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# **CV19RR\1040**

## **Understanding immediate impacts of Covid-19 on coastal communities in Mozambique**

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## Section 1 - Contact Details

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### PRIMARY APPLICANT DETAILS

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## Section 2 - Project Title & Previous Applications

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### Q3. Project Title:

Understanding immediate impacts of Covid-19 on coastal communities in Mozambique

### Q4. Existing project

**Q4a. Does your organisation have an existing (or recently finished) project under either Darwin Initiative, Darwin Plus or Illegal Wildlife Trade Challenge Fund?**

Yes

**If yes, please list the project reference and title of relevant projects (e.g. 25-001, DPLUS090, IWT099).**

**Reference of current/recent project:**

**Title of current/recent project:**

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**Q4b. Is this proposal directly relevant to one of the projects listed above?** Yes**If yes, please list the relevant project reference and title.**

Securing marine biodiversity and fishers' income through sustainable fisheries, Mozambique

**Section 3 - Countries, Dates & Budget Summary****Q5. Which Fund's objectives will your project most directly address? (please only select one)** Darwin Initiative**Q6. Country(ies)****Which eligible country(ies) will your project be working in?**

<b>Country 1</b>	Mozambique	<b>Country 2</b>	<i>No Response</i>
<b>Country 3</b>	<i>No Response</i>	<b>Country 4</b>	<i>No Response</i>

**Do you require more fields?** No**Q7. Project dates****Start Date:**

01 January 2021

**End date:**

31 March 2021

**Q8. Budget summary**

Darwin/IWT Funding Request

**Total request 2020/21:**

54,171.00

***Please note all spending must fall between 1st January 2021 - 31st March 2021*****Q8a. If any matched funding arrangements are proposed, please detail them here.**

n/a

## Section 4 - Project Outcome and Summary

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### Q9. Outcome

#### What is the expected Outcome of this project?

Establish critical evidence base to inform decision-making, scalable solutions to livelihood shocks and positive coping mechanisms, increasing resilience in two coastal communities against poverty while protecting biodiversity in northern Mozambique

### Q10. Summary of project

#### Please provide a brief summary of your project, its aims, and the key activities you plan on undertaking. Please note that if you are successful, this wording may be used by Defra in communications e.g. as a short description of the project on GOV.UK.

The project aims to fill critical gaps in our understanding of the socioeconomic and environmental impacts of Covid-19 on coastal communities in northern Mozambique. The data will inform development of coping mechanisms for communities, increase resilience to shocks and support recommendations for scalable community-based solutions. We will focus on enhancing knowledge around key pillars including governance and co-management of marine resources, community behaviour and biological impact on fisheries, to inform the knowledge base and strategies for long term community resilience.

## Section 5 - Project Partners

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### Q11. Project partners

#### Please list all the partners involved (including the Lead Organisation) and provide a summary of their roles. Please upload letters, emails or other confirmation of support from any new partners.

**Lead Organisation name:** Zoological Society of London (ZSL)

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**Other partners involved:** Associação do Meio Ambiente- AMA, a local environmental NGO based in Cabo Delgado, has been the local implementing partner for our previous project, and has played a key role in the implementation of all elements of the project, notably successfully guiding the fundamental decision-making process with coastal communities.

Universidade Lúrio- UniLúrio has provided a key link with local students, assisted in coordination with local authorities and agencies and provided technical expertise on biological monitoring.

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**Summary of roles and responsibilities in project:**

ZSL, as lead organisation, will be responsible for overall project management, coordination, communication and reporting to the Darwin Initiative. The ZSL Our Sea Our Life (OSOL) team will lead the socio-economic data collection based on experiences of phases 1 and 2 of the OSOL project. ZSL will carry out the data analysis and develop the key findings and recommendations of the research.

AMA will lead the field activities and coordinate the logistics required for data collection, liaising with target communities and local authorities. AMA will be involved in all research elements, supporting research design, quantitative and qualitative data collection methods, data analysis and reporting.

UniLúrio will support biological data collection, and lead the monitoring of recovery of Catch Per Unit Effort (CPUE) of indicator species.

