Brand Guidelines

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Welcome

These guidelines introduce the Commonwealth brand. They demonstrate how designers should use the Commonwealth logo along with how to handle other elements such as words and pictures. They ensure consistency and quality.



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Master logo

The Commonwealth is a vibrant and relevant organisation. The new logomark retains the history and value of the Commonwealth brand.

It provides a cleaner and more versatile mark that reflects the dynamism of the Commonwealth.

The following pages show how to use it.



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Logo versions

The master logo is available in a limited number of colours and formats. This page shows both the horizontal and stacked logo versions. The **blue horizontal** version of the logo is our primary logo.

Please be careful to select the correct logo based on your usage, whether that's on screen or in print or using a special finish.

The **EPS** version of the logo is best for materials that will be professionally printed or reproduced at a large size.

The **JPEG** version has a white background and is suitable for most word processing applications. The **PNG** version has a transparent background and is suitable for most web applications.

Print Logos



CW_HORIZONTAL_BLUE_SPOT PMS2756



CW_STACKED_BLUE_SPOT PMS2756



CW_HORIZONTAL_BLUE_CMYK



CW_STACKED_BLUE_CMYK



CW_HORIZONTAL_BLACK



CW_STACKED_BLACK



CW_HORIZONTAL_WHITE



CW_STACKED_WHITE



Clear zones and minimum sizes

The logo should be allowed space in order to maximise its visual presence. Clear zones have been defined and these areas should be kept clear

of any other graphic elements. Clear zones are proportional to the size of the logo and, therefore, must be calculated accordingly.

Using our mark

Similarly, in order to maintain clarity, the logo should not be reproduced any smaller than the minimum sizes outlined here.

Horizontal Logos: X = Square of the height of the globe mark



Stacked Logos: O = Half square of the height of the globe mark



Minimum Size



25mm

Minimum Size



20mm

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Things to avoid

To ensure The Commonwealth communicates consistently, it is important that logos are used exactly as supplied and not reproduced or altered in any way.



Don't alter the relationship between the elements



Don't rotate or use the logo at an angle



Don't alter the colours of the logos



Don't squash or distort the logo in any way



Don't crop the logo



Don't alter or replace the logotype



Don't use the logotype on its own



Don't alter the relationship between the typography



Don't use the symbol on its own or break the lockup



Don't create add or create straplines



Don't outline the logo



Don't add any effects or renders to the logo

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Logo placement

The logo should always be set left on the page. It is important to ensure that the mark is anchored to either the top left or bottom left margin. If

this is not possible, the stacked version of the logo should be used, centrally aligned. Examples of logos in use can be found in the applications

section from page 17 onwards.

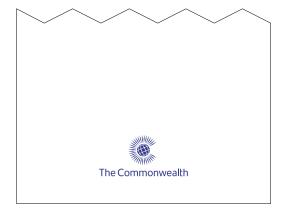




Placement: Bottom Left





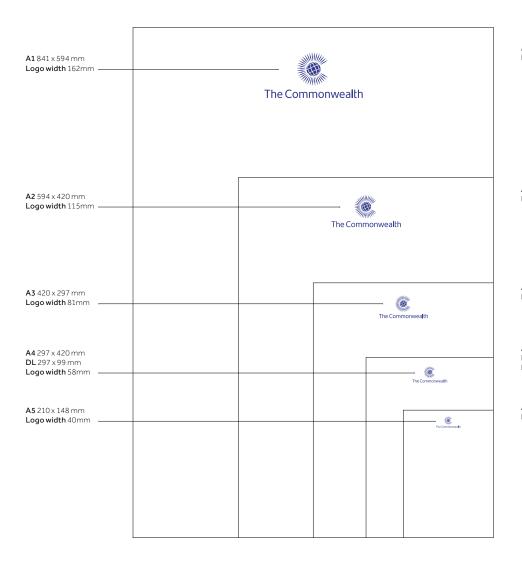


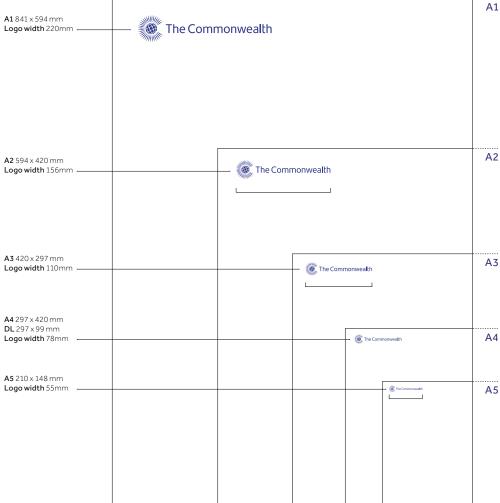
Placement: Bottom Centre

Logo sizes

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Primary colour palette

Our primary palette is Commonwealth Blue accompanied with white and black. This limited palette should be used in most situations when

communicating the core Commonwealth brand. Ensure the correct colour tint is selected based on usage, whether that is on screen or in print.



