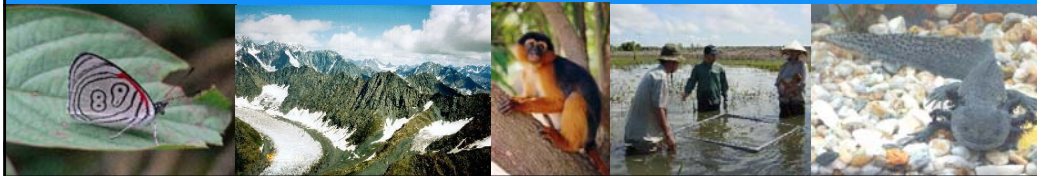




# The Darwin Initiative

## *Rio de Janeiro Workshop*

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## What is the Darwin Initiative?

The Darwin Initiative was launched in 1992 at the Rio Earth Summit:

- to fund collaborative projects
- which use UK expertise
- to help countries rich in biodiversity but poor in resources to meet their commitments under the Convention of Biological Diversity (CBD), the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES); and the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species (CMS)

## Darwin Initiative: Facts and Figures



*To date:*

- £7 million budget per year
- Over £70million committed since its start
- Over 670 projects set up
- Projects run in over 140 countries
- Projects have involved over 200 UK institutions and a far greater number of overseas partner organisations.
- Funding to support 22 Scholars/Fellowships

## Darwin projects



There are 5 types of Darwin projects:



1. Main projects
2. Post projects
3. Scoping awards
4. Fellowships
5. UK Overseas Territories Challenge Fund

# Darwin Governance



## Darwin Advisory Committee

Chaired by Professor David Macdonald and attended by 13 other experts in the field of biodiversity conservation. Also 3 Ex Officio representatives from JNCC, DFID and FCO.

## LTS

Responsible for the Monitoring and Evaluation of Darwin projects, financial administration, project management support, applications and communications.

## Darwin Secretariat

Responsible for overall strategy of Darwin Initiative, liaison with the DAC, overall management of LTS contract, organisation of Darwin lecture, press queries

# Achievements Globally



## Training

- 92 PhDs & 284 MSc qualifications
- 65,989 people receiving other forms of training
- 1,059 training materials developed for use by host countries.

## Capacity Building

- 1,139 species and habitat management plans
- 197 permanent facilities or organisations established.
- £32 million leveraged for biodiversity conservation



## Achievements Globally cont.



- Research
  - 1,632 peer reviewed papers produced
  - 645 computer-based databases established or enhanced
  - 614 species reference collections
  - 15,170 permanent field plots established
- Environmental Education and Public Awareness
  - 2725 conferences attended and organised to disseminate Darwin work
  - Estimated circulation of Darwin Newsletters 312,639
  - 1397 radio programmes/features
  - 712 TV programmes/features

## The Darwin Initiative in Central & South America

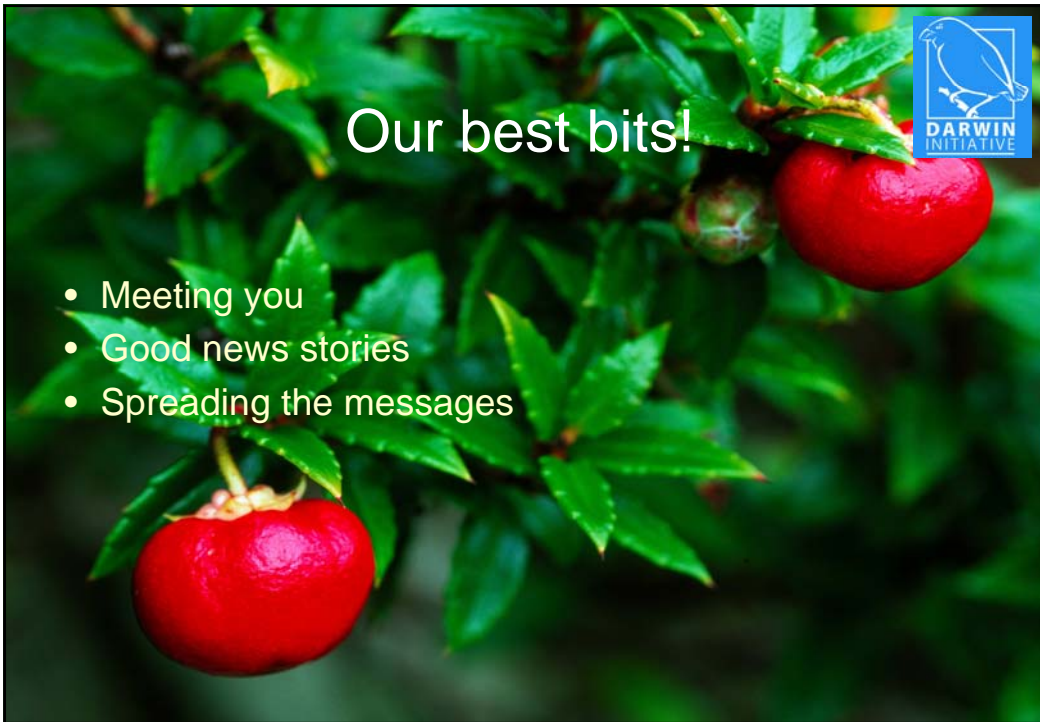


- 23% of all Darwin projects
- £14.8 million since 1992
- 160 total projects of which:
  - 8 Fellowships (out of 23 total)
  - 114 Main projects
  - 12 post-projects
  - 26 scoping awards

A photograph showing several people sitting on a cobblestone path, viewed from behind. They are wearing traditional hats and colorful clothing. The scene is outdoors, possibly in a public square or market area.

**The Darwin Legacy**

- Stronger links between the UK and the world's biodiversity conservation practitioners
- Working in partnership towards the preservation of biodiversity
- Listening & supporting our colleagues
- An example to the world

A close-up photograph of a branch with vibrant green leaves and several bright red, round fruits, possibly cherry tomatoes or small apples, hanging from the branch.

**Our best bits!**

- Meeting you
- Good news stories
- Spreading the messages