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**If you have not provided evidence of support from the Lead Organisation or partners above, please explain why:**

n/a

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**Please provide a combined PDF of letters of support from the lead organisation and partner(s) as relevant.**

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## Section 6 - Project Staff

### Q12. Project staff

**Please identify the core staff on this project, their role and what % of their time they will be working on the project. Further information on who should be classified as core staff can be found in the guidance. Please provide a 1 page CV for the proposed Project Leader and any co-Project Leader if relevant.**

Name (First name, surname)	Role	% time on project	1 page CV attached?
Jeremy Huet	<b>Project Leader</b>	60	Checked

Ana Pinto	Project Coordinator and Outreach Officer, ZSL	80	Unchecked
Rachide Cachimo	Sustainable Fisheries Officer, AMA	100	
Maida Lobo	Marine Biologist, AMA	100	

**Do you require more fields?**

Yes


Name (First name, surname)	Role	% time on project
Mario Daide	Socio-economic Officer, AMA	100
Saide Amade	Livelihoods Officer, AMA	100
Tomas Langa	Executive Coordinator, AMA	60
Isabel Silva	Marine Biologist, Director CICA, UniLurio	20
No Response	No Response	0
No Response	No Response	0
No Response	No Response	0
No Response	No Response	0

**Please provide 1 page CVs for the proposed Project Leader and any co-Project Leader listed above as a combined PDF.**

**Ensure the file is named clearly, consistent with the named individual and role above.**

 [CV Project Leader Jeremy Huet](#)

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## Section 7 - Problem, Method and Change Expected

### Q13. Problem the project is trying to address

**Please describe the problem your project is trying to address in terms of Covid-19 and its impact on biodiversity or IWT and sustainable livelihoods. For example, what are the drivers of loss of biodiversity that the project will attempt to address? Why are they relevant, for whom? How did you identify these problems? Please cite the evidence you are using to support your assessment of the**

**problem (references can be listed in an additional attached PDF document).**

We have been successfully delivering Our Sea Our Life (OSOL) in the area since 2013. Despite the Covid-19 crisis, our teams continue to work alongside vulnerable coastal communities and are becoming increasingly aware of the negative socio-economic impacts of Covid-19, eroding food and income security.

National restrictions imposed by the Mozambican Government in response to the global pandemic in March have presented huge challenges to the communities we work with in Pemba. These fragile communities are still recovering from recent major events such as cyclones Kenneth and Idai(1), increasingly frequent droughts and floods(2) and conflict(3,4,5,6), all severely affecting their resilience to economic and environmental shocks. In addition, our field teams have observed thousands of displaced people arriving in Pemba, fleeing violence in northern Cabo Delgado(7). This overcrowding will increase pressure on the region's natural resources and the risk of residents contracting Covid-19. This project seeks to understand the impacts of Covid-19 on household multi-dimensional poverty and marine biodiversity.

Nationally (and globally), there is acknowledgement that activities for small-scale fishers have faced disruptions due to restrictions of movement for people and goods (inability to get to markets or to fishing areas). In the OSOL context, it is not possible for small-scale subsistence fishers (especially women) to stop their activities, given that they live from day to day (women fish vendors for example, rely on the sale of daily catches for their income). We will therefore also review coping strategies for these groups. Furthermore, we understand there's increased pressure on marine resources (and co-management efforts) both as a livelihood and for food security, which are an important focus for this project.

Our support is critical for communities; this project will enable it to be underpinned by a thorough understanding of the impacts that can guide programmes and adapt future processes and policy.

## **Q14. Methodology**

**Describe the methods and approach you will use to achieve your intended Outcome. Provide information on:**

- How you have analysed historical and existing initiatives and are building on or taking work already done into account in project design. Please cite evidence where appropriate.
- The rationale for carrying out this work and a justification of your proposed methodology.
- If relevant, how this project links to an ongoing Darwin/IWT project.
- How you will undertake the work (materials and methods).
- How you will manage the work (roles and responsibilities, project management tools etc.).