PANTONE 2756 C 100 M 90 Y 10 K10 R 55 G 55 B 125 #37377D

TINTS 75% 50% 25% 25% 50% 75%



- 1. PANTONE 233 C 19 M 100 Y 15 K 00 R 200 G 60 B 135 #C83C87
- 2. PANTONE RED 032 6. PANTONE 326 C00M93Y76K00 R 240 G 65 B 65 #F04141
- 3. PANTONE 150 C00M43Y72K00 R 250 G 145 B 75 #FA914B
- 4. PANTONE 387 C15M00Y91K00 R 230 G 235 B 65 #E6EB41

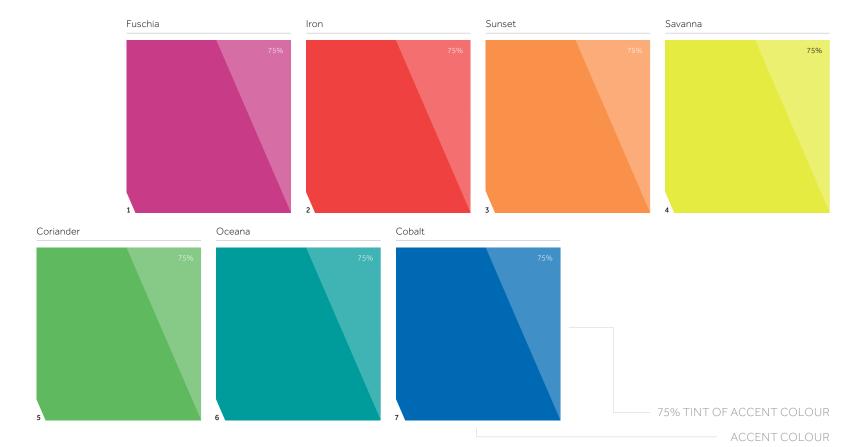
- 5. PANTONE 360 C61M00Y96K00 R 95 G 185 B 95 #5FB95F
- C86M02Y41K00 R 00 G 155 B 155 #009B9B
- 7. PANTONE 3005 C 100 M 46 Y 02 K 00 R 00 G 105 B 180 #0069B4

Secondary colour palette

When creating material on specific subject matter, a relevant accent colour can used in conjunction with the primary palette.

In general, only one accent colour should be used at a time. The 75% tint of the accent colour can be used with the accent colour.

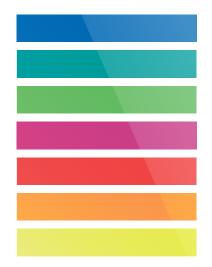
Examples of the palette in use can be found in the Applications section.

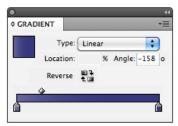




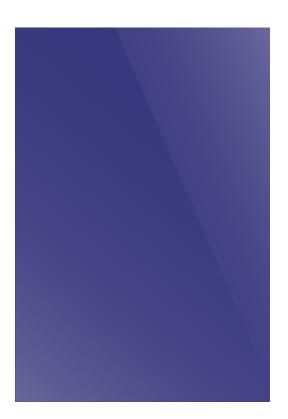
Gradient and supergraphic

To add depth to certain communication materials there is a gradient and supergraphic that can be used. These assets should mostly appear in the Commonwealth Blue, However, applied to certain materials, the secondary palette can be used. The gradient and supergraphic should only be used on professionally-produced materials. Examples of the assets can be found in the Applications section.





To alter the colours of a gradient, the swatch in the colour palette should be dragged and dropped on to the corresponding swatch on the gradient palette. **The location and angle should not be altered.**



Commonwealth Gradient



Commonwealth Supergraphic

Typography: typeface

Our type family is Effra, created by Bruno Maag Studio in the UK. It is a clean, open and modern typeface that is easy to read and complements our logo. Designers should use Effra for all professionally produced material. You can see examples of Effra in the Applications section from page 17. The alternative typeface, Trebuchet, should be used in all other circumstances.

Our type family is Effra

Effra Light

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz 1234567890!@£\$€%^&*()?

Effra Regular

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz 1234567890!@£\$€%^&*()?

Effra Medium

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz 1234567890!@£\$€%^&*()?

Alternative typeface: Trebuchet

If Effra is unavailable, the default typeface is Trebuchet. This should be used in only the regular weight, using point size to define hierarchy. Trebuchet Regular

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz 1234567890!@£\$€%^&*()?



Typography: hierarchies

It is important to create hierarchies of information when creating text-heavy documents. This will present the information to readers in a clear way.

The various weights of Effra should be used, with incremental point sizes to define the hierarchies. For Trebuchet, point size defines the hierarchies.

Section 1: Current status and governance of oceans

Current state of the marine environment

The oceans cover approximately 70% of the earth's surface and are among the most productive ecosystems on the planet. They have a large influence on global climate and weather patterns, provide a large proportion of the oxygen we breathe and are a major source of biodiversity and natural resources.

Though generally recognized as several 'separate' oceans, the marine environment is a complex entity comprising distinct but highly interconnected components, such as the coastal area, the seabed and its subsoil, the water column, sea surface and overlying atmosphere. Hence, the many ecosystem functions and services that coastal and marine ecosystems provide are tightly interlinked.

What does the ocean provide?

The oceans offer many opportunities in terms of the valuable marine resources they contain and the range of maritime activities they support. Traditionally exploited marine resources include living resources such as numerous species of fish and shellfish and non-living resources, most notably oil and gas, as well as the use of the oceans for global transport and telecommunications.

The oceans also provide a broader range of essential services to human communities that support economic well-being and human health. The ocean circulates heat around the planet, which is why (for example) the UK is warmer than other countries on the same latitude. The land and sea are intimately connected, demonstrated by the Saharan dust storms which return nutrients.

