

# Workshop organised by UKOTCF on *Taking the colonialism out of UK Overseas Territories research and conservation, Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2022 via Zoom RECORDING*



This workshop was organised within the project [From blue iguanas to blue vervain: sharing the colonial histories from the UK Overseas Territories](#) (see link for project partners.)

The day built on the consultation document which had already been reviewed twice by participants from across the UKOTs, having been adjusted in the light of the comments. Furthermore, it built on recommendations already agreed the previous year by the conference *Staying Connected for Conservation in a Changed World* and by the UK Overseas Territories & Crown Dependencies Environment Ministers' Council. The present document is split into five sections. These provide the structure below, although the sequence of sections was adjusted because of availabilities of key participants. The work fulfils commitments under the project *From blue iguanas to blue vervain: sharing the colonial histories from the UK Overseas Territories*, and the workshop aimed to look for ideas on how to encourage wide adoption and implementation of the document by those bodies whose decisions and actions affect the UKOTs. These discussions were complemented by short presentations and Q&A on some relevant topics to stimulate discussion and provide an opportunity to share some innovative work. The presentations tended to be concentrated on the later numbered parts of the Framework, because the earlier numbered had featured more in the previous year's conference and UKOT/CD Environment Ministers' Council meeting.

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**0:09:10 [after allowing time for participants to join]:** Welcome and introduction (including a brief overview of the project, particularly the background to the draft framework – UK Overseas Territories Conservation Forum)

**0:16:30:**

**1. *Towards a more suitable framework of decision-making on funding for conservation and research in the UKOTs.***

Viewpoint from one territory of the importance of this section of the revised discussion document (Bryan Naqqi Manco, Assistant Director of Research & Development, Department of Environment & Coastal Resources, Turks & Caicos Islands), followed by Q&A and any further discussion of it to achieve a consensus on this section and ideas on how to encourage adoption an implementation by others (Territory participants, chaired by UKOTCF – Dr Mike Pienkowski).

**0:57:40:**

**3. *Projects should be outcome- and benefit-oriented***

**0:59:00** Brief viewpoint from a territory of the importance of this section of the revised discussion document (Natalie Coles, University of Gibraltar), followed by Q&A and any further discussion of it to achieve a consensus on this section and ideas on how to encourage adoption an implementation by others (Territory participants, chaired by UKOTCF – Catherine Wensink).



**0:18:00:**

**4. *Getting the public, especially young people, involved in research***

**1:19:00:** Volunteer Guardians with example from Cayman (Luke Harding, National Trust for the Cayman Islands Blue Iguana Programme) and Q&A

**1:38:30:** Engaging young people example from Montserrat (Vernaire Bass, Montserrat National Trust Outreach Officer and 664Connect)

**2:13:30:** Brief viewpoint from a territory of the importance of this section of the revised discussion document (Mrs Sarita Francis, Executive Director, Montserrat National Trust), followed by any further discussion of it to achieve a consensus on this section and ideas on how to encourage adoption an implementation by others (Territory participants, chaired by UKOTCF – Catherine Wensink).

**2:23:00:** Break, with music from Stuart Wilson, National Trust for the Cayman Islands

**2:36:00**

**2. *Priorities for research and conservation, and planning projects and proposals, must be co-produced with local users.***

**2:37:00:** Brief viewpoint from a territory of the importance of this section of the revised discussion document (Dr Rebecca Cairns-Wicks, Coordinator, St Helena Research Institute), followed by Q&A and any further discussion of it to achieve a consensus on this section and ideas on how to encourage adoption an implementation by others (Territory participants, chaired by UKOTCF – Dr Mike Pienkowski).

**2:58:30:**

**5. *Knowledge Exchange and Engagement; access to scientific literature, data, results and specimens***

**2:59:00** but restarted at **3:14:50:** Museum biological collections in UK and beyond (Rebecca Machin, Leeds Museum and Galleries and Q&A

**3:02:00:** Literature access and findings of data collected by visiting researchers (Quentin Groom, Meise Botanic Garden, Belgium) and Q&A

**3:29:30:** Considering Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing (Haroon Mohamoud, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra), UK Government) and Q&A

**3:43:30:** How significant can research funding be; NERC funding in British Indian Ocean Territory (Prof. Heather Koldewey, Zoological Society of London)

**3:51:30:** Nagoya Protocol video (IUCN Regional Office for Caribbean)

**4:00:00:** Opportunities in future UK Research Institute funding calls (Colin MacKechnie, UK Centre for Ecology and Hydrology) and Q&A

**4:05:30:** Brief recalling of the main points of this section of the revised discussion document followed by any further discussion of it to achieve a consensus and ideas on how to encourage adoption on this section and implementation by others (Territory participants, chaired by UK Centre for Ecology and Hydrology – Jodey Peyton).

**4:05:30 – 4:10:30:** Closing and Ends

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