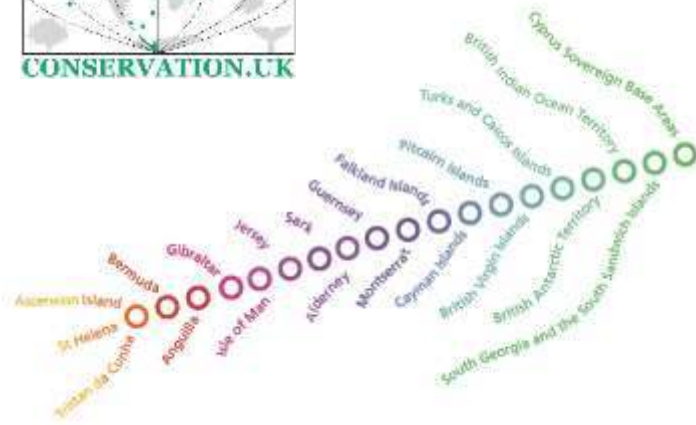




**Terrestrial Restoration
and Invasive Non-Native
Species in the UK Overseas
Territories and Crown
Dependencies**
Date: 6th & 7th March 2023
**(with a special workshop
on 8th March)**
By Zoom



Webinar organised by UK Overseas Territories Conservation Forum to meet requests from UK Overseas Territories

Topic: Terrestrial Restoration and Invasive Non-native Species in UK Overseas Territories and Crown Dependencies

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Many of the UK Overseas Territories and Crown Dependencies are islands and so are particularly vulnerable to local extinctions given the unique island setting in which the native and endemic species evolved. Invasive non-native species (INNS) are one of the five main drivers of global biodiversity loss. Across the UKOTs, there are teams of passionate talented people working on reducing this threat, with their work being underpinned by research and innovation. This seminar brings together some of those inspiring people working in the UKOTs. Organised by UKOTCF supported by the UKOTCF network, project partners and other technical specialists, it fulfils several functions: to demonstrate some of the excellent work being undertaken across the UKOTs on INNS, share knowledge and best practice on INNS research and management and to further expand networks of researchers and practitioners. There have been multiple calls from the UKOTCF regional working groups for



UKOTCF to host an event on the work that is being undertaken on INNS across the UKOTs. The subject also has a pleasing overlap with some aspects both of *From blue iguanas to blue vervain: sharing the colonial histories from the UK Overseas Territories* project where UKOTCF is working jointly with UKCEH, Montserrat National Trust, National Trust for the Cayman Islands, Meise Botanic Garden and Leeds Museums and Galleries as well as other projects.

Programme

All timings are in GMT (also called UTC). ***Note that all timings are approximate: individual presentations may start earlier or later than indicated, due mainly to the duration of discussions (and any technical challenges!).***

We are using the same link for each day of the webinar. ***On each day, please join 5 to 10 minutes before the scheduled start.*** We have a big attendance and experience shows that it takes a few minutes for the system to log everyone on. Officers and speakers in the first session of each day, please join at the start of this advance time.

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Day 1: 6th March 2023

Session 1: Introduction

Welcome and Introduction: Mike Pienkowski

12 noon *Introduction to the UKOTs & CDs, UKOTCF and this webinar*

12:15 Q&A

Session 2: What are UKOTs prioritising?

In the Chair: Nigel Haywood; Rapporteur: Vicky Wilkins

12:20 *Introduction*

12:25 *BIOT – Pete Carr, Chagos Conservation Trust*

12:40 Q&A

12:45 *Asian hornets in the Channel Islands and general approaches to invasives – Julia Henney, Guernsey*

13:00 Q&A
13:05 5-minute break
13:10 *Surveying for Native and Invasive ants in UKOTs: Gibraltar as a case study* – Rhian Guillem
13:25 Q&A
13:30 *Adopt a Home for Wildlife in Montserrat* – Catherine Wensink, UKOTCF
13:45 Q&A
13:50 *Anguilla rats and islands* – Farah Mukhida, Anguilla National Trust, & Louise Soanes, Environment Systems Ltd.
14:05 Q&A
14:10 General discussion of session 2
14:35 30-minute break

