



Department
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Defra's Official Development Assistance (ODA) Team



Forestry Commission
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Thank you for coming

Will cover:

- Who we are
- What we are responsible for in Defra
- IWT CF and UK objectives: international environmental commitments and wider development objectives
- Defra Ministers

Who?

- Fiona Charlesworth and Claire Millar – head of ODA team (job share)
- Siriol Leach
- Shaluki Perera
- Work very closely with LTS International, who remain first point of call for most queries.

What?

- SR15 distributed ODA budget more widely across Government Departments.
- Reflected range of expertise needed to deliver the objectives of the UK Aid Strategy
- We oversee the ODA budget in Defra.
- Defra's ODA budget includes the International Climate Fund, the Montreal Protocol, the Illegal Wildlife Trade (IWT) Challenge Fund and the Darwin Initiative
- Working with LTS International, we manage the implementation of Darwin, Darwin+ and IWT Challenge Fund, which are all funded from ODA

IWT commitments and International IWT Conference

This Round is particularly important, as part of the drum-beat to the London 2018 IWT Conference.

4 Strategic Pillars to tackle the illegal trade form the basis of the conference series, and the objectives of the Challenge Fund:

- eradicating the market for illegal wildlife products
- ensuring effective legal frameworks and deterrents
- strengthening law enforcement
- supporting sustainable livelihoods and economic development

IWT Conference Oct 2018 London

Conference will stimulate action in all four areas, but also currently exploring the following more specific issues in the context of the Conference:

- Celebrate and learn from each others' successes in the fight against illegal wildlife trade, and share, expand or replicate innovative approaches.
- Build recognition of the illegal wildlife trade as a serious organised transnational crime and improve our mutual understanding of linkages to wider security challenges. In particular, we could use the opportunity of bringing source, transit and demand countries together to address illicit financial flows linked to wildlife crime and pursue practical cooperation to strengthen cross-border law enforcement.
- Engage the private sector, academia and civil society to harness innovation and maximise support for countries at the front line.

UK Aid Strategy

- **Strengthening global peace, security and governance:** tackle the **causes of instability, insecurity and conflict**, and to tackle crime and corruption.
- **Strengthening resilience and response to crises:** . . more support for ongoing crises including that in Syria and other countries in the Middle East and North Africa region, more science and technology spend on global public health risks such as antimicrobial resistance, and **support for efforts to mitigate and adapt to climate change.**
- **Promoting global prosperity:** . . . promote **economic development and prosperity** in the developing world.
- **Tackling extreme poverty and helping the world's most vulnerable:** the government will strive to eliminate extreme poverty by 2030, and support the world's poorest people to ensure that **every person has access to basic needs**, including prioritising the rights of girls and women.

“Economic development and welfare of developing countries”

‘Poverty’ - not just a lack of money. Encompasses a range of diverse issues that are often country and context specific including for example:

- health
- education
- gender and social equality

Many different contributions to poverty alleviation

- direct e.g. through activities that help secure increased income for local communities, and therefore reduce the need to generate income through poaching
- • indirect e.g. through safeguarding traditional rights, cultural values and increasing the voice of marginalised communities, while seeking to increase equality within communities, or improved security through capacity building of local enforcement agencies
- through practice orientated research e.g. through activities that expand the knowledge base on IWT and poverty

Defra Ministers

Clear that environmental standards to stay the same, or better
Want UK to continue to be a world leader on the environment

Thérèse Coffey - Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for the Environment and Rural Life Opportunities – is the lead Minister

Michael Gove, Secretary of State, 21 July 2017 the Unfrozen Moment

“..... And the UK has been a global leader on efforts to promote biodiversity and tackle the illegal wildlife trade.... A series of international conferences have pushed the threats from poaching and illegal trade in endangered species up the global political agenda..... I am also pleased to announce today that the 24th round of the Darwin Initiative, the 6th round of Darwin Plus, and the 4th round of the Illegal Wildlife Trade Challenge Fund will all open for applications next week.”