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Organisation: **Wild Planet Trust**
Funding Sought: **£9,232.00**
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DARPP211 Omo Forest Elephant Project

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Section 2 - Title & Location

Q3. Working title of the proposed Darwin project

DARPP211 Omo Forest Elephant Project

Q4a. Host country (of proposed Partnership Project trip)

Nigeria

Q4b. If this is not the intended host country for the proposed Darwin project, please justify here

N/A

Q4c. Other collaborating country/ies

N/A

Q5. Is this a resubmission of a previous scoping/Partnership application?

No

Section 3 - Partnership Project Principals & Lead Organisation Summary

Q6. Principals in Partnership Project work i.e. the travellers


Please give the details of the individuals (up to 2) who would be directly involved in the Partnership Project work – i.e. making a visit to a host country. One page CVs must be uploaded below.

Details	Main traveller (Project Leader)	Second traveller
Surname	Bowkett	Nash
Forename(s)	Andrew	Steve
Post held	FCR Programmes Manager	Education Manager
Organisation	Wild Planet Trust	Wild Planet Trust
Email	[REDACTED]@org.uk	
Country travelling from	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Have you included an one page CV?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No


Please explain why a CV has not been provided.

No Response

Please upload one page CVs for all Principals involved in Partnership Project work as a combined PDF.


 [Tunde 1 page CV](#)

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 [Bowkett cv 2019](#)

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Q7a. About the lead applicant organisation

Briefly discuss your expertise in sustainable use or conservation of biodiversity and/or development. Please refer to recent track record you have in this field. You may be asked to provide evidence of this track record.

Wild Planet Trust is a scientific, conservation and education charity. It has one of the largest and most productive zoo-based research departments in the UK and works to conserve threatened species and habitats in the UK and internationally. We work with locally-based partners in Africa, Indonesia and Vietnam and our track record in conservation of biodiversity includes:

Completing the first range-wide survey of critically endangered Sulawesi crested black macaques, establishing forest conservation forums around protected areas and delivering the sustainable livelihood components of a large UNDP project in Indonesia.

Establishing regular camera traps surveys and patrols in the Uzungwa Scarp (a unique nature reserve in

Tanzania) to reduce illegal activities severely impacting on some of the world's most threatened, endemic species such as the critically endangered Wendy's forest toad.

Establishing the Dambari Wildlife Trust in Zimbabwe carrying out holistic conservation work across the Matobo Hills, including safeguarding critical rhino populations.

Establishing new populations of curlew (praised internationally as the first successful passerine reintroduction project of its kind in Europe), strapwort (a critically endangered plant only found at one of our nature reserves) and hazel dormice (rare and protected under UK law) in England.

Q7b. Have you obtained a letter of support from the lead applicant organisation?

(If yes, please upload with the partner letters of support on the next page)

No

Please explain why

Our Director fully supports our application but is currently unavailable. We will forward a signed copy of the letter of support via email by next week.

Section 4 - Project Partners

Q8. About the partner organisation(s)

Please list all the partners involved and explain their roles and responsibilities in the Partnership Project work. Briefly discuss your partner's expertise in sustainable use or conservation of biodiversity and/or development. Please refer to recent track record they have in this field. You may be asked to provide evidence of this track record. If there is more than 1 partner organisation, you can enter the details of more partners below. Please specify which of the partners is new to the partnership.

Partner name:	Africa Nature Investors (ANI)
Website address:	www.africanatureinvestors.org
Details of anticipated roles and responsibilities:	ANI are shortly to begin contract negotiations for an ecotourism-conservation concession between the state and project partners. They will establish tourism facilities in Omo FR to support management and community development costs of the sanctuary in the long term, facilitated by NCF and ourselves.
Expertise in sustainable use or conservation of biodiversity and/or development:	ANI are a Nigerian NGO specialising in ecotourism, involving African professionals in conservation and promoting long-term investment in protected areas. They raise funding from African businesses and place African leaders in the heart of ecotourism development and conservation. ANI are developing flagship projects in West Africa, support anti-poaching methods in protected areas and enhance local livelihoods around areas of high biodiversity.
Name of main contact and post held:	Tunde Morakinyo, Executive Director

Letter of support submitted? Yes

Do you have more than one partner involved in the Partnership Project work?

Yes

2. Partner Name: Nigerian Conservation Foundation (NCF)

Website address: <https://ncfnigeria.org/>

Letter of Support: NCF run the conservation and education project team on the ground in Omo FR. Their rangers carry out law enforcement patrols stopping illegal activities harming wildlife and habitats. The education team visits local schools and engages with communities regarding environmental conservation. They liaise with the State Government regarding the project.

