COLCHESTER ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY

England & Wales · Charity number 1105621

Details

Other names	COLCHESTER ZOO ACTION FOR THE WILD
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Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	05150424
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Activities

Objects: The Charity's Objects are:- (i) For the benefit and education of the public the conservation of the Earth's natural resources through projects and initiatives dealing with the preservation and protection of living animals and their habitats;(ii) To educate the public in a formal and informal manner through educational programmes raising awareness and respect for nature;(iii) To carry out scientific and quantitative research from which conservation and animal welfare benefits can accrue and to provide for the publication of the results of such research; (iv) To provide support whether financial or otherwise for projects operating nationally and internationally which focus on researching and conserving animal species in their natural habitats, in particular but not exclusively by working with UmPhafa Conservation Trust, an organisation (registered in South Africa with Public Benefit Number 93007572).

Activities: Colchester Zoological Society is dedicated to providing financial and technical assistance to conservation projects worldwide, to raising awareness among local people in community conservation programmes and to supporting conservation research and its own project: the UmPhafa Nature Reserve in KwaZulu Natal, South Africa.

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Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Human Resources, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** Education/training, Animals, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Children/young People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Congo (Democratic Republic)
- Ecuador
- Indonesia
- Laos
- Madagascar
- Nepal
- Netherlands
- South Africa
- Zambia
- Essex

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£4,420,857	£510,518	£5,135,891	0
2023-12-31	£198,942	£519,678	-	-
2022-12-31	£641,899	£387,966	£1,546,288	0
2021-12-31	£1,281,717	£284,985	£1,292,355	0
2020-12-31	£242,817	£211,737	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Alan Bruford		2024-05-10
Andrew Lewis		2021-12-24
Elizabeth Anne Butcher		2024-04-04
Jayne Griffiths-Scott		2025-04-01
Robert Lees		2024-05-08

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Colchester Zoological Society (formerly Colchester Zoo Action for the Wild)

Report of the Trustees and

Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

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The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The charity's objectives are:

(a) the conservation of the earth's natural resources through projects and initiatives dealing with preservation and protection of living animals and their habitats
(b) To educate the public in a formal and informal manner through educational programmes raising awareness and respect for nature
(c) To carry out specific and quantitative research from which conservation and animal welfare benefits can accrue and to provide for the publication of results of such research

The charity's aims are:

(a) to provide financial assistance to overseas in-situ projects in order to support the conservation of endangered species
(b) to provide technical assistance to in-situ and ex situ projects at both local and global levels
(c) to raise awareness through education programmes and involvement of local people in community conservation projects

We have referred to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and planning future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

Significant activities

The charity pledges funding for third party conservation projects world wide. The projects are selected after careful consideration of the current plight of the species to which the project relates. All third party projects funded in this manner share the same overall objectives and aims of the charity.

The charity has undertaken the creation of a wildlife reserve in South Africa with the aid of donations from Colchester Zoo Enterprises Limited and its visitors.

Volunteers

The charity uses volunteers to help raise awareness of Colchester Zoological Society and the conservation work it supports and to help raise funds for supported projects. The Trustees would like to take this opportunity to thank the volunteers for their continuing efforts.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

Below is a review of the organisations and projects Colchester Zoological Society supported in 2024 through financial and technical assistance.

UmPhafa Private Nature Reserve

- The UmPhafa Nature Reserve was formed in 2005. In October 2024, the UmPhafa Nature Reserve was given protected area status under South African law.
- In 2024, Colchester Zoological Society gave a contribution of £379,005 to ensure the continued running of the reserve; from employing field rangers, maintenance and intern staff, to ensuring continued protection of wildlife species, as well as hosting interns and provided them with the opportunity for interns to learn about conservation management of a reserve.
- 56 interns visited in 2024, which included groups from Writtle University College, the University of Suffolk and East Coast College. A new South African student intern also joined for the year. The interns assisted with research on the bottlebrush tree and with vegetation surveys as part of the rangeland condition assessment of the reserve, led by the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development. 34 students from the University of KwaZulu Natal also visited for their annual soil studies trip.
- Poaching continues to be an issue, but thankfully at a lower level than 2023, with a total of 25m of fence stolen, 16 animals taken and 22 incursion attempts, however there was a higher number of instances of trespassing by poachers, with or without dogs, with 84 poachers recorded in the reserve in 2024 and one snare found. Incursion attempts did follow a downward trend over the year, likely due to increased cameras, the purchase of a thermal drone, and improved patrolling, along with the buffalo acting as a deterrent. Donations of binoculars and cameras also assisted the field rangers in their work.
- Game count figures provided good totals for 2024, higher than 2023, even though animals were lost to a particularly cold snap.
- 2024 saw no improvement in rainfall levels, so planning ahead, the team purchased a rake and baler to ensure the animals have food in stock for the winter of 2025. Two additional boreholes were also drilled in 2024 so the team will be able to top up some of the dams to ensure constant water sources.

Species	Dec 2021	Dec 2022	Dec 2023	Nov 2024	Highester number recorded in a game count this year
Blesbok	59	88	44	59	171
Buffalo	0	0	14	30	30
Common Reedbuck	11	13	10	7	7
Duiker	11	12	33	15	57
Eland	14	124	112	72	122
Giraffe	41	38	40	40	61
Impala	380	465	360	304	385
Kudu	459	561	323	193	378
Mountain Reedbuck	10	23	17	5	11
Nyala	73	75	50	56	108
Red Hartbeest	78	73	57	13	47
Warthog	306	344	212	254	254
Waterbuck	47	66	66	40	60
Wildbeest	292	269	351	185	325
Zebra	337	481	551	303	551
Total	**2118**	**2632**	**2226**	**1584**	**2589**

New species recorded for the year include:

- Mammals - African Wild Cat
- Birds - Purple Crested Turaco
- Insects - Baboon spider Amphibians - Painted Reed frog / Boettgers Dainty frog

Key Events on the Reserve

January 2024
- Buffalo herd started to calf

February 2024
- 4 juvenile giraffes captured and moved off the reserve; 2 males and 2 females
- 2 male wild dogs arrived
- The field rangers and management staff started security training and testing

March 2024
- Female wild dogs arrived
- 3 spotted eagle owls arrived from FreeMe Wild and released
- 2 large spotted genets arrived from FreeMe Wild and released
- The field rangers and management staff started security exams with written and practical shooting tests
- First aid training for field rangers and management

April 2024
- Cheetah permit arrived
- Started bonding procedure with the wild dogs
- 101 blesbok delivered
- Male kudus captured for movement off the reserve
- 10 ostriches delivered; 2 males 8 females
- Electric converted to solar on the reserve's fences

May 2024
- Wildebeest and zebra captured for movement off the reserve
- Thermal drone purchased

June 2024
- New male giraffe delivered
- 4 new camera traps purchased

July 2024
- Wild dogs left
- African wild cat released
- 2 new male giraffes released
- 3 male red Hartebeest delivered
- Cheetah collars arrived

August 2024
- Released 9 Buffalo including a calf
- Spotted another African wildcat on the reserve
- 10 common reedbuck released

September 2024
- The wild dogs that left in July had 5 pups at their new home Makalali. These were the only dogs bonded successfully this year
- State vet checked the buffalo fence and it passed
- 56 kudu and 20 zebra captured for movement off the reserve

October 2024
- The team undertook a block burn of 27% of the reserve.

November 2024
- 3 male eland arrived
- Spotted Eagle Owl had 2 chicks

December 2024
- .Eskom electricity supply switched off with conversion to solar.

In 2025, the team shall again be hosting interns to help with the reserve management tasks and will continue to focus their efforts on protecting species, bringing in new animal genes with the highlight of releasing cheetah onto the reserve; a first release of this species!

Fisher's Estuarine Moth Breeding Programme

- The Fisher's estuarine moth is a rare and highly threatened species. The main stronghold of the species centred on a remote island in Essex located in the Walton Backwaters, called Skipper's Island, which is part of Hamford Water National nature reserve. Sadly, a seawall breach in 2020 has meant that approximately 70% of suitable habitat on the island has been lost to rising sea levels. Over the last 20+ years, a collaborate project has been underway to create new habitat for the moth's larvae to feed on, with Hog's fennel planted across numerous sites in north Essex, as part of a landscape-wide conservation approach.
- Colchester Zoo began working on this programme in 2008, setting up a captive breeding and release programme, with egg batches produced at the zoo released into newly created habitat sites to ensure the long-term survival of this species. As of 2024, the majority of the 35 plots have now been colonised, and the captive breeding programme was paused, having achieved its objective to provide moths for release into new habitat.
- Colchester Zoo, however, continues its involvement with the project by annually monitoring Hog's fennel plant condition, scrub encroachment, larval feeding signs and adult moth counts at two of the newly created sites; Cudmore Grove and Copt Hall, to help monitor the establishment of the moth at these sites.
- In addition, Colchester Zoo's Zoological Director and Team Leader of Reptile Section sit on the Fisher's Estuarine Moth Steering Group with partners from the Essex Wildlife Trust, Natural England, Environment Agency, Tendring District Council, Butterfly Conservation and the National Trust to continue to work to safeguard the future of this species.
- This project is a fantastic indicator of the success of an invertebrate breed and release programme, working in collaboration with various conservation organisations to increase the population size of this species.

Save the Rhinos International

- The Minister for the South African Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment has announced that 420 rhinos were illegally killed in South Africa during 2024, and, of this total, 232 rhinos were lost to poaching in KwaZulu Natal.
- Whilst these figures represent a decrease on the previous year, demonstrating that current conservation efforts are having a tangible impact, ongoing investment into park rangers is essential, as rangers are on the frontline in their role to ensure the integrity of conservation areas and the safety of rhinos within these landscapes.
- In 2024, Colchester Zoological Society gave a contribution of £6,900 to purchase rifle safes for the safeguarding of field rangers' rifles and to meet emergency repairs or replacement for patrol equipment for rangers.
- This donation helps towards Hluluwe-iMfolozi National Park's objectives to reduce annual poaching levels, by enabling increased patrol coverage, decreased reaction time and by improving ranger welfare while on duty.
- The first quarter of 2024 saw rhino carcasses continue to be found following poaching incidents. Following a major dehorning operation in April, the next quarter saw a reduction in rhino poaching and overall, this decrease continued for the rest of the year. Unfortunately, there is still a market for dehorned rhino, so the teams remain ever vigilant to ensure continued protection of the reserve's rhinos.
- Field ranger training sessions continued in the Park in 2024, new uniform provision, ongoing efforts to maintain the field ranger camps and the purchase of new equipment, such as tents, and ration packs, all help build the ranger units' capacity, helping to ensure individuals are more effective during deployments in the field.

Orangutan Foundation

- The Orangutan Foundation is working to save orangutans by protecting their tropical forest habitat, working with local communities, and promoting research and education. n.
- The Orangutan Foundation operates five orangutan post-release monitoring camps within the Lamandau Wildlife Reserve, a reserve spanning almost 160,000 acres in Indonesian Borneo. At these camps, field teams care for orphaned orangutans in a soft-release programme and continuously monitor orangutans in the surrounding forest. The young orangutans in the soft-release programme learn forest skills necessary for life in the wild and, once fully prepared, are then ready for release. From time to time, situations arise where the team help with the rescue and translocation of orangutans stranded in threatened areas, such as community land and fragmented sections of forest. Veterinary assistance ensures the highest welfare standards are available to expertly treat these orangutans straight away before release into the Lamandau Wildlife Reserve.
- In 2024, Colchester Zoological Society gave a contribution of £7,500 to cover a vet salary, post-release monitoring of the Bornean orangutan population in the Lamandau Wildlife Reserve and veterinary equipment for a wildlife clinic.
- Highlights from 2024 confirm a wild birth to one of the females, after seven years of learning, an orphaned orangutan graduated from the soft-release programme and started a new chapter in the protected Lamandau Wildlife Reserve, and the other orangutans in the soft-release programme also progressed well.
- Approximately 550,000 acres of critical rainforest habitat continues to be protected through guard posts and patrols, with over 5,000 orangutans in Lamandau Wildlife Reserve and Tanjung Puting National Park safe-guarded through the habitat protection programme.
- Reforestation also continued in over 40 hectares of degraded rainforest habitat. 36,500 saplings were planted in over 30 hectares of degraded rainforest. A further 14.4 hectares of saplings planted in previous years were also maintained through the process of 'enrichment', where failing tree-saplings are replaced by stronger ones. A total of 7,000 plants from 7 different species were used in this process to increase local rainforest diversity and success rates.
- Fortunately, the dry season was not as arid as expected, with only two forest fires needing to be extinguished in Lamandau Wildlife Reserve. Staff also built wells - 'boreholes' - to encourage the growth of wetter, fire-resistant vegetation, and to provide water sources for firefighting in fire-prone forest areas.

AEECL (Association Européenne pour l'Étude et la Conservation des Lémuriens)

- The AEECL aims to advance the understanding and conservation of Madagascar's lemur populations through scientific research, captive propagation and protection of their natural habitat.
- Investment in local communities through education, resource management and communication helps ensure the communities of today can forge a safe haven for wildlife tomorrow.
- In 2024, Colchester Zoological Society gave its £1,747.34 membership fee to support the work of AEECL.
- In 2024, during the Regional Reforestation event, the AEECL planted 50 trees in Anahidrano village, about 25km north of Antsohihy. The project's main site for the reforestation programme is in Andranotsiritry; the reforestation area begins at the edges of the Andranotsiritry forest and extends over a vast savannah. During the planting season, 6,586 young plants from four species were provided by the 2 community nurseries and these were planted over 4ha. Young plants continue to be checked over and watered and the area around them tidied to help with the tree growth.
- AEECL support the women in local communities in Antsohihy and in celebration of International Women's Day in 2024, provided 25 T-shirts, and a special celebration meal to all participants who represented AEECL.
- The team attended the biodiversity annual event in Anjiabory which included a celebration lunch, information stands, speeches by the authorities in attendance and networking with the NGOs who work in the Sofia region. AEECL donated to support the celebration.
- A Master's research student, supported by AEECL, studied at various locations throughout the area, looking at 'assessing the potential for soil restoration in rice paddies in the Sahamalaza region, using soil tests and social science.' The AEECL helped the student to organise her research permit, organised a Malagasy student to assist her and supported her data collection.
- The AEECL hosted another day of road repairs which saw 178 people attend from four villages and approximately 17km of road either fixed or newly created. Most of the worst sections were fixed and AEECL provided food for the event.
- AEECL subsidises 78 teacher wages from 3 communes to ensure they are earning a salary whilst teaching the children good skills, including nature-based studies. By subsidising their salaries, the AEECL can improve the educational programmes of the local communities.

Elephant Orphanage Project

- The Elephant Orphanage Project (EOP) is working to rescue, rehabilitate and release elephants that have been orphaned as a direct result of poaching.
- In 2024, Colchester Zoological Society gave a contribution of £10,000 to help provide food and medical treatment for the orphans and to support the wage of one of the elephant caregivers, Aaron, who has worked at the project since 2012.
- At the end of 2024, the Elephant Orphanage Project's had 26 elephants undergoing care or monitoring, spanning the six stages of release:
  - 17 elephants in rehabilitation (5 elephants in Stage 1 rehabilitation at the Lilayi Elephant Nursery and 12 elephants in Stage 3 at the Kafue Release Facility who remain inside the protective boma overnight).
  - 9 elephants actively monitored (6 of these in Stage 5 spending nights outside the boma, remaining with the orphan herd less than 50% of their time and with one calf born in the wild, and 3 in Stage 6 living full time in the wild and being monitored).
- Stage 5 elephant female Chamilandu and her herd continue to periodically visit the Stage 3 release phase orphans to socialise on their daily walks and, throughout the last quarter of the year, maintained a consistent home range within 5 - 7 km radius of the Release Facility. These encounters evidence the strong bonds forged between the elephants and the trust they have built over time.
- Some of the Stage 5 orphans; Tafika, Rufunsa, and Mosi, have begun to explore other areas of the Kafue National Park, likely in search of more abundant and nutritious food sources. This break away from Chamilandu's leadership and expansion of their range marks their growing independence and confidence in navigating the wild. Tafika ventured south and explored overlapping ranges with wild herds; this behaviour is essential for long-term survival and adaptation in male African elephants.
- After five months of exploring the wild, Stage 6 sub-adult bull Musolole, now 13.5 years, made an unexpected return to the Kafue Release Facility, reuniting with the orphans, likely in search of water due to the drought. He had been spotted in a group of around 50 wild elephants just 2 weeks before his return in excellent body condition.
- In November, an orphaned elephant was captured. He was in poor condition, which is currently very common during this extreme drought, but he was already of weaned age, so rather than go to Lilayi Elephant Nursery, he was immobilised to provide some basic medical treatment and immune boosters and relocated to an area closer to the National Park, away from settlements with more plentiful vegetation. Subsequent reports by the monitoring Rangers confirm he joined with a herd and moved off towards the Park.

