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Sand seas and dune fields

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... Sand seas cover around 5% of the global land area, hold an excellent record of past global environmental change and their development and dynamics will be markedly influenced by future climate change. This project will establish a UK-based consortium to consolidate current understanding of global sand seas, identify gaps in our knowledge concerning sand sea development and set the agenda for future research in this area. The funds will be used to set up meetings of the consortium oriented around data consolidation and to run a full-day workshop to develop future research initiatives. Part of the funds will be used to bring invited international participants to the workshop. This will provide a strong framework within which future research into the subject can be situated and will provide an important geographical perspective on global change.

The Research group comprises Professor Ian Livingstone (University of Northampton), Dr Andreas Baas (King's College London), Dr Mark Bateman (University of Sheffield), Dr Charlie Bristow (Birkbeck College, University of London), Dr Rob Bryant (University of Sheffield), Dr Joanna Bullard (Loughborough University), Professor David Thomas (Oxford University), Dr Kevin White (University of Reading), and Dr Giles Wiggs (Oxford University).