



QUARTERLY STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT #1  
(July to September 2014, 2014:Q2)

**Marine Spatial Planning for the Falkland Islands**

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The purpose of this report is to describe the activities conducted during the last quarter as part of the Darwin Plus-funded Marine Spatial Planning (MSP) project, the state of activities against the expected outputs in the workplan and an update on the project budget with spent and expected expenses. The quarterly steering committee reports are produced solely for the steering committee to assess progresses. A public progress reports that present the general progress and examples of the work and challenges are also written for all stakeholders and interested parties. These public reports will be made available on the SAERI website.

1. Summary of activities in the first quarter (2014 Q2, July-September 2014)

- Project officer appointed and project initiated in July 2014
- Established steering committee and first meeting
- Introductory meetings with key stakeholders and project partners in the Falkland Islands and overseas
- MSP review initiated, manuscript in progress
- Initiated data gathering and analyses, with metadata catalogue
- Identified some data gaps and potential small projects
- Preliminary considerations for MSP process for the Falkland Islands
- Identified stakeholders and science partners
- Planned first public session and workshop
- Public presentation in Stanley

2. Progress against workplan

The Darwin Plus committee agreed to a change in the timeline of the MSP project. The start date of the project was changed from April 2014 to July 2014. Workplan and budget were adjusted to this change, so that the first quarter of the project is 2014:Q2 (July to September 2014).

No issues have arisen in the last quarter. However, obtaining spatial data from various sources takes a lot of time and is entirely dependent on the data owners and curators' availability. Consequently, there may be delays in accessing some of the data for the MSP project. Overall, this should not affect project progress as other parts can be worked on until all data are obtained.



The workplan for the life of the project is shown in the table below with the detailed expected outputs. The outputs relevant to the period 2014:Q2 are highlighted in yellow.

Activity	No of Months	2014				2015				2016			
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
<b>Output 1 Increased data availability. Data review, identification, collation, storage and curation.</b>													
1.1 Project Officer Recruitment	1												
1.2 Review of extant data relevant to MSP in the Falkland Islands	3												
1.3 Creation of metadata catalogue	3												
1.4 Collation, assimilation and creation of project specific geospatial databases	5												
<b>Output 2 Best Practise Review</b>													
2.1 Review circulated to project partners and stakeholders for comment. Project report posted on Websites	2												
<b>Output 3 Stakeholder Workshop 1</b>													
3.1 Workshop report produced and circulated for comment; workshop report posted on website	0.5												
<b>Output 4 GIS Platform</b>													
4.1 Build to accommodate data identified in the metadata catalogue and Stakeholder Workshop	14												
4.2 Map examples of specific data that would directly contribute to aims i.e. coastlines, habitats, resource extraction (fisheries/minerals), tracking data, seabird, mammal data, and physical data etc.	14												
<b>Output 5 Data Analyses</b>													
5.1 Re-examination of satellite track and logging data from seabirds and mammals to gain new data on ecologically important areas coastally in open ocean	10												
5.2 Report developed for circulation – develop into a peer review paper	3												
<b>Output 6 Stakeholder Workshop 2</b>													
6.1 Workshop report produced and circulated for comment; workshop report posted on website	1												
<b>Output 7 Second main phase of data analyses</b>													
7.1 Map current and newly acquired data to provide a "bioregionalisation" of the Falkland Islands EEZ	6												
<b>Output 8 Stakeholder workshop 3</b>													
8.1 Workshop report produced and circulated for comment; workshop report posted on website	1												
<b>Output 9 Final Project Report and Policy Paper</b>													
Final project report to Darwin and FIG. A policy paper produced to FIG's Environment Committee, the Policy Department and Executive Council	3												

The expected outputs in 2014:Q2 were (see public report for more details on the work conducted):

Output #	Description	Timeframe	Status
1	Increased data availability. Data review, identification, collation, storage and curation	2014: Q2, Q3 and Q4	
1.1	Project officer recruitment	2014: Q2	Completed – Dr Amélie Augé started in July 2014.
1.2	Review of extant data relevant to MSP in the Falkland Islands	2014:Q2 and Q3	Started, on track
1.3	Creation of metadata catalogue	2014:Q2 and Q3	Started, on track
1.4	Collation, assimilation and creation of project specific geospatial databases	2014:Q2 and Q3	Started, on track