Elephant Herpes Virus (EEHV) Research Funds Appeal

- Elephant endotheliotropic herpesvirus (EEHV), of which there are 11 (sub)species, continues to be a devastating infectious disease posing a significant threat to the long-term conservation of Asian elephants in zoo populations and is the most frequent cause of death in young Asian elephants; over the last 35 years, 12-17% of all Asian elephant calves born in Western zoos succumbed to EEHV-HD before reaching adulthood. The disease is also found in wild populations, where infections and fatalities are more challenging to track, and more recently, African elephants have been shown to be affected as well.
- In 2024, Colchester Zoological Society provided a donation of £866.63 to support research projects that strive towards finding a solution against this fatal disease.
- Promising lines of research work continue, with researchers at the University of Utrecht making remarkable progress towards developing a vaccine against EEHV.
- A scientific paper was published in 2024 highlighting progress with the work to better define which animals are at risk of EEHV-fatal haemorrhagic disease (EEHV-HD) using blood tests from 164 Asian elephants in European zoos. The study strongly suggested which young elephants with low antibody levels were at risk of developing fatal EEHV-HD, confirmed by the fact all 23 studied fatalities had such low antibody levels (which represents a large subset of 56% of the total reported fatalities)
- Overall, the research found that specific testing can be used to identify animals at risk of EEHV-HD and further research will now look to determine the exact antibody level above which animals are protected against EEHV-HD.
- The future of zoo elephant populations depends on understanding how to manage this awful disease. In the long term, research serves to protect captive elephants against fatal EEHV-HD and contribute to the preservation of this endangered animal species.

Centre de Rehabilitation des Primates de Lwiro

- Founded in 2002 by two Congolese government institutions, The Lwiro Primates Rehabilitation Centre (LPRC) was formed to provide a permanent solution for the escalating number of orphaned primates confiscated around Kahuzi-Biega National Par (PNKB). The centre plays a vital role in caring for confiscated wildlife and in working to stop the illegal animal trade in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).
- At the end of 2024, Lwiro serves as a sanctuary for 129 chimpanzees, 108 monkeys of 14 different species, 46 parrots, 3 tortoises and a porcupine.
- The centre is committed to delivering high-quality wildlife health and welfare services, emphasising long-term captive care, with a strong focus on rehabilitation and conservation education.
- In 2024, Colchester Zoological Society gave a contribution of £4,973.34 towards the purchase of essential sustenance, promoting the health and vitality of the primates residing at Lwiro. Over six weeks, from April 2024 to May 2024, the donation facilitated the provision of fresh fruits and vegetables to a total of 287 animals housed at LPRC. This initiative not only adds variety to their diet, but also enhances the overall quality of nutrition, contributing to the holistic well-being of the primates.
- The support enables the LPRC to maintain its care capacity, ensuring the continued reception of confiscated animals. This not only aligns with LPRC's mission, but also contributes to compliance with Congolese law.
- A significant portion of the funds was dedicated to supporting local women farmers in Lwiro. This not only ensures a regular supply of fresh and diverse nutritional options for the primates, but also sustains the livelihoods of local farmers, providing them with a sustainable income source that helps protect Kahuzi Biega National Park from exploitation.

Free the Bears

- Free the Bears (FTB) is working to protect, preserve and enrich the lives of bears throughout the world by offering a safe sanctuary for bears rescued from the illegal wildlife trade.
- In 2024, a record 34 bears were rescued. This included the world's largest rescue of threatened bear cubs, involving 16 tiny cubs ranging in weight between 1.3kg and 4kg. Sadly, one of the cubs didn't make it, however, the 15 survivors are now healthy and strong. Many of the other bears rescued were also orphaned cubs, two of which had horrific wounds from wire snare traps, although thankfully both are now on the road to recovery. Older bears were also rescued, that had been caged for many years, including a golden moon bear. All of these bears have been spared a life of pain, fear and suffering and will join the hundreds of rescued bears at Free the Bears' sanctuaries.
- In 2024, Colchester Zoological Society gave a contribution of £7,500 towards Free the Bears; £6000 towards the expansion of the Laos sanctuary's sun bear facilities to help create a second facility and new group of sun bears during 2025, as four sun bears were rescued in 2024. The other £1,500 towards recruitment of a new Behavioural Research Assistant, including sample collection from a male sun bear who will have an implant fitted to control sperm production. This represents a rare opportunity to integrate behavioural observations with hormonal monitoring to analyse the effects of contraceptive use on male social and reproductive behaviours to help inform future contraceptive practices in captive bear populations.

Vulpro

- African vultures are some of the most threatened species on the planet, with some populations having declined by over 80% in the last three decades. VulPro has been at the forefront of vulture conservation, conducting extensive breeding surveys and analysing trends across southern Africa since 2010. By identifying critical nesting sites and understanding the challenges facing breeding vultures, VulPro contributes invaluable data to the fight for their survival.
- In 2024, Colchester Zoological Society gave a contribution of £4,994.22 towards vulture monitoring expenses, covering researcher costs to monitor breeding sites of the critically endangered tree nesting African white-backed vulture.
- Researchers employ a combination of walking, drone, and driving surveys to carefully observe and document the presence and behaviour of vultures at each nest. Each nesting site is monitored a minimum of twice a year, allowing for comparisons of breeding success at the start and end of each season and enabling the calculation of annual reproductive rates.
  In 2024, VulPro's tree nesting monitoring activity took place across 20 different properties, where the team recorded a total 137 vulture tree nests.
  Long-established monitoring sites provide valuable data on recent population trends, revealing mixed trends across sites in 2024 when compared to previous years. Continuous monitoring will be essential to track these trends further and to implement targeted conservation actions where needed.
- Monitoring efforts further expanded to include an altogether new area. This led to the interesting discovery of a hooded vulture nest hidden away along the bank of the river. With fewer than 50-100 breeding pairs of hooded vultures remaining in South Africa, this discovery is of immense conservation significance.
- Long-term data collection is crucial for understanding vulture population dynamics, identifying emerging threats, and prioritising conservation efforts. As VulPro detect declining trends and shifts in populations, data provides valuable insights into the scale of these changes, helping to inform broader population assessments like those used for the IUCN Red List.

Komodo Survival Program

- The Komodo Survival Program (KSP) aims to protect and monitor Komodo dragons and their habitat with the involvement of the local community.
- In 2024, Colchester Zoological Society gave a contribution of £1,290.43 to support this project.
- Over the course of the year, the Komodo Survival Program (KSP) team conducted a number of community awareness meetings in different hamlets and villages, informing the community that there are protected animals in their area and encouraging them to always preserve the Komodo dragon habitat. They also trained naturalist guides to increase the capacity of guides, so that the guides' knowledge regarding Komodo dragon ecology can be conveyed to visitors.
- Workshops were also conducted focused on analysing camera trap data to estimate Komodo dragon site occupancy at all monitoring sites on Flores, on safe techniques for handling and measuring Komodo dragons and mitigating human-wildlife conflicts using Rinca Island's abundant Komodo dragon population and on data interpretation and scientific report writing..
- Camera trapping sessions were conducted in a number of locations in Flores, with a total of 18 out of 26 camera traps recording the presence of Komodo dragons.
- Two educational programmes for school children were also carried out with a total of 37 students participating in ecological sessions about the Komodo dragon.

Red Panda Network Forest Guardian Sponsorship Scheme

- The Red Panda Network (RPN) established the world's first community-based monitoring programme for red pandas and their habitat through empowering, educating and engaging Nepalese local communities in red panda conservation, along with providing livelihood incentives.
- One of the key initiatives contributing to the success of the programme is the Forest Guardian (FG) programme. Forest Guardians are on-the-ground partners, who are employed to monitor and protect red panda habitat and support red panda conservation through multiple activities, such as monitoring red panda populations and habitat, generating population estimates, identifying threats and developing threat mitigation strategies. They are also involved in carrying out anti-poaching patrolling and work as panda trackers during eco-trips. Each Forest Guardian also works within their respective village to build awareness of the importance of red pandas to the local ecosystem.
- In 2024, Colchester Zoological Society gave a contribution of £214.92 to help sponsor a Forest Guardian. Currently there are 126 professional Forest Guardians and, in 2024, the red panda holders in European Zoos provided support for 25 of these.
- The funds are used for capacity and skill-building training, supporting children and siblings with education scholarships, installing solar systems, and providing guardians with field gear and monitoring equipment.
- All forest guardians receive training on community-based red panda monitoring and anti-poaching patrolling, which includes training on camera trap handling, installation and data management, to enable them to monitor and establish red panda monitoring blocks.
- This support benefits not only the red pandas, but provides employment and development within the local community, giving them a sense of pride in protecting this endangered species, with income generated from sustainable means.

Galapagos Conservation Trust (GCT)

- The Galapagos Conservation Trust (GCT) is the only UK charity to focus solely on the conservation of the Galapagos Islands. For over 25 years, GCT has raised funds and awareness, and delivered impactful conservation projects both on their own and in partnership with Ecuadorian authorities, local communities, scientists and other non-government organisations. Their project portfolio for 2023-25 is focusing on four key solutions: stopping species extinctions; eradicating invasive species; building climate resilience; and reducing the human footprint.
- In 2023, Action for the Wild gave a contribution of £373.62 from the BIAZA Pinniped Husbandry Workshop conference held at Colchester Zoo to support this conservation work.
- At the beginning of March, the team attended the 'Our Ocean Conference' in Panama and presented preliminary results from the last five years of plastic pollution research in the Galapagos Islands and the wider Eastern Pacific.
- The GCT team conducted a drone workshop with the Galapagos National Park Directorate coastal clean-up team, during which the group learned how drone technology can assist with removing and documenting plastic pollution from coastal habitats.
- The team attended the second round of negotiations for a global agreement to end plastic pollution at UNESCO headquarters in Paris.
- In October, the next crucial phase of the restoration of Floreana began. The team started the eradication phase, the largest and most complex eradication of invasive and introduced species ever attempted on an inhabited tropical island. If successful, the team can begin species reintroductions in January 2024, starting with the Floreana giant tortoise. This is a significant step towards the ultimate goal of reintroducing 12 locally extinction species to the island.

Ghost Fishing UK

- Ghost Fishing UK was established in 2015, and is an award-winning charity dedicated to removing 'ghost gear' from the seas around the UK.
- Ghost gear is fishing gear, such as nets and shellfish traps, that have been lost by fishermen during the course of their work. The lost gear continues to catch marine life, as it is designed to do. Ghost gear is a source of marine pollution, but because it was designed to catch animals, it has a disproportionate impact on wildlife, marine and coastal habitats, and food security.
- Ghost Fishing UK is made up of volunteer scuba divers, who have been trained to remove this lost fishing gear from the seas. The purpose is to remove, where possible, lethal entanglement hazards to marine life from the marine environment.
- In 2024, Colchester Zoological Society gave a contribution of £5,000 to help remove abandoned, lost or discarded fishing gear from UK waters.
- Ghostfishing UK divers undertook numerous recovery missions in 2024.
  - The team travelled to Plymouth to search for a large trawl net and freed a large 1m wrasse trapped in it, before the net was safely recovered.
  - The team worked on the wreck of the Vale of Leven, a steam drifter in 26m depth within the Rampion wind farm, where they removed several large and hazardous chunks of net before clearing the wreck of pots.
  - The team recovered a gill net and mass of rope floating under Swanage pier, which sadly had already claimed the life of one fish. This gill net was a large hazard to both the abundant marine life under the pier, as well as the huge numbers of recreational divers who visit the pier for leisure and training. 8 lobster pots were also recovered on day 2 of the dive; these pots will be returned to the fishing community where possible or broken down for materials and recycled if they are in too poor condition.
  - The team travelled to Holy Loch to recover some lost creel pots after Storm Bert broke a storage barge apart - over 60 pots were recovered and 2,934 live crab, 136 prawns, 16 hermit crabs, 13 ling, 7 cod and 3 wrasse were saved
  - 263m of gill net was found in the shallows of Jennycliff Bay, which is a small pebble beach within the South Devon Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. After the divers had surveyed and secured the lift bags, masses of net were recovered to the surface along with all the trapped life and litter the net had been catching. Once the net was eventually on deck the trapped life was released, including 72 spiny spider crabs, 30 velvet swimming crabs and 9 edible crabs.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal funding sources

The charity's principal funds derive from donations from Colchester Zoo Enterprises Limited and donations made by the general public.

Reserves policy

Reserves are held at a level sufficient enough to ensure the support of animal conservation projects worldwide. Many of the projects supported by the charity operate in countries suffering from political and economic constraints and uncertainty, as such they rely upon donations and other voluntary income to ensure continuity. The Trustees continue to retain a reserve fund that not only supports its day to day objectives but to also support the longer term development and strategic plans of the charity. Donations are gratefully received by the various organisations and make a huge contribution towards conservation costs of animal rehabilitation and release, habitat and species protection, conservation research and capacity building and education of local communities.

The Trustees policy is to place funds on deposit with a high street bank. This achieves the flexibility of funds earning a return on capital, whilst at the same time being easily accessible should it be required.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The charity has an established recruitment procedure for the appointment of trustees. Mechanisms include exploiting the charity's local networks and personal invitation.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Organisational structure

The board of trustees administers the charity. It meets annually and there are sub-committees covering development, membership, finance and audit that meet when required.

The trustees recognise the significant contributions of Rebecca Moore as Zoo Director.

Induction and training of new trustees

New trustees are required to attend an induction day to brief them on:

(a) their legal obligation under UK charity and company law
(b) the content of the Memorandum and Articles of Association
(c) committee and decision making processes
(d) the business plan
(e) the recent financial performance of the charity

During induction the new trustees have the opportunity to meet key employees and other trustees. They are also encouraged to attend any appropriate external training events that might assist them in undertaking the role of a trustee. Regular governance training is also provided.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

05150424 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1105621

Registered office

Colchester Zoo
Maldon Road
Colchester
Essex
C03 0SL

Trustees

Dr D A Tropeano (resigned 30.1.25)
Mrs J A Tropeano (resigned 30.1.25)
Mrs S E Leedham (resigned 18.11.24)
A Lewis
Mrs M R Dench (resigned 19.8.24)
A G Bruford (appointed 10.5.24)
Mrs E A Butcher (appointed 4.4.24)
R W Lees (appointed 8.5.24)
J Griffiths-Scott (appointed 1.4.25)

Company Secretary

Mrs R Moore

Auditors

SB&P
Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditors
Oriel House
2-8 Oriel Road
Bootle
Liverpool
Merseyside
L20 7EP

EVENTS SINCE THE END OF THE YEAR

Information relating to events since the end of the year is given in the notes to the financial statements.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of Colchester Zoological Society for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 27/9/25 and signed on its behalf by:

.....
A G Bruford - Trustee

Opinion
We have audited the financial statements of Colchester Zoological Society (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 December 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

In our opinion the financial statements:
- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 December 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion
We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern
In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information
The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006
In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:
- the information given in the Report of the Trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the Trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception
In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Report of the Trustees.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:
- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies exemption from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report or in preparing the Report of the Trustees.

Responsibilities of trustees
As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements
Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

The objectives of our audit are to identify and assess the risks of material misstatement in the financial statements due to fraud or error; to obtain appropriate audit evidence regarding the assessed risks of material misstatement due to fraud or error; and to respond appropriately to those risks. Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that material misstatements in the financial statements may not be detected, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with the ISAs (UK).