**Projects should also consider how best they can address inequality, especially gender inequality, as per the existing guidance for each fund.**

**Please make sure you read the Guidance Notes, particularly Section 3, before answering this question.**

The project will build on data already collected by the Our Sea Our Life (OSOL) project, and attempt to understand the impact of external shocks such as Covid-19 on project beneficiaries' livelihood security and well-being, its impact on environmental sustainability outcomes for marine biodiversity, and implications for co-management efforts based on the Locally Managed Marine Area (LMMA) approach. Ultimately, it will suggest a response plan for current and emerging challenges as a result of the pandemic. It will use tried

and tested methods which inform existing project M&E and use Covid-19 safe techniques and virtual platforms where necessary. Each of the research elements 1) Livelihoods and well-being; 2) Biological impact (marine biodiversity, marine habitats and fisheries resources) and 3) Governance and co-management, have measurable indicators from data collected pre-Covid that provide useful references for making comparisons with the current situation.

The research is guided by a livelihoods framework(8) to answer the following questions:

- How has Covid-19 impacted livelihood security and well-being?
- What strategies have communities used to cope with the impacts?
- How has Covid-19 impacted fisheries resources?
- What are the implications of Covid-19 for co-management efforts?

The research will employ a mixed methods approach to collect data on the socio-economic and biological (fisheries) impacts of Covid-19. Impacts on livelihoods and well-being and coping strategies will be investigated using participatory methodologies adapted from the OSOL socio-economic baseline survey research package and the SurveyCTO protocol. SurveyCTO is already used in other ZSL programmes to collect data on socio-economic indicators, human-wildlife conflict and more recently to investigate the impact Covid-19 has had on communities in Kenya (Darwin 26-006). Utilising SurveyCTO would align data collection for this project with wider ZSL M&E methods and contribute towards a society-wide effort to measure impact of Covid-19 across our programmes. To perform surveys and collect data using SurveyCTO, the project team will download the free app "Collect". Surveys are built using the online SurveyCTO platform; we can both use existing surveys from other countries and create our own.

These methods will be able to differentiate impacts and coping strategies between different groups in the community. Biological impacts will be assessed using both existing and new Catch Per Unit Effort (CPUE) data, and data on key ecological indicators collected using community-based biological monitoring methods. The impacts of Covid-19 on co-management and market access and marine commodity pricing will be identified using key informant interviews and focus groups with Community Fishing Councils (CCPs) and resource users, and government and NGO staff involved in the management of fisheries.

A final workshop bringing together local and international experts from partner organisations will be held online to synthesize findings from the different research elements and help identify recommendations to inform the development of gender-equitable mechanisms for increased livelihood resilience and well-being and improved fisheries co-management for long-term economic and ecological benefits.

## Q15. Change expected

**Detail the expected changes this work will deliver. You should identify what will change and who will benefit a) in the short-term (i.e. during the life of the project) and b) in the long-term (after the project has ended). Please describe the changes for biodiversity/environment and for people in developing countries, and how they are linked. If you are proposing building on a current or past project, be clear how additional benefits will be delivered through this project.**

**When talking about people, please remember to give details of who will benefit and the number of beneficiaries expected. The number of communities is insufficient detail – number of households should be the largest unit used. If possible, indicate the number of women who will be impacted.**

In the short term, the project will demonstrate value for money and contribute valuable knowledge towards the following two OSOL areas (Bandar and Mecufi):







- Impacts on livelihood security, well-being, fisheries resources and co-management efforts.
- Coping strategies used by these communities to overcome challenges relating to Covid-19, including insights into increased migration of communities to the Pemba area due to conflict in the North of Cabo Delgado, and the impacts of these shocks on marine biodiversity and sustainable livelihoods.
- Areas for greater support, policy change and scalable solutions which can be applied in the short-term to assist current beneficiaries of the OSOL project.
- Bandar and Mecufi communities will directly benefit from implementation of response plans and mechanisms to increase resilience. Each focal area has approximately 2,100 households (HH), totalling an expected 4,200 final beneficiary HHs (including approximately 5,250 women). Within these communities, women will be a target group for the project, and will benefit from the development of gender equitable mechanisms for co-management of marine resources and access to alternative income opportunities, improving food security and well-being.





In the long term, the project's findings will work to ensure that coastal communities are able to demonstrate resilience towards current and emerging challenges as a result of socio-economic shocks such as the Covid-19 pandemic, as well as climate-change related impacts, through the adoption of strategies under new projects or by other organisations (for Covid-19 and other large-scale future shocks such as cyclones), supported by a scalable and equitable LMMA model.

