**ENVIRONMENT**

With a sub-tropical climate, St Helena’s environment is one of fascinating flora and fauna, and many species endemic to the Island. Its natural landscape of lush green peaks and breathtaking rock formations to grassy plains and sub-tropical valleys. Changing dramatically from one area to another, it is a photographer’s haven.

The St Helena Government is committed to conserving this environment and in 2012 created an Environmental Management Directorate (EMD). The EMD focuses on policy and legislation, communication and stakeholder engagement, evidence-based advice, assessment, monitoring, evaluation and enforcement. Its focus will be to mainstream environment and climate change within St Helena Government and to excel in world class environmental protection.

As part of this process, some applications for development are subject to Environmental Impact Assessments as per the Land Planning and Development Control Ordinance.

**A copy of the remit of the different sections within EMD can be viewed here** >>> **Link to PDF doc**

In addition, other Government, non-Government and voluntary organisations are involved in taking forward a number of projects which have/are being financially supported by the Overseas Territories Environment Programme [funded jointly by the Department for International Development (DfID) the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO), the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) and the Joint Nature Conservation Committee (JNCC)].

Following public consultation in July 2012, a **National Environmental Management Plan (link to doc)** has been developed to implement St Helena’s 3rd National Goal - **‘Effective Management of the Environment.’**

This will be delivered through a set of high level environmental objectives and targets for St Helena, and the creation/confirmation and implementation of systems and processes for ensuring that these environmental objectives are properly considered in legislation, policy, planning and decision-making.

The **EMD Organogram** can be viewed here >>> **Link to doc**. **Anselmo if possible when you hover over each person with your mouse could their job description appear? Job descriptions are in a separate doc entitled ‘staff sentences to go with Organogram.**

**Monthly Environment newsletters**

*(Link each one to their respective docs)*

**October 2012**

**September 2012**

**August 2012**

**March 2012**

**February 2012**

**January 2012**

**Quarterly Environment newsletters**

**October 2012 (link to doc)**

**Related Documents (Link each one to their respective docs)**

**SHG Environmental Management Directorate Strategic Plan 2012-2015** **(link to Doc)**

**Environmental Assessment and Environmental Statement for St Helena’s Airport (link to http://www.sainthelenaaccess.com/application/)**

**Procedural Manual for Environmental Impact Assessment for St Helena (link to Doc)**

**Environmental Impact Assessment – Guidelines for Applicants Seeking Development Permission (link to Doc)**