RETAINED RESEARCH PARTNERSHIP

ISLAND 2035

Economic, social and environmental advisory package, retained year-round for island-based organisations.

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Why island-based organisations need a firm evidence base

Decisions outpace evidence

Key decisions are frequently based on historical data which is often out-of-date in a rapidly changing world and not island-specific.

Internal capacity is thin

Island-based organisations rarely have dedicated in-house island analysts, so research is often commissioned late and in fragments.

Business investment requires proof

Strategic investment opportunities increasingly require latest baseline data, impact measurement, and credible forward projections.

Three pillars, one clear offer

Each pillar answers one question. Together they make the business direction much clearer.

PILLAR 1

RESILIENCE

IRV-20™

How resilient or vulnerable are the islands relevant to the business?

PILLAR 2

DEPENDENCY

Single-Sector Dependency Analysis

How exposed are the islands to one dominant economic activity?

PILLAR 3

FUTURE

ISLAND 2035

Given the vulnerabilities and opportunities, what are the prospects for the islands?

Your business becomes much clearer.

Island examples of comparative interest

The importance of comparative island data and benchmarking is key. Here are just three sets of examples:

01 **Guernsey**
Crown Dependency, Channel Islands.

02 **Jersey**
Crown Dependency, Channel Islands.

03 **Isle of Man**
Crown Dependency, Irish Sea.

04 **Bermuda**
British Overseas Territory, North Atlantic.

05 **Cayman Islands**
British Overseas Territory, Caribbean.

06 **Prince Edward Island**
Canadian Province, Western Atlantic.

07 **Iceland**
Independent island Nation, North Atlantic.

08 **Tasmania**
Australian Island State. Tasman Sea.

09 **Azores**
Autonomous region of Portugal. Central Atlantic.

10 **Seychelles**
Island Republic. Central Indian Ocean.

Many other island comparisons are covered whenever a client portfolio requires them to be.

Three primary focus areas

Each element stands alone. Together they answer the range of questions that islands actually face.

01

Economic/Fiscal

- Sector performance and employment analysis
- Fiscal trends and capital funding
- Investment and business opportunities

02

Social/Infrastructure

- Population and migration tracking
- Community infrastructure and project delivery
- Services access and overall wellbeing

03

Environmental

- Marine and land-use baselines and threats
- Energy transition and water resources
- Climate risk and overall resilience

The retained model, not one-off commissions

- **Annual subscription**

  A fixed retainer replaces unpredictable project fees and procurement cycles.

- **Standing data resource**

  One overall island dataset, maintained continuously, that every piece of work draws upon.

- **Rapid-response briefs**

  Short-turnaround answers when a consultation, funding call or crisis lands.

- **Quarterly evidence reviews**

  A recurring session that turns findings into decisions with your leadership team.

What the annual retained service can include:

Seven deliverables renewed annually.

01 **RVI-20™ Assessments**
Resilience/Vulnerability Index for selected islands.

02 **Quarterly Island Intelligence**
What has changed, and why it matters.

03 **Island 2035 Review**
Longer-term strategic analysis.

04 **CPD Seminars**
Access to our accredited programme.

05 **Executive Briefings**
Two to four private sessions each year.

06 **Comparative Benchmarking**
Client islands set against appropriate peer islands.

07 **Early-warning Alerts**
Significant shifts in resilience or vulnerability.

> This creates an ongoing relationship, not a series of reports.

Quarterly Intelligence Breakdown

Every quarter, each client receives feedback on five key areas in their island portfolio.

Latest External Risks	Which islands are becoming more vulnerable?
Potential Opportunities	Where are economic/social opportunities emerging?
Comparative Resilience	Which jurisdictions are strengthening, and which are weakening?
Emerging Challenges	What should senior management be watching next?
Strategic Briefing	What does all of it mean for our business?

A quarterly reporting process so risk and opportunity surface before they become decisions.

What we're asking of you

Confirm

Agree the research lines as the primary scope for years' one and two.

Commit

Approve an annual retainer fee fixed for two years from the start of the partnership.

Convene

Nominate a senior leadership team member for ongoing liaison and Island 2035 reporting cycles.

Decisions made for the next decade deserve evidence built for it.