**If necessary, please provide supporting documentation e.g. maps, diagrams, references etc., as a PDF using the File Upload below:**





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## Section 8 - Aims, Objectives and Exit Strategy

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### Q16. Aims and objectives

**Clearly outline the aim and objectives of the project and how the achievement will be measured. Use SMART objectives if possible.**

The project aims to measure the impact of Covid-19 and conflict-affected migration on the livelihoods and well-being of communities in Bandar and Mecufi, and the state of fisheries resources and marine biodiversity within associated LMMAs.

The project will:

1. Research strand: livelihood and well-being:

- Determine trends and changes to communities' livelihoods through a comparison of existing data covering before and during Covid-19 (and especially in the context of people moving to Pemba area from

north of Cabo Delgado due to conflict), taking into account the changes to market access and marine commodity value through market fish demand and price tracking.

- Gain an understanding of how Village Savings & Loans Associations' (VSLAs) savings and investment patterns have changed through assessments of 10 existing groups and analysis of risk appetites in VSLA memberships.
- Examine gender-specific impacts on livelihoods, especially in relation to bivalve aquaculture and illegal mosquito net fishing.

2. Research strand: Biological impact (marine biodiversity, marine habitats and fisheries resources)

- Identify changes in fish stocks through existing CPUE data before and during Covid-19, as well as changes to marine habitats and biodiversity through indicator species comparison using community-based underwater surveys.

3. Research strand: Governance and co-management

- Determine if inclusive governance of LMMAs has been impacted through interviews, focus group discussions and workshops.
- Measure impacts on enforcement of LMMAs through mapping of marker buoy deployment and patrol data reviews.
- Identify changes in community compliance with LMMA rules through attitudinal surveys.

These strands will determine the current coping strategies of communities to the challenges presented by the pandemic, as well as devising scalable recommendations for improved policy and project level implementation to respond to the immediate impact of Covid-19 and future shocks.

## Q17. Exit strategy

**State how the project will reach a stable and sustainable end point, and explain how the outcomes will be sustained, either through a continuation of activities, funding and support from other sources or because the activities will be mainstreamed in to "business as usual".**

The OSOL project is already working to improve mechanisms for participation and empowerment (women/vulnerable groups), expand local economies (VSLAs) and enhance food security, to create enabling conditions to protect marine biodiversity and decrease multi-dimensional poverty. By addressing the impacts of shocks to the existing mechanisms put in place under OSOL (Darwin 25-024), the project will introduce responsive and sustainable solutions that are self-supported and therefore in line with the existing OSOL exit strategy. The project works primarily through Mozambican partners (delivery and research), supporting local management and monitoring once the funding period has ended. This project will also provide key information and recommendations for stakeholders, policy makers and donors to mitigate against further possible shocks, underpinned by Darwin Ref.25-024:

- Creating enabling conditions to promote market access for bivalves, fish and produce from climate-resilient livelihood activities.
- Establishing self-sustaining and self-replicating VSLAs, which typically require one year of support
- Introducing Environmental Funds into the VSLAs as a mechanism for long-term community investment in protecting natural resources.
- Establishing a governance framework using local ordinances.
- Training CCPs and VSLAs members in basic financial management
- Improved capacity of local NGO, University, government and communities in coastal zone management for socio-economically and climate resilient marine ecosystems.

## Section 9 - Budget

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### Q18. Budget

**Provide a detailed breakdown of costs to be funded by the Darwin Initiative/Darwin Plus/IWT Challenge Fund in GBP.**

See Finance for Darwin/IWT for which costs sit under which budget line.

Budget Line	Cost in £ (GBP)
<b>Staff costs</b>	██████
<b>Consultancy costs</b>	██████
<b>Overhead costs</b>	██████
<b>Travel and subsistence</b>	██████
<b>Operating costs</b>	██████
<b>Capital equipment*</b>	0
<b>Other costs</b>	0
<b>Total (Must be less than or equal to £60,000)</b>	54,171.00

**\*If you are proposing to purchase any capital items over £1,000 please detail these here and provide justification below** *No Response*

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### Q19. Financial Risk Management

**This question considers the financial risks to the project. Explain how you have considered the risks and threats that may be relevant to the successful financial delivery of this project. This includes risks such as fraud or bribery, but may also include the risk of fluctuating foreign exchange and internal financial processes such as storage of financial data.**

All funds will be transferred to and between partners through a traceable banking system. All partners will continue to receive financial management training & support. ZSL follows strict segregation of duties policies; regular bank and cash reconciliations are prepared, reviewed and approved; ZSL makes use of unique codes for all grants enabling the organisation to monitor income and expenditure at a grant level, improving grant management and reducing financial risks.