- 2 Based on the presentation by Professor Dan Laffoley, Vice Chair (Marine), IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas.
- 3 A recent study concludes that "the consequences of our activities are at high risk of causing, through the combined effects of climate change, overexploitation, pollution and habitat loss, the next globally significant extinction event in the ocean." See A.D. Rogers & D.d'A. Laffoley, International Earth System Expert Workshop on Ocean Stresses and Impacts: Summary Report (Oxford: IPSO, 2011), online: http://www.stateoftheocean.org/pdfs/IPSO-LONG.pdf

Headlines: Effra Regular **Alternative typeface:**Trebuchet Regular

Standfirsts: Effra Regular

Body copy: Effra Light

Subheads: Effra Regular

Notes: Effra Light Section 1: Current status and governance of oceans

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Brand Guidelines One voice

Tone of voice

Tone of voice is a powerful tool, which means the way we communicate matters.

The way we communicate

Every piece of communication should be easy to understand

- Avoid complex terminology and use references that relate to everyday life.
- Awareness of your audience is important: imagine who you're talking to, and tailor your message accordingly.

Communicate outcomes

- Demonstrate the impact of The Commonwealth and its achievements.
- · Use active language.
- Make your message positive: focus on the benefits, not the difficulties; the solution, rather than the problem.
- Get the facts right and pay attention to details.

Basic principles

Simple and understated is best. Your words should always be written as if to one person. Your focus should always be on the people who will be reading what you're writing.



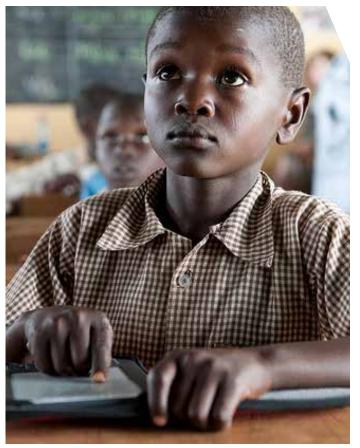
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Photography: People / Progress / Purpose

Photography should be positive and inspirational. It should show real people in real situations, and capture a moment in time.



Avoid manipulated images



Capture a moment



Real people



Candid situations

Photography: People / Progress / Purpose

The Commonwealth is an organisation that promotes progress. Images that capture a sense of movement and progress can bring

a piece of communication to life and should be included when appropriate.





Avoid obviously staged images



Capture a moment



Working together



Tension in the crop will imply movement



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Photography: People / Progress / Purpose

Reflect the purpose of the Commonwealth's work wherever possible, through text or photography.



Avoid visual clichés



Capture achievement



Communicate the outcome



Positive impacts

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Illustration

Using illustration can often overcome the difficulty of portraying diverse cultures or abstract subject matter,



Avoid dark and inhuman graphics



Avoid low quality clipart



Avoid overly complex or decorative illustration with no clear message

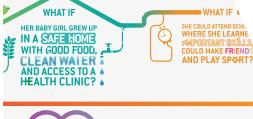


Connecting Cultures



E-governance









HER COUNTRY HELD ELECTIONS AND SHE HAD THE RIGHT

WHAT IF

Women Agents Of Change

Illustrations can also be used to inform. They should be simple and informative.





Applications

The following pages demonstrate how the brand should be used in a range of applications. These should be used as a benchmark for further communications.

Business cards

Information:

Name and contact methods: Effra Regular
Other Information: Effra Light
7.5pt / 10pt – (Auto) Optical Kerning

Vertical spacing: 3mm

Website address:
Effra Regular 7.5/10pt

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85mm x 55mm Landscape:

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8mm margin on all sides 12 columns (2mm gutter)



Compliments slips

210mm x 99mm landscape:

15mm margin on left, top and right sides; 13mm margin on bottom side 9 columns (4mm gutter)



Information: Effra Regular and Light 7.5pt / 10.5pt – (auto) optical kerning

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Letterhead

Letters should be typed in Effra Light or Trebuchet 10pt aligned left, with a 14pt line spacing.

210mm x 297mm (A4) portrait:

15mm margin on left, top and right sides; 13mm margin on bottom side 9 columns (4mm gutter)



May\00\2013

Name Surname Name of place First Line address City/County

Your Excellency

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Your Sincerely

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Kamalesh Sharma

Information: Effra Regular and Light 7.5pt / 10.5pt – (auto) optical kerning

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Envelopes

220mm x 110mm (DL):

15mm margin on left, top and right sides; 13mm margin on bottom side 9 columns (4mm gutter)

Information: Effra Regular and Light 7.5pt / 9pt – (auto) optical kerning



Name Surname Name of place First Line address City/County Postcode



Priced book covers

Templates for priced book covers are available in three sizes: 240mm x 165mm, 253mm x 190mm and 280mm x 205mm.

Title: the book titles come in three type sizes; long, medium and short. Please use the appropriate size, depending on title length.

