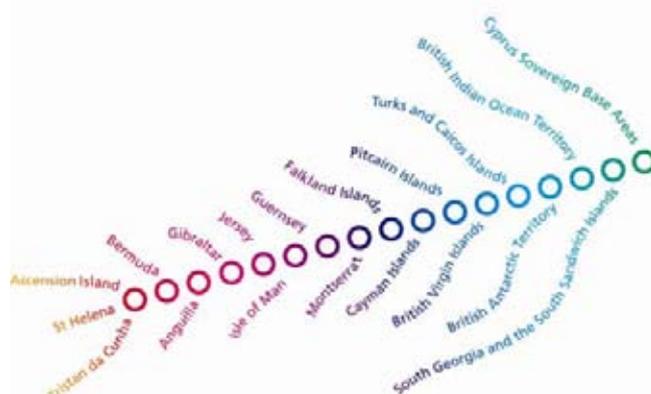


Appendix 2. Final published programme for the conference



Biodiversity That Matters: a conference on conservation in UK Overseas Territories and other small island communities

Jersey 7th to 12th October 2006
(with additional workshops on 6th-7th and 12th October)

Organised by:

UK Overseas Territories Conservation Forum, with the support of the Overseas Territories Environment Programme, and hosted by the Jersey conservation bodies

Jersey will host an international environment conference from 7th to 12th October 2006, with a focus on UK Overseas Territories, Crown Dependencies and other small islands.

The conference is being organized by the UK Overseas Territories Conservation Forum in consultation with the Environmental Department of the States [Government] of Jersey, the Société Jersiaise, the National Trust for Jersey and the Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust. It is supported by the Overseas Territories Environment Programme of the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office and Department for International Development. It will be the fourth such conference following the first held in London in 1999, and the second in Gibraltar in 2000 and the third in Bermuda in March 2003. The proceedings of both the Gibraltar and Bermuda conferences can be seen at www.ukotcf.org

The conference will provide a forum for government environmental agencies and NGOs to discuss key conservation issues, to highlight success stories, exchange ideas, and to forge partnerships. It is hoped that Overseas Territories, Crown Dependencies and other small island communities that share similar environmental problems will benefit from each other's experiences and history of planning and conservation initiatives, as well as from holding the conference in Jersey.

The main topics have been determined after wide consultations amongst conservationists working in the Overseas Territories. Main sessions will be:

- Environmental education and the UKOTs
- Environmental Charters and strategic planning
- Integration of conservation and sustainable livelihoods
 - Terrestrial
 - Marine, including fisheries
- Obtaining and Using Resources (not just money)
- Species conservation issues:
 - Dealing with alien invasive species
 - Species recovery including captive breeding

The current version of the provisional programme is given later in this document and will be updated periodically on the web-site (www.ukotcf.org). Please note that the schedule may change up to the last minute.



To take advantage of the bringing together of persons with these interests, two optional additional workshops are being held before and after the main conference:

1. Arriving on Thursday 5th October, for a 2-day workshop on Biodiversity and Impact Assessment in Small Island States, on Friday 6th and Saturday 7th October.
2. Remaining after the conference, for a 1-day workshop on bird monitoring, on Thursday 12th October, departing on Friday 13th October.

Further information on these workshops is given later in this announcement. Please note that, at the time of this revision about 9 months after the opening of bookings, these workshops have now been filled.

Participants should plan to arrive in Jersey on Saturday 7th October 2006 (unless they are attending the preceding workshop, in which case they should arrive on Thursday 5th October) and leave on Thursday 12th October (or Friday 13th October if they are attending the following workshop).

A booking form is available on the UKOTCF web-site (www.ukotcf.org). It is recommended that this be completed and returned as early as possible, because of limited accommodation. (If information on some parts indicated is not available by then, please return the form now and send the supplementary information later.) You will be advised as soon as possible whether a place is available.

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UK Overseas Territories Conservation Forum
The Environmental Department of the States of Jersey
The Société Jersiaise
The National Trust for Jersey
The Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust
IAIA (International Association for Impact Assessment) 'Capacity Building for Biodiversity and Impact Assessment Project' (CBBIA), funded by the Dutch Government
Royal Society for the Protection of Birds
The Commonwealth Foundation



Conference venue

The conference will take place at Hotel l'Horizon, a historic but modernised hotel on the south coast of Jersey. Accommodation, meals and meetings will be held at the hotel, although a few events and the conference dinner will be held elsewhere. The hotel is situated in a biologically, historically and archaeologically interesting part of the island. Without imposing on the main programme it is planned

that optional 1-hour early morning walks for delegates who wish to explore will be organised (see below).

Conference format

The conference will consist of several elements:

Reviews: Certain sessions (see programme) will be run as prepared reviews followed by discussion. If you have material that you think that the reviewer may wish to incorporate, the relevant reviewer should be contacted. Related material can also be presented as posters (see below).

Panel discussions: Certain sessions will be run as panel discussions (see programme). In these, panel members will be asked to present short presentations of up to 5-minutes, based on their experiences of the issue concerned, and designed to stimulate discussion. Other points can be made from the floor. Both panel and floor speakers should not range over the topic but should focus on the central issue, and particularly on aspects that went well or which caused problems. (If you want to present more information, this should be done as a poster.) Persons in the chair of each session will be instructed to keep contributions concise and stop speakers as necessary.

Posters: Poster presentations are not the subject of invitations, and may be offered by any participant, including those invited to make a presentation in some other form. The latter may find a poster useful to present information which does not fit readily into their spoken presentation slot.

Summaries: A summary of any form of presentation to be given, should be sent by email attachment to fmarks@btinternet.com by 31 July 2006 so that it can be included in the conference pack. The summary may be from a paragraph to about a page in length.

Proceedings: We plan to publish the proceedings on the Forum’s web-site (from where proceedings of the Bermuda conference of 2003 and the Calpe 2000 conference in Gibraltar can already be downloaded). Therefore, an electronic version of any presentation should be sent to fmarks@btinternet.com before the conference for publication in this way. Alternatively, a copy on disk or CD could be brought to the conference and given to Frances Marks on **the first day** of the conference. Electronic (or scanable quality hardcopy) of illustrations should be supplied at the same time.