Our financial policies and procedures are subject to regular review and updating, ensuring they remain appropriate for the projects we implement, as well as internal and external compliance requirements. In

addition, ZSL undertakes due diligence on prospective partners to ensure their finance policies and procedures are compliant with donor requirements. ZSL Anti- Fraud & Bribery policies are shared with all staff. These policies are also available for partners to implement or adapt if they do not have their own. Associated training is mandatory and accessible via ZSL online training system.

The main foreign currency to be used during the project is the Mozambique Metical, the short period of the project in combination with the trend over the past 6 months of weakening against the pound buffers associated FX risk.

## Q20. Capital items

**If you plan to purchase capital items with Darwin/IWT funding, please indicate what you anticipate will happen to the items following project end. If you are requesting more than 10% capital costs, please provide your justification here.**

n/a

## Q21. Value for Money

**Please describe why you consider your application to be good value for money including justification of why the measures you will adopt will secure value for money.**

The project team and partners have previously worked together on Our Sea Our Life/OSOL (since 2013), offering experience and practical knowledge that will enhance efficiencies, realistic costings and proven track records. The team includes a local implementation partner (AMA), highly experienced in travelling frequently to the area and with an extensive understanding of associated costs to deliver this project using a value for money approach.

Our scientific and socio-economic monitoring techniques and planning of activities are designed from previous experience in northern Mozambique, with long-term partners, ensuring efficiency in methods used and realistic costings (including consultancy activities).

The staff costs included in this project are key to achieving the project outcomes and will deliver outputs. Ongoing fieldwork is due to have finished by the commencement of this project and therefore will be specifically focused on the RRG deliverables. The ZSL staff on this project will lead the design and delivery of the field research and its analysis, in addition to partner management and ensuring that the deliverables are achieved within this timeframe. The use of staff who are currently (or recently) part of the Darwin delivery team as data collectors means that all field implementers are already highly familiar with the project, its outputs and the analysis needed. This should reduce potential for errors in collection and expedite analysis. As this project nests into an existing programme of work, ZSL has reduced institutional overheads from 15% to 7%.

## Section 10 - Ethics and Safeguarding

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### Q22. Ethics

**Outline your approach to meeting Darwin/IWT's key principles for ethics as outlined in the guidance note. Additionally, are there any human rights and/or international humanitarian law risks in**

**relation to your project? If there are, have you carried out an assessment of the impact of those risks, and of measures that may be taken in order to mitigate them?**

ZSL will ensure all legal and ethical obligations in the UK and Mozambique are met throughout the project, with strong participation from community beneficiaries and local leadership from AMA staff in all project activities, using ZSL's expertise in Gender Equity and Social Inclusion to ensure equitable access and benefit-sharing and mitigation against risks, particularly for women and marginalised groups. ZSL's Health and Safety, Dignity and Respect and Safeguarding policies will be adhered to at all times and data collected from subjects will remain anonymous, with FPIC obtained for all research activities including a detailed explanation of the planned research outcome.

## **Q23. Safeguarding**

**Projects funded through the Darwin Initiative/IWT Challenge Fund must fully protect vulnerable people all of the time, wherever they work. In order to provide assurance of this, projects are required to have appropriate safeguarding policies in place. The award Terms and Conditions set out clear requirements on safeguarding. Please confirm you have read and understand these and that you comply with them all.**

Checked

## **Section 11 - Key Milestones**

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### **Q24. Provide an overview of your proposed project, outlining key milestones.**

**N.B. This should cover the period of your requested project only and the start/end dates should match with those provided in Question 7.**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Key Milestone</b>
01 January 2021	START
31 January 2021	Methodologies for data collection ready for implementation for determining all research elements as detailed in below milestones (output: data collection strategies and sheets available).
31 January 2021	Data collection strategy prepared for 'Changes to community livelihoods (coping strategies especially in the context of migrations, savings and loans patterns, market access, commodity price)'
31 January 2021	Data collection strategy prepared for measuring 'Gender-specific impacts especially in relation to bivalve aquaculture and illegal mosquito net fishing'

