



A Gift in Your Will to the Galapagos Conservation Trust

Registered Charity No. 1043470

We would always advise members to consult a solicitor regarding making or updating a Will. Below is a little advice as well as some examples of specific words you may find useful if you wish to include a bequest to the Galapagos Conservation Trust (GCT) in your Will.

The proper designation and address that should be included in your Will are as follows: 'Galapagos Conservation Trust'. UK Registered Charity Number: 1043470 of 28 Portland Place, London, W1B 1LY, United Kingdom."

It is also prudent to include a paragraph along the following lines;

"I declare that if Galapagos Conservation Trust changes its name or constitution or amalgamates with any other charity then the renamed or reconstituted or amalgamated charity shall, if it serves objects similar to those of the original charity, be entitled to receive the benefit given by my Will."

How should I leave my bequest?

The best way to support the work of the Galapagos Conservation Trust is to leave an unrestricted bequest that will allow the Trust to distribute your donation to the work of their choice. This type of bequest is the most valuable as it ensures that priority needs of the time can be addressed.

If you do wish to be more specific, you should try not to be too precise in your bequest. Over the years GCT's priorities will change and donations to certain projects may become inappropriate. For example, at the time of your death some projects may be well funded and others critically underfunded.

If you do wish to suggest a particular purpose for your donation, please contact the Galapagos Conservation Trust. Wording can then be discussed that will not be too inflexible in the future but that will be appropriate to your wishes.

How can I change my Will to include the Galapagos Conservation Trust?

If you already have a Will, in most countries you needn't make a new one. You can add an amendment which is often known as a 'codicil'. Any amendment needs to be a legal document and it must be signed and witnessed in exactly the same way as a Will. For simple changes, this can be a perfectly adequate way of making an alteration. Where you wish to make substantial changes or are completely restructuring the distribution of your estate, then you will usually want to make a new Will.

In all cases, you should check the legal requirements and options with your solicitor.

Recommended Wording

Specific legacy - where you leave an item to GCT

The suggested form of wording for a specific legacy is:

I give, devise, and bequeath (name the particular item or items) to the Galapagos Conservation Trust, 28 Portland Place, London, W1B 1LY, United Kingdom, Registered Charity No. 1043470, to be used for its general charitable purposes and I declare that the receipt of the foundation or duly authorised officer shall be sufficient discharge to my executors.

Pecuniary legacy - where you leave a specific amount of money to GCT

The suggested form of wording for a pecuniary legacy is:

I give, devise, and bequeath the sum of £_____ to the Galapagos Conservation Trust, 28 Portland Place, London, W1B 1LY, United Kingdom, Registered Charity No. 1043470, to be used for its general charitable purposes and I declare that the receipt of the foundation or duly authorised officer shall be sufficient discharge to my executors.

Residue of estate - where you leave everything that remains to GCT once your specific and pecuniary bequests have been made

A residuary bequest is generally of the greatest benefit to our charity as its value increases in line with inflation. If you wish to leave all the residue of your Estate to the Galapagos Conservation Trust, the suggested form of wording is:

I give to the Galapagos Conservation Trust, 28 Portland Place, London, W1B 1LY, United Kingdom, Registered Charity No. 1043470, all of the residue of my estate both real and personal, whatsoever and where ever situated, to be used for its general charitable purposes and I declare that the receipt of the foundation or duly authorised officer shall be sufficient discharge to my executors.

Share of estate - where you split everything that remains once your specific and pecuniary bequests have been made between GCT and another party.

If you wanted to leave a portion of your estate to the Galapagos Conservation Trust, the suggested wording of your will would be:

I give, devise, and bequeath _____ percent (or a fraction such as one half) of my estate to the Galapagos Conservation Trust, 28 Portland Place, London, W1B 1LY, United Kingdom, Registered Charity No. 1043470, to be used for its general charitable purposes and I declare that the receipt of the foundation or duly authorised officer shall be sufficient discharge to my executors.

Should have any questions about leaving the Galapagos Conservation Trust a gift in your Will, or require further information please contact Kelly Hague, Individual Giving Manager at the GCT office (email kelly@gct.org or call 020 020 7399 7440). Any communication we have with you regarding leaving a bequest will be treated in the utmost confidence.

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