Draft programme - as at September 2006 – subject to change

Day -3	Wednesday 4th October 2006
	Arrival of conference organisers. Preparatory work
Day -2	Thursday 5th October 2006
	Preparatory work continues. Arrival of EIA workshop participants Dinner
Day -1	Friday 6th October 2006
	Breakfast
	2-day workshop: Biodiversity and Impact Assessment in Small Island States – Day 1: Biodiversity and Impact Assessment (in Crystal Room East) <i>Facilitators: Dr Jo Treweek (Technical Programme Manager for a ‘Capacity Building for Biodiversity and Impact Assessment’ project) and Dr Bill Phillips (Director of MainStream Environmental Consulting and the former Deputy Secretary General of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands, 1997-2000)</i> The main purpose of the workshop is to review capacity-building needs for biodiversity and impact assessment in Small Island States, to provide guidance on the integration of biodiversity and impact assessment (EIA and SEA) and to explore opportunities for

	<p>mainstreaming biodiversity as a key issue of concern for developers, planners and decision-makers.</p> <p>The workshop is organised by IAIA (the International Association for Impact Assessment, www.iaia.org) through its 'Capacity Building for Biodiversity and Impact Assessment Project' (CBBIA) This project is funded by the Dutch Government and builds on work carried out by the IAIA to support the biodiversity-related global conventions, including the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands and the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS).</p> <p>Impact Assessment (EIA and SEA) has an important role in implementing these Conventions and for helping to ensure that development is planned and implemented with biodiversity 'in mind' (eg see: http://www.biodiv.org/impactAssess/index.html)</p>
09:30	Introduction: Explanation of workshop objectives, sessions
10:00	Overview of international experiences Review of the requirements of the global biodiversity-related conventions.
10:30	Coffee break
11:00	Getting biodiversity into EIA; getting biodiversity values and services recognised in decision-making
12:30	Lunch break
13:30	Presentations by participants: experience and case studies relating to EIA/Biodiversity
16:00	Tea break
16:30	Summary: challenges for Small Island States
	Dinner
Day 0	Saturday 7th October 2006
	Breakfast
	2-day workshop: Biodiversity and Impact Assessment in Small Island States – Day 2: Development planning and biodiversity (in Crystal Room West)
09:00	Introduction
09:20	Working with planners. Using biodiversity objectives and targets in IA and development planning.
10:00	Tea break
10:30	Group exercise: at least 2 groups
12:30	Lunch
13:30	Feedback session
14:30	Brainstorming session: biodiversity objectives and indicators
15:30	Tea
16:00	Summing up and close
	Main conference arrival day
17:00-18:30	Display/poster set-up – locations will be indicated individually to those setting up displays
18:45 for 19:00	Welcome reception and Opening Remarks by Sir Philip Bailhache, Bailiff of Jersey Rose Lounge and the Crystal Room
19:45	Dinner
Day 1	Sunday 8th October 2006
	Breakfast
0830	Conservation of the Built Heritage in the Overseas Territories , including the adaptive re-use of old buildings, citing models that could be useful to UKOTs <i>Martin Drury, formerly Director-General of the National Trust, and UKOTCF Council Member</i>

0930	Introduction to Jersey Introduction. <i>Freddie Cohen, Minister for Planning and Environment and/or Chris Newton, Director of Environment Department, States of Jersey</i> Jersey: Environmental Challenges and Achievements. <i>Mike Freeman, Principal Ecologist, Environment Department</i> Jersey's Marine Environment. <i>Andrew Syvret, Société Jersiaise</i>
1100	Break
1130	Collect packed lunches. Coaches leave hotel
1200-1645	A walk on the seabed: Jersey's first Ramsar site - to recover from travel; get to know other participants (a very worth-while approach on past experience); and a chance to see some of the most remarkable features of Jersey's biodiversity. Jersey is within the Baie du Mont St Michel, which has one of the highest tidal ranges in the world. The conference dates happen to coincide with the most extreme tides for 4 years. This will allow a range of walks along the sea-bed at low-water. The best will be a 3-hour, 3-mile journey across one of the most unusual intertidal habitats on the planet. With each low tide, the Bailiwick of Jersey doubles in size. Take a guided walk across part of "the other half of the Crown Dependency" with marine biologist and "professional walker", Andrew Syvret (whom many will know from previous conferences) – one of the most experienced guides to this area. The south-east coast of the Island forms the last vestiges of Great Britain's land-bridge to continental Europe. Of great cultural and historical significance to Jersey-folk, this area was designated as the Channel Island's first Ramsar site in 2000. It is home to an astonishing variety of life, site of a French invasion and once upon a time proposed location for an international airport. Be prepared to get wet to the knee as you wander through boulder-fields, oyster farms, lagoons, wave-cut platforms, sand banks and saltwater-filled gullies on the way to and from one of Jersey's most interesting coastal defence towers.
1645	Coaches leave shore
1730	Coaches arrive back at hotel
1815-1845	Annual General Meeting of the UK Overseas Territories Conservation Forum (business meeting for member organisation representatives and Council members only) in the Whitehall Suite
1900	Opening of display/poster session (which will stay open until Tuesday evening) – by a Reception (supported by RSPB) to launch the Important Bird Areas of UK Overseas Territories – Rose Lounge and the Crystal Room
2000	Dinner (and more posters) – Whitehall Suite
Day 2	Monday 9th October 2006
	Breakfast; possibly optional early morning walks
	Environment Charters and Strategic Planning Session Organiser: Dr Mike Pienkowski (Chairman, UKOTCF)
0830	Introduction
0840	Review of the progress of implementation of the Charters, based on current work to develop a system to monitor this. <i>Dr Mike Pienkowski, UKOTCF</i>
0910	Panel discussion, incorporating short (3- to 5-minute) presentations from some Territories on their problems and or successes; possibly including some of: TCI and the implementation of the model strategy <i>Michelle Fulford Gardiner, TCI Department of Environment & Coastal Resources</i> St Helena and the application of the pilot model for strategy development <i>Cathy Hopkins, Director, St Helena National Trust; and formerly Chair of St Helena Environment Advisory Consultative Forum</i> Falkland Islands approach to developing an implementation strategy for the Environment Charter <i>Dominique Giudicelli, Environmental Planning Officer, Falkland Islands</i>

