

DPLR4\1076

Darwin Plus Local - Final Report (2)

Officer: Linzi Ogden

Section 1 - Darwin Plus Local Project Information (Essential)

Project Reference Number

DPLR4\1076

Q1. Project Title

No Response

Overseas Territory(ies)

St Helena, Ascension, and Tristan de Cunha

Lead Organisation or Individual

Ascension Island Government

Partner Organisation(s)

None

Value of Darwin Plus Local Grant Award

£50,000.00

Project Start Date

01 October 2024

Project End Date

31 March 2025

Project Leader Name

Cuen Muller

Project Website/Twitter/Blog etc.

www.ascension.gov.ac

Report Author(s)

Report Date

01 May 2025

Project Summary

No Response

Project Outcomes

Unchecked	Biodiversity: improving and conserving biodiversity, and slowing or reversing biodiversity loss and degradation;
Unchecked	Climate Change: responding to, mitigating and adapting to climate change and its effects on the natural environment and local communities;
Unchecked	Environmental quality: improving the condition and protection of the natural environment;
Checked	Capability and capacity building: enhancing the capacity within OTs, including through community engagement and awareness, to support the environment in the short- and long-term.

Section 2 - Project Outcomes (Essential)





On a scale of 1 (high – outcome substantially exceeded) to 5 (low – outcome substantially did not meet expectation), how successful do you think your project has been?





3 - Outcome met expectation

Project outcomes and justification for rating above

Our 'Driving Community Conservation' project aimed to acquire a vehicle to support community engagement, education and conservation projects. This aim falls strongly within the capability and capacity building objective of the Darwin Plus themes. With the funding we were awarded by the Darwin Local, we have secured a vehicle from the UK with expected delivery by the 26th June this year. Delays in procurement were related to finding a suitable vehicle from a reputable dealer and upon an independent report on its condition. We have sourced a suitable vehicle (Iveco 9-seater Combi-Van) which will facilitate outreach work by transporting young community members and children to engagement activities hosted by the Conservation and Fisheries Directorate of Ascension Island. The vehicle will also be used for other educational purposes and support ongoing projects wherever possible.

Supporting Evidence - file(s) upload

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 [Order Acceptance - Iveco Daily 9 seater \(1\)](#)
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Supporting Evidence - links to published document/online materials

Acceptance of order from Team Leyland attached who have supplied vehicles for Ascension Island Government in the past and have proven to be a reliable company to deal with.

Project Challenges

Particular challenges were related to the remote nature of Ascension Island and procurement of a reliable vehicle remotely. These challenges were overcome by dealing with a reputable agent who understood our requirements and the Ascension Island environment, specifically the resources, supplies and facilities on hand along with the ability to service and maintain the vehicle.

The original proposal motivated for a Land Rover Defender 9-seater but due to the discontinuation in production of these vehicles the Iveco Combi-Van was motivated as a suitable alternative.

Lessons Learned

Utilizing a reliable supplier was necessary to source a suitable vehicle and organise delivery and shipping to Ascension Island.

Section 3 - Project Finance (Essential)

Project Expenditure

Project Spend (indicative) since last Annual Report	2023/24 Grant (£)	2023/24 Total actual Darwin Plus Costs (£)	Variance %	Comments (please explain significant variances)
Staff Costs				
Consultancy Costs				
Overhead Costs				
Travel and Subsistence				
Operating Costs				
Capital Items				
Others				
Total	50,000.00	45,675.00	9	

Please provide a short narrative summary on project finances.

To date £ [REDACTED] has been spent on this project as a [REDACTED] deposit on the vehicle. The final [REDACTED] along with shipping costs will be made following delivery. The remaining amount will be declared on the final financial report and claim form following delivery in July.

Section 4 - Contribution of Project to Darwin Plus Programme Objectives

Please select up to **one** indicator that applies within **each group/indicator list (A, B, C, D)** and report your results for that indicator in the text box underneath. If you do not have relevant results to report for any of the indicators in a particular group, you can leave them blank.

Please also submit some form of evidence (above) to demonstrate any results you list below, where possible.