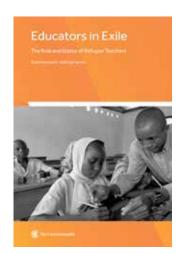
> Book Descriptor: Effra Regular, 16pt / 20pt, White

> > Author(s): Effra Italic, 12pt / 16pt, White



Spine Author: Effra Italic, 8.5pt / 11pt, White

Spine Title: Effra Regular, 8.5pt / 11pt, White





Dimensions 210mm x 297mm (A4): 12mm margin on left, top and bottom sides;

Back cover address: Effra Regular/Light

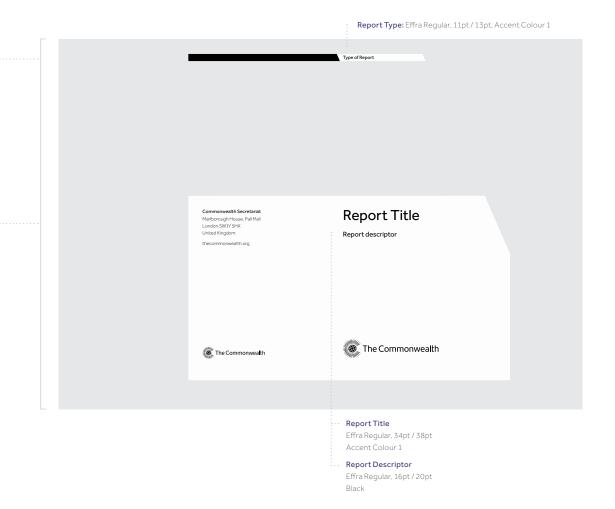
11pt / 16pt, Accent Colour 1 / Black mix

18mm margin on right side 12 columns (4mm gutter) **Brand Guidelines** Applying the brand 23

Report cover: full bleed

Professional, high-resolution images should be used for report covers. Full bleed covers should be used with the image wrapping around the

front and back covers. All report covers should be designed by the Printing Section or a professional designer, based on these templates.







Label

Depending on the type of report, the label should read either 'Proceedings Report', 'Policy Advice Report' or 'Research Report'. No other labels should be used.

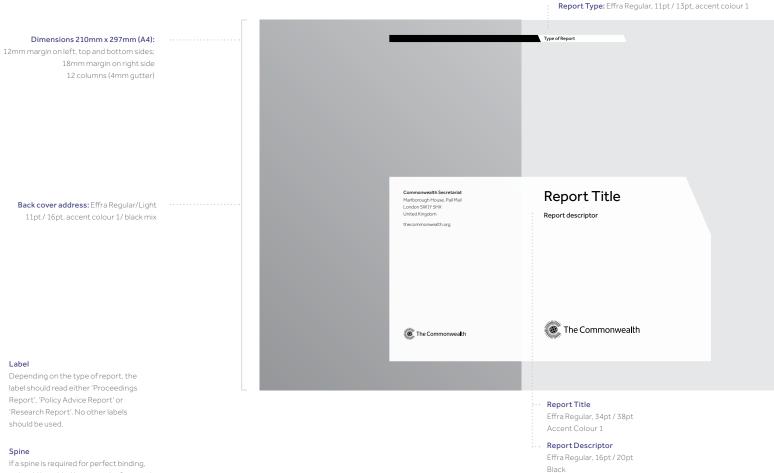
Spine

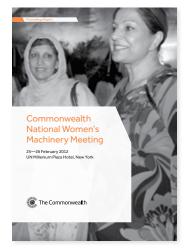
If a spine is required for perfect binding, it should be added between the front and back cover. It should not contain text and should use the darkest accent colour

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Report cover: half bleed with gradient

If an image is in portrait format and will not wrap around the front and back covers, a gradient of accent colours should be used on the back cover.





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If a spine is required for perfect binding, it should be added between the front and back cover. It should not contain text and should use the darkest accent colour

Report Descriptor

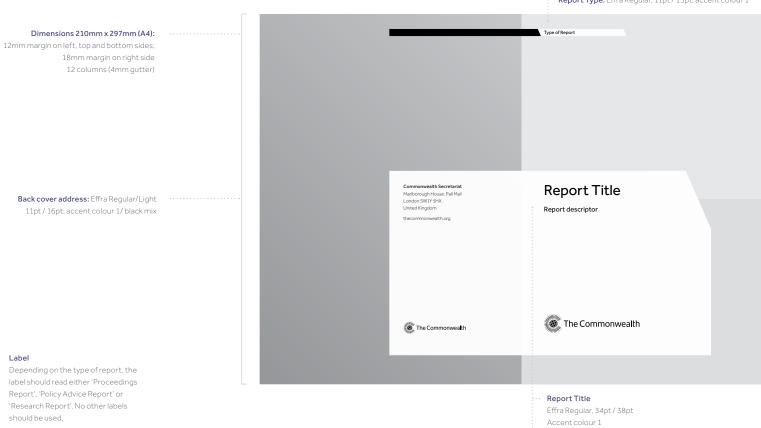
Effra Regular, 16pt / 20pt



Report cover: double image with gradient

If the resolution of an image is too low to fill the front cover, the image can be repeated.

Where possible, use a different crop in each image box. Where this is not possible, the image should be tiled. Examples are shown below.





Spine

If a spine is required for perfect binding, it should be added between the front and back cover. It should not contain text and should use the darkest accent colour





Report cover: supergraphic

Where no image can be found the supergraphic should be used. The gradients should comprise of the chosen accent colours. Do not alter the

gradient angles or location.
Policy Advice Reports should always use the supergraphic cover in Commonwealth Blue.