	<p><i>Government</i> An approach to Environment Charter implementation combining with the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States model <i>Karim.Hodge, Anguilla Director of Environment</i> Bermuda's biodiversity strategy implementation and its Environment Charter <i>Jennifer Gray, Bermuda Conservation Service, Bermuda Zoological Society & Bermuda Audubon Society</i> Tristan da Cunha and an approach in a territory with small human population <i>Simon Glass, Conservation Officer, Tristan da Cunha</i> An approach to strategic environmental planning in a Crown Dependency <i>Roland Gauvain, Alderney Wildlife Trust</i> Multilateral Environmental Agreements and UKOTs/CDs - a need for more guidance? <i>Elizabeth Charter, Head Isle of Man Wildlife & Conservation Division</i></p>		
1010	Coffee		
1040	Panel discussion continues on the fulfilling of HMG commitments, incorporating 5-minute initial presentations by UK Government officials: <i>Foreign & Commonwealth Office: Helen Nellthorp, Deputy Head of Overseas Territories Department, and Shaun Earl</i> <i>Department for International Development: Phil Mason, Head of Overseas Territories Department, and Dick Beales, Senior Natural Resources & Environment Adviser</i> <i>Department of Environment, Food & Rural Affairs: Eric Blencowe, Head Zoos & International Species Conservation</i> <i>Joint Nature Conservation Committee: Marcus Yeo, Director Resources & External Affairs, and Dr Vin Fleming, Head - International Unit / CITES Scientific Authority (Fauna)</i>		
1200	Lunch		
1300	Parallel sessions on Integration of conservation and sustainable livelihoods:		
	<p>1. Marine, including fisheries Session Organiser: Dr John Cooper, <i>Chief Research Officer, Avian Demography Unit, Department of Statistical Sciences, University of Cape Town, South Africa, and an Honorary Conservation Officer, Tristan da Cunha</i> During 2006, the coordinator and presenters will work up a short document (see discussion documents section) that makes specific recommendations on the three themes below. It is envisaged that, if other prospective attendees wish to offer presentations on the marine issues, they submit them as posters or to link up, as much as is feasible, with any one of the three reviews below.</p>		<p>2. Terrestrial Session Organiser: Dr Oliver Cheesman, <i>UKOTCF Council</i> This session will present and discuss experiences which can be broadly grouped in two areas 1) Plans, policies and partnerships - the importance of an inclusive approach; things go more smoothly if all stakeholders are involved from the start. 2) Developing infrastructure - recognising and realising natural assets; how to get the most from the physical and human infrastructure; commercialising traditional crafts and indigenous knowledge; new markets for old ideas: cash-in but keep it sustainable. After talks and questions on each of these two areas, there will be a more general discussion on them.</p>
1300	Introduction by session co-ordinator <i>Dr John Cooper</i>	1305	Managing the impact of tourism: lessons from South Georgia <i>Gordon M. Liddle, Operations Manager, Government of South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands</i>
1310	Review 1: By-catch issues in fisheries within UK Overseas Territories and Crown Dependency Territorial and Exclusive Economic Zone waters <i>Grant Munro & Oli Yates, Falklands Conservation</i>	1325	Questions

1340	Review 2: Development issues in the inshore marine zones of UKOTs/CDs. <i>Dr Annie Glasspool, Bermuda Aquarium, Museum and Zoological Society</i>	1330	Building the TCI Biodiversity Management Plan with the local community and putting it into practice: surveying biodiversity, designing trails, recruiting guides, encouraging crafts <i>Bryan Naqqi Manco, Senior Conservation Officer, Turks & Caicos National Trust</i>
		1400	Questions
1410	Tea/coffee break	1405	Tea/coffee break
1440	Review 3: The role of Marine Protected Areas in improving the conservation status of UKOT/CD territorial and EEZ waters. <i>Dr Mike Brooke, Department of Zoology, University of Cambridge, & Chairman UKOTCF Pitcairn WG</i>	1435	Environmental considerations in the planning of an airport for St Helena: getting the balance right <i>Dick Beales, Senior Natural Resources & Environment Adviser DFID (prepared with Isabel Peters, Environmental Co-ordinator, St Helena Government)</i>
		1455	Questions
1510	Main Discussion session, led by the coordinator and the three presenters, plus a rapporteur, acting as a panel. The pre-circulated document and the presentations will serve as starting points for the discussion, leading to conclusions and recommendations. Any agreed-upon recommendations could be put to the conference in plenary for formal adoption in the name of the conference. This document could then be used by the Forum in guiding its activities in relation to UKOT marine issues.	1500	Terrestrial biodiversity conservation in Mauritius and Rodrigues: the upscaling and mainstreaming challenge <i>John Mauremootoo, CAB International, formerly Mauritius Wildlife Foundation</i>
		1520	Questions
		1525	Further examples and discussion on the themes illustrated
1630	Session ends	1630	Session ends
1645	Coaches leave for National Trust for Jersey Historic Farm, Hamptonne		
	Visit to National Trust for Jersey Historic Farm, Hamptonne Tour of historic farm. The National Trust for Jersey has kindly agreed to host a “Vin d’Honneur”, a Jersey tradition, at the historic farm in the heart of Jersey’s countryside. Named after the family who lived here in the nineteenth century, the Syvret building dates from the 1830s and is the most recent of the three houses to be built. The rooms are extremely high and are typical of those found in the large houses being built in St Helier (Jersey’s capital) at this time. This building houses the exhibition <i>Living Memories</i> which tells the story of how rural life has changed in the island in the 90 years since the Great War. The northern end of this range of buildings is used as a cider barn and contains an apple crusher, a twin-screw apple press and barrels as well as other farm tools. The cider-making equipment is all in working order and is used every October to produce cider.		
	Reception and dinner		
Approx 2100	Coaches leave to return to hotel		
Day 3	Tuesday 10th October 2006		
	Breakfast; possibly optional early morning walks		
0830	Report back on previous day’s two parallel sessions.		

