Darwin Plus
- **14 new Darwin Plus projects funded**



# Evolution of the Darwin Initiative

- Launched in 1992 at the Rio Earth Summit
- Aim to help developing countries implement 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
- 2014 – focus on ABS and the Plant Treaty

# 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 54 projects totalling £7.4m

# Snapshot of Darwin's success



- Over £126m invested since 1992 in 997 projects working in 159 countries
- Over 2,300 species or habitat management plans
- Over 2,400 peer review papers
- Around 1,300 species reference collections
- Around £5m value of physical assets handed over to host country(s)
- Over £56m resources leveraged as a result of Darwin projects

# The Future of Darwin



- UK government remains committed to the Darwin Initiative
- Additional funding secured for Darwin under the spending review
- All Darwin projects will now be ODA-funded
- Review of ODA criteria for Darwin projects
- Review of funding priorities
- Timing of next Round – EU referendum.

# Darwin 'Family'



**Darwin Secretariat (Defra)**

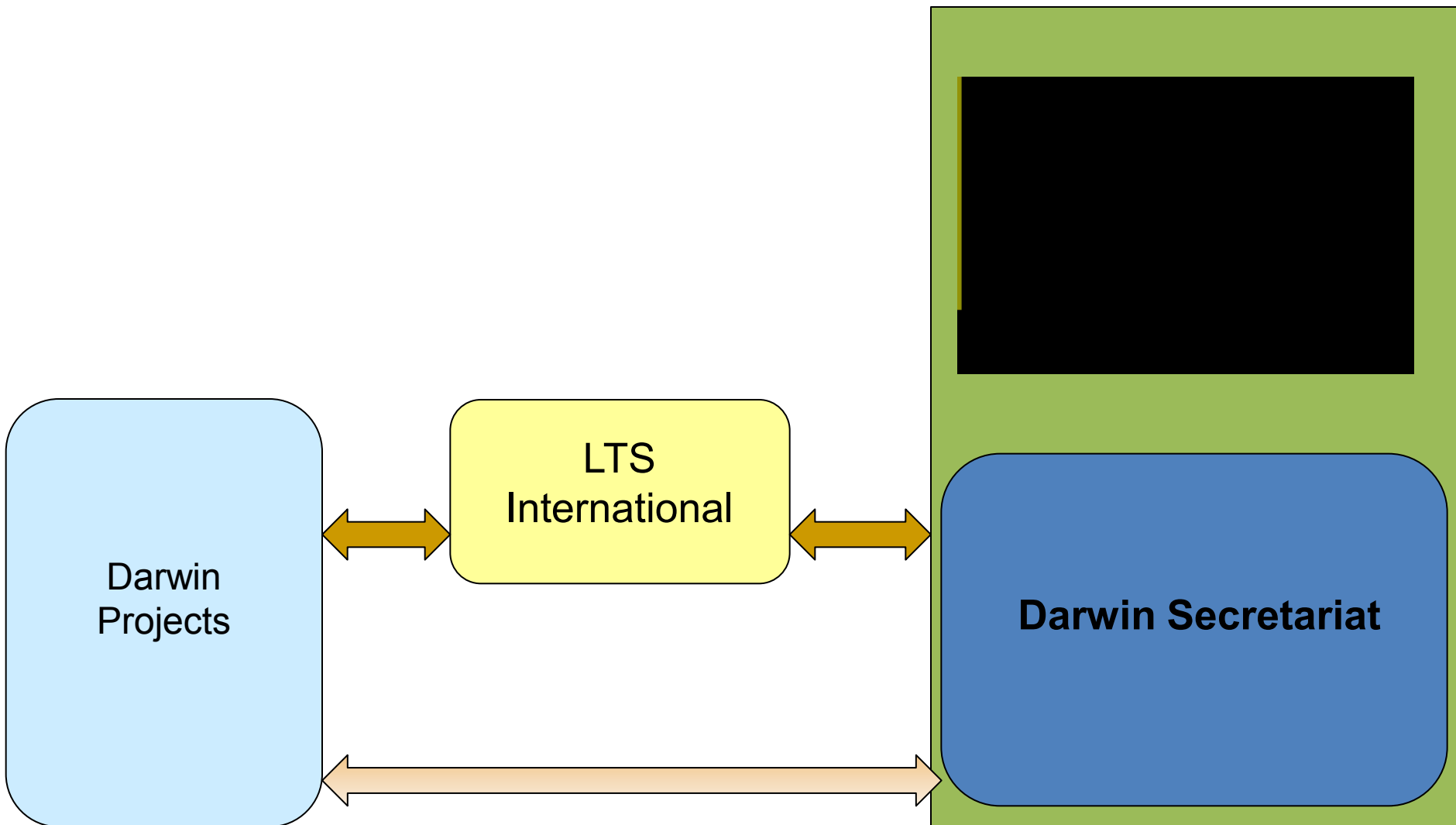
**Darwin Expert Committee (DEC)**

**Darwin Plus Advisory Group (DPAG)**

**Darwin Administrators (LTS International)**

**Darwin projects**

# Who's Who in Darwin?





# Darwin Initiative Secretariat – Who's who?



- **Clare Hamilton** – overall management /strategy of the Darwin Initiative
- **Sally Cunningham** – Management of the Darwin administration contract, policy adviser
- **Shaluki Perera** – Support on Darwin policy issues including DEC recruitment, events and publicity
- **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 administration contract
- Support to the DEC and DPAG
- DEC/DPAG appointments
- Publicity and events – involving Ministers

# Darwin Publicity and Events



## Publicity managed by LTS:

- Website
- Newsletter
- Twitter account
- Facebook page
- You Tube channel
- LinkedIn
- Flickr photos
- Blog

# Darwin events



For projects:

- New Project Leaders workshop
- Applicants workshop

For all:

- Side events at international meetings
- Media events – 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2017?

# 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?**