Report Type: Effra Regular, 11pt / 13pt, Accent Colour 1

Dimensions 210mm x 297mm (A4):

12mm margin on left, top and bottom sides; 18mm margin on right side 12 columns (4mm qutter)

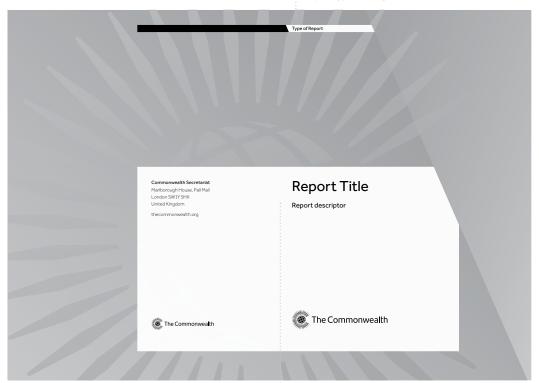
Back Cover Address: Effra Regular/Light 11pt / 16pt, accent colour 1/ black mix



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Report title

Effra Regular, 34pt / 38pt Accent colour 1

Report descriptor

Effra Regular, 16pt / 20pt





Sample report layout: Inside front cover and title page

Considerations:

The accent colour used here is Oceana

The accent colour can vary between reports, but only one accent can be used for any one report.

Where possible, have the text on optical kerning and the tracking on 0.

Try to have between 50-75 characters of body copy per line, as this helps with readability.

Background colour: gradient and solid colour mix . The 23.5° Angle divide has been used



... Line stroke 0.3pt 27

Sample report layout: contents page, pull quote and information box

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Folios are at the top for easy navigation. The 23.5° angle has been used as a line to separate the page title

Pull quotes are a good way of breaking up text-heavy pages and creating interest

Top stroke: 0.75mm, Fill: 4%, 23.5° Angle at

Info boxes help to pull out important information in a digestible way.

Sample report layout: welcome page and section break

Considerations:

The accent colour used here is Oceana

The accent colour can vary between reports, but only one accent colour can be used for any one report.

Where possible, have the text on optical kerning and the tracking on 0.

Try to have between 50-75 characters of body copy per line, as this helps with readability.

Using one column of text on a page helps to give the page some space around it.



Sample report layout: text hierarchy

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The accent colour used here is Oceana

The accent colour can vary between reports, but only one accent colour colours can be used for any one report.

Where possible, have the text on optical kerning and the tracking on 0.

Try to have between 50-75 characters of body copy per line, as this helps with readability.

Text hierarchy

This spread shows how a textheavy spread can be made easier to read with a clear typographic hierarchy

7 \ Current state and governance of oceans

Section 1: Current status and governance of oceans

Current state of the marine environment

The oceans cover approximately 70% of the earth's surface and are among the most productive ecosystems on the planet. They have a large influence on global climate and weather patterns, provide a large proportion of the oxygen we breathe and are a major source of biodiversity and natural resources.

Though generally recognized as several 'separate' the oxygen that we breathe, through the action of oceans, the marine environment is a complex entity microorganisms such as the chlorophyll-containing comprising distinct but highly interconnected components, such as the coastal area, the seabed photosynthetically abundant than trees or grass). and its subsoil, the water column, sea surface and overlying atmosphere. Hence, the many ecosystem ecosystems provide are tightly interlinked.

Earth from space as 'the blue planet', the prevailing interest in deep seabed minerals, marine genetic attitude towards oceans has shifted from one resources with medical, pharmaceutical and active management.

The oceans offer many opportunities in terms of the valuable marine resources they contain and the range of maritime activities they support. Traditionally exploited marine resources include living resources such as numerous species of fish and shellfish and non-living resources, most notably oil and gas, as well as the use of the oceans potential pharmaceutical applications, reinforcing for global transport and telecommunications.

The oceans also provide a broader range of essential services to human communities that The ocean circulates heat around the planet, which is why (for example) the UK is warmer than other countries on the same latitude. The land and sea are intimately connected, demonstrated by the Saharan dust storms which return nutrients to the ocean. The oceans also provide 50% of

cyanobacteria, Prochlorococcus sp. (more

As technology improves knowledge of the deeper waters further offshore and the capacity to access them, a number of non-traditional marine resource opportunities have emerged and are gradually Over the last 40 years, since we began to visualise being realised. These include the current increasing of exploration and conquest to stewardship and industrial benefits as well as seabed hydrocarbons such as methane hydrates. Furthermore, there are production and marine based climate-change

> New organisms living in the ocean are regularly being discovered including, for example, entire marine communities which receive energy not from the sun but from geothermal vents. Many of these organisms have not even been catalogued but have the fact that it's in our own interest to maintain the

Over 40% of the global population now lives within the coastal area, which makes up approximately 5% of the total land mass, and dependence on coasta systems, especially wetlands, reefs and estuaries. major source of resources and services will continue to grow as human populations increase.

Current state and governance of oceans \ 8

Marine Protected Areas: A proven solution





We are now realising the scale of human impacts hardly anywhere in the ocean that is not affected. on the ocean is now seen as one of the most significant issues, with many associated challenges. For example the Polar basins, previously very stable habitats, ,are being heated, with warm water being sucked down to depths of over 400m. This has major negative impacts on, among other things, global ocean circulation patterns, global climate and species distributions.

Of major concern is the release of methane hydrates in the Arctic, which has been described as a process of 'waking the monster' due to the significant contribution methane emissions could nake to climate change (methane is 21 times more powerful a greenhouse gas than carbon dioxide).