0930	Dealing with alien invasive species <i>Session Organisers: Dr Colin Clubbe (Royal Botanic Gardens Kew & Vice-Chairman UKOTCF) and Dr Oliver Cheesman (UKOTCF Council)</i>
0930	Introduction and an exploration of some of the key themes identified in the discussion document in the conference pack, illustrated by a few short (5-10min) case studies. This session will also include a brief Review and Feedback from the UKOT Non-Native Review (Varnham, 2006) by Vin Fleming and Karen Varnham.
1050	Coffee
1120	Session continues with broader discussions and prioritisation brainstorming – possibly in small groups. We will conclude with a feedback/summary session and explore the way forward towards some agreement on priorities and the development of an action plan.
1240	Lunch
1340	Obtaining and using resources (not just money) <i>Session Organiser: Nigel Crocker (UKOTCF Treasurer)</i> A session based on short presentations and reviews, with discussions in various formats. The programme below is provisional. These will be supported also by discussion papers circulated in advance.
1340	Introduction: Outline need for resource – summary of draft overview paper to be circulated in advance
1350	Questions/comments
1355	Introduction of initiatives experience of Overseas Territories of France (<i>Philippe Feldmann, Délégué aux ressources biologiques/ Associate Director of Research for Biological Resources, Direction Scientifique / Office of the Direction of Research, Cirad, France</i>) and the Netherlands (<i>Kalli De Meyer, DCNA Dutch Caribbean Nature Alliance</i>) Co-operative initiatives in the European Union
1410	Questions/comments
1415	Government Funding – discussion on three areas of need: Big items – eg invasive eradication schemes Long term strategy – eg reserves, trails, UKOT NGOs establishment Core funding – eg UKOT NGOs
1450	Non-governmental Funding Comment: <i>Fred Burton (Cayman Blue Iguana Recovery Programme & UKOTCF Council)</i> Discussion on: Need area, including: 1. Prime reserve signage and provisions 2. Small conservation publications 3. Promotional material for local educational initiatives Sources of funding, including: UK NGO membership Charitable trusts – supported by schedule being produced by <i>Ann Brown</i> , and the updating of the Forum web-site based on this.
1520	Non-financial resources: Local support - volunteers / schools / local NH clubs / military volunteers / land use <i>John Cortes (Gibraltar Ornithological & Natural History Society)</i> Corporate support – internet access Sabbatical / Subject matter expert support <i>Sarah Sanders (RSPB) & Colin Clubbe (RBG Kew)</i>
1550	Conclusion Introduce questionnaire to gather knowledge of support available to UKOTs for consolidation and future report on Forum web site <i>Nigel Crocker (UKOTCF Treasurer)</i>
1600	Coffee

1630	<p>Environmental Education and the UKOTs <i>Session Organiser: Ann Pienkowski (teacher & conservationist) and Dr Juliet Rose (UKOTCF Council, and the Eden Project)</i></p> <p>A session based on short presentations and reviews, with discussions in various formats. These will be supported also by an introductory paper circulated in advance. Posters are encouraged as further examples.</p>
1630	<p>Introduction: Summary of paper circulated in advance “Good Practice for environmental education projects in the UK Overseas Territories”. This will consider the following points: using a range of partners; local community participation; accessing a wide range of resources; developing a supportive teaching framework; long-term viability; creativity; generic models and approaches; wide communication and consultation. This will serve as a basis for a document to be modified as a result of discussion in the session:</p>
1645	<p>Panel discussion, stimulated by short (up to 7-minute) presentations, followed by 8 minutes of discussion time from some Overseas Territories and Jersey, on case studies, illustrating experience relevant to the above. Presentations are likely to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - British Virgin Islands Environmental CD Atlas and Teaching Resource - <i>Nancy K. Woodfield-Pascoe (British Virgin Islands National Parks Trust)</i> - High Schools Native Plant Nursery Project in TCI - <i>Ethlyn Gibbs Williams & Bryan Naqqi Manco (Turks and Caicos National Trust)</i> - Environment Week in Jersey - <i>John McGuinness (Le Rocquier School, Jersey and Jersey Ecology Fund Trustee)</i> - Education Packs for the Falkland Islands and Ascension Island – <i>Ali Liddle & Grant Munro (Falklands Conservation) and Tara Pelembe (Conservation Centre, Ascension Island)</i> <p>In addition, attention will be drawn to relevant posters, and other materials available for inspection, other people available for discussion.</p>
1800	<p>Presentation to Simon Glass of Tristan da Cunha of teaching materials produced by <i>Paul Tyler and Alison Rothwell</i> with a grant to UKOTCF by the Bryan Guinness Charitable Trust. Final discussion focussing on additions and changes to the draft document, so that this can be amended to meet the consensus view.</p>
1820	<p>Informal discussion opportunities for delegates. Nancy Woodfield-Pascoe will have the BVI CD Atlas and Teaching Resource available for inspection and trial on a laptop. Other delegates will be encouraged to bring sample materials for inspection and discussion.</p>
1840	End
1900	Last chance to view poster displays
2000	Dinner
Day 4	Wednesday 11th October 2006
	Breakfast; possibly optional early morning walks
	NOTE: Those with poster displays should dismantle and remove their displays during Wednesday
0830	Parallel Meetings of UKOTCF South Atlantic and Wider Caribbean Working Groups (and possibly exploratory meeting on a Europe Working Group), including discussion on setting priorities for the Forum itself (and conference conclusions group finalise their draft in parallel)
1100	Coffee
1130	Conference conclusions (<i>Co-ordinator: Dace McCoy Ground, UKOTCF Council and Bermuda National Trust</i>)
1230	Lunch