Expertise in sustainable use or conservation of biodiversity and/or development: NCF is the WWF and Birdlife International affiliate organization in Nigeria and played a key role in the establishment of many of the protected areas in the country. Their other notable partnerships include RSPB, Wetlands International and Fauna and Flora International.

NCF specialise in solving environmental problems through local community development and run a number of projects protecting biodiversity. Their work has impacted on government policies.

In 2007 they released a research report showing the presence of forest elephants and chimpanzees in Omo FR and recommending the establishment of a protected area in which all logging, hunting, farming and human settlement should be stopped.

We have worked in partnership with NCF since 2006.

Name of main contact point and post held: Joseph Onoja, Director - Technical Programmes

Have you included a letter of support from this organisation? Yes

3. Partner Name: *No Response*

Website address: *No Response*

Details of anticipated roles and responsibilities: *No Response*

Expertise in sustainable use or conservation of biodiversity and/or development: *No Response*

Name of main contact point and post held: *No Response*

Have you included a letter of support from this organisation? Yes
 No

4. Partner Name: *No Response*

Website address: *No Response*

Letter of Support: *No Response*

Expertise in sustainable use or conservation of biodiversity and/or development: *No Response*

Name of main contact point and post held: *No Response*

Have you included a letter of support from this organisation? Yes
 No

5. Partner Name: *No Response*

Website address: *No Response*

Letter of Support: *No Response*

Expertise in sustainable use or conservation of biodiversity and/or development: *No Response*

Name of main contact point and post held: *No Response*

Have you included a letter of support from this organisation? Yes
 No

6. Partner Name: *No Response*

Website address: *No Response*

Details of anticipated roles and responsibilities: *No Response*

Expertise in sustainable use or conservation of biodiversity and/or development: *No Response*

Name of main contact point and post held: *No Response*

Have you included a letter of support from this organisation? Yes
 No

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

 [NCF Letter of Support](#)

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 [ANI Darwin completed letter of support](#)

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Q9. Can you confirm that at least one of the partners have not previously been in receipt of Darwin funds from the same lead partner?

Yes

Section 5 - Justification & Concept Notes

Q10. Justification of need for a Partnership Project

Please provide written details of why alternative funding is not available from within your own organisation or from other sources. Will matched funding be provided?

The past couple of years have been particularly challenging for our charity. In 2017 it emerged that bovine TB was present at Paignton Zoo resulting in a number of animals sadly being put down. The TB crisis has had a huge financial impact as we have to carry out costly tests on susceptible animals, vaccinate the wild badger population that live within our grounds, and implement a  project to badger-proof all enclosures. Earlier this year we confirmed we were TB free, however this has understandably delayed funds for our other projects and impacted on our ability to embark on this new partnership and, hopefully, resultant Darwin Initiative project.

Despite this, we will provide matched funding for the partnership project in terms of paying WPT staff salaries during the partnership visit. Our charity will also cover any other costs incurred during the trip not detailed on the budget below.

Wild Planet Trust will also continue to fund the salaries of the NCF education team who deliver an

environmental education syllabus in Omo schools and get local communities involved in conservation activities. We anticipate securing smaller grants as matched funding for the resultant Darwin Initiative project. For example, our forest patrols are currently supported by the Elephant Crisis Fund and Leiter Family Foundation.

Q11. Concept note for the Partnership Project

This question concentrates on the Partnership Project work and should demonstrate the objectives of the project including:

- objectives of the visit
- what work (including research, remote communications or other collaborations) has been carried out prior to applying for this project
- what work will be carried out under the Partnership Project – please see the guidance for advice on what type of activity can be funded
- evidence of the proposed partners' intentions to collaborate in your Partnership Project work

Omo Forest Reserve (FR) is an area of high biodiversity importance and home to threatened species such as forest elephants and chimpanzees. It has been extensively logged without a management plan for decades. In recent years the biggest problems are uncontrolled farmland expansion and illegal hunting. The reserve is located near Lagos, Africa's largest illegal ivory retail market, making elephants here extremely vulnerable.

We have collaborated with NCF to support delivery of a conservation education programme in schools and communities and, more recently, carrying out law enforcement patrols protecting the forest. We have also been working with the State Government to set up a Wildlife Sanctuary, increasing the current legally protected area a hundred-fold.

We have been in remote contact with ANI who have proposed drafting contractual arrangements with Ogun State for joint management of the proposed Wildlife Sanctuary as an ecotourism-conservation concession. This will support management and community development costs of the sanctuary in the long-term with all income being reinvested in the project.