Session 3: Legislating and Better Biosecurity- learning from each other

In the Chair: Nigel Haywood; Rapporteur: Alison Copeland

15:05 Intro
15:10 *GBNNS and their remit in the UKOTs* – James Millett, GB Non-Native Species Secretariat
15:25 Q&A
15:30 *Who's in and who's out? Preparing invasive species schedules for Bermuda* – Alison Copeland, Durham University
15:45 Q&A
15:50 General discussion of session 3
16:15 15 min break

Session 4: 2nd Sir Richard & Lady Dace Ground Lecture

16:30 In the Chair: Mike Pienkowski
16:45 Lecture: **Challenges and successes in restoring Caicos Pine forests after almost total destruction by introduced pest** – Bryan Naqqi Manco, Department of Environment and Coastal Resources, Turks & Caicos Islands Government
17:35 Q&A
17:55 Closing
18:00 End of session for the day

Day 2: 7th March 2023

Session 5: Control? Prioritising efforts?

In the Chair: Vicky Wilkins; Rapporteur: Catherine Wensink

12:00 Introduction
12:10 *Overview of some previous experience* – Elizabeth (Biz) Bell, Managing Director, Wildlife Management International Ltd
12:25 *Documenting biological invasions on the UK Overseas Territories: informing prevention and management* – Helen Roy
12:40 Q&A
12:45 *Current work and other identified needs* – Natasha Stevens, St Helena NT
13:00 Q&A
13:05 *Dealing with invasive species on the South Atlantic UKOTs using biological control: an update on recent activities* – Norbet Maczey, CABI
13:20 Q&A
13:25 *FERA Pest ID Service* – Chris Malumphy, FERA

13:40 Q&A

13:45 *Invasive Alien Species at the Sovereign Base Areas in Cyprus – Jakovos Demetriou and Kelly Martinou*

14:00 Q&A

14:05 General discussion on Session 5

14:10 15-minute break

Session 6: Data gaps and citizen science and tools for conservation

In the Chair: Catherine Wensink; Rapporteur: Jack Hayes

14:25 *Introduction*

14:30 *Luke Harding, Blue Iguana Conservation, tbc*

14:45 Q&A

14:50 *Horizon Scanning by Starlight: Invasion Science Needs More Data! – Dr Wayne Dawson, Durham University*

15:05 Q&A

15:10 *Title to be confirmed – Alan Tye,*

15:25 Q&A

15:30 *Compiling data for the Channel Island invasive species management and conservation project - Liz Sweet, Guernsey Biological Records Centre*

15:45 Q&A

15:50 *Building knowledge on invasive non-native species in Diego Garcia – Jodey Peyton, UKCEH Fellow*

16:05 Q&A

16:10 *eDNA as a tool for invasive species monitoring – Speaker tbc*

16:25 Q&A

16:30 General discussion of session 6

16:55 Closing

Approx. 17:00 End of main webinar, but note Workshop on following day

Day 3: 8th March 2023

12:00 Session 7: Cane toad management workshop

12:00 Presentation: Mitigating the Impacts of Cane Toads on Wildlife

Prof. Dr. Richard Shine is a renowned expert in the field of invasive species management and the control of cane toads. He will share his knowledge and insights on the impact of cane toads on local ecosystems and the latest strategies and techniques for controlling their spread.

12:30 Q&A with Rick Shine

12:45 Brief oral accounts of the cane toad situation on UK Overseas territories:

Turks and Caicos Islands - Bryan Naqqi Manco, Department of Environment & Coastal Resources, Turks & Caicos Islands

Montserrat - Luke Brannon, Mountain Chicken Recovery Programme

Diego Garcia - Tim Adriaens, Elena Tricarico, DPLUS151

13:00 Moderated discussion: eradication feasibility of cane toads

13:30 Closing

The workshop on 8th March is being organised with assistance from many partners including the UK Centre for Hydrology and Ecology. Many of the projects mentioned in the programme are supported by the UK's Darwin Plus funding scheme. (Several include: DPLUS107, DPLUS114, DPLUS135, DPLUS 151, DPLUS155, DPLUS175 and others)