



Chagos Conservation Trust

# Strategic Plan 2019-2022

The Chagos Archipelago is a rare haven of beautiful reefs, diverse wildlife and clean waters, located in the midst of the Indian Ocean. The Chagos Conservation Trust is a UK charity dedicated to protecting it.





The Chagos Archipelago is known for its reefs and wildlife, many of which are now vulnerable species.

It is home to over 300 kinds of coral, 800 fish species and has one of the densest coconut crab populations ever recorded.

## Who we are

The Chagos Conservation Trust is a largely voluntary run UK charity with a board of trustees made up from a diverse group of scientists, conservationists, campaigners and finance specialists with one thing in common: working to protect the Chagos Archipelago.

In 2015 the trust decided to hire a director to drive and expand the organisation. The director works closely with the board and other institutions and organisations to further the goals of the CCT and ensure the trust has a sustainable future.

Our aim is to make sure that this valuable natural environment is conserved, and can act as an example for conservation and management of environments across the planet.

With the right care, the archipelago can be a reminder of how tropical reefs flourished many hundreds of years ago, and can offer vital insight into how they might be saved for generations to come.

We carry out scientific and historical research and conservation work, and strive to highlight the global importance of this breath-taking marine ecosystem.

**Vision:** to ensure that the globally important natural environment of the Chagos Archipelago is well protected, conserved and understood, inspiring the better management and protection of our planet.

**Mission:** to promote and conduct scientific and historical research and environmental conservation work in the Chagos Archipelago. We work to advance international understanding of the global environmental importance of the Chagos Archipelago to ensure its protection for the wider public benefit.



# What we do



## Protecting a treasure

In a world ravaged by destruction and exploitation, the Chagos Archipelago has become a precious marine environment.

The Trust strives to preserve this collection of over 55 islands and 60,000km of reefs for the many species that call it home, and for future generations to appreciate.

It is the voices of passionate citizens that will protect this archipelago for years to come.

By sharing knowledge and understanding, we aim to convince people of its value to the world, and to more than a thousand different types of fish and coral that call it home.



## Inspiring action

We want to be an enduring voice of support for the archipelago for years to come.

By building a solid organisation, we can maintain and strengthen our role as a leading protector, researcher and educator in this area.



## Building our voice





# Our strategic aims for 2022

## **Aim: Building a trust fit for Chagos**

CCT is committed to maintaining a solid organisational foundation that enables us to play a leading role in conservation, research and awareness raising of the Chagos Archipelago.

We plan to:

- Manage the organisation using best practice operating systems and effective operating policies and procedures, to ensure regulatory compliance
- Diversify our income for sustained growth
- Develop and implement fundraising activities for our Healthy Islands, Healthy Reefs programme

## **Aim: Inspiring action**

CCT is committed to increasing the knowledge and understanding of the importance of the Chagos Archipelago and building a network of supporters championing its protection.

We plan to:

- Increase the reach of the science and conservation work of the Chagos Archipelago
- Build strong relations with Chagossian communities in support of conservation, education and research
- Build strategic partnerships for conservation

## **Aim 3: Protecting a global asset**

CCT is committed to working towards fully understanding the globally important natural environment of the Chagos Archipelago and ensuring it is well protected and conserved for the benefit of people and our planet.

We plan to:

- Build our Healthy Islands, Healthy Reefs programme by determining a feasible method for eradicating invasive non-native rats from Chagos Archipelago's outer islands
- Conserving and restoring the islands of the Chagos Archipelago by developing a better understanding of the terrestrial habitat and species



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