In identifying and assessing risk of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, our procedures include the following:

- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks applicable to the Company and the sector in which it operates. We determined that the following laws and regulations were most significant:
  - Those which are directly relevant to specific assertions in the financial statements
  - Those that relate to reporting frameworks beingThe Companies Act 2006Charities Act 2008 (accounts and reports regulations)Charities Act 2011Charities Sorp (FRS 102) 2019UK corporate tax lawsUK health and safety regulations
  - Those that relate to the Fundraising Regulator, the independent regulator of charitable fundraising in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.
  - Those that relate to data protection and bribery and corruption practices.
- We obtained an understanding of how the Charitable Company is complying with those legal and regulatory frameworks by making enquiries of management, reviewing any board meeting minutes and reviewing the legal costs incurred in the year and enquiring with management as to the circumstances around these legal costs.
- We assessed the susceptibility of the Charitable Company's financial statements to material misstatement including how fraud may occur. Audit procedures performed by the audit engagement team included:
  - identifying the controls that management has in place to prevent and detect fraud;
  - challenging assumptions and judgements made by management in its significant accounting estimates;
  - auditing the risk of management override of controls, including through testing journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, and evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business;
  - assessing the extent of compliance with the relevant laws and regulations.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Suzanne Draper FCCA ACA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of SB&P
Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditors
Oriel House
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Date: 29/9/2025

Colchester Zoological Society
(formerly Colchester Zoo Action for the Wild)

Statement of Financial Activities
(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	**31.12.24 Total funds £**	31.12.23 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	**4,354,936**	-	**4,354,936**	143,571
Other trading activities	3	**1,210**	-	**1,210**	1,280
Investment income	4	**64,711**	-	**64,711**	54,091
Total		**4,420,857**	-	**4,420,857**	198,942
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds	5	**77,229**	-	**77,229**	500
Charitable activities	6				
Wildlife conservation		**433,289**	-	**433,289**	519,178
Total		**510,518**	-	**510,518**	519,678
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		**3,910,339**	-	**3,910,339**	(320,736)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		**1,222,083**	**3,469**	**1,225,552**	1,546,288
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		**5,132,422**	**3,469**	**5,135,891**	1,225,552

The notes form part of these financial statements

Colchester Zoological Society (Registered number: 05150424)
(formerly Colchester Zoo Action for the Wild)

Balance Sheet
31 December 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	**31.12.24 Total funds £**	31.12.23 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	12	**73**	**-**	**73**	97
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	13	**14,819**	**-**	**14,819**	11,980
Cash at bank		**5,135,480**	**3,469**	**5,138,949**	1,227,356
		5,150,299	**3,469**	**5,153,768**	1,239,336
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	14	**(17,950)**	**-**	**(17,950)**	(13,881)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		**5,132,349**	**3,469**	**5,135,818**	1,225,455
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		**5,132,422**	**3,469**	**5,135,891**	1,225,552
NET ASSETS		**5,132,422**	**3,469**	**5,135,891**	1,225,552
FUNDS	15				
Unrestricted funds				**5,132,422**	1,222,083
Restricted funds				**3,469**	3,469
TOTAL FUNDS				**5,135,891**	1,225,552

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on ....27/9/2025.. and were signed on its behalf by:

.....
A G Bruford - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

Colchester Zoological Society
(formerly Colchester Zoo Action for the Wild)

Cash Flow Statement
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

	Notes	31.12.24 £	31.12.23 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	**3,846,882**	(177,474)
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities		**3,846,882**	(177,474)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Interest received		**64,711**	54,091
Net cash provided by investing activities		**64,711**	54,091
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		**3,911,593**	(123,383)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		**1,227,356**	1,350,739
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		**5,138,949**	1,227,356

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	31.12.24	31.12.23
	£	£
Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	**3,910,339**	(320,736)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	**24**	33
Interest received	**(64,711)**	(54,091)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	**(2,839)**	193,320
Increase in creditors	**4,069**	4,000
Net cash provided by/(used in) operations	**3,846,882**	(177,474)

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1.1.24	Cash flow	**At 31.12.24**
	£	£	**£**
Net cash			
Cash at bank	**1,227,356**	**3,911,593**	**5,138,949**
	1,227,356	**3,911,593**	**5,138,949**
Total	**1,227,356**	**3,911,593**	**5,138,949**

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements
The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income
All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure
Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Tangible fixed assets
Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures and fittings	- 25% on reducing balance

Taxation
The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting
Donations made by the charity are sometimes in excess of the monies collected for that purpose. The difference is made by transfer from the general fund. All collections for a specific project are paid over as soon as possible but otherwise in the same accounting period. The Umphafa Private Nature Reserve is private insofar as it is not open to the public but is a conservation project with many students carrying out research projects. The charity funds this work from donations as and when support is needed and retains funds to ensure its long term sustainability.

Foreign currencies
Assets and liabilities held in foreign currencies, are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of a transaction. Exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at the operating result.

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2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	31.12.24	31.12.23
	£	£
Donations	4,288,157	93,852
Gift aid	9,327	7,217
Legacies	2,552	249
Umphafa placements	54,900	42,253
	4,354,936	143,571

3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.12.24	31.12.23
	£	£
Research fees	1,210	1,280

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.12.24	31.12.23
	£	£
Deposit account interest	64,711	54,091

5. RAISING FUNDS

Raising donations and legacies

	31.12.24	31.12.23
	£	£
Research costs	850	500
Support costs	76,379	-
	77,229	500

6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Grant funding of activities (see note 7)	Support costs (see note 8)	Totals
	£	£	£
Wildlife conservation	429,991	3,298	433,289

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7. GRANTS PAYABLE

	31.12.24	31.12.23
	£	£
Wildlife conservation	**429,991**	488,764

The total grants paid to institutions during the year was as follows:

	31.12.24	31.12.23
	£	£
AEECL	**1,747**	1,768
Elephant Orphanage Project	**10,000**	10,000
Orangutan Foundation	**7,500**	7,500
Save The Rhino International	**6,900**	7,068
Umphafa Private Nature Reserve	**379,005**	441,444
Vulture Conservation VulPro	**4,994**	4,994
Free the bears	**7,500**	7,500
LWIRO Chimp Project	**4,973**	4,859
Red Panda Network	**215**	220
Elephant Herpes Virus	**867**	907
Komodo Survival Program	**1,290**	1,319
Galapagos Conservation Trust	**-**	374
Ghost Fishing	**5,000**	614
To Mind	**-**	197
	429,991	488,764

8. SUPPORT COSTS

	Finance	Other	Governance costs	Totals
	£	£	£	£
Raising donations and legacies	**552**	**24**	**75,803**	**76,379**
Wildlife conservation	**298**	**-**	**3,000**	**3,298**
	850	**24**	**78,803**	**79,677**

9. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.12.24	31.12.23
	£	£
Accountancy fees and independent examination	**4,267**	3,299
Auditors remuneration	**3,000**	-
Depreciation - owned assets	**24**	33

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10. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2024 nor for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2024 nor for the year ended 31 December 2023.

11. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	143,571	-	143,571
Other trading activities	1,280	-	1,280
Investment income	54,091	-	54,091
Total	198,942	-	198,942
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	500	-	500
Charitable activities			
Wildlife conservation	519,178	-	519,178
Total	519,678	-	519,678
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(320,736)	-	(320,736)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	1,542,819	3,469	1,546,288
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	1,222,083	3,469	1,225,552

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12. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures and fittings £
COST	
At 1 January 2024 and 31 December 2024	**2,840**
DEPRECIATION	
At 1 January 2024	**2,743**
Charge for year	**24**
At 31 December 2024	**2,767**
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 December 2024	**73**
At 31 December 2023	97

13. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.12.24	31.12.23
	£	£
Trade debtors	**1,189**	6,856
Other debtors	**13,630**	5,124
	14,819	11,980

14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.12.24	31.12.23
	£	£
Trade creditors	**4,636**	-
Accrued expenses	**13,314**	13,881
	17,950	13,881

15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.24 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	**1,222,083**	**3,910,339**	**5,132,422**
Restricted funds			
Wildlife Vets International (Amur leopard and tiger)	**3,469**	**-**	**3,469**
TOTAL FUNDS	**1,225,552**	**3,910,339**	**5,135,891**

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15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	**4,420,857**	**(510,518)**	**3,910,339**
TOTAL FUNDS	**4,420,857**	**(510,518)**	**3,910,339**

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	1,542,819	(320,736)	1,222,083
Restricted funds			
Wildlife Vets International (Amur leopard and tiger)	3,469	-	3,469
TOTAL FUNDS	1,546,288	(320,736)	1,225,552

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	198,942	(519,678)	(320,736)
TOTAL FUNDS	198,942	(519,678)	(320,736)

Donations are generated from collections, spinners and a £1 optional donation charged on entrance fees to the Zoo, such donations are collected by the Zoo and paid to the charity.

Collections for specific organisations and projects are as detailed above and further detailed information relating to these can be found on pages 2 to 10 of the trustees report.

Sufficient resources are held within current assets to enable restricted funds to be applied in accordance with their restrictions.

Transfers have been made from the general fund to the restricted funds where expenditure has exceeded the available funds in the restricted funds.

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16. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Dr D A Tropeano (Resigned 30/01/2025), is a trustee and director of Colchester Zoological Society Limited, and also a shareholder and director of Cheyenne Investments Limited, the holding company of Colchester Zoo Enterprises Limited.

Mrs J A Tropeano (Resigned 30/01/2025), is a trustee and director of Colchester Zoological Society Limited, and also a shareholder and director of Cheyenne Investments Limited, the holding company of Colchester Zoo Enterprises Limited.

Umphafa Private Nature Reserve is held within Colchester Zoo SA Properties (Proprietary) Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of Colchester Zoo SA Investments (Proprietary) Limited, the shareholding of which is 100% owned by the DAT Trust, of which Dr D A Tropeano and Mr A S P Tropeano are trustees, and beneficiaries together with Mrs J A Tropeano.

During the year Colchester Zoo Enterprises Limited collected donations on behalf of the charity amounting to £42,725 (2023: £30,247). An additional £4,225,000 (2023: £nil) was donated to the charity by Colchester Zoo Enterprises Limited.

During the year an amount of £379,005 was paid to Colchester Zoo SA Investments (2023: £441,444) as a donation towards the running costs of the Umphafa Private Nature Reserve.

17. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

On 30th January 2025 Dr D A Tropeano and Mrs J Tropeano resigned as directors/trustees.

On 1 February 2025, Cheyenne Investments Limited, a company controlled by Dr D A Tropeano gifted its 50,000 shares held in Colchester Zoo Enterprises Limited to the charity

As a result of the transfer and gift of shares on 1 February 2025, Colchester Zoological Society Limited became the parent (charitable) company owning 100% of the share capital of Colchester Zoo Enterprises Limited.

An asset transfer agreement was entered into on the same date, transferring part of Colchester Zoo Enterprises Limited assets to the charity. The total value of the asset transfer could not be determined at the balance sheet date, accordingly the financial statements to 31 December 2024 do not reflect the financial impact of the asset transfer at the reporting date.

18. CONTROLLING PARTY

The charity is controlled by the board of trustees.

Colchester Zoological Society (formerly Colchester Zoo Action for the Wild)

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

	31.12.24 £	31.12.23 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	**4,288,157**	93,852
Gift aid	**9,327**	7,217
Legacies	**2,552**	249
Umphafa placements	**54,900**	42,253
	4,354,936	143,571
Other trading activities		
Research fees	**1,210**	1,280
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	**64,711**	54,091
Total incoming resources	**4,420,857**	198,942
EXPENDITURE		
Raising donations and legacies		
Research costs	**850**	500
Charitable activities		
Donations	**429,991**	488,764
Support costs		
Finance		
Bank charges	**850**	519
Other		
Sundries	**-**	51
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	**24**	32
	24	83
Governance costs		
Accountancy fees and independent examination	**4,267**	3,299
Auditors remuneration	**3,000**	-
Legal fees	**71,536**	26,513
	78,803	29,812
Total resources expended	**510,518**	519,678
Net income/(expenditure)	**3,910,339**	(320,736)

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COLCHESTER ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY

England & Wales - Charity number 1105621

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 05150424 (England and Wales)
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Report of the Trustees and

Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

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The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The charity's objectives are:

(a) the conservation of the earth's natural resources through projects and initiatives dealing with preservation and protection of living animals and their habitats
(b) To educate the public in a formal and informal manner through educational programmes raising awareness and respect for nature
(c) To carry out specific and quantitative research from which conservation and animal welfare benefits can accrue and to provide for the publication of results of such research

The charity's aims are:

(a) to provide financial assistance to overseas in-situ projects in order to support the conservation of endangered species
(b) to provide technical assistance to in-situ and ex situ projects at both local and global levels
(c) to raise awareness through education programmes and involvement of local people in community conservation projects

We have referred to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and planning future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

Significant activities

The charity pledges funding for third party conservation projects world wide. The projects are selected after careful consideration of the current plight of the species to which the project relates. All third party projects funded in this manner share the same overall objectives and aims of the charity.

The charity has undertaken the creation of a wildlife reserve in South Africa with the aid of donations from Colchester Zoo Limited and its visitors.

Volunteers

The charity uses volunteers to help raise awareness of Colchester Zoo's Action for the Wild Charity and the conservation work it supports and to help raise funds for supported projects. The Trustees would like to take this opportunity to thank the volunteers for their continuing efforts.

STRATEGIC REPORT

Achievement and performance

Charitable activities

Below is a review of the organisations and projects Action for the Wild supported in 2023 through financial and technical assistance.

UmPhafa Private Nature Reserve

- The UmPhafa Private Nature Reserve was formed in 2005. We have since been working to rehabilitate the land and recreate the historical animal populations on the Reserve.
- In 2023, Action for the Wild gave a contribution of £441,444.15 to ensure the continued running of the Reserve; from employing field rangers, maintenance and intern staff, to ensuring continued protection of our wildlife species, as well as giving the opportunity for interns to be educated about life on areserve.
- We hosted 53 interns in 2023, including Writtle University College, University of Suffolk and East Coast College.
- Poaching continues to be an issue, but thankfully at a lower level than 2022, with a total of 105m of fence stolen, 149 animals taken, 28 incursion attempts and 66 instances of trespassing by poachers, with or without dogs, in 2023.
- Despite having an increase in figures last year of 500 animals on the Reserve, we have dropped this year by 400 animals. We know this is partly due to losing a lot of the elderly, sick animals in the 4th quarter; with little rain there was not much nourishment as the rains were delayed, only starting properly in November.

Key Events on the Reserve

January 2023

- The blue cranes were spotted with one chick on Ithala.
- A leopard was captured in the community and taken to Phinda and we met with locals in the community to discuss cheetah and buffalo introductions.

February 2023

- The first case of Foot & Mouth was discovered in Colenso.
- We received the Esri license for free for the Ceres animal tags.
- Several grey crowned cranes were observed on the rye field performing their dances.
- Tropical Cyclone Freddy damaged the ranger's tent on Ithala and a tree fell down on the roof of the ranger's bathroom.

March 2023

- An adequate fence enclosure certificate was finally received.
- A meeting took place where the introduction of cheetah and buffalo was signed off.
- 3 wild dogs left to go to Pongola to be bonded with 2 females after being in the boma for 87 days.

April 2023

- Wildlife Protection Services donated 3 solar camera traps.

May 2023

- The State Vet came to check the buffalo fences in order for us to get the buffalo permit.

July 2023

- The Giraffe Conservation Foundation joined us for a few days to take DNA samples from our giraffe to establish the sub species. A report of the findings is expected in 2024.
- We joined the Cheetah Advisory Committee to discuss cheetah for the first time.
- We were joined by Panthera who installed 12 trail cameras to try to establish the leopard corridor between Weenan, UmPhafa, Tugela Game Ranch and Zingela. Several pictures of leopards, including a female with 2 cubs, around the boma area have been collected and a report is to follow in 2024.
- Transnet Pipeline Security group came to do a demo on the use of their thermal drone which they use to check for poachers along their oil pipeline. We have an arrangement where they will help with poaching incidents along the N3 or even inside the Reserve if required.

August 2023

- A solar camera trap was taken by poachers, despite being attached to a tree -the Maintenance team designed and built metal cages for all our camera traps which are now chained to trees making them more difficult to remove.
- Work started on dismantling the old N3 ranger outpost damaged by Tropical Cyclone Freddy in February.

September 2023

- Potentially 2 secretary birds were spotted nesting and we counted 6 new giraffe babies.
- An aerial game count was completed.
- We purchased buffalo to populate the Reserve.

October 2023

- Panthera came to remove the camera traps that were put up in July.
- The Cheetah Advisory Committee joined us to inspect UmPhafa so that they can give support to our cheetah permit.
- Our 5-year cheetah management plan was completed and sent to the permits office.
- Firearm training was started by Reserve Manager, Anthony, and Maintenance Manager, Mark, ready for the actual training and practical assessments later in the month - this consisted of 3 theory papers and 2 practical assessments. Also training on buffalo and birds was carried out.
- 2 new rangers started and one left.

November 2023

- The 16 African buffalo purchased in September arrived on the Reserve - 4 males, 12 females.
- Interns on the Reserve built owl nesting boxes.

December 2023

- .A leopard was captured in the community and taken to Dinokeng Reserve near Pretoria.
- Female leopard Chewy was spotted with 2 new cubs.
- The N3 outpost is almost complete, but is able to be used over Christmas

In 2024, the team shall again be hosting interns to help with the Reserve management tasks and will continue to focus their efforts on protecting species, bringing in new animal genes and releasing cheetah onto the Reserve; a first release of this species!

Fisher's Estuarine Moth Breeding Programme

- The Fisher's estuarine moth is a rare and highly threatened species. Its main stronghold is the Walton Backwaters area of the North Essex coast, where the majority of the population is found at Skipper's Island. This key site for the moth is severely threatened by flooding, as a consequence of sea level rise and deteriorating sea walls.
- Colchester Zoo and Action for the Wild donate technical assistance to support this programme via management of an off-show area at the Zoo, designed to facilitate the captive breeding of this moth, with egg batches produced subsequently released into newly-created habitat sites around Essex to ensure the long-term survival of this species. We also assist with surveying these newly-created habitats looking for signs of caterpillar feeding and condition of hog's fennel plants; this moth species is completely reliant on this plant as its sole larval food, a plant species which itself is also threatened.
- In total, 15 egg stems were produced, two were of poor quality, but 13 of these will be put out into habitat sites in 2024. As the majority of the newly-created habitat sites have now been colonised, the captive breeding programme is reaching its final stages as its initial aims and objectives to provide moths for release into new habitats have been achieved.
- This project is a fantastic indicator of the success of an invertebrate breed and release programme, working in collaboration with various conservation organisations over the past 15 years to increase population size of this species.

