

CSSF PROGRAMME SUMMARY

PROGRAMME TITLE: OVERSEAS TERRITORIES: SOVEREIGNTY, DEFENCE AND INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS			
HMG Partners (Lead in bold)	Foreign and Commonwealth Office , UK Hydrographic Office, Maritime & Coastguard Agency, Ministry of Defence, Department of Health		
COUNTRY/REGION:	Overseas Territories		
PROGRAMME DURATION :	April 2016 – March 2020		
FY 17-18 BUDGET:	ODA: £1.364m	Non-ODA: £9.486m	
PROJECT/COMPONENT	LEAD DEPT	IMPLEMENTING ORGANISATION	FY 17 – 18 BUDGET
Maritime Obligations, functional compliance and legislative reform	MCA	MCA Direct Delivery	£500,000
Search And Rescue Capability Review	MCA	MCA Direct Delivery	£200,000
Hydrographic & Seabed Mapping Programme	UKHO	UKHO Direct Delivery Fugro	£1,745,000
Public Health Support	DH	Public Health England	£480,000
Americas Cup Security	HO	Police, MOD	£600,000
Falklands Demining	FCO	Dynasafe BACTEC, Fenix Insight & Baric Consultants	£2,250,000
Montserrat Patrol Vessel	FCO	<i>Out to Tender</i>	£1,000,000
Security Needs Assessment and Response	FCO	Assessment: Torchlight Response: TBC	£900,000
British Indian Overseas Territories (BIOT) Administration & Sovereignty	FCO	BIOT Administration	£3,175,000
WHAT SUPPORT IS THE UK PROVIDING?			
<p>UK support under this programme targets 5 areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Maritime obligations, functional compliance and legislative reform to bring all Overseas Territories (OTs) with shipping registers into compliance with International Maritime Organisation standards as flag, port and coastal states. 2. Hydrographic and seabed mapping programme to identify priority survey needs in the OTs and to create hydrographic products (including charts) according to this assessment. This programme also includes support for outstanding maritime boundary delimitation. 3. Public health international obligations and support to bring all OTs into compliance with International Health Regulations and the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control. 4. Falklands demining: contribution to an FCO/MOD project to demine the Falkland Islands in compliance with UK obligations under the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention. 5. Projecting UK sovereignty programme, which comprises of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - British Indian Overseas Territories (BIOT) administration and sovereignty patrol: funding the UK administration of the British Indian Ocean Territory and the operation of the BIOT Sovereignty Patrol Vessel - Search and Rescue Capability Review: a review of OT Search And Rescue capability and compliance with international conventions, the findings of which will be factored into future year programming - Programme of response to prioritised security needs: conducting an assessment of security threats and capability across the OTs to inform programming to address the highest needs 			

- **Improved Maritime Patrol capability for Montserrat:** providing a fit for purpose maritime patrol vessel for the island of Montserrat
- **Security for the 2017 America's Cup:** support for development of a security strategy for the 2017 America's cup and provision of specialist technical support to the security of the event

WHY IS UK SUPPORT NEEDED?

The UK's Overseas Territories are a unique part of the UK's history and culture. The UK is constitutionally responsible for OTs' external relations, defence and compliance with our shared international obligations. We also have a political, moral and reputational interest in encouraging the Territories to meet international standards in areas such as human rights, tax and transparency, countering terrorist financing, health and maritime and aviation safety.

The territories geographical diversity also makes them a valuable part of the Prime Minister's vision of 'Global Britain'. This programme focuses on UK Sovereignty: defending it, promoting it – including by bringing OTs in line with international conventions where the UK has legal obligations – and making the benefits clear to OT citizens. The proposed work fits into the framework established by the 2012 White Paper jointly developed by the UK and OT governments.

WHAT RESULTS DOES THE UK EXPECT TO ACHIEVE?

The OT CSSF delivers against the commitments of the 2012 White Paper, which sets out shared UK and OT aspirations for the territories. Within this framework this programme will contribute to objectives under two broad headings:

- *Project and Defend UK Sovereignty over the OTs*
- *Support the OTs to come into compliance with International Obligations*

Under these headings we expect UK investment and support for the OTs through this programme to deliver the following outputs over the period:

- ✓ Hydrographic products and seabed mapping to improve maritime policy decisions, resource management, and marine safety
- ✓ Updated maritime legislative regimes, gap analysis of OT's international maritime obligations and training to local surveyors/enforcers to ensure our obligations are implemented correctly.
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- ✓ Training and support for OTs in Maritime Boundary delimitation
- ✓ Technical assistance to help OTs become fully compliant with International Health Regulations (IHR) and the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC).
- ✓ Significant progress towards meeting the UK's legal obligation to demine the Falkland Islands
- ✓ Assessments of Security Needs and of Search and Rescue Capability, with programming to address the highest identified priorities
- ✓ A replacement Maritime Patrol Vessel for Montserrat
- ✓ A security strategy and specialist support for the 2017 America's Cup
- ✓ Effective administration of BIOT including the BIOT sovereignty patrol vessel

These outputs should contribute to delivering the following **outcomes**:

- ✓ Improved port access, reduced environmental impact and better disaster modelling and recovery. This in turn will reduce the UK's liability and improve response capability.
- ✓ Effective legislative structure and clearer understanding of protections under individual maritime conventions. It will also enhance the UK's and Territories' reputation as a shipping registry, also

reducing UK's liability.

- ✓ Maritime boundaries of Caribbean Overseas Territories further defined
- ✓ Increased sovereignty and strengthened governance in BIOT
- ✓ Compliance with UKG's Tobacco Control Strategy and public health support.
- ✓ Improved Search and Rescue Capability in territories with the greatest need, also reducing UK liability
- ✓ Improved security addressing top identified risks across the territories