Group A: Capability and Capacity - Core Darwin Plus Standard Indicators (select one)

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| Unchecked | DPLUS-A01: Number of people from key national and local stakeholder groups completing structured and relevant training. |
| Unchecked | DPLUS-A02: Number of secondments or placements completed by individuals of key local and national stakeholders. |
| Checked | DPLUS-A03: Number of local/national organisations with improved capability and capacity as a result of project. |
| Unchecked | DPLUS-A04: Number of people reporting that they are applying new capabilities (skills and knowledge) 6 (or more) months after training. |
| Unchecked | DPLUS-A05: Number of trainers trained reporting to have delivered further training by the end of the project. |
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Group A Indicator Results

On delivery of the vehicle capabilities for outreach and education will be dramatically improved.

Group B: Policies, Practices and Management- Core Darwin Plus Standard Indicators (select one)

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| Unchecked | DPLUS-B01: Number of new/improved habitat management plans available and endorsed. |
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Unchecked	DPLUS-B02: Number of new/improved species management plans available and endorsed.
Unchecked	DPLUS-B03: Number of new/improved community management plans available and endorsed.
Unchecked	DPLUS-B04: Number of new/improved sustainable enterprises/ community benefits management plans available and endorsed.
Unchecked	DPLUS-B05: Number of people with increased participation in local communities / local management organisations (i.e., participation in Governance/citizen engagement).
Unchecked	DPLUS-B06: Number of Local Stakeholders and Local Communities (people) with strengthened (recognised/clarified) tenure and/or rights.

Group B Indicator Results

None

Group C: Evidence and Best Practices - Core Darwin Plus Standard Indicators (select one)

Unchecked	DPLUS-C01: Number of best practice guides and knowledge products published and endorsed.
Unchecked	DPLUS-C02: Number of new conservation or species stock assessments published.
Unchecked	DPLUS-C03: New assessments of habitat conservation action needs published.
Unchecked	DPLUS-C04: New assessments of community use of biodiversity resources published.
Unchecked	DPLUS-C05: Number of projects contributing data, insights, and case studies to national Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) related reporting processes and calls for evidence.

Group C Indicator Results

None

Group D: Sustainable Benefits to People, Biodiversity and Climate - Core Darwin Plus Standard Indicators (select one)

Unchecked	DPLUS-D01 Hectares of habitat under sustainable management practices.
Unchecked	DPLUS-D02: Number of people whose disaster/climate resilience has been improved.

Unchecked **DPLUS-D03: Number of policies with biodiversity provisions that have been enacted or amended.**

Group D Indicator Results

None

Section 5 - Project Partnerships, Wider Impacts and Contributions

Project Partnerships

This project did not include any other project partners. The Ascension Island Government was involved in this project through the application by the Conservation and Fisheries Directorate.

Wider Impacts and Decision Making

NA

Sustainability and Legacy

Once the vehicle has arrived there will be continuing benefits on outreach and education.





Section 6 - Communications & Publicity

Exceptional Outcomes and Achievements

Unfortunately the vehicle has not yet arrived so none to report

Photo, video or graphic to be used for publicity and communications.

Please upload at least one relevant and engaging image, video or graphic that you consent to be used alongside the above text in Defra, JNCC or NIRAS communications material.

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I agree for the Biodiversity Challenge Funds Secretariat, Administrator, and/or JNCC to publish the content of this section.

No, I have no project photos for reasons of sensitivity.

Please list any accounts that you would like tagged in online posts here. This can include project pages, partners' pages or individuals' accounts for any of the following platforms: LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram.

None

Section 7 - Darwin Plus Contacts

Please tick here to confirm that you have read and acknowledge the BCF's Privacy Notice on how contact details will be used and stored and that you have sought agreement from anyone that you are sharing personal details with us on their behalf.

I confirm I have read the Privacy Notice and have consent to share the following contact details

Project Contact Details

Project Contact Name Cuen Muller

Role within Darwin Plus Project Project Lead

Email

Phone

Do you need further sections to provide additional contact details?

No