Save the Rhinos International

- Sadly, national parks in South Africa's KwaZulu-Natal Province (KZN) were hit hard by rhino poaching gangs in 2023. The majority of these devastating poaching incidents have been recorded in Hluhluwe-iMfolozi National Park (HiP), an important stronghold for black and white rhinoceroses.
- Park rangers are on the frontline in their role to ensure the integrity of conservation areas and the safety of rhinos within these landscapes. Throughout 2023, law enforcement staff have been constantly working to stop poaching gangs and the truK9 unit has been involved in reactions and deployments, following the tracks of suspects and even assisting in arrests.
- The Reserve's vehicle fleet is one of the most important and critical law enforcement tools in the park. It enables law enforcement staff to respond swiftly to poaching, animal breakouts and other deployments. The fleet requires good servicing and repairs to ensure its effectiveness for monitoring along the fence lines of the Reserve and other duties.
- In 2023, Action for the Wild gave a contribution of £7,068.04 to assist with the maintenance and repair of reserve vehicles. Funding was provided to purchase equipment, such as high lift jacks, to enable staff to change tyres quickly and efficiently in rugged and uneven terrain during law enforcement operations and deployments.
- Funding was provided to purchase mobile air compressors for each vehicle to allow staff to inflate tyres in the field, enabling them to self-extract from field positions, should they get a puncture or require air, without needing to call on additional resources for help. They will also allow for the decompression of tyres when driving through soft sand, such as on riverbanks, and recompression thereafter.
- Vehicles are utilised in the field constantly and are subject to wear and tear on the seats, from sharp objects and similar. Seat covers offer the vehicle better protection and save on future costs of badly damaged chairs. Having a canvas canopy is important for staff if it rains, providing protection from the elements, and for allowing staff to conceal equipment when deploying to hotspots so it is more difficult for others to see if field ranger units are camping in the field.

Orangutan Foundation

- The Orangutan Foundation is working to save orangutans by protecting their tropical forest habitat, working with local communities, and promoting research and education.
- The Orangutan Foundation operates five orangutan post-release monitoring camps within the Lamandau Wildlife Reserve, a reserve spanning almost 160,000 acres in Indonesian Borneo. At these camps, field teams care for orphaned orangutans in a soft-release programme and continuously monitor orangutans in the surrounding forest. The young orangutans in the soft-release programme learn forest skills necessary for life in the wild and, once fully prepared, are then ready for release. From time to time, situations arise where the team help with the rescue and translocation of orangutans stranded in threatened areas, such as community land and fragmented sections of forest. Veterinary assistance ensures the highest welfare standards are available to expertly treat these orangutans straight away before release into the Lamandau Wildlife Reserve.
- In 2023, Action for the Wild gave a contribution of £7,500 to cover a vet salary, post-release monitoring of the Bornean orangutan population in the Lamandau Wildlife Reserve and veterinary equipment for a wildlife clinic. This funding helped rescue nine orangutans from potential conflict and release them into protected rainforests, including a mother and infant spotted in the canopy of a tree in a community oil palm plantation.
- A new orangutan was rescued for the soft-release programme, named Logos. Since rescue, Logos has started to bend twigs and leaves to craft a nest. At three years old he is starting to establish some key forest skills needed for an independent life in the wild.

AEECL (Association Européenne pour l'Étude et la Conservation des Lémuriens)

- " The AEECL aims to advance the understanding and conservation of Madagascar's lemur populations through scientific research, captive propagation and protection of their natural habitat.
- Investment in local communities through education, resource management and communication helps ensure the communities of today can forge a safe haven for wildlife tomorrow.
- In 2023, Action for the Wild gave its £1,768.50 membership fee to support the work of AEECL.
- In 2023, AEECL subsidised 78 teacher wages from 3 communes to ensure they are earning a salary whilst teaching the children good skills, including nature-based studies.
- AEECL supported full scholarships for 5 students, which included university fees, school materials, home rent and electricity and for participation in AEECL's activities, and funded and supported the work of several masters degree students, through technical, financial, organisational and administration tasks. The students interviewed local people in surrounding villages and communities and collected faecal matter from blue-eyed black lemurs to examine it for parasites.
- AEECL attended an event to work on the reforestation of mangroves and donated to support the reforestation efforts.
- Ongoing training was conducted for rangers and guides focusing on lemur surveying and the use of GPS equipment. This training is vital to ensure the rangers are accurately looking at the state of the forests and the lemur populations that inhabit it so they can continue to monitor the lemur populations and any threats to the forest ecosystem.
- AEECL helped to run a firebreak event where local villagers came together to maintain and create firebreaks around the forest. This is essential to protect the forests from fire damage that can devastate large areas of land quickly and is a major threat to lemur survival; 7km of firebreaks were cleared with 544 participants during the three days.
- AEECL helped to plant 7,000 seedlings in two nurseries situated in two villages, which will eventually be planted out in the deforested areas. By helping connect up fragmented sections of the forest, animal movements will hopefully improve in the long term.

Elephant Orphanage Project

- The Elephant Orphanage Project (EOP) is working to rescue, rehabilitate and release elephants that have been orphaned as a direct result of poaching.
- In 2023, Action for the Wild gave a contribution of £10,000 to help provide food and medical treatment for the orphans and to support the wage of one of the elephant caregivers, Aaron, who has worked at the project since 2012.
- At the end of 2023, a total of 28 orphans were under the Elephant Orphanage Project's care or monitoring, spanning the six stages of release:
  - 6 elephants in Stage 1 in rehabilitation at the Lilayi Elephant Nursery.
  - 10 elephants in Stage 3 at the Kafue Release Facility in the protective boma overnight.
  - 6 elephants at Stage 5 spending nights outside the boma and spending less than 50% of their time with the orphan herd.
  - 6 elephants living full time in the wild.
- 2023 saw two of the elephants reach major milestones, with Mphamvu and Musolole taking the next step in their release journey by leaving the release facility and joining the Stage 5 elephants that are free-roaming in the park.
- Elephant Musolole then joined a known collared wild elephant herd and travelled to the south-eastern part of Kafue National Park near the park borders. He is the only orphan to have covered such a significant distance since the start of the project and roamed over 100km from the release facility.
- A male orphan, Batoka, made a surprise guest appearance when he re-joined the release herd on 6th December, having last joined back in April 2022. In the last quarter of 2023, he covered a record distance of 1,227km!
- The Stage 5 orphans, known as Chamma's herd, continue to demonstrate an increased understanding of the landscape, which has yielded a decrease in their home range as their knowledge of nearby required resources has increased. They also demonstrate good predator awareness of lions, coinciding with night movements in dense areas and day movements in less dense areas.

Elephant Herpes Virus (EEHV) Research Funds Appeal

- Elephant endotheliotropic herpesvirus (EEHV) continues to be a devastating infectious disease posing a significant threat to the long-term conservation of Asian elephants in zoo populations and is the most frequent cause of death in young Asian elephants in Western zoos. The disease is also found in wild populations, where infections and fatalities are more challenging to track. More recently, African elephants have been shown to be affected as well.
- Work is continuing to support research projects that strive towards finding a solution against this fatal disease.
- Promising lines of research work continue, with researchers at the University of Utrecht EEHV Laboratory providing the valuable service of regular antibody status updates for elephants, providing essential information on the risk of EEHV outbreaks within zoo holdings.
- Antibody status changes over time, and so antibody levels may increase or decline compared with other tests done at different times. The tests can provide information that helps scientists predict future transmission of the virus by determining what proportion of the population is still at risk of developing EEHV-hemorrhagic disease (EEHV-HD) upon a primary infection. These tests will provide better insights into the natural immune response towards EEHV and are needed to determine the efficacy of an eventual candidate vaccine; development of a vaccine against EEHV is the ultimate goal.
- The future of zoo elephant populations depends on understanding how to manage this awful disease. In the long term, research serves to protect captive elephants against fatal EEHV-HD and contribute to the preservation of this endangered animal species.
- The research team have gained important insights into the specific immune responsiveness of EEHV which will enable them to base the design of intervention strategies. o The first important steps have been taken towards the development of a vaccine and a potential treatment prevention against EEHV-HD.

Centre de Rehabilitation des Primates de Lwiro

- The Lwiro Primates Rehabilitation Centre (LPRC) plays a vital role in caring for confiscated wildlife and in working to stop the illegal animal trade in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).
  In 2023, Action for the Wild gave a contribution of £4,858.50 towards the purchase of food to feed the apes and monkeys at LPRC. All the products are purchased locally in markets, supporting local economy as a benefit from wildlife conservation.
- It is the only chimpanzee and monkey sanctuary currently accepting all kinds of confiscated wildlife in DRC, thus acts as a crucial resource for all conservation organisations working in the country.
- In 2023, 12 chimpanzees were confiscated and brought to Lwiro, one more than 2022.
- At the end of 2023, LPRC housed 129 chimpanzees and 111 monkeys of 14 different species.
- During 2023, 6 monkeys were rescued. Currently 55 Congolese workers are assigned full-time to LPRC.

Free the Bears

- Free the Bears (FTB) is working to protect, preserve and enrich the lives of bears throughout the world by offering a safe sanctuary for bears rescued from the illegal wildlife trade.
- In 2023, Action for the Wild gave a contribution of £7,500 with £5,000 towards an ultra-low temperature freezer and £2,500 towards employing a Lao veterinarian for laboratory and research work in Free the Bears' fully equipped veterinary hospital.
- In 2023, 9 moon bears were rescued, including the smallest cub rescued since 2017 at just a few months old, and two young bears found loose in urban centres who had likely escaped captors during or after being sold or smuggled.
- The newly-completed quarantine house, double the size of the previous one, was put into use for its first resident in September.
  Newly-arrived cubs are now living in the stage 1 pre-release house. This involves a different method of care with minimal exposure to humans as part of a long-term plan to test the facilities and procedures to release suitable bear candidates to protected areas identified as having depleted bear populations (although these cubs are unlikely to be release candidates).
  The pre-release stage 2 facility is also occupied by two bears, with minimal to no human exposure, covering a large patch of semi-wild forest to enable them to learn about living in the wild whilst being closely monitored.
- In 2023, construction work commenced on bear houses 8 and 9 and an education facility. The stage 1 cub nursery was renovated with water management facilities and restrooms added, new solar powered security lighting installed throughout the sanctuary and storm damage repaired.

Vulpro

- African vultures are some of the most threatened species on the planet, with some populations having declined by over 80% in the last three decades. It is critical for conservationists to keep a close eye on population numbers to determine any population changes. One important way that VulPro achieves this is through breeding monitoring to help understand which sites to protect throughout South Africa. VulPro monitors three sites through two surveys; one at the beginning of the season, and one at the end.
- In 2023, Action for the Wild gave a contribution of £4,994.22 towards vulture monitoring expenses covering researcher costs to monitor breeding sites of the critically endangered tree nesting African white-backed vulture.se birds.
- In 2023, the team included a drone in the second nesting surveys. This enabled them to access nests that would have been inaccessible previously and see an increase in active nests in one area.
- Unfortunately, during one survey, the team confirmed six dead chicks in their nests. There is concern that the deaths may be linked to poison so focus now lies on improving education on the effects of poisoning in the area.
- Surveys also identified a Lappet-faced vulture nest, a species that the team know very little about in terms of their nesting and breeding behaviour. A GPS tracking device was fitted on the chick to hopefully provide invaluable information on the distribution of this elusive species.
- The drone helped in the rescue of a young chick. Unfortunately, its parent passed away; a chick without the care of both parents will be unable to care for itself and will ultimately die without intervention. Luckily, the team intervened quickly, removing the chick from the nest and taking it into care for eventual release back into the wild during the release of the captive bred fledglings.

Komodo Survival Program

- The Komodo Survival Program (KSP) aims to protect and monitor Komodo dragons and their habitat with the involvement of the local community.
- In 2023, Action for the Wild gave a contribution of £1,318.57 to support this project.
- In 2023, the KSP used passive infrared cameras to determine Komodo dragon population density, which was relatively stable in western and northern Flores. next five years.
- Deer population numbers were also monitored as part of the Komodo dragon prey population survey. These have shown an increase following intensive patrolling and protection efforts.
- The team successfully conducted community awareness and education activities in western and northern Flores for adults, as well as primary and secondary school children. nd.
- Training in wildlife monitoring techniques was provided to field rangers and 15 camera traps were supplied to encourage long term Komodo dragon monitoring.
- A wood carving scheme was promoted within the local community, with handicrafts of wildlife species sold to tourists. Such alternative livelihood schemes indirectly protect and conserve the wildlife populations by providing a sustainable means of income.

Red Panda Network Forest Guardian Sponsorship Scheme

- The Red Panda Network is committed to the conservation of wild red pandas and their habitat through the education and empowerment of local communities. This project involves a community-based conservation approach working in community forests across Nepal.
- In 2023, Action for the Wild gave a contribution of £219.80 to help sponsor a forest guardian to monitor and protect red panda habitat, as well as educate communities on the importance of the red panda.
- The forest guardian team has grown to over 100 members and, since 2014, Action for the Wild has worked with other European zoos to sponsor a number of forest guardians.
- The funds are used for capacity and skill-building training, supporting children and siblings with education scholarships, distributing improved cooking stoves, and providing guardians with field gear and monitoring equipment.
- All forest guardians receive training on community-based red panda monitoring and anti-poaching patrolling, which includes training on camera trap handling, installation, and data management, to enable them to monitor their red panda monitoring blocks on a quarterly basis, conduct bi-annual anti-poaching patrolling, install camera traps and establish new monitoring blocks. This support benefits not only the red pandas, but provides employment and development within the local community, giving them a sense of pride in protecting this endangered species, with income generated from sustainable means.

Galapagos Conservation Trust (GCT)

- The Galapagos Conservation Trust (GCT) is the only UK charity to focus solely on the conservation of the Galapagos Islands. For over 25 years, GCT has raised funds and awareness, and delivered impactful conservation projects both on their own and in partnership with Ecuadorian authorities, local communities, scientists and other non-government organisations. Their project portfolio for 2023-25 is focusing on four key solutions: stopping species extinctions; eradicating invasive species; building climate resilience; and reducing the human footprint.
- In 2023, Action for the Wild gave a contribution of £373.62 from the BIAZA Pinniped Husbandry Workshop conference held at Colchester Zoo to support this conservation work.
- At the beginning of March, the team attended the 'Our Ocean Conference' in Panama and presented preliminary results from the last five years of plastic pollution research in the Galapagos Islands and the wider Eastern Pacific.
- The GCT team conducted a drone workshop with the Galapagos National Park Directorate coastal clean-up team, during which the group learned how drone technology can assist with removing and documenting plastic pollution from coastal habitats.
- The team attended the second round of negotiations for a global agreement to end plastic pollution at UNESCO headquarters in Paris.
- In October, the next crucial phase of the restoration of Floreana began. The team started the eradication phase, the largest and most complex eradication of invasive and introduced species ever attempted on an inhabited tropical island. If successful, the team can begin species reintroductions in January 2024, starting with the Floreana giant tortoise. This is a significant step towards the ultimate goal of reintroducing 12 locally extinction species to the island.

Ghost Fishing UK

- Ghost Fishing UK was established in 2015, and is an award-winning charity dedicated to removing 'ghost gear' from the seas around the UK.
- Ghost gear is fishing gear, such as nets and shellfish traps, that have been lost by the fishermen during the course of their work. The lost gear continues to catch marine life, as it is designed to do. Ghost gear is a source of marine pollution, but because it was designed to catch animals it has a disproportionate impact on wildlife, marine and coastal habitats, and food security.
- Ghost Fishing UK is made up of volunteer scuba divers, who have been trained to remove this lost fishing gear from the seas. The purpose is to remove, where possible, lethal entanglement hazards to marine life from the marine environment.
- In 2023, Action for the Wild gave a contribution of £613.62 from the BIAZA Pinniped Husbandry Workshop conference held at Colchester Zoo to support this conservation work
- In 2023, Ghostfishing UK divers recovered 1,500kg of lost fishing gear from the Shetland waters. A Ghost Fishing UK team assembled in Brighton to continue an ongoing project to clean up the wrecks in the region.

Financial review

Principal funding sources

The charity's principal funds derive from donations from Colchester Zoo Limited and donations made by the general public.

Reserves policy

Reserves are held at a level sufficient enough to ensure the support of animal conservation projects worldwide. Many of the projects supported by the charity operate in countries suffering from political and economic constraints and uncertainty, as such they rely upon donations and other voluntary income to ensure continuity. The Trustees continue to retain a reserve fund that not only supports its day to day objectives but to also support the longer term development and strategic plans of the charity. Donations are gratefully received by the various organisations and make a huge contribution towards conservation costs of animal rehabilitation and release, habitat and species protection, conservation research and capacity building and education of local communities.