1330	Coaches leave for Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust
1400	Session on species recovery including captive breeding The Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust are hosting the final afternoon and evening dinner of the Conference. Delegates will be shown the zoo, with some behind-the-scene glimpses of the work of the Trust, including the projects relating to Montserrat and Bermuda, and will be able to chat to some of the staff about their work.
1400	Sites Visits - Groups of 10 to visit the three main animals departments at the site (Mammals, Birds, Herptiles). Talks to groups by heads of departments.
1630	Tea Break at Princess Royal Pavilion
	Talks at Princess Royal Pavilion:
1700	Introduction - Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust, vision (<i>Mark Stanley-Price</i>)
1715	Islands and Highlands - Durrell's Conservation Programme (<i>John Fa</i>)
	Examples of Durrell's work in UK Overseas Territories:
1730	Cayman - Blue Iguanas (<i>Fred Burton</i>)
1745	Montserrat Biodiversity Assessment - results (<i>Richard Young</i>)
1800	Mountain chickens in Montserrat (<i>Geraldo Garcia</i>)
1815	General questions and discussion
1900	Dinner at the Dodo Restaurant and conference closing
Approx 2100	Coaches depart to return to hotel
Day 5	Thursday 12th October 2006
	Dispersal of most delegates
	1-day Bird workshop for certain delegates - in Crystal Room East Organiser: Dr Geoff Hilton, RSPB Monitoring of key bird species and sites is a crucial part of the conservation process. Some UK Overseas Territories conduct highly successful monitoring schemes, while in others there is very limited capacity to monitor birds effectively. Effective dissemination of the outcomes of monitoring programmes to decision-makers is also vitally important. In conjunction with the conference, the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds is organising a 1-day monitoring workshop, which will identify current gaps in monitoring coverage, determine how best we can share expertise and experience among Territories, and jointly ensure that the measures required to increase capacity and co-ordination of monitoring outputs are achieved.
0930	Introduction to workshop
0940	Presentation 1: The use of monitoring in conservation. Questions
1000	What is current state of monitoring/desired level of monitoring
	Flip-chart sheets on walls of what we think would be priority sites, species for monitoring in each UKOT or CD
	Presentation 2: what could/should be monitored?
	Breakout into regional groups: discuss what is and should be monitored in each UKOT or CD Report back for each Region (not each Territory)
1100	Coffee
1130	What impedes monitoring?
	Introduce session
	Create problem tree: impediments to successful monitoring
	Discuss and record solutions to these problems
1230	Lunch

1330	Monitoring in principle and practice
1355	Guest presentation: bird monitoring in Falkland Islands
1420	Presentation 3: how to design & execute a monitoring programme Questions
	Guest presentation: bird monitoring in Montserrat
1440	Tea
1505	The use of monitoring data Short presentation on uses e.g. indicators (15 min)
1505	Brainstorm: what could bird monitoring data in the UKOT & CDs be used for?
1530	Presentation 4: use of monitoring data
1600	Mini-presentation: State of UK's Birds, State of Europe's Birds
1610	Group discussion on what a 'State of the UKOT's Birds' report might contain
1615	Developing a plan of action
1615	Introduction
1620	Flipchart work in a single group: what actions should we take? Who is responsible for making it happen? By when?
1645	Wrapping-up
2000	Dinner
Day 6	Friday 13th October 2006
	Dispersal of Bird Workshop delegates

Further notes

1. A walk on the seabed: Jersey's existing Ramsar site (Sunday afternoon excursion)

A 3-hour, 3-mile journey across one of the most unusual intertidal habitats on the planet. With each low tide, the Bailiwick of Jersey doubles in size. Take a guided walk across part of "the other half of the Crown Dependency" with marine biologist and "professional walker" Andrew Syvret. The south-east coast of the Island forms the last vestiges of Great Britain's land-bridge to continental Europe. Of great cultural and historical significance to Jersey folk, this area was designated as the Channel Island's first Ramsar site in 2000. It is home to an astonishing variety of life, site of a French invasion and once upon a time proposed location for an international airport. Be prepared to get wet to the knee as you wander through boulder-fields, oyster farms, lagoons, wave-cut platforms, sand banks and saltwater-filled gullies on the way to and from one of Jersey's most interesting coastal defence towers.

2. Morning pre-conference walks

The conference hotel is ideally placed so that delegates can explore the charming coastal areas of the south-west of Jersey. Early morning rambles will be offered for those delegates who would like some guidance and information on these areas. The early morning, before everyone is up and about, is really the best time to appreciate the beauties of the Island.

3. Visit to National Trust for Jersey Historic Farm, Hamptonne

The National Trust for Jersey has kindly agreed to host a "Vin d'Honneur", a Jersey tradition, at the historic farm in the heart of Jersey's countryside. Named after the family who lived here in the nineteenth century, the Syvret building dates from the 1830s and is the most recent of the three houses to be built. The rooms are extremely high and are typical of those found in the large houses being built in St Helier (Jersey's capital) at this time. This building houses the exhibition *Living Memories* which tells the story of how rural life has changed in the island in the 90 years since the Great War. The northern end of this range of buildings is used as a cider barn and contains an apple crusher, a twin-screw apple press and barrels, as well as other farm tools. The cider-making equipment is all in working order and is used every October to produce their own cider.

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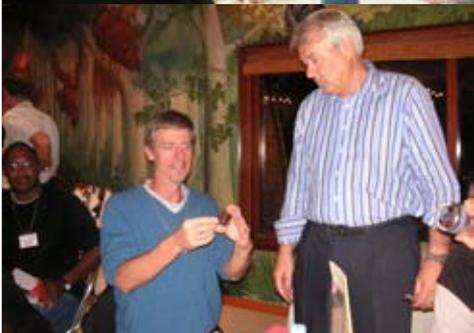
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Informal discussions, team-building and various tastings



Appendix 4. Feedback from participants

Based on a collation by Frances Marks, UKOTCF

Introduction

UKOTCF has never assumed that the conferences are a series continuing indefinitely, but that each one must fill particular needs. To try to secure a wider view, a questionnaire “We need to hear from you!” was again included in the conference pack. Throughout the conference and immediately after, participants were encouraged to complete and return these. A summary of the results follows. It should be noted that the views summarised or quoted are not necessarily shared by the Forum or the other organisers and sponsors of the meeting.

Thirty-two feedback questionnaires were returned, either left at the conference or sent in after being reminded. This response of about 30% to a questionnaire is a very good return rate, particularly in the light that the questions were open ended and respondents did not have much time to think about their comments.

