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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 17 June 2013 15:34  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: LIFE summary - [REDACTED] Shiants proposal  
**Attachments:** A8-Shiants-[REDACTED].pdf

[REDACTED]

When I was about to stick the paper copies in an envelope I noticed that the 'name and legal status' section in the A8 had been listed as [REDACTED]. We thought this wasn't likely to be a problem, but to be on the safe side and avoid confusing anyone at the Commission, I've changed it to Scottish Government.

Grateful if you could use the attached PDF instead of the one sent last week. The paper copies posted to you will also contain this change, and should arrive in the next few days.

Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 17 June 2013 09:26  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: LIFE summary [REDACTED] Shiants proposal

[REDACTED]

Thanks very much for this – much appreciated.

Yes that's the correct address – great if you could send the hard copies through.

Thanks again

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 14 June 2013 10:13  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: LIFE summary [REDACTED] Shiants proposal

[REDACTED]

Please find attached a scanned PDF of the signed A8 form which was completed by [REDACTED] of Scottish Government's Marine branch.

I can also forward two signed paper copies, as I understand these are sometimes required later on if the proposal is successful. Is the address in your signature at the foot of this email chain the best one to use?

Good luck with the bid.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 04 June 2013 16:55  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: LIFE summary - [REDACTED] Shiant's proposal

[REDACTED]

We've done a bit of tidying up but nothing major. The aims of the project are still:

- to eradicate rats from the Shiant Isles SPA, for the benefit of the current seabird assemblage and a range of other species, and to allow European storm-petrels and Manx shearwaters to (re)colonise
- to actively encourage the latter two species to (re)colonise through the use of call playback and artificial burrows
- to improve biosecurity on seabird island SPAs right around the UK through production and dissemination of best-practice guidance and development and delivery of a programme of training.

Best wishes

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 05 June 2013 11:26  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: LIFE summary [REDACTED] Shiant's proposal

[REDACTED]

That shouldn't be a problem. Can I just check that there were no changes to the original B1 and B2 forms you sent in April?

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 03 June 2013 14:20  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: LIFE summary - [REDACTED] Shiant's proposal

Thanks for this [REDACTED]. The submission deadline is 25 June but I'd prefer not to leave it until the last minute - the online application system got extremely cranky towards the deadline last year. The end of this week would be great but failing that the end of next week would be fine (i.e. 14 June). Hope that's OK for you?

Best wishes

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Mon 6/3/2013 14:00  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: LIFE summary - [REDACTED] Shiants proposal

[REDACTED]

I've just got back from holiday so I had not heard anything yet – thanks for letting me know. Based on the details of the proposal I'm asking our colleagues in Marine Division to draft the text for the A8 form and will aim to get something back to you as soon as possible. Hopefully this can be done by the end of the week but do you have a final deadline just in case?

Regards,

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 03 June 2013 12:52  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: LIFE summary - [REDACTED] Shiants proposal

[REDACTED]

As you may have heard already, SNH confirmed late last week that they will be able to support this project. Therefore, it would be great if you could get your Form A8 to me as soon as is convenient for you, please. [REDACTED] is the person we have been dealing with at SNH - and I'd be happy to send you the template for the form if this would be helpful - please let me know.

Many thanks

[REDACTED]

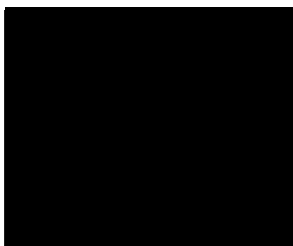
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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tue 4/9/2013 16:00  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: LIFE summary - [REDACTED] Shiants proposal

[REDACTED]

Thank you for sending these forms. We will respond in due course, and have noted the additional element which would require new species to be added to the SPA's qualifying interests.

Regards,



Wildlife Management Branch,  
Natural Resources Division,  
Scottish Government.  
Tel. 0131244 [redacted]  
Ext. [redacted]

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**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** 04 April 2013 12:05  
**To:** EC LIFE+  
**Cc:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** LIFE summary - [redacted] hants proposal

Dear ScotGov

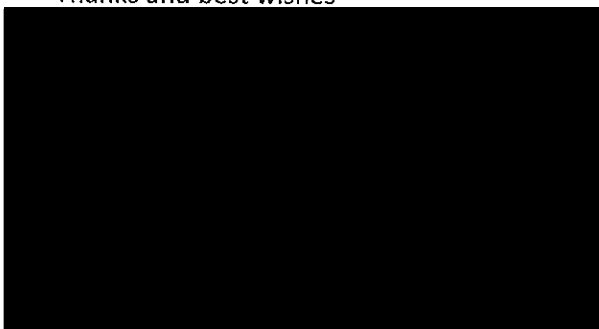
Please find attached Forms B1 and B2 for a LIFE+ Nature proposal centred on restoration of the Shiant Islands SPA. We hope that the concept meets with your approval, and look forward to receiving your Form A8 in due course.

SNH has already given us some useful comments on the concept – for which we are very grateful. Few of these comments are directly relevant to the attached summary, but we will (of course) take full account of them as we develop the rest of the proposal.

One element of the concept perhaps requires a little additional explanation. This is the proposal to actively promote (re-)colonisation of the Shiant Islands by storm petrels and Manx shearwaters. We are aware that this is likely to be funded by LIFE only if we provide an undertaking from yourselves to add these species to the list of qualifying features for the SPA if/when this becomes appropriate. We plan to discuss this with you over the next couple of months (i.e. before the final submission date of 25 June), but have included it in the concept for now – partly because we hope that you will feel able to provide such an undertaking, and partly because it accounts for only a tiny part of the project budget (just a few thousand Euros) so will not cause problems if it has to be taken out.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. I am on leave next week but back from Monday 15 April.

Thanks and best wishes



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**DECLARATION OF SUPPORT FROM THE COMPETENT AUTHORITY**

**Optional:** in addition to the support of the necessary competent authorities as described in the guidelines for applicants, this form may also be used to indicate any other support to the project by important stakeholder bodies, administrative bodies or individuals that may be concerned by the project.

Name and legal status: Scottish Government, competent authority

Full address: Marine Planning & Policy, Marine Scotland, Scottish Government, Area 1A South, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh, United Kingdom, EH6 6QQ

E-mail: [redacted]@scotland.gsi.gov.uk

Contact person (name and function): [redacted] Marine Environment Branch

Please specify whether, why and how you will support this project:

**Protecting and Restoring the Shiant Islands SPA through rat eradication, and safeguarding other seabird SPAs in the UK**

Scottish Ministers are responsible for nature conservation in Scotland, including implementation of the Birds and Habitats Directives in terrestrial and marine environments. Marine Scotland leads on marine nature conservation on behalf of Scottish Ministers and is a Directorate of The Scottish Government.

Marine Scotland supports the aims of this project and is aware that Scottish Natural Heritage have agreed to contribute financial support to the project.

The Shiant Islands SPA is currently assessed as being in favourable condition but we recognise that the restoration aims of this LIFE+ project could enhance still further the condition of the features for which the SPA has been classified, and also lead to other species (Manx shearwater and storm petrel) colonising the site and potentially reaching internationally important numbers and concentrations. From our discussions with Scottish Natural Heritage we understand that the planned use of lures and playback techniques will be novel for these species.

These outcomes would contribute to the Scottish Government's conservation priorities of improved habitat for seabirds and healthy seabird populations by improving breeding conditions for the existing colony, establishing best practice for island biosecurity and encouraging colonisation by Manx shearwater and storm petrel to offset declines of seabirds in other locations.

Signature and date:

[redacted signature]

17/6/13

Name and status of signatory:

[redacted name]

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