The Trustees policy is to place funds on deposit with a high street bank. This achieves the flexibility of funds earning a return on capital, whilst at the same time being easily accessible should it be required.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The charity has an established recruitment procedure for the appointment of trustees. Mechanisms include exploiting the charity's local networks and personal invitation.

Organisational structure

The board of trustees administers the charity. It meets annually and there are sub-committees covering development, membership, finance and audit that meet when required.

The trustees recognise the significant contributions of Rebecca Moore as Zoo Director.

Induction and training of new trustees

New trustees are required to attend an induction day to brief them on:

(a) their legal obligation under UK charity and company law
(b) the content of the Memorandum and Articles of Association
(c) committee and decision making processes
(d) the business plan
(e) the recent financial performance of the charity

During induction the new trustees have the opportunity to meet key employees and other trustees. They are also encouraged to attend any appropriate external training events that might assist them in undertaking the role of a trustee. Regular governance training is also provided.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

05150424 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

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EVENTS SINCE THE END OF THE YEAR

Information relating to events since the end of the year is given in the notes to the financial statements.

Report of the trustees, incorporating a strategic report, approved by order of the board of trustees, as the company directors, on 25 Sept 2024 and signed on the board's behalf by:

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Dr D A Tropeano - Trustee

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Colchester Zoological Society ('the Company')
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Suzanne Draper ACA FCCA

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Date: 25/9/24

Colchester Zoological Society
(formerly Colchester Zoo Action for the Wild)

Statement of Financial Activities
(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	**31.12.23 Total funds £**	31.12.22 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	**143,571**	**-**	**143,571**	624,963
Other trading activities	3	**1,280**	**-**	**1,280**	1,705
Investment income	4	**54,091**	**-**	**54,091**	15,231
Total		**198,942**	**-**	**198,942**	641,899
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds	5	**500**	**-**	**500**	1,210
Charitable activities	6				
Wildlife conservation		**519,178**	**-**	**519,178**	386,756
Total		**519,678**	**-**	**519,678**	387,966
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		**(320,736)**	**-**	**(320,736)**	253,933
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		**1,542,819**	**3,469**	**1,546,288**	1,292,355
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		**1,222,083**	**3,469**	**1,225,552**	1,546,288

The notes form part of these financial statements

Colchester Zoological Society (Registered number: 05150424)
(formerly Colchester Zoo Action for the Wild)

Balance Sheet
31 December 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	**31.12.23 Total funds £**	31.12.22 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	12	**97**	**-**	**97**	130
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	13	**11,980**	**-**	**11,980**	205,300
Cash at bank		**1,223,887**	**3,469**	**1,227,356**	1,350,739
		1,235,867	**3,469**	**1,239,336**	1,556,039
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	14	**(13,881)**	**-**	**(13,881)**	(9,881)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		**1,221,986**	**3,469**	**1,225,455**	1,546,158
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		**1,222,083**	**3,469**	**1,225,552**	1,546,288
NET ASSETS		**1,222,083**	**3,469**	**1,225,552**	1,546,288
FUNDS	15				
Unrestricted funds				**1,222,083**	1,542,819
Restricted funds				**3,469**	3,469
TOTAL FUNDS				**1,225,552**	1,546,288

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 December 2023.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for
(a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
(b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 25 Sept 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

D A Tropeano - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

Colchester Zoological Society
(formerly Colchester Zoo Action for the Wild)

Cash Flow Statement
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

	Notes	31.12.23 £	31.12.22 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	**(177,474)**	28,938
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities		**(177,474)**	28,938
Cash flows from investing activities			
Interest received		**54,091**	15,231
Net cash provided by investing activities		**54,091**	15,231
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		**(123,383)**	44,169
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		**1,350,739**	1,306,570
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		**1,227,356**	1,350,739

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET (EXPENDITURE)/INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	31.12.23 £	31.12.22 £
Net (expenditure)/income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	**(320,736)**	253,933
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	**33**	43
Interest received	**(54,091)**	(15,231)
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	**193,320**	(194,740)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	**4,000**	(15,067)
Net cash (used in)/provided by operations	**(177,474)**	28,938

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1.1.23 £	Cash flow £	**At 31.12.23** **£**
Net cash			
Cash at bank	**1,350,739**	**(123,383)**	**1,227,356**
	1,350,739	**(123,383)**	**1,227,356**
Total	**1,350,739**	**(123,383)**	**1,227,356**

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements
The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income
All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure
Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Tangible fixed assets
Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures and fittings	- 25% on reducing balance

Taxation
The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting
Donations made by the charity are sometimes in excess of the monies collected for that purpose. The difference is made by transfer from the general fund. All collections for a specific project are paid over as soon as possible but otherwise in the same accounting period. The Umphafa Private Nature Reserve is private insofar as it is not open to the public but is a conservation project with many students carrying out research projects. The charity funds this work from donations as and when support is needed and retains funds to ensure its long term sustainability.

Foreign currencies
Assets and liabilities held in foreign currencies, are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of a transaction. Exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at the operating result.

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2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	31.12.23	31.12.22
	£	£
Donations	93,852	552,385
Gift aid	7,217	-
Legacies	249	22,160
Adoptions	-	35
Umphafa placements	42,253	50,383
	143,571	624,963

3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.12.23	31.12.22
	£	£
Research fees	1,280	1,705

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.12.23	31.12.22
	£	£
Deposit account interest	54,091	15,231

5. RAISING FUNDS

Raising donations and legacies

	31.12.23	31.12.22
	£	£
Research costs	500	1,210

6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Grant funding of activities (see note 7)	Support costs (see note 8)	Totals
	£	£	£
Wildlife conservation	488,764	30,414	519,178

7. GRANTS PAYABLE

	31.12.23	31.12.22
	£	£
Wildlife conservation	488,764	381,926

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7. GRANTS PAYABLE - continued

The total grants paid to institutions during the year was as follows:

	31.12.23	31.12.22
	£	£
AEECL	1,768	1,712
EAZA Leopard Project	-	630
Elephant Orphanage Project	10,000	10,000
Orangutan Foundation	7,500	7,000
Save The Rhino International	7,068	7,125
Umphafa Private Nature Reserve	441,444	322,071
Vulture Conservation VulPro	4,994	4,288
Free the bears	7,500	7,000
International Otter Survival Foundation	-	4,910
LWIRO Chimp Project	4,859	5,000
Red Panda Network	220	214
Elephant Herpes Virus	907	-
Komodo Survival Program	1,319	886
HelpSimus	-	1,035
Capuchin Project	-	4,487
Galapagos Conservation Trust	374	-
Ghost Fishing	614	-
To Mind	197	-
	488,764	376,358

8. SUPPORT COSTS

	Finance	Other	Governance costs	Totals
	£	£	£	£
Wildlife conservation	519	83	29,812	30,414

9. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.12.23	31.12.22
	£	£
Independent examination	3,299	4,310
Depreciation - owned assets	33	43

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10. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2023 nor for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2023 nor for the year ended 31 December 2022.

11. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	624,963	-	624,963
Other trading activities	1,705	-	1,705
Investment income	15,231	-	15,231
Total	641,899	-	641,899
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	1,210	-	1,210
Charitable activities			
Wildlife conservation	386,756	-	386,756
Total	387,966	-	387,966
NET INCOME	253,933	-	253,933
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	1,288,886	3,469	1,292,355
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	1,542,819	3,469	1,546,288

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12. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures and fittings £
COST	
At 1 January 2023 and 31 December 2023	**2,840**
DEPRECIATION	
At 1 January 2023	**2,710**
Charge for year	**33**
At 31 December 2023	**2,743**
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 December 2023	**97**
At 31 December 2022	130

13. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.12.23 £	31.12.22 £
Trade debtors	**6,856**	6,239
Other debtors	**5,124**	199,061
	11,980	205,300

14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.12.23 £	31.12.22 £
Accrued expenses	**13,881**	9,881

15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	**1,542,819**	**(320,736)**	**1,222,083**
Restricted funds			
Wildlife Vets International (Amur leopard and tiger)	**3,469**	**-**	**3,469**
TOTAL FUNDS	**1,546,288**	**(320,736)**	**1,225,552**

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15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	**198,942**	**(519,678)**	**(320,736)**
TOTAL FUNDS	**198,942**	**(519,678)**	**(320,736)**

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	1,288,886	253,933	1,542,819
Restricted funds			
Wildlife Vets International (Amur leopard and tiger)	3,469	-	3,469
TOTAL FUNDS	1,292,355	253,933	1,546,288

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	641,899	(387,966)	253,933
TOTAL FUNDS	641,899	(387,966)	253,933

Donations are generated from collections, spinners and a £1 optional donation charged on entrance fees to the Zoo, such donations are collected by the Zoo and paid to the charity.

Collections for specific organisations and projects are as detailed above and further detailed information relating to these can be found on pages 2 to 8 of the trustees report.

Sufficient resources are held within current assets to enable restricted funds to be applied in accordance with their restrictions.

Transfers have been made from the general fund to the restricted funds where expenditure has exceeded the available funds in the restricted funds.

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16. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Dr D A Tropeano, is a trustee and director of Colchester Zoological Society. He is also a shareholder and director of Cheyenne Investments Ltd, the holding company of Colchester Zoo Limited.

Mrs J Tropeano, is a trustee and director of Colchester Zoological Society. She is also a shareholder and director of Cheyenne Investments Ltd, the holding company of Colchester Zoo Limited.

Umphafa Private Nature Reserve is held within Colchester Zoo SA Properties (Proprietary) Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of Colchester Zoo SA Investments (Proprietary) Limited, the shareholding of which is 100% owned by the DAT Trust. Dr D A Tropeano and A S P Tropeano are on the board of Trustees of the DAT Trust. The beneficiaries of the DAT Trust are Dr D A Tropeano, A S P Tropeano and J A Tropeano.

During the year Colchester Zoo Limited collected donations on behalf of the charity totalling £30,247 (2022: £25,746).

During the year an amount of £441,444 was paid to Colchester Zoo SA Investments (2022: £322,071) as a donation towards the running costs of the Umphafa Private Nature Reserve.

17. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

On 26 March 2024, by a resolution dated 25 January 2024, the company changed its name to Colchester Zoological Society.

18. CONTROLLING PARTY

The charity is controlled by the board of trustees, Dr D Tropeano, Mrs J Tropeano, Mrs S Leedham, Mr A Lewis, Mr A Bruford, Mrs E Butcher and Mr R Lees.

COLCHESTER ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY

England & Wales - Charity number 1105621

Accounts

Registered Company Number: 05150424
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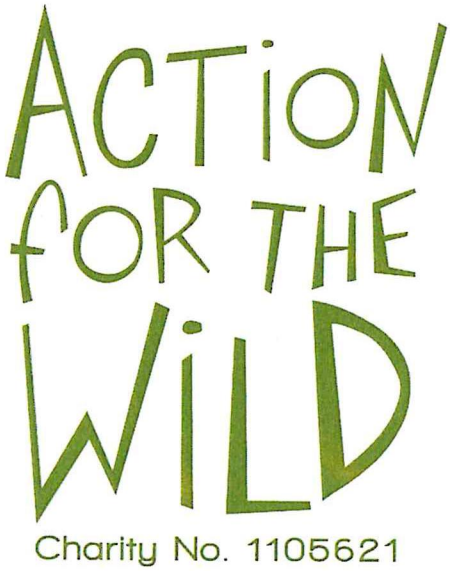

Report of the Trustees and Financial Statements For the Year Ended 31 December 2022

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Colchester Zoo Action for the Wild

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The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The charity's objectives are:

(a) the conservation of the earth's natural resources through projects and initiatives dealing with preservation and protection of living animals and their habitats
(b) To educate the public in a formal and informal manner through educational programmes raising awareness and respect for nature
(c) To carry out specific and quantitative research from which conservation and animal welfare benefits can accrue and to provide for the publication of results of such research

The charity's aims are:

(a) to provide financial assistance to overseas in-situ projects in order to support the conservation of endangered species
(b) to provide technical assistance to in-situ and ex situ projects at both local and global levels
(c) to raise awareness through education programmes and involvement of local people in community conservation projects

We have referred to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and planning future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

Significant activities

The charity pledges funding for third party conservation projects world wide. The projects are selected after careful consideration of the current plight of the species to which the project relates. All third party projects funded in this manner share the same overall objectives and aims of the charity.

The charity has undertaken the creation of a wildlife reserve in South Africa with the aid of donations from Colchester Zoo Limited and its visitors.

Volunteers

The charity uses volunteers to help raise awareness of Colchester Zoo's Action for the Wild Charity and the conservation work it supports and to help raise funds for supported projects. The Trustees would like to take this opportunity to thank the volunteers for their continuing efforts.

STRATEGIC REPORT

Achievement and performance

Charitable activities

Below is a review of the organisations and projects Action for the Wild supported in the financial year 2022 through financial and technical assistance.

UmPhafa Private Nature Reserve

Colchester Zoo and Action for the Wild purchased land to form the UmPhafa Private Nature Reserve in 2005. We have since been working to rehabilitate the land and recreate the historical animal populations on the reserve.

In 2022, Action for the Wild donated £322,070.53 to ensure the continued running of the reserve, from employing field rangers, maintenance and intern staff to ensuring continued protection of our wildlife species, as well as giving the opportunity for interns to be educated about life on a reserve.

January

- A new workshop installed to protect the vehicles on the northern side of the Reserve, as well as a small workshop built to store equipment and tools.
- Rondavel improvements at Sully intern accommodation making it liveable, and also installed a new bathroom.

March

- 2 female wild dogs arrived, which eventually left in May, going to Lapalala Reserve near Limpopo to start a new pack.
- A rogue leopard was captured in the community with UmPhafa's help and moved to Phinda, a reserve in Zululand.
- Received 2 new drones purchased to help combat poaching incursions.

April

- Female rhino Ambalo gave birth to a healthy male calf.
- Joined the Game Ranger Association to provide insurance in case our field rangers are injured in the line of duty

May

- 80 Blesbok released.
- The management team received training on the new C'more app, which focuses on the security of the reserve.
- Employed 5 ladies from the community who collected over 800kgs in pecan nuts which were sold.

June

- 11 Bushbuck released.
- Bees were removed from the lodge and old tennis courts at Elworthy as they were becoming a danger to the team, with the help of Bushveld Bees they were relocated.
- Won a BIAZA Conservation Award for work in conservation in the field for the wild dogs we looked after in 2021 who we bonded and eventually went to Malawi, unfortunately in November they were killed by poachers when their waterhole was poisoned.
- Jim Green shoes sponsored 12 pairs of field ranger boots for our rangers.

July

- Fire breaks completed and block burns started.

August

- The research work continued on the study of the African mottled eel lifestyle and dispersal in the Tugela River, finishing studies in October.
- New solar pump installed at the energiser field to feed water from the Tugela River to one of the main dams, saving on daily electricity costs.
- Employed 5 ladies from the community to collect thatch for us which we used on the bushcamp roof which was completed in December.

September

- New diesel tank installed on the north section of the reserve to avoid using excessive diesel filling up at Elworthy.
- With the threat of foot & mouth reaching the reserve - 4-wheel washes were built at the main gates.

October

- 11 ostrich chicks born on the reserve, although after predation, 3 now survive.

Made contact with the Giraffe Conservation Foundation who do research all over Africa and are the only NGO that concentrates solely on the conservation and management of giraffe in Africa - In 2023 they will be coming
- to do an assessment of UmPhafa's giraffe and those in the local area to establish numbers and species.
- Archaeologists visited to study Iron Age ruins on part of UmPhafa; Vertrek.

November
- Completion of the improvements made to the ranger cottage on the northern side of the reserve.

December

- 2 male wild dogs joined from Somkhanda Reserve; they will eventually be moving on in 2023.
  Blue crane chicks which we believe is a first for UmPhafa.

Hosted 67 Interns this year, including Writtle University College and East Coast College, and also hosted 39 students from KZN University who came to do their practical soil studies. Howick Children's Home sent 11 children with their tutor to study tracks and signs to give them an idea of a different career path in the future. We gave waste management lessons to a local school and the top 17 learners visited the reserve for game drives.

2022 saw a record amount of rain on UmPhafa (1,212mm) since the recording of rain stats began in 1959.

Poaching continues to be an issue with a total of 419m of fence stolen, 49 animals taken, 153 incursion attempts, 13 snares removed and 97 times poachers have been in, with or without dogs. Despite this, there has been an increase of 490 animals throughout the year, with impala, wildebeest and zebra all doing well. The babies came later in 2022 with some only just arriving late December, which is unusual.

Recorded 9 new species on the reserve ranging from dragonflies, birds to insects and plants.

In 2023, the team shall again be hosting interns to help with the management tasks and will be focusing efforts on protecting species, bringing in new animal genes and hopefully maximising bulk grazing animals. Following on from the rains of 2022, energy will be focused on repairing fences and roads, doing more bush clearing and reducing the number of alien plants on the reserve.