The distribution of some species are shifting as sea temperatures change while other species are becoming extinct at an increasing rate. A large percentage of species being fished in the eastern

Mediterranean and not native to the region, while

2 Based on the presentation by Professor Dan Laffoley, Vice extensive deadzones are appearing in ocean basins around estuaries, narrowing the number of habitat 3 A recent study concludes that "the consequences of our options available for many species.

Pollutants that we thought had been eliminated are now found to be accumulating in the marine environment. The ocean has been shielding us from the worst effects of climate change but with

to do this. The implications of ocean acidification are significant, since many marine organisms build their shells and skeletons through "calcification". As pH levels increase, a point will be reached where marine organisms can no longer form calcium occurring much more rapidly in high latitudes.

What does the future hold?

from the 'ocean bank account' we now need to either continue to denlete marine resources and ways to sustain and restore the oceans. A coherent strategy of ecosystem restoration is required and a wide range of tools are already available and prover to enable this to be achieved (including Marine Protected Areas - see text box). Building resilience ocean to support social and economic development

Accent colours

Using accent colours effectively can help guide the reader through a news story, and highlight important sections

Sample report layout: text and image

9 \ Planning and management approaches for the oceans

Section 3: Planning and management approaches for the oceans

Integrating spatial planning and modeling concepts in the governance of Belize's coastal zone

Belize is a mainland country in Central America bordered by the Caribbean Sea, with the world's second longest unbroken coral reef system, 220km in length. It also has three atolls and several coastal mangrove forests. 35% of the country's population lives in coastal areas.



It is possible to continue to derive benefits from these resources if a thoughtful approach is taken to conserve the abundance on offer. For a long time there was limited investment in the resilience of ecosystems and there have been conflicts over usage of the marine area. There were dormant and overlapping rules and laws, and too much regulation. Some departments and ministries didn't even recognise that they had laws and regulations. This led to conflict among users and a recognition that all would suffer if the situation continued, unless there was an attempt to regulate and plan for use of costal resources.

In the 1980s, scientists, government officials and NGOs came together to agree on the need for a joint plan. The GFF provided funding to establish the Coastal Zone Management (CZM) project in 1993, which led to the establishment of a coastal zone management authority, similar to the MMO in the UK. The mission statement of the CZM authority was:

"To support the allocation, sustainable use and planned development of Belize's coastal resources through increased knowledge and the building of alliances for the benefit of all Belizeans and the global community."

The authority recognised that if it was going to plan effectively, two simpossible to confinue with freedom of development and use and the development of certain standards was required. One of the CZM authority is first actions was to divide coastal areas into a series of planning regions. One region (Ambergrish had already developed an arsteplan, funded by the IDB. but no one had the capacity to implement. It. This was developed an area of a series of guidelines were developed for each planning region. This step was completed in 2003/2004.

Various elements were overlooked at this stage, such as the need for a more ecosystem-based management approach. The marine environments impacted one another and somewhat subjective criteria had been used, highlighting the need for science-based tools and expert advice.

Planning and management approaches for the oceans $\ 10$

Economic contribution of Belize's coral reefs



- Fisheries: US\$14-\$16 m/yr
- Shoreline protection: US\$231-347 m/y

An enhanced consultation process was used in the second phase of planning, involving preresentatives from coastal areas, but extending to a 3km 'zone of influence' inland. Consultation took place to agree where and how sones would be created. It identified where critical stakeholders were based for the consultation process and led to the development of scenarios, for example the ideal versus the unregulated scenarios.

The process explored how marine management decisions influenced the delivery of services. For example, how would the reation of a large hotel on an island impact fishing, reef, tourism and livelihoods. The Natural Capital project.24 a consortium of academic and NGO partners, was undertaken.

This provided a more solid scientific basis for decision making and helped people understand what benefits were provided by the marine areas and how to use the information to make decisions.



... Information boxes

Information boxes can be used over a full page width, or half page width

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Images

Careful cropping of an image can help create tension

Letting the image bleed off the page makes the spread more dynamic.

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Sample report layout: tables

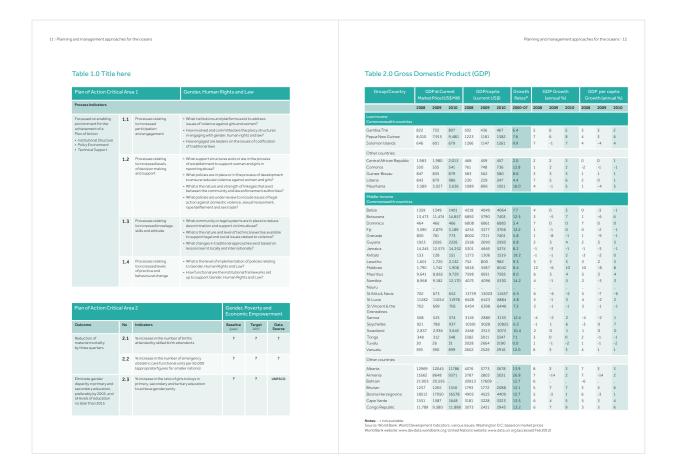
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Columns and rows can be any size. Keep at least a 1mm margin from the edge of each cell.

Tables can be spread over two pages

Using lighter tints differentiates between sections of the table. Darker tints help to make more important information stand out.

Give all table strokes a 2pt weight and keep them white.



Sample report layout: charts and graphs

Charts and graphs

Charts and graphs should use tints to help differentiate between sections.

Templates are available in Microsoft
Word and PowerPoint.