Respondents were invited to complete some or all sections as they wished, which resulted in a very wide range of comments. Below, the answers are summarised, using the structure of the original questions.

A number of other delegates contributed various comments either verbally or by email about the conference. There were also a number of comments relevant to this made in the Forum open joint session of its Working Groups. Wherever practicable, these comments have been incorporated in the analysis of the questionnaire below.

The preamble of the questionnaire was as follows:

“This conference depends on a substantial amount of funding from the sponsoring bodies, the time (both paid and very largely volunteer) of organizers, and certainly not least the time and effort of all the participants. We are anxious to assess how useful this was and any lessons that can be learnt. We also want to capture any ideas that you have for future priorities for our joint efforts in relation to conservation in the UK Overseas Territories & Crown Dependencies and related countries. We would be grateful for your views. To help you in

recalling aspects and to help us analyse the results, we have included some questions here, but do not feel the need to answer all of them, and please feel free to add any other points.”

Below, each section of analysis starts with the original question (in bold). It is generally believed that people only respond to questionnaires when they have a strong motive to do so. If people are generally satisfied then they do not bother to fill in a questionnaire. Although this probably does not apply in full in the present case, it could have some effect. Therefore it should be recognised that a bias could be interpreted in responses as the analysis is based on responses expressed by about 30% of participants. Most of the recipients did not answer all questions. For these reasons, it is not meaningful (and in some cases not possible) to give percentages to individual sections.

1. Please indicate, for any of the following sessions, any aspects that you found useful for your work (especially if you think that they will change how you approach aspects of it). Please indicate also any parts of the sessions that you thought of little value to you.

A) Pre-conference workshop on Biodiversity and Impact Assessment in Small Island States

The majority of those attending who responded to the questionnaire said it was a well structured, informative and a useful session. It gave good information on EIA and MEAs and it was interesting to note ways EIA was implemented (or not) in various areas. Equal numbers felt that the role play gave good insight to those who felt it was less productive. It was felt that it would be a good idea to have a follow up on practical analysis of EIA at the next conference.

B) Posters and displays

Posters were generally thought to be helpful and provided valuable insight into the work undertaken at various UKOTs and UK-based organisations. They gave those who were not giving a presentation a chance to show their work and the

high standard of presentation and photography was noted. However some doubted that participants had the time to read all the posters and felt that it would have been more advantageous to have had all the posters together and not spread out in three rooms. It was suggested that time should have been dedicated where poster authors could have stood by their poster so that others could have asked questions.

Several participants noted that they would be pursuing methodologies presented via posters and that contacts from the posters would be useful. Handouts had been helpful and it was hoped that the posters would be part of the web pages for the conference proceedings. [They have been if authors supplied them, as requested in the conference announcements and messages.]

C) Introduction to Jersey and conference initiation by field visit

This session was deemed to be extremely useful. The Introduction by the Bailiff of Jersey was excellent, and the speeches being focused afforded participants to get an introduction without being overwhelmed with many presenters. Technical discussions on Jersey were good and also provided a good insight into the area. All respondents thought that the walk on the Jersey Ramsar site was fantastic and Andrew Syvret's passion for the site was tremendous. As planned, it allowed delegates to get to know each other and have informal discussion, time for this being too limited during most of the rest of the conference.

D) Environmental Charters and strategic planning

This session was perceived as being informative and useful. However less than half those who returned a questionnaire responded to this question. A theme that has appeared throughout many of the sections of the questionnaire was that there were too many presentations and not enough time for discussion. It was suggested that it might have been possible to have circulated the information on the status of Environmental Charter implementation before the session [it was so included in the conference handbook supplied at registration] so that a more structured discussion could have resulted on why progress was not being made and what could be done to make progress, which might have resulted in more participation from the floor and action points that could have

been taken forward after the conference. The session provided food for thought, and some enthusiasm for measuring performance of Charter implementation.

The next two sessions were those that were run in parallel so fewer comments were received as participants only attended one of the sessions.

E) Integration of conservation and sustainable livelihoods: 1. Marine, including fisheries

Many of those who attended the parallel session said they would have liked to attend both sessions. However, the short reports back from each of the parallel sessions and the earlier EIA workshop were considered useful.

Marine and fisheries were considered to be key issues for many territories, and those who attended indicated that they learnt from the well presented talks. However, because this was considered to be such an important and large issue it was felt that there was too much to cover and too little time for discussion. Territories needed more help in this area and this issue should be kept as a priority and followed up.

F) Integration of conservation and sustainable livelihoods: 2. Terrestrial

This was a well-attended and well-presented session; the majority felt there was a good choice of speakers and subjects. However, there were few responses to this section of the questionnaire with a few who found that there were elements of the session that were not clear, and that there was not enough discussion time. It was thought that territories needed to move forward to agree actions that were achievable.

G) Dealing with alien invasive species

Participants generally thought that this topic was very useful and provided a context of the work currently being undertaken and some of the tools at their disposal to share information regarding the extent of the problem. It was considered to be a very large subject, one of the major issues facing all countries, not just UKOTs. Therefore one that needed to be dealt with in greater depth, with more discussion and the need to see more practical methodology in dealing with widespread invasives. It was apparent that participants wanted to share the knowledge between them and make

sure that more information regarding threats and opportunities for future management became available.

It was suggested that at the next meeting it would be useful to compare ways of tackling the invasive species problem to see if different tools and techniques could be applied in different territories, demonstrate successes with visual aids and provide a direction towards solutions. This would provide an effective tool that could be adopted by all.

H) Obtaining and using resources (not just money)

Generally participant said this had been a very useful session with good examples being used showing what could be achieved. The presentation from Gibraltar was singled out as excellent and motivating and Territories, particularly in the Caribbean, thought that it was interesting to learn about how volunteer resources could be used. However, some respondents felt that presentations did not address some of the structural issues that UKOTs face when trying to access large-scale funding. This matter continued to be unresolved and participants felt that HMG had not provided any new insight into how UKOTs could overcome some of the shortfalls in funding for environmental conservation and historical preservation.

