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Minister Cortes hosts meeting of senior Environmentalists

Minister for Environment and Climate Change Dr John Cortes has hosted a meeting in Gibraltar House in London attended by senior representatives of some of the largest and most influential environmental organisations in the UK.

The meeting is an initiative of HMGoG to share information on challenges that Gibraltar and the U.K. have in common in order to coordinate work that aims at ensuring that environmental protection and biodiversity do not suffer post-Brexit.

The meeting was attended by representatives from the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) - the UK's largest environmental group, the National Trust, the Wildlife Trust, the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust, Amphibian and Reptile Conservation and the U.K. Overseas Territories' Conservation Forum. The National Trust for Scotland and the Green Alliance were not able to attend but will be involved in the process.

The Gibraltar situation was presented by Dr Liesl Mesilio-Torres, CEO and Chief Scientist of the Department of the Environment and Climate Change, and there was wide discussion on challenges and possibilities.

Contact between the groups will continue and further meetings are planned.