31 January 2021	Data collection strategy prepared for measuring 'Changes in marine biodiversity, biomass and fishing resources availability due to emerging pressures (Covid-19, in-country migrations)'
31 January 2021	Data collection strategy prepared for measuring 'Changes in co-management processes (participation of stakeholders, inclusivity, enforcement) and behaviours (compliance to LMMA co-management measures)'
15 February 2021	Data collected (output: database available by 25th February)
10 March 2021	Workshop with national and international experts to synthesize findings and make recommendations on the below milestones: (output: final report available on 31st March)
10 March 2021	Findings and recommendations on 'Community livelihoods and wellbeing through the identification of livelihood related interventions and sustainable market access strategies'
10 March 2021	Findings and recommendations on 'Marine ecosystems (biodiversity, habitats and fishing resources) through the identification of adapted management strategies'
10 March 2021	Findings and recommendations on 'LMMA operations and maintaining levels of compliance of community members (engagement of stakeholders, efficient enforcement, inclusive approach to co-management measures)'
31 March 2021	Evidence presented at workshop collated together in preparation for final report
31 March 2021	FINISH

## Section 12 - Certification

### Q25. FCDO notifications

**Please check the box if you think that there are sensitivities that the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office will need to be aware of should they want to publicise the project's success in the Darwin/IWT competition in the host country.**

Unchecked

**Please indicate whether you have contacted your Foreign Ministry or the local embassy or High Commission (or equivalent) directly to discuss security issues (see Guidance Notes) and attach details of any advice you have received from them.**

Yes (no written advice)

## Q26. Certification

### On behalf of the

trustees

### of

Zoological Society of London

### I apply for a grant of





£54,171.00

**I certify that, to the best of our knowledge and belief, the statements made by us in this application are true and the information provided is correct. I am aware that this application form will form the basis of the project schedule should this application be successful.**

**(This form should be signed by an individual authorised by the applicant institution to submit applications and sign contracts on their behalf.)**

- I have enclosed a CV for the Project Leader/co-PL and letters or confirmation of support (uploaded at appropriate points in application)

Checked

<b>Name</b>	Andrew Terry
<b>Position in the organisation</b>	Director of Conservation and Policy
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## Section 13 - Submission Checklist

### Checklist for submission

**Check**

**I have read the Guidance, including the "Guidance Notes for Applicants" and "Finance for Darwin and IWT Challenge Fund".** Checked

<b>I have read, and can meet, the current Terms and Conditions for the relevant fund.</b>	Checked
<b>I have provided actual start and end dates for my project.</b>	Checked
<b>I have provided my budget in GBP.</b>	Checked
<b>The application has been signed by a suitably authorised individual (clear electronic or scanned signatures are acceptable).</b>	Checked
<b>(If copying and pasting into Flexi-Grant) I have checked that all my responses have been successfully copied into the online application form.</b>	Checked
<b>I have included a 1 page CV for the Project Leader (and co-Project Leader if relevant).</b>	Checked
<b>I have included a letter or electronic confirmation of support from the lead organisation and main partner organisation(s) identified at Question 11, or an explanation of why not.</b>	Checked
<b>I have checked the website on GOV.UK immediately prior to submission to ensure there are no late updates.</b>	Checked
<b>I have read and understood the Privacy Notice on GOV.UK.</b>	Checked

## Data protection and use of personal data

Information supplied in this application form, including personal data, will be used by Defra as set out in the latest copy of the Privacy Notice for Darwin, Darwin Plus and the Illegal Wildlife Trade Challenge Fund available [here](#). This Privacy Notice must be provided to all individuals whose personal data is supplied in the application form. Some information may be used when publicising the Darwin Initiative including project details (usually title, lead organisation, location, and total grant value) on the GOV.UK and other websites.

Information relating to the project or its results may also be released on request, including under the 2004 Environmental Information Regulations and the Freedom of Information Act 2000. However, Defra will not permit any unwarranted breach of confidentiality nor will we act in contravention of our obligations under the General Data Protection Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2016/679).