Fisher's Estuarine Moth Breeding Programme
- The Fisher's Estuarine Moth is a rare and highly threatened species. The main stronghold for the species is the Walton Backwaters area of the North Essex coast, where the majority of the population is found at Skipper's Island. This key site for the moth is severely threatened by flooding, as a consequence of sea level rise and deteriorating sea walls.
- Colchester Zoo and Action for the Wild donate technical assistance to support this programme via an off-show area to promote the captive breeding of this species. We also assist with surveying newly created habitats looking for signs of caterpillar feeding and condition of Hog's fennel plants; this moth species is completely reliant on this plant as its sole larval food, a plant species which itself is also threatened.
- In 2022, poor batches of eggs meant that no larvae hatched over the usual period, therefore our keepers put all eggs out into the breeding cages in case of late larval hatching. Some limited evidence of feeding signs were seen and 5 moths emerged. 7 moths were collected from Copt Hall to pair with unpaired captive individuals, with 10/11 decent sets of eggs produced.
- Some of these eggs will serve to continue the breeding programme in 2023, whilst surplus will be released into newly-created habitat sites around Essex to ensure the long-term survival of this species.
- As the majority of the newly-created habitat sites have now been colonised, the captive breeding programme is reaching its final stages as its initial aims and objectives to provide moths for release into new habitats have been achieved.

Save the Rhinos International
- Sadly, national parks in South Africa's KwaZulu-Natal Province (KZN) were hit hard by rhino poaching gangs in 2022.
- The majority of these devastating poaching incidents have been recorded in Hluhluwe-iMfolozi National Park (HiP), an important stronghold for black and white rhinoceroses.
- In 2022, Action for the Wild donated £7,125 towards the purchase of vital equipment for extended camping kits. Extended patrol kit items include tents, backpacks, sleeping bags and cooking equipment.
- This equipment allows rangers to camp for extended times at short notice in areas frequented by poaching syndicates; to assist early detection of poachers and increase the chance of saving the life of rhino in the field.
- The extended patrols help to maximise anti-poaching effectiveness, enabling rangers to remain within detection zones/hot spots for longer periods. The equipment is carried in patrol members backpacks and the team remains totally self-sufficient.

- The superior quality of the kit will result in more effective patrols for the rangers who will be working under extremely tough conditions. This will enable them to remain alert and will also increase the amount of time for which they will be able to be deployed.

Orangutan Foundation

- The Orangutan Foundation is working to save orangutans by protecting their tropical forest habitat, working with local communities, and promoting research and education.
- The Orangutan Foundation operates five orangutan post-release monitoring camps within the Lamandau Wildlife Reserve, a reserve spanning almost 160,000 acres in Indonesia Borneo. At these camps, field teams care for orphaned orangutans in a soft release programme and continuously monitor orangutans in surrounding forest.
- The young orangutans in the soft-release programme learn forest skills necessary for life in the wild, and once fully prepared are ready for release.
- From time to time, situations arise where the team help with the rescue and translocation of orangutans stranded in threatened areas, such as community land and fragmented sections of forest. Veterinary assistance ensures the highest welfare standards are available to expertly treat these orangutans straight away before release into the Lamandau Wildlife Reserve.
- In 2022, Action for the Wild donated £7,000 for the vet's annual salary to provide critical veterinary aid, contributing towards the cost of orangutan monitoring in the forest and providing equipment for a new veterinary clinic in Pangkalan Bun, essential for wildlife rescues and translocations.

AEECL (Association Européenne pour l'Étude et la Conservation des Lémuriens)

- AEECL aims to advance the understanding and conservation of Madagascar's lemurs through scientific research, captive propagation and protection of their natural habitat.
- In 2022, Action for the Wild donated its £1,712.48 membership fee.
- The Sahamalaza region in Madagascar has been the AEECL's focus of scientific and conservation interest since 1988. The AEECL aims to protect the habitat and ecosystems within the Sahamalaza peninsula, monitor and increase lemur populations and be a strong conservation ambassador for the area.
- In 2022, AEECL undertook a range of activities such as forest monitoring; reforestation of 150 bags of mangrove propagules in the village of Antafiatabalaka and 30,000 young plants over an area of 20 hectares in Mahialambo Rural Commune Ampandriakilandy Antsohihy; subsidised 78 teachers; met secondary school students who receive an AEECL grant to provide encouragement in advance of their national exams and pledged to give more scholarships for the five best students who want to pursue university studies; and took part in various celebration days such as World Environment Day and a workshop to create a Protected Areas Manager Platform for Sofia Region.
- By investing in local communities through education, resource management and communication, this helps ensure the communities of today can forge a safe haven for wildlife tomorrow.

Elephant Orphanage Project

- The Elephant Orphanage Project (EOP) is working to rescue, rehabilitate and release orphaned elephants as a direct result of poaching.
- In 2022, Action for the Wild donated £10,000 to help provide food and medical treatment for the orphans and to support the wage of one of the elephant caregivers, Aaron, who has worked at the project since 2012.
- At the end of 2022, a total of 25 orphans were under the Elephant Orphanage Project's care or monitoring spanning the six stages of release, with 2 new rescues over the year. The youngest, Chikumbi, was rescued from Rufunsa which has always been a hotspot for orphans and has now seen 16 orphan rescues since the EOP's inception.
- The project has two camps; Lilayi Elephant Nursery where keepers provide constant care and feeding for 5 young orphans, and the Kafue Release Facility, where 13 orphans that need less time with humans are prepared for release back into the wild, but which come back to the protective boma overnight.
- A further 7 orphans move freely within Kafue National Park; 5 of these spend nights outside the boma but do return on occasions to join the orphan herd, and 2 live in the wild full time.
- 2022 saw orphan matriarch Chamilandu finally leave the security of the release facility to form a wild based herd with her calf Mutaanzi and age mates Tafika, Mosi and Rufunsa where they have been seen moving comfortably amongst wild Kafue herds.
- Much of 2022 was absorbed with rebuilding a new home for the elephant orphans in Lusaka National Park and to create an education and awareness space that really will shape the future of conservation through our future generations.

Centre de Rehabilitation des Primates de Lwiro

- The Centre de Rehabilitation des Primates de Lwiro (CRPL) works to care for and rehabilitate orphaned primates. Since 2002, the centre has rescued 128 chimpanzees, most confiscated from poachers as a by-catch of bushmeat hunting.
- The CRPL offers a permanent solution for the increasing number of orphaned great apes confiscated around Kahuzi-Biega National Park in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

- In 2022, Action for the Wild donated £5,000 to provide the 288 animals in the care of the CRPL with a high standard of nutrition.
- Action for the Wild's 2022 donation was used to provide fresh fruit and vegetables for CRPL's primates and parrots for 7 weeks in the period June 2022 to July 2022.
- This funding helps local communities, as the sanctuary buys all the food from local markets, helping them to see the benefits of having the sanctuary in their village and increasing their acceptance of conservation. By assisting with the running costs, CRPL can continue to receive confiscated animals and contribute to Congolese law in protecting these primates from poaching and the pet trade.

Free the Bears

- Free the Bears (FTB) are working to protect, preserve and enrich the lives of bears throughout the world by offering a safe sanctuary for bears rescued from the illegal wildlife trade.
- In 2022, Action for the Wild donated £7,000 to install solar powered lights and improve water sustainability at the Luang Prabang Wildlife Sanctuary. This helps to alleviate concerns over security and water supply provision, through the purchase of solar-powered water pumps to recycle bear pool water and reduce consumption during the dry season.
- With 21 bears rescued across Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam in 2022 (many of them young cubs), work has continued on the development of new bear houses, with Bear House 7 opening for a pair of moon bears, and building work commencing for Bear House 8 in order to house the rapidly-growing cubs in the nursery.
- In 2022, more than 50 bear health checks took place and FTB's animal care teams benefitted from further training in animal welfare thanks to a joint programme with Wild Welfare. Programme managers from each sanctuary got together for a series of meetings on construction design, staff training and general strategy for the coming years, typically coinciding with the rescue of bears in all three sanctuary countries; only the second time in FTB's history that they've had rescues in all three countries in the same week.
- 2022 saw a number of milestones in the fight to end the practice of bear bile farming, with South Korea formally announcing a commitment to ending the practice by the end of 2025, and the number of rescued bears in sanctuaries across Laos and Vietnam outnumbering the number of bears remaining in bile farms for the first time in almost two decades.

Vulpro

- African vultures are some of the most threatened species on the planet with some populations having declined by over 80% in the last three decades. VulPro is working to halt this decline of vultures throughout Africa.
- Part of the work that VulPro has been partaking in for many years is in-situ, breeding population monitoring, including African white-backed vulture (Gyps africanus) breeding surveys. These surveys include walked transects of nesting sites, gathering data to aid the understanding of breeding success and what factors might be driving this success, as well as nest site selection. These data are important to understand which sites to protect in order to conserve these birds.
- Nest sites are repeatedly surveyed at the beginning of every breeding season (between May and June 2023) and again at the end of the breeding season (between September and October 2023). This allows for a record of how many nests are active at the beginning of the season and how many at the end, providing a measure of breeding success. During each of these surveys, new nests and their variables are also recorded.
- During 2022, VulPro monitored six cape vulture colonies across the northern parts of South Africa. A total of 2,036 active nests were observed during the initial survey. Furthermore, the African white-backed vulture tree nesting survey efforts covered a total of three areas, comprising 23 properties and 187 active nests.
- VulPro's cliff monitoring, which focuses on the northern parts of the cape vulture population, is home to approximately 50 to 60% of the entire breeding population. Each of the six colonies monitored have shown a slight increase in the number of breeding pairs. Between the three African white-backed vulture sites, the breeding success rate ranged between 69 and 74%.
- Action for the Wild donated £4,287.92 in 2022 to enable the researchers to stay near the field sites to conduct the monitoring and to purchase the necessary equipment for the survey work.
- Comparison of annual monitoring results is critical as all African vulture species continue to rapidly decline across their ranges.

Komodo Survival Program

- The Komodo Survival Program aims to protect and monitor Komodo dragons and their habitat with the involvement of the local community.
- In 2022, Action for the Wild donated £885.98 to support this project.
- In 2022, a new five year cooperation agreement was signed focusing on strengthening monitoring and conservation in Komodo dragon distribution areas beyond protected areas on Flores Island. Capacity building of staff, stakeholder engagement, community awareness and education programmes for local communities are the priority agenda for the next five years.

- In 2022, a Komodo dragon population monitoring programme was conducted on Longos Island on western Flores and Ontoloe Island on northern Flores. Camera trapping was carried out to monitor the long-term population trends and live trapping to observe the Komodo dragon demographics and body size on the small island populations. Twenty and thirteen camera trapping locations were used on Longos Island and Ontoloe Island respectively.
- Morphological measurements, such as: head length, head width, total body length, snout to vent length (SVL), weight etc., were taken from each dragon caught and newly captured dragons were fitted with a transponder to mark and identify each individual. Four dragons were caught on each island.
- The monitoring results were disseminated to heads of villages and local community members to increase local community awareness and encourage them to be involved in Komodo dragon conservation efforts beyond protected areas.
- Throughout the rest of 2022, Komodo dragon population monitoring was conducted at Wae Wuul Nature Reserve, training was conducted for local community patrol members on the SMART Patrol application for better patrolling activities and planning, and the SMART Patrol application was implemented in the local community patrol activities at Torong Padang.

Red Panda Network Forest Guardian Sponsorship Scheme

- The Red Panda Network is committed to the conservation of wild red pandas and their habitat through the education and empowerment of local communities.
- Action for the Wild teams up annually with other European Zoos to support a forest guardian scheme and donated £214.06 in 2022. A forest guardian monitors and protects red panda habitats, as well as educates communities on the importance of the species.
- The forest guardian team has grown to over 100 members and will continue to increase with recruitments in the 3 new districts of eastern Nepal. Since 2014, Action for the Wild has worked with other European zoos to sponsor up to 15 forest guardians.
- The funds are used for capacity and skill-building training, supporting children and siblings with education scholarships, distributing improved cooking stoves, and providing guardians with field gear and monitoring equipment. All forest guardians receive training on community-based red panda monitoring and anti-poaching patrolling which includes training on camera trap handling, installation, and data management to enable them to monitor their red panda monitoring blocks on a quarterly basis, conduct bi-annual anti-poaching patrolling, install camera traps and establish new monitoring blocks.
- This support benefits not only the red pandas, but provides employment and development within the local community, giving them a sense of pride in protecting this endangered species, with income generated from sustainable means.

International Otter Survival Fund

- The International Otter Survival Fund is working to provide a series of capacity building workshops to train conservationists, government officials and other similar stakeholders to engage with otters, demonstrate techniques in education, research, dealing with threats and other similar conservation issues.
- In 2022, Action for the Wild donated £4,910 to the International Otter Survival Fund to help run their sixth Asian (eighth in total) workshop, this time in Malaysia. Previous workshops have been held in Cambodia, Indonesia, Bangladesh, China, Lao PDR, Tanzania and Guyana.
- During the Malaysian workshop, IOSF partnered with the Malaysia Nature Society (MNS) and Malaysian Otter Network (MON). The workshop was held at Kuala Selangor Nature Park, which is a protected area in the Selangor region of Peninsula Malaysia.
- In Asia there are very few scientists working on otters and their habitats. Following this series of International Otter Survival Fund workshops, work is now ongoing in communities, through country networks linked together by the Asian Otter Conservation Network.
- During the Malaysian workshop, 71 attendees took part, either in person or virtually through Zoom sessions. The workshop covered topics such as global otter conservation, surveying techniques, education and illegal trade issues.

HelpSimus

- Helpsimus works to protect the greater bamboo lemur in Madagascar through the Bamboo Lemur Programme, which combines scientific monitoring of the species, protecting its habitat, supporting the development of the nearby villages and financing the education of local children.
- The greater bamboo lemur is one of the most threatened lemurs of Madagascar. Helpsimus is based close to the National Park of Ranomafana but in an unprotected zone, located at the heart of the agricultural land of several villages inhabited by the largest wild population of greater bamboo lemurs (almost 600 specimens).
- In 2022, Action for the Wild donated £1,035 to Helpsimus to deliver its conservation activities.

- Three components make up Helpsimus' strategy: an environmental component to identify the priority conservation areas on the programme site, improving knowledge about the eco-ethology of the species and working on resolving human/lemur conflicts; a socio-economic component to improve the standard of living of the local populations by helping to secure the products of their harvest and improving yields, developing new revenue generating activities, building infrastructure and means of communication, and implementing better hygiene practices to improve the health of the communities, and an educational component to improve awareness among local communities, and facilitate access to education for the children from villages involved in the project.
- Over 660 children and their teachers benefit from the school canteens in the programme's 5 schools and the project now follows 23 groups of lemurs: 14 groups of greater bamboo lemurs, 4 groups of red-bellied lemurs, 2 groups of Ranomafana bamboo lemurs and 3 groups of Peyrieras' woolly lemurs. Almost 640 lemurs are in this way protected directly by Helpsimus.

Amur Leopard Fund (Melanism Testing)

- The Amur Leopard European Ex Situ Programme (EEP) has initiated a lab-based project looking for identifiers of melanism in the Amur leopard captive population.
- The aim is to test a total of about 70 leopards for now, with samples of whole blood and hair containing the follicle analysed at the EAZA Biobank in Edinburgh.
- All western EEP holders were asked to donate to get the study started and, in 2022, Action for the Wild donated 629.63 so the lab could buy the consumables.

Yellow-breasted Capuchin Monkey Conservation Programme in the Dry Forests of Brazil (Phase II: Ecology and behaviour)

- The yellow-breasted capuchin monkey is a primate species ranked as critically endangered on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species
- In 2002-2005, a survey was conducted of the remaining populations of yellow-breasted capuchin monkeys to establish the status of the species and to precisely identify the threats to its survival. To add to this survey, a comparative ecological study was needed in the western part of the capuchins' distribution, where populations seem to be scarcer and inhabit very different and harsher environments, such as the dry forests and open scrub.
- This aspect of the project started in 2014 to fill knowledge gaps regarding the conservation status and the biological peculiarities of the western population, providing information on activity budgets, the pattern of exploitation of the home range, and how seasonal variations affect behaviour, ecology, and social structure of the species in harsh environments. This will make it possible to compare the two environments (humid forest and dry forest) where yellow breasted capuchin monkey survive.
- In 2022, Action for the Wild donated £4,486.65 to this project to support the researcher's car maintenance and fuel costs when working in the field studying the capuchins and to provide extra drone batteries to extend the search time for the monkeys in the forest. A drone with a thermal camera is used to assist in the search for the monkeys and increase the number of encounters with them, thus reducing the time spent for its habituation.

Financial review

Principal funding sources

The charity's principal funds derive from donations from Colchester Zoo Limited and donations made by the general public.

Reserves policy

Reserves are held at a level sufficient enough to ensure the support of animal conservation projects worldwide. Many of the projects supported by the charity operate in countries suffering from political and economic constraints and uncertainty, as such they rely upon donations and other voluntary income to ensure continuity. The Trustees continue to retain a reserve fund that not only supports its day to day objectives but to also support the longer term development and strategic plans of the charity. Donations are gratefully received by the various organisations and make a huge contribution towards conservation costs of animal rehabilitation and release, habitat and species protection, conservation research and capacity building and education of local communities.