Some participants made the plea for a 'manual' or a database of funding opportunities. Who has the funds, who can apply, how much, what for, deadlines, etc? Small island agencies and NGOs lack the capacity to research this information. [This had originally been planned, but was not achieved due to the original volunteer organiser of the session not completing work and a replacement having to take over at short notice.]

I) Environmental Education and the UKOTs

Of those who responded, without exception, this was considered to be a very useful session and participants were interesting to see the approaches employed by various UKOTs. The highlight of the session was undoubtedly the presentation from the British Virgin Islands on their newly developed CD for schools packed with local and global information. This part of the conference highlighted the huge need for children in overseas territories to have curricula developed and integrated for them including information on their local environment. The only adverse comment

about this session was that it was a pity that it was at the end of a long tiring day.

J) Regional Working Group meetings

Comments for this session were very positive.

There were mixed views from those attending the South Atlantic Working Group, with some impressed by the structure parts of the meeting, and others concerned that some important aspects on the agenda were not allowed time because of over-run of earlier items.

Wider Caribbean Working Group participants also found their meeting to be useful in order to set priorities and define a future agenda.

For both meetings it was thought that more time should have been afforded to discuss issues. Some participants found the meetings to be a new experience, having been unaware of such groups, but they found participation useful and stimulating.

Those who responded who had attended commented that it was an excellent opportunity to set up the Europe Territories Working Group that seemed to instantly have a sense of direction and identified specific items that could be tackled. However, it would need to be regularly maintained and contact kept among the groups.

K) Species recovery including captive breeding, and closing activities at DWCT

Of those who responded to this question they found the experience useful and thought that generally Durrell were doing some good work. Some would have like a more formal approach to the afternoon [which had been the original plan] while others enjoyed the freedom to wander at their own pace. It was thought however, that there was a missed opportunity to promote the UKOTs more at the exhibits of UKOT species. But these small niggles were well offset by a splendid and most sociable evening, which was thoroughly enjoyed and deemed to be a fitting climax to the conference.

L) Bird-monitoring workshop (if attended)

There were few responses to this part of the questionnaire. Of those who commented most found the workshop to be of interest, useful and relevant. However the majority also noted that

there were too many presentations, some were rushed, and there was not enough participation from the floor.

M) Other elements (e.g. Opening, Conservation of the Built Heritage in the Overseas Territories, Reception and book launch, Optional early morning walks, Visit to Historic Farm, informal meetings, etc)

Other activities were well received and were thought to be useful and enjoyable. In particular, most appreciated the good way to get discussion going through social events giving an opportunity to discuss key issues outside formal session.

There were a few mentions that it was good to have a presentation on built heritage, which had been a neglected area. This and the visit to Hamptonne afforded a welcome diversion and a chance for informal discussion.

Some respondents felt that the formal conference programme was too intensive at times, and many would have welcomed a bit more flexible time for bilaterals.

It was noted that it was good to have EU representatives present.

The icing on the cake was undoubtedly the walking on the Ramsar site. This, together with the overall organisation and smooth running of the conference, resulted in a successful event.

2. The choice of session topics was the result of a wide consultation around those working in conservation in the UKOTs and similar areas as to which topics they would find most useful. We tried to accommodate as many as possible of these topics but could not include all of them. If another conference were organized, what topics would you like to see addressed (whether included this time or not)?

This question generated as many ideas for future topics as those who responded. They can be grouped into various categories, very much along the lines discussed in Jersey:

Conservation: this included Biodiversity Action plans, both marine and terrestrial; global strategy for plant conservation; threatened species

research; biological recording and monitoring; species/habitat rehabilitation; EIA; and sustainable tourism. Several respondents requested the effects of climate change, and climate change issues.

Invasive Species: Several respondents mentioned invasive species as a major topic, to include species control methods with more in depth discussion.

Funding: Funding sources, with potential funders attending, how the bidding process worked, the application process and possible funders.

Capacity building: Longer and more in depth sessions including training; NGO management training; strategic planning; financing mechanisms for organisations; developing the volunteer base; information sharing and networking initiatives.

Environmental education: A more in-depth look at the differences and similarities in the schools curricula and guideline document produced from the conference.

A number of respondents felt it was important to monitor if any progress had been made from the Jersey meeting.

3. To allow us to fit in more topics, we experimented with parallel sessions at the conference. What are your views on parallel sessions in a conference of this type?

The parallel sessions appear to have worked well in view of the subject areas selected. Although respondents felt that there were obvious advantages and disadvantages it was felt that they were good in theory. Parallel sessions afforded the chance for everyone to select that area which was of greatest interest to them or, in the cases where delegations were made up of multiple individuals, they could split their participation and maximise the opportunity to gain the information which was then shared.

Equal numbers of respondents would prefer not to have parallel session; those who only had one departmental representative particularly mentioned this.

Provided that such sessions are not on subjects of generic interest to all, but selected according to more disparate interests then this approach would

appear to be acceptable.

4. Do you think that a conference of this nature is sufficiently useful so that another might be organized somewhere and, if so, after how many years' interval? Or do you think that the resources would be better deployed in another way (although it cannot be guaranteed, of course, that funds not used for a conference would actually be available for other conservation uses).

All respondents said that conferences of this nature were useful and some said they were fundamental in gauging the progress of territories, providing direction and expertise. A number added that it was vital for the UKOTs to get together to discuss issue of mutual interest. Many felt that a 3-year period was a good interval between conferences, although some wanted conferences to be more frequent. It was suggested that regional meetings or focused workshops tackling a smaller range of topics in more depth could be held between conferences, thus allowing more time for discussion.

5. What do you think should be the most helpful things that the UK Overseas Territories Conservation Forum should try to do to help its member organisations and other conservation partners (including governments) in the UK Overseas Territories.

The majority of respondent felt that the Forum should continue to lobby HMG and EU on behalf of the UKOTS acting as a spokesbody for the UKOTs [or at least the NGOs in the UKOTs]. Some member organisations felt that, where they were constrained, the Forum could exert more influence in pushing environmental agendas at the local level. Some help in providing interpretation of UK and EU legislation would be appreciated.

