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ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS

Fifth periodic reports submitted by States parties under
articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant

Addendum
UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND
NORTHERN IRELAND:
CROWN DEPENDENCIES

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THE BAILIWICK OF GUERNSEY AND ITS DEPENDENCIES

307. Science is taught in local schools in accordance with the national curriculum.

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THE BAILIWICK OF JERSEY

Measures taken to promote the diffusion of information on scientific progress.

593. The following measures have been taken in the period 2000-2006:

– **Departmental consolidation.** In 2004 as part of Jersey government reorganisation the former Environmental Services Unit (natural history and semi-natural land management), The Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, the Water Resources Section and the Meteorological Department merged to form the Environment Division of the Planning and Environment Ministry. This merger consolidated most of the environmental scientific work carried out by Jersey government departments. Listed below are the relevant activities;

- **State of Jersey Report (2005)** outlined current and future responsibilities towards the Island's environment, categorising them into twelve 'environmental perspectives'. Using these perspectives, five 'environmental priorities' are

identified. The key actions needed to address them together with baseline data and proposals for monitoring progress are included. This report is available online and in printed form (<http://www.gov.je/>);

– **Biodiversity action plans** Indicators of changes in biodiversity and key populations are measured by the Environment Division's monitoring programme. Indicator measures include habitat condition of proposed and existing sites of special interest, and Population status of indicator species such as birds and butterflies in a sample of habitats in the island. The monitoring proposals for each of the priority species are detailed in individual action plans. A campaign to involve volunteers in data collection and in practical action to implement the plans has been launched and has been well subscribed;

– **Establishment of Ramsar²⁷ areas:** designation of three new Ramsar sites effective

World Wetlands Day, 2 February 2005, all of them reef and shoal systems offshore from the Channel Island of Jersey. With huge tidal ranges in the area of the Golfe de St-Malo along the northwestern coast of France, all three sites present an array of reef and intertidal habitat types. Les Écréhous & Les Dirouilles is a large area of reefs off the northeast coast of Jersey, Les Minquiers is the area of shoals 34km south of the main island, and the Les Pierres de Lecq, lies off the northwest coast;

– **International Conference** "Biodiversity that Matters" on conservation in UK Overseas Territories and other small island communities was held in Jersey in 2006. This conference brought together delegates from most of the United Kingdom Overseas territories and dependent territories to discuss environmental issues on small islands and exchange information;

– **Bathing water standards** bathing water quality research carried out under the auspices of the States of Jersey Environment Division informed development of the newly revised EC directive (EC 2006/7/EC) on bathing water standards;

– **Monitoring commercial fish stocks** is carried out by the fisheries section of the Environment Department and includes a Ray tagging programme;

– **Research into potentially damaging species** is part of the Department's remit and studies include Gypsy Moth pheromone auto-confusion studies. Resistance testing of local races of fungal pathogens to fungicides aim to investigate possibilities of more targeted chemical use.

Measures taken to prevent the use of scientific and technical progress for purposes which are contrary to the enjoyment of all human rights, including the rights to life, health, personal freedom, privacy and the like.

Any restrictions which are placed upon the exercise of this right, with details of the legal provisions prescribing such restrictions.

594. There are no such measures.

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What steps has your Government taken for the conservation, development and diffusion of science and culture? Please describe in particular: Measures at the constitutional level, within the national educational system and by means of the communications media; All other practical steps taken to promote such conservation, development and diffusion.

597. There are no laws or agreements covering this subject. In a progressive society, members are made aware, through the news media, and, where appropriate, through the educational system of development in the field of science and culture throughout the world.

598. Everyone has the right to the freedom of scientific research and creative activity, although, in a small community such as Jersey it is neither appropriate nor economical for much research to be carried out locally.

²⁷ Jersey is a party to the “Ramsar Convention” which recognises the conservation and wise use of wetlands to achieve sustainable development throughout the world.