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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 12 April 2013 15:35
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Rat - Black rat - LIFE summary - [REDACTED] Shiants proposal - [REDACTED] - 080413

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 08 April 2013 15:02
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Black rat - LIFE summary - [REDACTED] Shiants proposal - [REDACTED] - 080413

[REDACTED]

Please forward the original email to MS colleagues ([REDACTED]) and keep them in the loop going forward – you might suggest that we approach the A8 as a joint venture coordinated by you given that they deal with seabird breeding colonies. We already know that a number of seabird SPAs are doing badly from causes other than rats (e.g. scarcity of feeding at sea). Any aspiration to add new species to existing sea-bird SPAs would, I think, be for them to deal with.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 04 April 2013 17:37
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: LIFE summary - [REDACTED] Shiants proposal

[REDACTED] - I'll have a word with [REDACTED] in the first instance [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 04 April 2013 17:26
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: LIFE summary - [REDACTED] Shiants proposal

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 04 April 2013 17:15
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: LIFE summary - [REDACTED] Shiants proposal

Do you mean [REDACTED] lead on the bird side and me lead on the rat side? [REDACTED] will have given this all some thought as they are the co-financier of the project – would it be simpler to choose one of us to lead and act as point of contact with [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 04 April 2013 17:06
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: LIFE summary [REDACTED] Shiants proposal

[REDACTED]
Please get comments from [REDACTED] on both the ornithological aspects and on the black rats' status as rare, but invasive non-native mammals.

Thoughts from [REDACTED] too please on petrels and shearwaters as qualifying features for SPA.

It's possible that support or otherwise for this bid may be a political rather than ecological decision – can't help thinking it would be better if RSPB were to kill brown rats on other islands first.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 04 April 2013 16:02
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: LIFE summary - RSPB Shiants proposal

For info, RSPB Shiants LIFE proposal

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 04 April 2013 12:05
To: EC LIFE+
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: LIFE summary - RSPB Shiants 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.

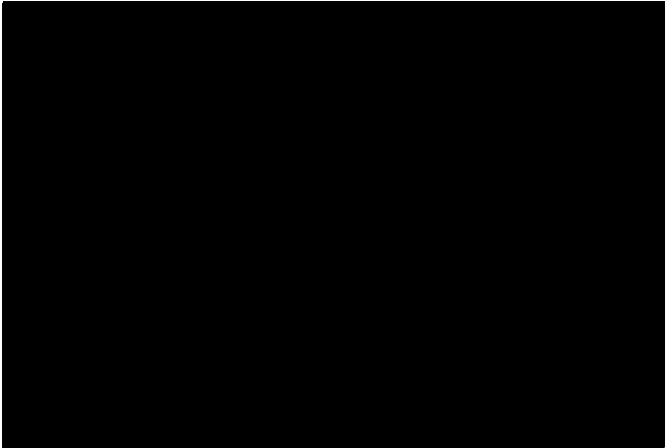
[REDACTED] has already given us some useful comments on the concept – for which we are very grateful. Few of these comments are directly relevant to the attached summary, but we will (of course) take full account of them as we develop the rest of the proposal.

One element of the concept perhaps requires a little additional explanation. This is the proposal to actively promote (re-)colonisation of the Shiants 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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