DFID Overseas Territories Department (OTD)
Environmental Screening Checklist
(Guidance for external users)

To facilitate the preparation of an Environmental Screening Note, OTD requests that the following information be provided, so far as possible:

Identification of environmental issues

1) What, if any, are the environmental risks – direct and indirect – associated with the project?

2) What environmental benefits, if any, might the project generate?

3) To what extent does the proposed project comply with relevant policy and legislation at the Territory and international levels, including multilateral environmental agreements (eg UN Convention on Biological Biodiversity, UN Framework Convention of Climate Change).

4) What is the capacity for environmental management and regulation in the Territory relevant to the project being screened (eg the ability of government to address and take an integrated approach to environment and development, such as links between planning, finance, sectoral agencies and environment stakeholders; or the ability of civil society to participate in development processes and help articulate environmental needs and influence policy and practice)?

5) What is the capacity of the implementing institution and/or contractor to develop and implement an environmental management plan for the construction and operation of the proposed project?

6) Are there any environmental trends in the Territory or region that are relevant to this project?

Identification of actions/next steps

7) What actions, if any, need to be undertaken to ensure the risks are managed and benefits and opportunities maximised?   In some cases, further environmental assessment and/or studies will be needed to inform subsequent decisions (for example, an environmental impact assessment, a strategic environmental assessment, or merely the gathering and analysis of additional information).

8) How will the results and recommendations of these studies be incorporated into the design of the project?

9) Can these actions be incorporated in the logical framework (eg as risks/assumptions)?

Identification of responsibilities

10) Who will be responsible for implementing these actions?

11) Have those responsible for implementing follow-up actions been made aware of and confirm their agreement to their responsibilities?

Monitoring and evaluation

12) What environmental monitoring and evaluation will be carried out throughout the project cycle management process?

Climate change risk assessment

13) What are the potential impacts of current and future climate change on the project? What is the potential for the project to reduce climate change impacts?