It is vital all project partners now meet to build relationships, work out practicalities, and carry out initial community consultations discussing potential sustainable livelihood options related to tourism and existing livelihoods. The purpose of the project is to build a strong foundation for community-based conservation ensuring the protection of the new Wildlife Sanctuary has long-term stability.

The visit will involve a partnership meeting in Lagos with WPT, NCF and ANI, followed by field visits to Omo FR. This will involve meetings with Omo community members, traditional community authorities, regional kings, government officials and representatives from community groups (farmers, women's groups, youth groups and hunters).

A stakeholder consultation and workshop with legal community representatives will take place. Objectives include building community relationships and understanding the conservation needs of Omo FR, setting up a representative committee for the formation of a Community Conservation Foundation (CCF), preliminary discussions concerning forest boundaries and measures to control encroachment, and generating ideas for potential sustainable livelihood projects with Omo residents.

We aim for the CCF to be comprised of community members (including representatives from specific groups such as women's or youth groups) with the endorsement of traditional authorities (i.e. heads of communities/regions). The CCF will help us understand Omo communities and social structures, build relationships with heads of villages and other key community members, practically engage communities

with the overall conservation of Omo FR and help communities develop alternative, sustainable livelihoods.

Half of the patrol team are already nominated directly by Omo communities as Community Scouts. The CCF will open up further lines of communication between the law enforcement team and communities.

The intention is for communities to develop their own livelihood projects through the CCF, but potential opportunities include tour guiding, souvenir crafts, and agroforestry products such as honey. Omo FR is located close to large potential markets in Lagos and other cities.

A potential outcome of this process is the identification of a suitable Nigerian development NGO to collaborate on the development and support of a CCF.

Q12. Concept note for the resultant project

This question concentrates on the full Darwin application you intend to submit after the Partnership Project and should discuss:

- the expected Outcome and Outputs of the resultant Darwin project
- how the resultant Darwin project would meet a need in the host country (and the wider region if applicable e.g. if the proposed project would be based in a UMIC)
- how the project would contribute to any or all of the Conventions and Treaties supported by Darwin, including the SDGs
- how the project will contribute to sustainable development in the country concerned
- briefly explain the proposed partner role(s) in the resultant Darwin project
- briefly the expected role of the Partnership Project travellers in the resultant Darwin project.

The resultant Darwin project will enable community participation in the management and protection of a biodiverse Wildlife Sanctuary, approximately 55,000 hectares, contributing to sustainable development in Nigeria. This will encompass:

Regular patrols by protection staff, half of whom are nominated directly from local communities, trained in Spatial Monitoring and Reporting Tool (SMART) and elephant monitoring.

Development of ecotourism and linked sustainable livelihoods benefiting the ecosystem and local communities. Our new partnership with ANI will be key in this process and establishing a CCF would develop options for sustainable livelihoods linked to ecotourism, existing livelihoods and other opportunities identified through the CCF. The CCF will provide a voice to Omo communities and the ability to develop their own sustainable livelihood projects alongside ANI and the wider conservation project/partners.

If we are unable to identify a suitable Nigerian development NGO support the CCF, a possibility is identifying a UK based organisation with extensive experience of establishing community-based foundations and sustainable livelihood programmes.

The resultant project will contribute to sustainable development in Nigeria, addressing several Conventions and Treaties, including:

SDG Goal 13: Climate Action

How: Protecting 55,000-hectare biodiverse watershed forest in a region at high risk of deforestation and increasing agricultural water shortage due to changing rainfall patterns.

SDG Goal 15: Life on Land

Protected area management of Omo FR and collaborative management of forest resources with local

communities, including alternative livelihoods, will ensure sustainability. Species monitoring, particularly forest elephants, will give us an accurate picture of populations and movements indicating the project's contributions to preventing extinctions of threatened species.

SDG Goal 17: Partnerships for the Goals

The project will be a successful collaboration between government officials, civil society, local communities and the private sector via ANI with a shared vision and goal to protect Omo FR and contributing to sustainable development.

CBD Convention

The project will ensure the protection of elephants, wildlife, habitats and also provide education and support on sustainable livelihoods, allowing wildlife and humanity to co-exist.

CITES

Project will result in reduction of exploitation of many traded species, including white-bellied pangolins and African grey parrots.

Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals

Omo FR is recognized by BirdLife as Important Bird Area due to its global importance for the conservation of birds including migratory species.

Our partner's roles include:

NCF – Project management and responsible for ground team running the patrols and conservation education in local schools and communities.