Improving communications and dissemination of information was considered important. This could be achieved with the use of the Internet, web-cams and through the working groups. A more consultative approach should be considered beyond the reporting of immediate issues within UKOTs. The Forum was asked to consider whether the use of web-cams could be made, so that consultative meetings between HMG and UKOTCF might be broadcast allowing UKOT participation in the actual deliberations.

Several respondents requested that the Forum continues to keep the UKOTs and CDs in the public eye, and raise the profile of UKOT issues. Others requested help in funding application or seeking resources.

6. What do you think should be the most helpful things that the UK Government should try to do to help its member organisations and other conservation partners (including governments) in the UK Overseas Territories.

More than half of those who responded to the questionnaire felt that funding was one of the most important commitments that HMG needed to fulfil. There was a request for clarity regarding the financial tools, which may become available beyond small scale funding currently available through OTEP. In particular, it was considered that there was a huge gap where large scale funding was concerned. Funding provision for providing the local expertise badly needed in conservation especially in the areas of EIA, biodiversity conservation, GIS, database use, web design and maintenance was required, as well as updates on what education scholarships and grants were available to school children and adults in the territories.

Respondents wanted a fuller distribution of information from Government to the UKOTs, highlighting who in government positions was able to help, with a continual update of who was in what position, particular in regard to the application process and in obtaining funding for projects. They also wanted HMG to listen and liaise with the UKOTs more and would like policy changed so that DCMS supported the UKOTs more fully.

7. What do you think that you will do differently as a result of attending this conference?

There were a number of individual remarks to this section of the questionnaire. Making more effort to keep in touch with other participants and the Forum was the most important issue mentioned. By doing so, it was felt that participants would have more confidence and feel less isolated about tackling issues.

8. If you attended the Bermuda Conference (or the Gibraltar one) what did you do differently as a result of attending that conference? If you can remember, was it what you said in answer to the previous question last time?

There were few responses to this question, but those who did respond felt that they had been able to network better with other UKOTs and had been made more aware of other UKOT issues.

9. Any other comments

One point that was mentioned by a few delegates was in reference to the choice of hotel. Although the luxury of the hotel was appreciated by many, some wondered if as environmentalists we were giving out the right kind of message by staying at a luxury hotel, which did not appear to have

a greening policy and it was considered that participants should minimise their environmental footprints for future conference. [There is, in fact, very little choice as to hotels which can cope with this sort of meeting.]

However by far the majority who responded to this part of the questionnaire generated the feeling that overall the conference had been productive and an outstanding success being a credit to all involved, as it was well organised so it had run smoothly. It was felt to be refreshing and stimulating to have many like-minded persons together as one unit, and that the benefits of such interaction should not be underestimated. The idea of linking with the schools and involving young people who took an active part in the conference was also considered excellent. It was felt that it is important that the momentum gained from such an event should not be lost.



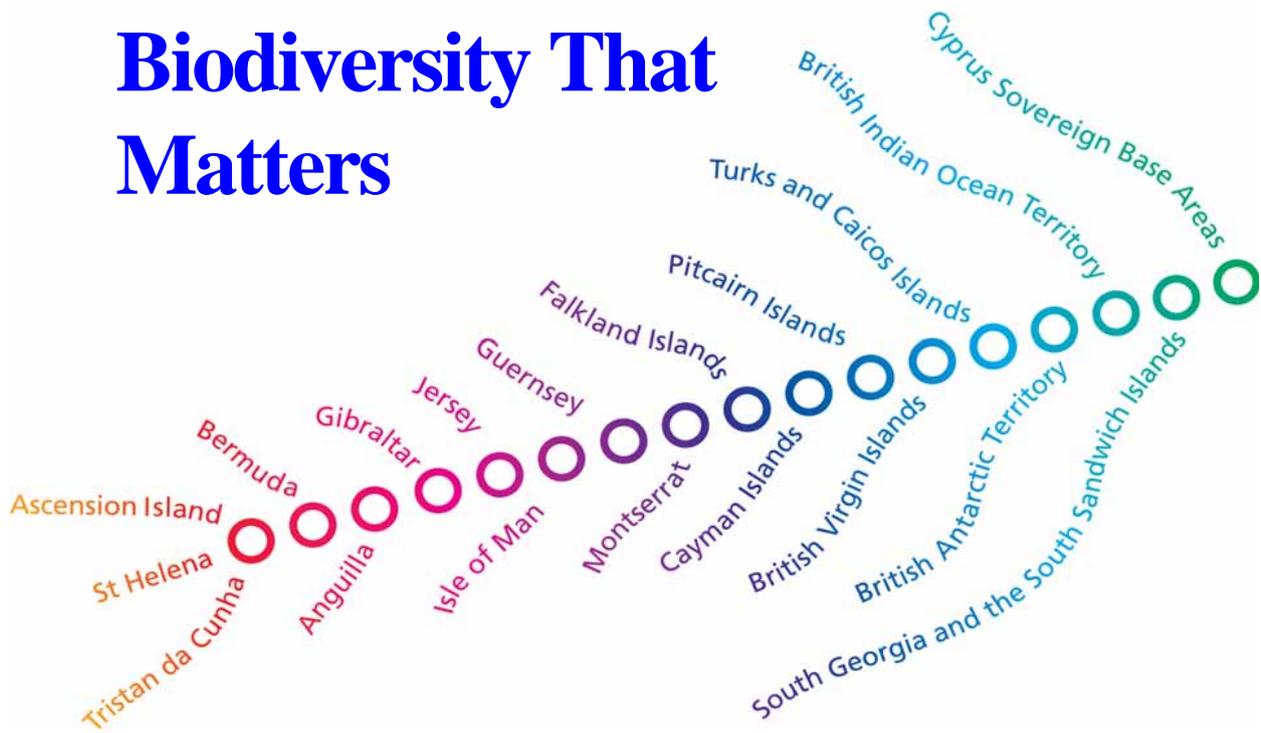
Traditional Jersey view

Appendix 5. Friends of the UK Overseas Territories

The UK Overseas Territories Conservation Forum works to help local partner organisations in the UK Overseas Territories and Crown Dependencies conserve their natural and cultural heritage for the benefit of present and future generations - as a global responsibility, for the quality of life, and as the basis of the future economy, safety and health.

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