Newsletter: front covers

The accent colour used here is Commonwealth Blue. This should be used for all newsletters and no other accent colours should be used for front covers.

Dimensions 210mm x 297mm (A4)

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Cropping an image that fills the page can also create dynamism.

Try to use an image which has space for headline text and some extra information.

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Contents can go on the front cover, in a text box.





Option with no masthead colour

Mast head

The title of the magazine can be any size, as long as it fits comfortably in the mast head.

In the examples shown, the description of the newsletter appears above the title, and the issue number and date sits below it.

Newsletter: sample layout 1

Considerations

The accent colour and tint used here is Commonwealth Blue, however other accent colours can be used for interior pages.

Where possible, use optical kerning and the tracking on 0.

Use between 50-75 characters of body copy per line.

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Text Hierarchy:

This spread shows how a textheavy spread can be made easier to read with a clear typographic hierarchy. 2 \ SASD News

Message from the Director

2008 will be remembered for the unprecedented number of "crises" that affected the world economy.



"The situation is still evolving and it is difficult to predict how the various crises will interact."

Food prices peaked early in the year, oil prices reached their highest point in the middle of the year and then the financial crisis which originated in the United States quickly spread to emerging and developing countries.

As this issue of Advisory goes to print in early 2005, the situation is still evolving and its difficult to predict how the various crises will interact. While food and fuel prices have declined, future volatility cannot be excluded. The financial crisis is still unfolding at a global level and is now affecting the economy of many developing countries.

I would like to reflect on how the work of SASD in debt management, agriculture, natural resources and trade can help member countries, both directly or indirectly, mitigate the effects of such challenges.



The Financial crisis

While the full impact and duration of the current financial crisis of fiftuit to predict, all indications point towards a global economic downturn in the short to medium term, with the consequences being felt by all countries whether developed, emerging or developing. Mary countries including a large number in the Commonwealth, are already seeing reduced growth prospects, rising unemployment, a deterioration of their external balance sheet and, in some cases, increased borrowing.

The Commonwealth Secretariat does not provide financial support. This is left to international financial institutions such set left Man differ Morid Bank. Indeed, the latter have already come forward with rescue package for countries experiencing difficulties. However we can help by assisting countries to assess their options and make the right decisions should they need to contract new borrowings.

Fortunately, in recent years the debt position of many Commonwell and united as improved through a combination of better economic performance, limproved debt management and debt reduction following initiatives such as IMPC and MDRI. Some room to borrow has been created and this should allow countries to resort to additional borrowing in the medianise, without necessarily creating an unsustainable debt situation. However, prouderfielder management remains crucial and our

"Faced with an uncertain global economy, countries will need to make short-term adjustments while putting in place long-term strategies for sustainable development."

Debt Management Section can assist countries develop medium term borrowing strategies that will aske perceived risks into account. We are currently doing this for The Gambia (see article on Page 4).

The global economic downturn is also likely to affect other areas such as tourism. Many Commonwealth members, especially small island economies of the Caribbean, Indian Ocean and the Pacific, rely on tourism as a source of foreign income. As the failine industry passes on the cost to consumers in the form of fuel surcharges, the main concerni nearly 2008 was how oil price increases would affect the industry. Following the sharp fall in oil prices in the second-half of 2008 the focus has shifted to the likely impact of the economic slowdown on the tourism sector.

In such circumstances, resilience depends on the capacity of the tourism industry to offer quality and innovative services. Over the last few years, SASD has assisted several countries to establish national tourism development strategies. Offate, we have emphasised the development of niche areas such as eco-tourism, sports tourism, health tourism and agro-tourism as these allow countries to tap into their comparative advantage. The article on health and wellness tourism in the Caribbean illustrates our work in this area.

The food crisis

The food crisis of 2008 will be remembered for the social upheaval that it caused in a number of countries. The World Bank estimates that the increase in food prices over the period 2005-2007 has pushed an additional 105 million people into poverty.

Although prices of certain commodities started coming down towards the end of 2008, the structural causes of the food crisis still exist: low growth in agricultural productivity, low investment in the agricultural sector and increased demand for food and biofuels. In addition, the effects of climate change are likely to affect food production, especially in rain fed areas.

The problemis multi-faceted but the basic issue is that countries need to increase agricultural productivity in order to boost food supply. To tackle this, our Enterprise and Agriculture Section has been assisting member countries to formulate policies and strategies for diversifying and improving the competitiveness of the agricultural sector and for the sustainable management of fishery resources. The article on page 10 expands on this issue.

SASD News \3

The Fuel crisis

The impact of the fuel crisis will primarily depend on whether a country is a net fuel importer or exporter. Energy importing developing countries tend to be more affected than industrialised economies by rising energy costs because their economic growth depends much more on the primary and secondary sectors, which are more energy intensity.



Accent colours

Using accent colours effectively can help guide the reader through a news story, and highlight important sections.

Newsletter: sample layout 2

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Debt Management Forum

COMSEC is working on a project to introduce debt management E-learning in partnership with the Commonwealth of Learning.

A story can be spread over three

The project will be implemented in phases, with the initial phase covering training on external and domestic debt recording and interpretation of Loan Agreements and fixed income instruments. Analytical issues will later be incorporated in the curriculum.