ANI – Managing and developing eco-tourism in the Wildlife Sanctuary alongside Ogun State Government. ANI will be facilitated by NCF and WPT and collaborate closely with local communities via the CCF. They will also raise funding and support from African businesses, involving them in conservation efforts and promoting long-term investment in Omo FR.

WPT - Oversee overall management of the full project, provide conservation and research expertise, financially support the environmental education programme and NCF education team, and raise further funding as necessary. The travellers have direct experience of establishing CCF's and patrols on other WPT projects.

Section 6 - Costs

Q13. Costs

Provide a detailed breakdown of costs to be funded by the Darwin Initiative in GBP.

	Main traveller	Second traveller	Total
Airfare including travel to airport	£ [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Visas and other travel documents	£ [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

Daily subsistence rate per day	£ [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Number of days subsistence claimed (max 30 days per traveller)	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Total daily subsistence claimed (calculated from figures above)	£ [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Workshop costs (please provide details below)			£ [REDACTED]
Other costs (please provide details below)			£ [REDACTED]
		Total request from Darwin (must not exceed £10,000)	£ 9,232.00

Workshop costs

Please provide further details on your workshops costs (N/A if not relevant).

- £ [REDACTED] - Stakeholder consultation: venue hire, catering, royalty/traditional meeting allowance, materials.
- £ [REDACTED] - Community workshop: travel allowance, catering, workshop materials.
- £ [REDACTED] - Accommodation, travel and subsistence for partners

Other costs

Please provide further details on your other costs (N/A if not relevant).

- Logistics for preparation and communication

Section 7 - Timetable & Activities

Q14. Provide anticipated dates of travel (start and finish) and activities to be undertaken on your trip.

N.B.: this question is specifically about your travel plans - your dates and specific milestones during travel - NOT your timetable to Stage 1 application. Your application will be considered ineligible if this section does not specifically cover your planned Partnership Project trip.

Date	Milestone
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04 April 2020	START
05 April 2020	Travel and arrival of partners in Lagos
06 April 2020	Meeting with Partners (6 representatives) in Lagos
07 April 2020	WPT and partners travel to Ministry of Forestry Abeokuta
08 April 2020	Preliminary meeting with Ministry of Forestry
09 April 2020	Stakeholder consultation with community members, traditional authorities, regional kings, government officials. Objectives: discussion on forest boundaries and measures to control forest encroachment at community level.
10 April 2020	Partners travel to Project Office in Omo FR to meet with project staff
11 April 2020	Two-day workshop with community representatives. Objective of both workshop and stakeholder consultation includes setting up a committee for formation of a CCF
13 April 2020	Partners visiting Erin Camp in Omo FR
14 April 2020	Partners travel back to Lagos and depart.
<i>No Response</i>	<i>No Response</i>
<i>No Response</i>	<i>No Response</i>
15 April 2020	FINISH

Q15. In what year would you expect to submit the full Darwin project application?

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Section 8 - Certification

Q16. Certification

On behalf of the

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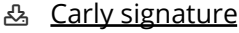



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I certify that, to the best of our knowledge and belief, the statements made by us in this application are true and the information provided is correct. I am aware that this application form will form the basis of the Partnership Project schedule should 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 uploaded CVs for project principals
- I have uploaded letters of support from the lead application organisation and the partner(s)

Checked

Name	Carly Hobson
Position in the organisation	Grants Officer
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Section 9 - Submission Checklist

Checklist for submission

	Check
I have read the Guidance Notes for Main projects as well as the Guidance for Partnership Projects and am satisfied that this concept would be eligible for a main project application.	Checked
I have read, and can meet, the current Terms and Conditions for this fund.	Checked
I have provided anticipated start and end dates for my Partnership Project trip.	Checked
I have checked that my budget is complete and correctly adds up.	Checked
My application has been signed by a suitably authorised individual (clear electronic or scanned signatures are acceptable).	Checked
I have included one page CVs and letters of support as required.	Checked
I have checked the Darwin website immediately prior to submission to ensure there are no late updates.	Checked
I have read and understood the Privacy Notice on GOV.UK.	Checked

We would like to keep in touch! Please check this box if you would be happy for the lead applicant (Flexi-Grant Account Holder) and main traveller/project leader (if different) to be added to our mailing list. Through our mailing list we share updates on upcoming and current application rounds

under the Darwin Initiative and our sister grant scheme, the IWT Challenge Fund. We also provide occasional updates on other UK Government activities related to biodiversity conservation and share our quarterly project newsletter. You are free to unsubscribe at any time.

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