

## **International conservation volunteering from the UK: what does it contribute?**

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**Appendix** Master schedule of questions for semi-structured interviews with managers of volunteering organizations.

### **The organization**

- History of the organization—when founded, by whom, for what reason
- What do they consider to be their role or unique selling point—science, practical conservation, adventure and/or development?
- Company or charity?
- Who do they see as their key target audience?

### **Scope**

- How do they identify a project and monitor its progress?
- Do they run their own projects, or just use third parties?
- What countries and species do they focus upon? Why?
- What determines how popular a project is?
- What projects have failed and why?

### **The volunteers**

- How would you define a typical volunteer?
- What do you think motivates them to volunteer?
- Who benefits most—the volunteers or the host project?
- How do they recruit their volunteers?
- Volunteers are mostly female? Why?

### **Science and conservation**

- How important is science/research for volunteers and the organization?
- What do you think volunteers add to international conservation efforts? Skill, time or money?
- How does the organization help nature conservation efforts?

### **Politics**

- What proportion of the total cost do they try and give to the local organization?
- What proportion do they consider to be fair?
- What gives you the right to go into developing countries and tell them what to do?
- How do they handle differences of opinion or controversies in the host country stemming from their presence or the consequences of their activities?
- How do you avoid being a colonizing presence in the country?