The Trustees policy is to place funds on deposit with a high street bank. This achieves the flexibility of funds earning a return on capital, whilst at the same time being easily accessible should it be required.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees
The charity has an established recruitment procedure for the appointment of trustees. Mechanisms include exploiting the charity's local networks and personal invitation.

Organisational structure
The board of trustees administers the charity. It meets annually and there are sub-committees covering development, membership, finance and audit that meet when required.

The trustees recognise the significant contributions of Rebecca Moore as Zoo Director.

Induction and training of new trustees
New trustees are required to attend an induction day to brief them on:

(a) their legal obligation under UK charity and company law
(b) the content of the Memorandum and Articles of Association
(c) committee and decision making processes
(d) the business plan
(e) the recent financial performance of the charity

During induction the new trustees have the opportunity to meet key employees and other trustees. They are also encouraged to attend any appropriate external training events that might assist them in undertaking the role of a trustee. Regular governance training is also provided.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number
05150424 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number
1105621

Registered office
Colchester Zoo
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Trustees
Dr D A Tropeano Zoo Director
Mrs J A Tropeano Finance Director
Mrs S E Leedham Retired Civil Servant
A Lewis Head Of Digital Product
Mrs M R Dench (appointed 3.5.23)

Company Secretary
Mrs R Moore

Independent Examiner
SB&P
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Report of the trustees, incorporating a strategic report, approved by order of the board of trustees, as the company directors, on .....31/08/2023..... and signed on the board's behalf by:

.....
Dr D A Tropeano - Trustee

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Colchester Zoo Action for the Wild ('the Company')
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement
Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Suzanne Draper ACA FCCA of

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Date: 4/9/23

Colchester Zoo Action for the Wild

Statement of Financial Activities
(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)
for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	**31.12.22 Total funds £**	31.12.21 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	**624,963**	-	**624,963**	1,280,472
Other trading activities	3	**1,705**	-	**1,705**	1,174
Investment income	4	**15,231**	-	**15,231**	71
Total		**641,899**	-	**641,899**	1,281,717
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds	5	**1,210**	-	**1,210**	285
Charitable activities	6				
Wildlife conservation		**386,756**	-	**386,756**	284,700
Total		**387,966**	-	**387,966**	284,985
NET INCOME		**253,933**	-	**253,933**	996,732
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		**1,288,886**	**3,469**	**1,292,355**	295,623
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		**1,542,819**	**3,469**	**1,546,288**	1,292,355

The notes form part of these financial statements

Colchester Zoo Action for the Wild (Registered number: 05150424)

Balance Sheet
31 December 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	**31.12.22 Total funds £**	31.12.21 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	12	**130**	-	**130**	173
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	13	**205,300**	-	**205,300**	10,560
Cash at bank		**1,347,270**	**3,469**	**1,350,739**	1,306,570
		1,552,570	**3,469**	**1,556,039**	1,317,130
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	14	**(9,881)**	-	**(9,881)**	(24,948)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		**1,542,689**	**3,469**	**1,546,158**	1,292,182
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		**1,542,819**	**3,469**	**1,546,288**	1,292,355
NET ASSETS		**1,542,819**	**3,469**	**1,546,288**	1,292,355
FUNDS	15				
Unrestricted funds				**1,542,819**	1,288,886
Restricted funds				**3,469**	3,469
TOTAL FUNDS				**1,546,288**	1,292,355

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 December 2022.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for
(a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
(b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on .....31/8/2023..... and were signed on its behalf by:

.....
D A Tropeano - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

Colchester Zoo Action for the Wild

Cash Flow Statement
for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

	Notes	31.12.22 £	31.12.21 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	**28,938**	1,015,178
Net cash provided by operating activities		**28,938**	1,015,178
Cash flows from investing activities			
Interest received		**15,231**	71
Net cash provided by investing activities		**15,231**	71
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		**44,169**	1,015,249
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		**1,306,570**	291,321
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		**1,350,739**	1,306,570

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	31.12.22 £	31.12.21 £
Net income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	**253,933**	996,732
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	**43**	57
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	**-**	21
Interest received	**(15,231)**	(71)
Increase in debtors	**(194,740)**	(3,118)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	**(15,067)**	21,557
Net cash provided by operations	**28,938**	1,015,178

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1.1.22 £	Cash flow £	At 31.12.22 £
Net cash			
Cash at bank	**1,306,570**	**44,169**	**1,350,739**
	1,306,570	**44,169**	**1,350,739**
Total	**1,306,570**	**44,169**	**1,350,739**

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements
The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income
All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure
Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Tangible fixed assets
Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures and fittings - 25% on reducing balance

Taxation
The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting
Donations made by the charity are sometimes in excess of the monies collected for that purpose. The difference is made by transfer from the general fund. All collections for a specific project are paid over as soon as possible but otherwise in the same accounting period. The Umphafa Private Nature Reserve is private insofar as it is not open to the public but is a conservation project with many students carrying out research projects. The charity funds this work from donations as and when support is needed and retains funds to ensure its long term sustainability.

Foreign currencies
Assets and liabilities held in foreign currencies, are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of a transaction. Exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at the operating result.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	31.12.22	31.12.21
	£	£
Donations	**594,841**	1,219,031
Gift aid	**-**	8,650
Legacies	**22,160**	39,216
Adoptions	**35**	1,195
Umphafa placements	**7,927**	11,845
Outreach	**-**	535
	624,963	1,280,472

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3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.12.22	31.12.21
	£	£
Research fees	1,705	1,174

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.12.22	31.12.21
	£	£
Deposit account interest	15,231	71

5. RAISING FUNDS

Raising donations and legacies

	31.12.22	31.12.21
	£	£
Research costs	1,210	285

6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Grant funding of activities (see note 7)	Support costs (see note 8)	Totals
	£	£	£
Wildlife conservation	381,926	4,830	386,756

7. GRANTS PAYABLE

	31.12.22	31.12.21
	£	£
Wildlife conservation	381,926	278,692

The total grants paid to institutions during the year was as follows:

	31.12.22	31.12.21
	£	£
AEECL	1,712	-
EAZA Leopard Project	630	-
Elephant Orphanage Project	10,000	-
Orangutan Foundation	7,000	-
Save The Rhino International	7,125	-
Umphafa Private Nature Reserve	322,071	254,247
Colchester Zoo	-	24,445
Free the bears	7,000	-
International Otter Survival Foundation	4,910	-
LWIRO Chimp Project	5,000	-
Red Panda Network	214	-
VulPro	4,288	-
Komodo Survival Program	886	-
HelpSimus	1,035	-
Capuchin Project	4,487	-
	376,358	278,692

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8. SUPPORT COSTS

	Finance £	Other £	Governance costs £	Totals £
Wildlife conservation	477	43	4,310	4,830

9. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.12.22 £	31.12.21 £
Independent examination	4,310	-
Auditors remuneration	-	5,707
Depreciation - owned assets	43	57
Deficit on disposal of fixed assets	-	21

10. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2022 nor for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2022 nor for the year ended 31 December 2021.

11. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	1,280,472	-	1,280,472
Other trading activities	1,174	-	1,174
Investment income	71	-	71
Total	1,281,717	-	1,281,717
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	285	-	285
Charitable activities			
Wildlife conservation	284,700	-	284,700
Total	284,985	-	284,985
NET INCOME	996,732	-	996,732
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	292,154	3,469	295,623
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	1,288,886	3,469	1,292,355

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12. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures and fittings £
COST	
At 1 January 2022 and 31 December 2022	**2,840**
DEPRECIATION	
At 1 January 2022	**2,667**
Charge for year	**43**
At 31 December 2022	**2,710**
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 December 2022	**130**
At 31 December 2021	173

13. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.12.22 £	31.12.21 £
Trade debtors	**6,239**	10,560
Other debtors	**199,061**	-
	205,300	10,560

14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.12.22 £	31.12.21 £
Other creditors	**-**	19,066
Accrued expenses	**9,881**	5,882
	9,881	24,948

15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	**1,288,886**	**253,933**	**1,542,819**
Restricted funds			
Wildlife Vets International (Amur leopard and tiger)	**3,469**	**-**	**3,469**
TOTAL FUNDS	**1,292,355**	**253,933**	**1,546,288**

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15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	**641,899**	**(387,966)**	**253,933**
TOTAL FUNDS	**641,899**	**(387,966)**	**253,933**

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.21 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	292,154	996,732	1,288,886
Restricted funds			
Wildlife Vets International (Amur leopard and tiger)	3,469	-	3,469
TOTAL FUNDS	295,623	996,732	1,292,355

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	1,281,717	(284,985)	996,732
TOTAL FUNDS	1,281,717	(284,985)	996,732

Donations are generated from collections, spinners and a £1 optional donation charged on entrance fees to the Zoo, such donations are collected by the Zoo and paid to the charity.

Collections for specific organisations and projects are as detailed above and further detailed information relating to these can be found on pages 2 to 6 of the trustees report.

Sufficient resources are held within current assets to enable restricted funds to be applied in accordance with their restrictions.

Transfers have been made from the general fund to the restricted funds where expenditure has exceeded the available funds in the restricted funds.

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16. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Dr D A Tropeano, is a trustee and director of Colchester Zoo Action for the Wild. He is also a shareholder and director of Colchester Zoo Holdings Limited, the holding company of Colchester Zoo Limited.

Mrs J Tropeano, is a trustee and director of Colchester Zoo Action for the Wild. She is also a shareholder and director of Colchester Zoo Holdings Limited, the holding company of Colchester Zoo Limited.

Umphafa Private Nature Reserve is held within Colchester Zoo SA Properties (Proprietary) Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of Colchester Zoo SA Investments (Proprietary) Limited, the shareholding of which is 100% owned by the DAT Trust. Dr D A Tropeano and A S P Tropeano are on the board of Trustees of the DAT Trust. The beneficiaries of the DAT Trust are Dr D A Tropeano, A S P Tropeano, S D Knuckey, J Knuckey, I C Knuckey and O Knuckey.

During the year Colchester Zoo Limited collected donations on behalf of the charity totalling £25,746 (2021: £24,445).

During the year an amount of £322,071 was paid to Colchester Zoo SA Investments (2021: £254,247) as a donation towards the running costs of the Umphafa Private Nature Reserve.

17. CONTROLLING PARTY

The charity is controlled by the board of trustees, Dr D A Tropeano, Mrs J Tropeano, Mrs S Leedham, Mr A Lewis, and Mrs M Dench.

COLCHESTER ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY

England & Wales - Charity number 1105621

Accounts

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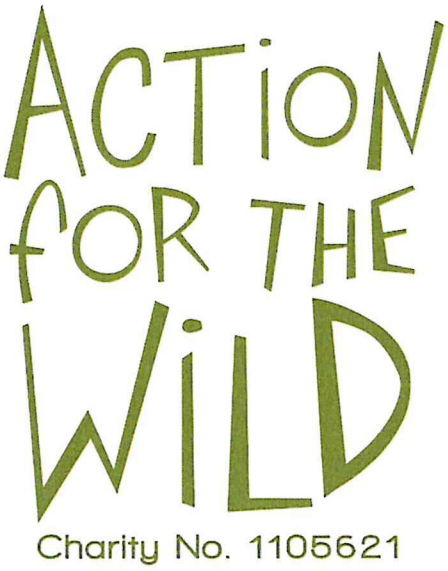

Report of the Trustees and Financial Statements For the Year Ended 31 December 2021

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The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The charity's objectives are:

(a) the conservation of the earth's natural resources through projects and initiatives dealing with preservation and protection of living animals and their habitats
(b) To educate the public in a formal and informal manner through educational programmes raising awareness and respect for nature
(c) To carry out specific and quantitative research from which conservation and animal welfare benefits can accrue and to provide for the publication of results of such research

The charity's aims are:

(a) to provide financial assistance to overseas in-situ projects in order to support the conservation of endangered species
(b) to provide technical assistance to in-situ and ex situ projects at both local and global levels
(c) to raise awareness through education programmes and involvement of local people in community conservation projects

We have referred to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and planning future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

Significant activities

The charity pledges funding for third party conservation projects world wide. The projects are selected after careful consideration of the current plight of the species to which the project relates. All third party projects funded in this manner share the same overall objectives and aims of the charity.

The charity has undertaken the creation of a wildlife reserve in South Africa with the aid of donations from Colchester Zoo Limited and its visitors.

Volunteers

The charity uses volunteers to help raise awareness of Colchester Zoo's Action for the Wild Charity and the conservation work it supports and to help raise funds for supported projects. The Trustees would like to take this opportunity to thank the volunteers for their continuing efforts.

STRATEGIC REPORT

Achievement and performance

Charitable activities

Below is a review of the organisations and projects Action for the Wild supported in the financial year 2021 through financial and technical assistance.

UmPhafa Private Nature Reserve

Colchester Zoo and Action for the Wild purchased land to form the UmPhafa Private Nature Reserve in 2005. We have since been working to rehabilitate the land and recreate the historical animal populations on the reserve.

In 2021, Action for the Wild donated £254,246.84 to ensure the continued running of the Reserve, from employing field rangers and reserve management staff, to ensuring continued protection of our wildlife species.

April

- New reserve managers, Anthony Smith and Amanda Warren, took over the running of UmPhafa.
- 3 female African wild dogs joined us for 3 months; UmPhafa is responsible for the initial bonding of new packs before they move to new reserves.
- All rhinos dehorned and a new ear notching system implemented to ensure we can identify each individual from a distance.
- All relevant staff received first aid training.

May

- 5 male African wild dogs arrived to join the females for two months.
- Game capture carried out on the reserve to remove species that are over carrying capacity; 53 animals were removed; Zebra, Kudu and Waterbuck
- Rangers received in house telemetry training

June

- Three research visits conducted over the course of the year studying the life cycle of the African Mottled Eel. Eels were captured in long nets, weighed, measurements taken of the length and eyes and then fitted with a tracker to enable the research team to understand the eel's lifestyle going forward. The eels were then safely released back into the river

July

- The 8 wild dogs left UmPhafa and were successfully reintroduced into Malawi. The pack was fitted with a mix of satellite and radio collars to facilitate the continual monitoring of their location and habitat use and ensure their long-term protection in their new reserve. Camera trap footage has subsequently shown a litter of healthy pups.
- All firebreaks completed on the reserve to prevent runaway fires.

September

- Approval attained for adequate fence enclosure which is the first step in the process of getting cheetah and buffalo on the reserve, and possibly even black rhino.
- Female rhino Vukela gave birth to a healthy calf.
- Renovations commenced at Sully house, which will be the main intern accommodation from 2022. This work was completed in December.
- Assisted Ezemvelo Wildlife in attempts to trap a leopard and remove it from local community land.

October

- Our bull rhino was translocated off the reserve leaving behind numerous offspring on the reserve. In future, we will bring in a new bull to maximise genetics.
- Our first ever Lappet-faced vulture spotted on the Reserve. Using the bird's tag number, we found out that the bird was tagged as a fledgling at Imfolozi Nature Reserve during October 2020. He was then seen on Manyoni Reserve on 6th September 2021 and flew over to UmPhafa in October 2021. Manyoni is roughly a 5 hour drive away from the reserve but when flying is probably a few hours less! The young vulture stayed at UmPhafa for 3 days whilst he fed on a blesbok carcass which had recently been killed by a leopard

November

- Water delivered to the local community due to water shortages.

Unfortunately, due to Covid, 2021 was very quiet with no interns able to visit until our new intern coordinator was able to join us in September on a six month stay. Thankfully with restrictions lifting, 2022 seems more promising with the first four interns arriving on the 4th January 2022.

With restrictions in place in South Africa and lack of employment, we have seen high numbers of incursions on the reserve, with fencing stolen on 7 occasions, 11 snares found and removed, 72 incursion attempts, 35 instances where poachers were inside the reserve with or without dogs and unfortunately 22 animals taken by poachers. Despite an increase in poaching, our animal species are continuing to thrive and breed with the eland, impala, wildebeest, kudu and zebra populations doing very well in 2021.

In 2022, we will continue with our work to promote and protect the wildlife populations on UmPhafa and also look forward to interns returning to the reserve once again to help us with our management activities. Our focus will be to continue our efforts to bring cheetah and buffalo to UmPhafa and to increase numbers of our existing populations to maximise genetics.

Colchester Zoo Emergency Fund

- Following the unprecedented closure of Colchester Zoo due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the trustees of Action for the Wild agreed to initiate a fundraising call for donations to the zoo's emergency fund to help provide support for animal care related costs, including keeper wages.
- In total, due to kind donations from Action for the Wild donors, £24,445.44 was transferred to the emergency fund.

