

Darwin Initiative

The **Darwin Initiative** is a long-running flagship UK government fund which helps to protect the biodiversity of the natural environment and support poverty alleviation efforts in developing countries worldwide. Since 1992, the Darwin Initiative has funded a wide range of projects working on issues of habitat loss, climate change, invasive species, resource exploitation, and pollution.*

Grants

1,169 projects

funded by the Darwin Initiative since 1992 in 159 countries worldwide, representing a total of GBP 166,900,000 granted through 2019

GBP 91,526,744

raised from other sources for project work, including from in-kind contributions, greatly increasing the impact of projects funded by the programme

Learning

2,455 accreditations

received as a result of the programme, including 221 receiving PhDs, 591 receiving Masters degrees, and 1,643 receiving other certifications

149,671

individuals received training through the programme, often using one of the 3,341 training manuals produced

Planning

2,476 management plans

to manage species and habitats produced for governments or public authorities, helping to improve biodiversity and long-term sustainability

8,566 databases & reference

collections created, enhanced, and handed over to local authorities to help with biodiversity research, reference, and planning

Permanence

9,557 facilities

and organisations established as a result of Darwin Initiative funding, providing the basis for local work on biodiversity and poverty alleviation

GBP 6,504,478

worth of physical assets handed over to host countries and organisations to further their work in the future



In Thailand, logging has destroyed an enormous amount of elephants' natural habitat, reducing their population drastically. The Afro-Asian Elephant Community Conservation Network, supported by a Darwin Initiative grant, helped address Human Elephant Conflict in Thailand's flagship wildlife sanctuary, protecting some of the more than 1,000 elephants in the area.



Project Details

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Location: Worldwide

Managed funds: GBP 166,900,000

Duration: 1992-2020 (ongoing)

*TS International, part of the NIRAS Group, has managed the fund since 2003; all figures date from 1992