This follows a survey, conducted by COMSEC on the eve of the last

"One of the main aims of the forum was to hold discussions with various stakeholders and obtain feedback '

a growing shift in demand for hands on training to cover debt analysis in relation to public debt management. One of the main aims of the forum stakeholders and obtain feedback on the Secretariat's flagship debt management program, including its debt management software, the Commonwealth Secretariat Debt Recording and Management System (CS-DRMS).

The forum looked at emerging trends in sovereign debt management; developing a public debt management strategy; accessing capital markets; institutional arrangements and capacity for sovereign debt management; emerging areas of debt management for developing countries; enhancing CS-DRMS

Product Line

frameworks

Provide debt recording and management software

Assist in recording various

Build capacity in debt management Provide policy advice and

assist with debt analysis Add value through strategic partnerships

for effective debt management; and improving debt data quality, reporting and dissemination. The forum also discussed the way forward for the Secretariat's capacity building for

There is a marked improvement in the quality of external debt databases in countries using the CS-DRMS. This can be partially attributed to the CS-DRMS Regional Advisers Project, which was initiated in 2005 to support the use of CS-DRMS and maintenance of databases in those countries. Representatives of the CS-DRMS regional user groups underscored the remarkable contribution of this joint GIDD/SASD project. However the

quality still requires attention. Despite improvement in the quality remains weak in many countries. There will, therefore, be a need for an extra push by ComSec in the future. In recent years, the demand for assistance on debt data issues has shifted towards the building of a comprehensive domestic debt database in member

countries. In moving forward, the Secretariat has broadened its assistance beyond debt data recording and statistics to other substantive issues in debt management, mainly debt analysis and institutional strengthening. The Secretariat recognised the need for debt management as well as the need for countries to work towards making debt sustainability analysis and debt strategy

building of local capacity in debt data of external debt data the reporting of debt statistics to international agencies

Extra infomation

As a post-HIPC country, it is crucial that new financing levels, the Government The Gambia maintains a sustainable considered these levels inadequate borrowing and investment needed to finance its development strategy. An assessment of external debt sustainability, undertaken by the IMF-World Bank in November 2007, using data from the end of 2006 suggested HIPC and MDRI relief on completion point in December 2007. The Debt Sustainability Analysis (DSA) report from exports of goods and services was inadequate to service external

debt liabilities. Whilst the IMF-World

and sought a second opinion from an independent party. The Commonwealth Secretariat was approached in February activities: conducting an independent that The Gambia would remain at high developing a national debt strategy and provide policy makers with data to

> One year after the IMF-World Bank assessment, the Commonwealth Secretariat intervention provided assessment to end 2007. Conducted

remain at high risk of debt distress and MDRI relief at completion point. However, by involving technical the latter are now better placed to the IMF and Wold Bank

successfully completed and submitted to authorities, COMSEC will embark training to officials starting July 2009.

Information boxes

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The Gambia gets a second opinion

Located in West Africa, The Gambia is the smallest Heavily Indebted Poor Country (HIPC), having taken seven years from 2000 to 2007 to go through the Initiative and obtained an estimated USD514.0 million Multilateral Debt Relief (MDRI) Initiatives

and the country faces a number of challenges on the economic front, notably declines in terms of trade, but also erratic rainfall. It ranks 155 out of 177 in the 2009 UN Human Development Index and according to DFID. 59%



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Newsletter: Back cover

Section dividers

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NEW PUBLICATIONS

Minerals Taxation Regimes



Council on Mining & Metals (*ICMM*) and co-published with the Commonwealth the arguments for and against taxing the mining sector differently to other Secretariat, reviews current and past thinking on mining taxation. In particular, it examines the ways in which different sources of mining revenue can have implications for socio-economic development. In order to assist governments to design and implement transparent frameworks for mining taxation, the Study provides an overview of different fiscal systems applied to the extractive industries (oil, gas and mining) including various tax

economic activities. The Economic and Legal Section of the Special Advisory Services Division collaborated with the ICMM by carrying out a review of the Study and its findings. Our involvement was considered important so as to ensure that the Study presented a balanced view, taking account of the experience of the Commonwealth Secretariat in advising governments on fiscal issues associated with extractive industries."

FORTHCOMING EVENTS



The Commonwealth @ 60

The Commonwealth has stood the test of time. Standing tall as an organisation of shared values, dedicated to protecting and advancing its principles, while meeting the changing challenges of its times. It has always been a part of the wider global community. As a champion of democracy, development and diversity. the Commonwealth has a powerful story to tell.

Our task this year is to look straight ahead - and ask how we can continue serving a new generation in 2009 and beyond.
What sort of 21st Century will our young people inherit? Will they know greater peace and prosperity than their parents? Will they exercise their most basic entitlements to food and education, healthcare, a vote?

The Commonwealth has always had an eye on the people and the tasks of tomorrow. Now, it must be prescient again in safeguarding and promoting the guarantors of the best hopes for its future: its young people.

Selected Forthcoming Events April 2009



Joint MEFMI-Comsec Regional Workshop for South and East Africa on Domestic Debt Recording in CSDRMS and Auctioning System

May 2009

25-28 May 2009, London, UK

National Export Strategy Learning Workshop Singapore Commonwealth Third County Training Programme

December 2009

Nurturing Medium and High Technology Start ups

Mainstreaming SME development in National Economic Policy and Planning

Developing the Tourism Sector in Commonwealth Developing Countries

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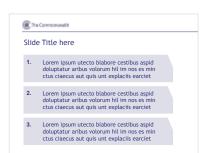
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