### 3. Budget update

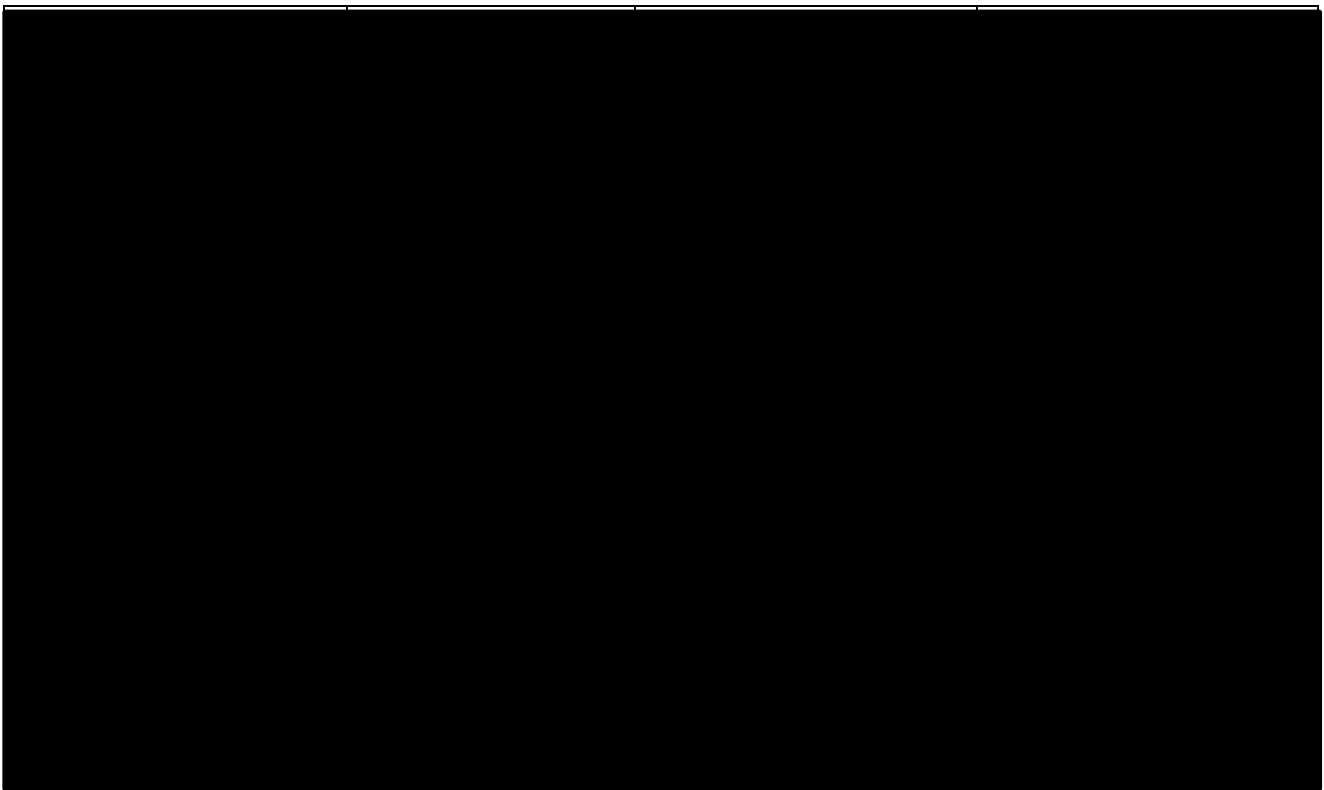
The Darwin budget to report against is:

Darwin year (April to March)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	Total
Funds	46,504	90,825	14,243	151,572

The breakdown of expenses according to the Darwin categories is set as:

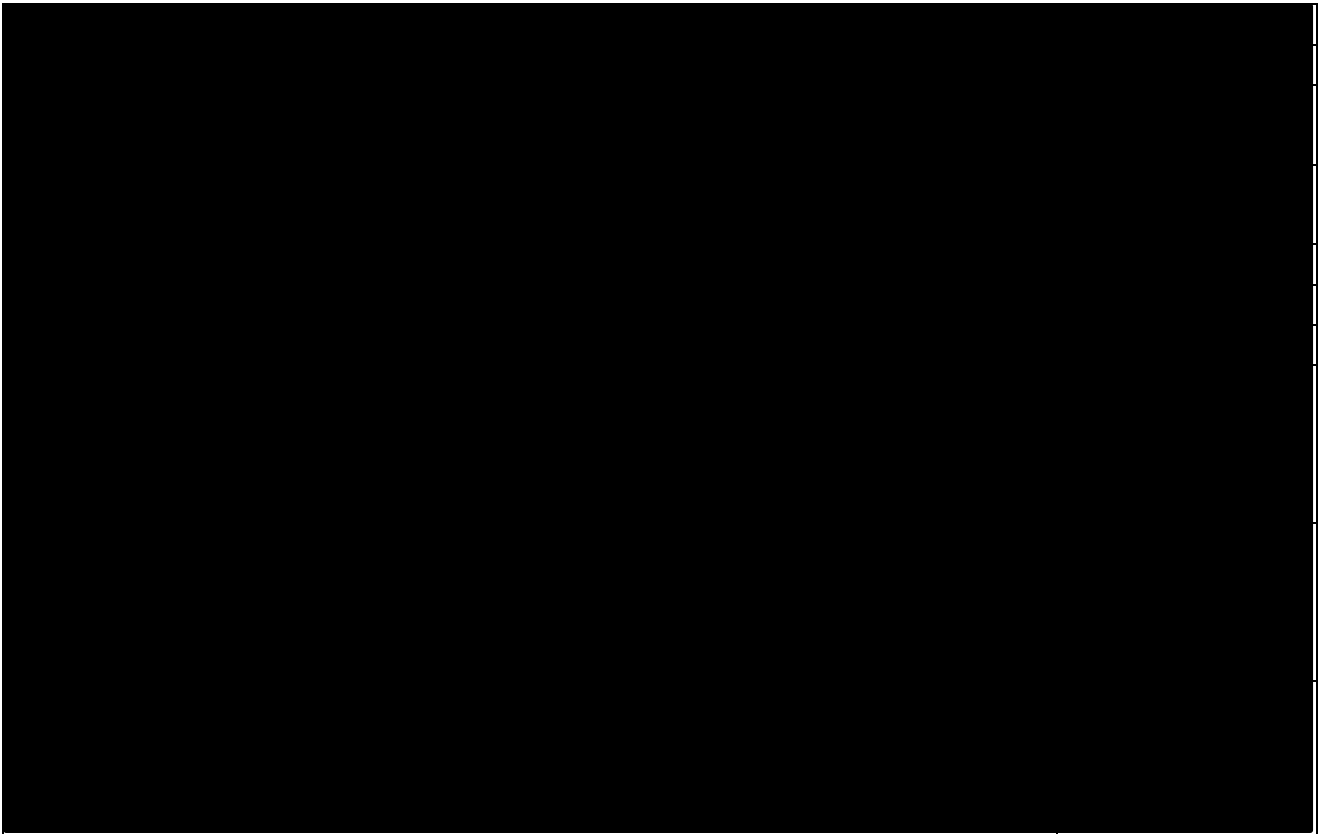
Months	July 2014-March 2015	April 2015-March 2016	April 2016-Jun 2016	
Darwin periods	2014:Q2 to 2015:Q4	2015:Q1 to 2015:Q4	2016:Q1	
Darwin years	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	Total
Staff Costs	£ 31,004	£ 44,283	£ 10,043	£ 85,330
Consultancy costs				£ -
Overhead costs				£ -
Travel & Subsistence	£ 5,000	£ 25,042	£ 1,000	£ 31,042
Operating costs	£ 4,000	£ 13,000	£ 1,700	£ 18,700
Capital Equipment**	£ 4,000			£ 4,000
Other costs**	£ 2,500	£ 8,500		£ 11,000
End of project audit fee* (max 1 x £1,500)			£ 1,500	£ 1,500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£ 46,504</b>	<b>£ 90,825</b>	<b>£ 14,243</b>	<b>£ 151,572</b>
<i>% of DI Funding on Capital Equipment</i>				3%

The expenses and revenues for 2014:Q2 are as follow:



\*This has now been changed to 2014:Q2 as project start date was moved from April to July 2014

Expenses planned in the next quarter are:



#### 4. Work plan for the next quarter

A public session is organised for the Tuesday 4th November evening and has for aim to present the MSP project to the community, and to determine what people value about the marine environment and their visions for the future of the Falkland Islands.

The first workshop for MSP in the Falklands Islands will take place in Stanley over 2 days, on 24th and 25th of November, 2014. The first day will gather local stakeholders to define the ecological, economic and social objectives of MSP for the Falkland Islands and data available. The second day will be science-focussed with local scientists and international experts to refine the objectives for MSP, identify previous MSP processes and the opportunity for a novel MSP approach in the Falkland Islands. A report will be produced that will include the MSP objectives and an updated MSP framework for the Falkland Islands as well as a complete final list of spatial data available and identified data and knowledge gaps.

Further gathering and analyses of spatial data will be undertaken and metadata file completed, in particular focussing on wildlife distribution data (seabirds and marine mammal tracking data, benthic habitat mapping) in collaboration with research partners.

The MSP review will be finalised and submitted for publication. The stranding cetacean spatial data will also be written up as a small publication to be submitted. Proposals for small projects to fill gaps in knowledge and data will be produced and submitted to the committee and research partners.

