



GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH GEORGIA AND THE SOUTH SANDWICH ISLANDS

CHANGES TO THE PSI IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAMME

Following a review of the Implementation Programme by the Government, the following changes to that Programme plus the underlying rationale are outlined below.

Biosecurity and Non-Native Species

Target 2; By end 2025 we will set in place measures to enhance the infrastructure for pre-border biosecurity and Target 3 By end 2024 we will put in place a new legislative framework for biosecurity, including measures for compliance and enforcement are merged and altered to read – **In 2025 we will set in place measures , including a new legislative framework and an associated compliance and enforcement regime to enhance border security.**

Rationale - A need to adjust the biosecurity targets to reflect that the original driver for pre border biosecurity facilities in Stanley was no longer required. This target should therefore be merged with a separate target on legislation to provide a single target about the delivery of an effective compliance system.

Culture and Heritage

Target 2: In 2025 a new policy for the restoration, protection or other works on historic sites will be issued reflecting the PSI position that focusses Grytviken as the main visitor location on heritage matters and Target 4; In 2028 we will have reviewed and updated our policies on how certain categories of heritage are managed, preserved and protected. When making these decisions we will consider the level of long-term liability that might fall to the Government. are replaced with a new target concerning the delivery of an overall strategy for the management of heritage – **In 2026 the Government will produce a strategy on the management of the island's heritage.**

Rationale - The two separate targets for heritage matters would be combined into an overall target on the Government's strategy for the protection conservation and management of heritage. The current Strategy expired in 2020, and a new strategy needs to be developed.

New Target; Before the end 2025 the Government will produce, in cooperation with industry a 5-year vision on Tourism in South Georgia, addressing issues such as numbers, visitation sites and fees.

Rationale - The increasing number of tourists visiting South Georgia following the "bounce-back" of the industry since Covid has emphasised that the Government needs a clear vision on its desired outcomes for tourism, in terms of impact, resources and income.

Global and Regional Responsibility

Target 1: *By end of 2024 a new National Biodiversity Action Plan will be produced, clearly outlining how SGSSI will take forward aspects of the new Global Biodiversity framework, agreed under the CBD* will be replaced with **By the end of 2024 the Government will set out how it intends to deliver on those aspects of the Global Biodiversity Framework where it is best placed to act, including identification of contributions to meet specific targets and identification of work required in terms of the monitoring framework.**

Rationale - The target concerning the implementation of the Global Biodiversity Action Plan required updating and amending to ensure it is compatible with the overall UK delivery and reporting requirements, while at the same time driving forward conservation actions in the Territories.

Target 3 : *From 2024, all vessels that operate within the SGSSI Maritime Zone must apply standards equivalent to ILO188 to provide safe, ethical living and working conditions for all on board.* The target date for this work will be moved to **2026**.

Rationale – to allow sufficient time to work with relevant organisations and stakeholders to bring forward an effective implementation and compliance plan.

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