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Gibraltar has the Strongest Environmental Governance amongst UK Overseas Territories

Her Majesty's Government of Gibraltar is extremely pleased to announce that once again, Gibraltar has ranked as **THE** leader in environmental governance amongst the UK Overseas Territories. The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) conducted an analysis which aims to qualify the significant progress made towards high level pledges on environmental governance. The outcome of this analysis reports that Gibraltar once again emerges as the Overseas Territory with the strongest level of environmental governance, and the only territory that was rated as strong across the board.

In separate letters to the Minister for the Environment, Dr John Cortes, and to CEO of the Department of the Environment and Climate Change, Dr Liesl Mesilio, Jonathan Hall, Head of UK Overseas Territories Unit of the RSPB states: "Congratulations to all involved in this achievement. Building on the successful environmental conference that Gibraltar hosted this summer, we hope that Gibraltar may continue to play a key role in environmental leadership amongst the Territories, and further assist in helping to raise standards where practicable."

The Minister for the Environment, Energy and Climate Change, the Hon Dr John Cortes commented: "This is extremely gratifying at a personal and professional level. We have worked hard to network Gibraltar in the International Community and recognition such as this proves that we are moving strongly in the right direction. We will continue to work hard at an International level to ensure that our scientists continue to influence regional and global environmental policies."