Fisher's Estuarine Moth Breeding Programme

The Fisher's Estuarine Moth is a rare and highly threatened species.
The main stronghold for the species is the Walton Backwaters area of the North Essex coast, where the majority of the population is found at Skipper's Island. This key site for the moth is severely threatened by flooding, as a consequence of sea level rise and deteriorating sea walls.

Action for the Wild provides technical assistance to support this programme via an offshow area to promote the captive breeding of this species. It also assists with surveying newly created habitats looking for signs of caterpillar feeding and condition of Hog's fennel plants; this moth species is completely reliant on this plant as its sole larval food; a plant species which itself is also threatened.

2021 Conservation Breeding Activities

In 2021, a new purpose-built quarantine facility was built at the entrance to the offshow moth facility, with all costs provided by Colchester Zoo, to enable our keeping staff to change into PPE before entering into the moth area. This ensures biosecurity is in place at the facility to prevent the health of the moths from being affected before release.

- In total 66 caterpillars were placed on their feeding plant, Hog's fennel.
- 26 Hog's fennel plants were used to feed the caterpillars in 2021.
- Our keepers checked for moths from 5th September until 12th October every other night.
- In total, 14 moths emerged; 3 males and 11 females
- We had 5 pairs, which produced 18 batches of eggs

Financial review

Principal funding sources

The charity's principal funds derive from donations from Colchester Zoo Limited and donations made by the general public.

Reserves policy

Reserves are held at a level sufficient enough to ensure the support of animal conservation projects worldwide. Many of the projects supported by the charity operate in countries suffering from political and economic constraints and uncertainty, as such they rely upon donations and other voluntary income to ensure continuity. Accordingly the trustees have considered the needs of the various organisations that they currently support and may support in the future and have predicted that the reserves need to be within a range of between £250,000 and £400,000 to enable it to comfortably continue providing ongoing financial support for the foreseeable future. Donations are gratefully received by the various organisations and make a huge contribution towards conservation costs of animal rehabilitation and release, habitat and species protection, conservation research and capacity building and education of local communities.

The Trustees policy is to place funds on deposit with a high street bank. This achieves the flexibility of funds earning a return on capital, whilst at the same time being easily accessible should it be required.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The charity has an established recruitment procedure for the appointment of trustees. Mechanisms include exploiting the charity's local networks and personal invitation.

Organisational structure

The board of trustees administers the charity. It meets annually and there are sub-committees covering development, membership, finance and audit that meet when required.

The trustees recognise the significant contributions of Rebecca Moore as Zoo Director.

Induction and training of new trustees

New trustees are required to attend an induction day to brief them on:

(a) their legal obligation under UK charity and company law
(b) the content of the Memorandum and Articles of Association
(c) committee and decision making processes
(d) the business plan
(e) the recent financial performance of the charity

During induction the new trustees have the opportunity to meet key employees and other trustees. They are also encouraged to attend any appropriate external training events that might assist them in undertaking the role of a trustee. Regular governance training is also provided.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

05150424 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1105621

Registered office

Colchester Zoo
Maldon Road
Colchester
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Trustees

Dr D A Tropeano Zoo Director
Mrs S D Knuckey Secretary (resigned 24.12.21)
Mrs J A Tropeano Finance Director (appointed 24.12.21)
Mrs S E Leedham Retired Civil Servant (appointed 24.12.21)
A Lewis Head Of Digital Product (appointed 24.12.21)

Company Secretary

Mrs R Moore

Auditors

SB&P
Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditors
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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of Colchester Zoo Action for the Wild for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland"

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES - continued

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

Report of the trustees, incorporating a strategic report, approved by order of the board of trustees, as the company directors, on .....28/09/22..... and signed on the board's behalf by:

.....
Dr D A Tropeano - Trustee

Opinion
We have audited the financial statements of Colchester Zoo Action for the Wild (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 December 2021 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

In our opinion the financial statements:
- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 December 2021 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion
We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern
In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information
The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006
In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:
- the information given in the Report of the Trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the Trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception
In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Report of the Trustees.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:
- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees
As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements
Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

The objectives of our audit are to identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements due to fraud or error; to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the assessed risks of material misstatement due to fraud or error; and to respond appropriately to those risks. Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that material misstatements in the financial statements may not be detected, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with the ISAs (UK).

In identifying and assessing risk of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, our procedures included the following:

- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks applicable to the Company and the sector in which it operates. We determined that the following laws and regulations were most significant:
  - Those which are directly relevant to specific assertions in the financial statements.
  - Those that relate to reporting frameworks being FRS102 SORP, the Companies Act 2006, and the relevant tax compliance regulations.
  - Those that relate to the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (protection and Social Investment) Act 2016, The Trustees Act 1925,2000 and the Charity Commission regulations.
  - Those that relate to the Fundraising Regulator, the independent regulator of charitable fundraising in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.
  - Those that relate to data protection and bribery and corruption practices.
- We obtained an understanding of how the Charitable Company is complying with those legal and regulatory frameworks by making enquiries of management, reviewing any board meeting minutes, and reviewing the legal costs incurred in the year and enquiring with management as to the circumstances around these legal costs.
- We assessed the susceptibility of the Charitable Company's financial statements to materiality misstatement, including how fraud may occur. Audit procedures performed by the audit engagement team included:
  - identifying the controls that management has in place to prevent and detect fraud;
  - challenging assumptions and judgements made by management in its significant accounting estimates;
  - auditing the risk of management override of controls, including through testing journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, and evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business;
  - assessing the extent of compliance with the relevant laws and regulations.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Suzanne Draper FCCA ACA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of SB&P
Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditors
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Date: 29/9/22

Colchester Zoo Action for the Wild

Statement of Financial Activities
(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)
for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	**31.12.21 Total funds £**	31.12.20 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	**1,280,472**	-	**1,280,472**	241,980
Other trading activities	3	**1,174**	-	**1,174**	600
Investment income	4	**71**	-	**71**	237
Total		**1,281,717**	-	**1,281,717**	242,817
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds	5	**285**	-	**285**	420
Charitable activities	6				
Wildlife conservation		**284,700**	-	**284,700**	207,640
Other		-	-	-	3,677
Total		**284,985**	-	**284,985**	211,737
NET INCOME		**996,732**	-	**996,732**	31,080
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		**292,154**	**3,469**	**295,623**	264,543
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		**1,288,886**	**3,469**	**1,292,355**	295,623

The notes form part of these financial statements

Colchester Zoo Action for the Wild (Registered number: 05150424)

Balance Sheet
31 December 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.12.21 Total funds £	31.12.20 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	12	**173**	**-**	**173**	251
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	13	**10,560**	**-**	**10,560**	7,442
Cash at bank		**1,303,101**	**3,469**	**1,306,570**	291,321
		1,313,661	**3,469**	**1,317,130**	298,763
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	14	**(24,948)**	**-**	**(24,948)**	(3,391)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		**1,288,713**	**3,469**	**1,292,182**	295,372
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		**1,288,886**	**3,469**	**1,292,355**	295,623
NET ASSETS		**1,288,886**	**3,469**	**1,292,355**	295,623
FUNDS	15				
Unrestricted funds				**1,288,886**	292,154
Restricted funds				**3,469**	3,469
TOTAL FUNDS				**1,292,355**	295,623

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on .....28/09/22..... and were signed on its behalf by:

.....
D A Tropeano - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

Colchester Zoo Action for the Wild

Cash Flow Statement
for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

	Notes	31.12.21 £	31.12.20 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	**1,015,178**	44,548
Net cash provided by operating activities		**1,015,178**	44,548
Cash flows from investing activities			
Interest received		**71**	237
Net cash provided by investing activities		**71**	237
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		**1,015,249**	44,785
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		**291,321**	246,536
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		**1,306,570**	291,321

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	31.12.21 £	31.12.20 £
Net income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	**996,732**	31,080
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	**57**	84
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	**21**	-
Interest received	**(71)**	(237)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	**(3,118)**	13,676
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	**21,557**	(55)
Net cash provided by operations	**1,015,178**	44,548

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1.1.21 £	Cash flow £	**At 31.12.21** **£**
Net cash			
Cash at bank	**291,321**	**1,015,249**	**1,306,570**
	291,321	**1,015,249**	**1,306,570**
Total	**291,321**	**1,015,249**	**1,306,570**

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements
The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income
All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure
Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Tangible fixed assets
Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Plant and machinery	- 25% on reducing balance
Fixtures and fittings	- 25% on reducing balance

Taxation
The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting
Donations made by the charity are sometimes in excess of the monies collected for that purpose. The difference is made by transfer from the general fund. All collections for a specific project are paid over as soon as possible but otherwise in the same accounting period. The Umphafa Private Nature Reserve is private insofar as it is not open to the public but is a conservation project with many students carrying out research projects. The charity funds this work from donations as and when support is needed and retains funds to ensure its long term sustainability.

Foreign currencies
Assets and liabilities held in foreign currencies, are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of a transaction. Exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at the operating result.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	31.12.21	31.12.20
	£	£
Donations	**1,219,031**	122,241
Gift aid	**8,650**	4,652
Legacies	**39,216**	75,860
Grants	**-**	25,000
Adoptions	**1,195**	2,540
Umphafa placements	**11,845**	11,272
Outreach	**535**	415
	1,280,472	241,980

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2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES - continued

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	31.12.21	31.12.20
	£	£
Other grants	-	25,000

3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.12.21	31.12.20
	£	£
Research fees	1,174	600

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.12.21	31.12.20
	£	£
Deposit account interest	71	237

5. RAISING FUNDS

Raising donations and legacies

	31.12.21	31.12.20
	£	£
Research costs	285	420

6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Grant funding of activities (see note 7)	Support costs (see note 8)	Totals
	£	£	£
Wildlife conservation	278,692	6,008	284,700

7. GRANTS PAYABLE

	31.12.21	31.12.20
	£	£
Wildlife conservation	278,692	207,638

The total grants paid to institutions during the year was as follows:

	31.12.21	31.12.20
	£	£
AEECL	-	1,802
Umphafa Private Nature Reserve	254,247	126,321
Colchester Zoo	24,445	67,884
Free the bears	-	7,500
Red Panda Network	-	443
Gelada Baboons	-	1,695
Australian Bush Fire	-	1,440
Vukani Memorial	-	553
	278,692	207,638

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8. SUPPORT COSTS

	Finance	Other	Governance costs	Totals
	£	£	£	£
Wildlife conservation	**223**	**78**	**5,707**	**6,008**

9. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.12.21	31.12.20
	£	£
Independent examination	**-**	3,187
Auditors remuneration	**5,707**	-
Depreciation - owned assets	**57**	84
Deficit on disposal of fixed assets	**21**	-

10. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2021 nor for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2021 nor for the year ended 31 December 2020.

11. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund	Restricted funds	Total funds
	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	216,980	25,000	241,980
Other trading activities	600	-	600
Investment income	237	-	237
Total	217,817	25,000	242,817
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	420	-	420
Charitable activities			
Wildlife conservation	182,640	25,000	207,640
Other	3,677	-	3,677
Total	186,737	25,000	211,737
NET INCOME	31,080	-	31,080
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	261,074	3,469	264,543
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	292,154	3,469	295,623

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12. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 January 2021	**210**	**2,840**	**3,050**
Disposals	**(210)**	**-**	**(210)**
At 31 December 2021	**-**	**2,840**	**2,840**
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 January 2021	**189**	**2,610**	**2,799**
Charge for year	**-**	**57**	**57**
Eliminated on disposal	**(189)**	**-**	**(189)**
At 31 December 2021	**-**	**2,667**	**2,667**
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 December 2021	**-**	**173**	**173**
At 31 December 2020	21	230	251

13. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.12.21 **£**	31.12.20 £
Trade debtors	**10,560**	7,442

14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.12.21 **£**	31.12.20 £
Other creditors	**19,066**	-
Accrued expenses	**5,882**	3,391
	24,948	3,391

15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.21 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	**292,154**	**996,732**	**1,288,886**
Restricted funds			
Wildlife Vets International (Amur leopard and tiger)	**3,469**	**-**	**3,469**
TOTAL FUNDS	**295,623**	**996,732**	**1,292,355**

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15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	**1,281,717**	**(284,985)**	**996,732**
TOTAL FUNDS	**1,281,717**	**(284,985)**	**996,732**

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.20 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	261,074	31,080	292,154
Restricted funds			
Wildlife Vets International (Amur leopard and tiger)	3,469	-	3,469
TOTAL FUNDS	264,543	31,080	295,623

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	217,817	(186,737)	31,080
Restricted funds			
The Hobson Charity	25,000	(25,000)	-
TOTAL FUNDS	242,817	(211,737)	31,080

Donations are generated from collections, spinners and a £1 optional donation charged on entrance fees to the Zoo, such donations are collected by the Zoo and paid to the charity.

Collections for specific organisations and projects are as detailed above and further detailed information relating to the these can be found on pages 2 to 6 of the trustees report.

Sufficient resources are held within current assets to enable restricted funds to be applied in accordance with their restrictions.

Transfers have been made from the general fund to the restricted funds where expenditure has exceeded the available funds in the restricted funds.

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16. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Dr D A Tropeano, is a trustee and director of Colchester Zoo Action for the Wild. He is also a shareholder and director of Colchester Zoo Holdings Limited, the holding company of Colchester Zoo Limited.

Mrs J Tropeano, is a trustee and director of Colchester Zoo Action for the Wild. She is also a shareholder and director of Colchester Zoo Holdings Limited, the holding company of Colchester Zoo Limited.

Umphafa Private Nature Reserve is held within Colchester Zoo SA Properties (Proprietary) Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of Colchester Zoo SA Investments (Proprietary) Limited, the shareholding of which is 100% owned by the DAT Trust. Dr D A Tropeano and A S P Tropeano are on the board of Trustees of the DAT Trust. The beneficiaries of the DAT Trust are Dr D A Tropeano, A S P Tropeano, S D Knuckey, J Knuckey, I C Knuckey and O Knuckey.

During the year Colchester Zoo Limited collected donations on behalf of the charity totalling £24,445 (2020: £67,884).

During the year an amount of £254,247 was paid to Colchester Zoo SA Investments (2020: £126,321) as a donation towards the running costs of the Umphafa Private Nature Reserve.

17. CONTROLLING PARTY

The charity is controlled by the board of trustees, Dr D A Tropeano, Mrs S D Knuckey, Mrs J Tropeano, Mrs S Leedham, and Mr A lewis.

COLCHESTER ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY

England & Wales - Charity number 1105621

Accounts

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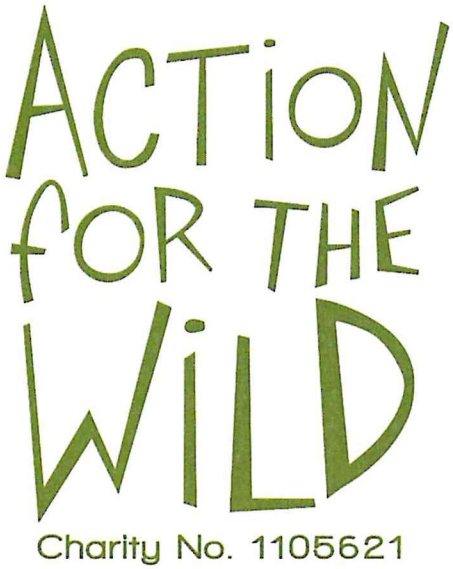

Report of the Trustees and Financial Statements For the Year Ended 31 December 2020

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The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2020. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The charity's objectives are:

(a) the conservation of the earth's natural resources through projects and initiatives dealing with preservation and protection of living animals and their habitats
(b) To educate the public in a formal and informal manner through educational programmes raising awareness and respect for nature
(c) To carry out specific and quantitative research from which conservation and animal welfare benefits can accrue and to provide for the publication of results of such research

The charity's aims are:

(a) to provide financial assistance to overseas in-situ projects in order to support the conservation of endangered species
(b) to provide technical assistance to in-situ and ex situ projects at both local and global levels
(c) to raise awareness through education programmes and involvement of local people in community conservation projects

We have referred to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and planning future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

Significant activities

The charity pledges funding for third party conservation projects world wide. The projects are selected after careful consideration of the current plight of the species to which the project relates. All third party projects funded in this manner share the same overall objectives and aims of the charity.

The charity has undertaken the creation of a wildlife reserve in South Africa with the aid of donations from Colchester Zoo Limited and its visitors.

Volunteers

The charity uses volunteers to help raise awareness of Colchester Zoo's Action for the Wild Charity and the conservation work it supports and to help raise funds for supported projects. The Trustees would like to take this opportunity to thank the volunteers for their continuing efforts.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

Below is a review of the organisations and projects Action for the Wild supported in the financial year 2020 through financial assistance.

UmPhafa Private Nature Reserve

- Colchester Zoo and Action for the Wild purchased land to form the UmPhafa Private Nature Reserve in 2005. We have since been working to rehabilitate the land and recreate the historical animal populations on the reserve.
- In 2020, Action for the Wild donated £126,321 to ensure the continued running of the reserve, from employing field rangers and reserve management staff, to ensuring continued protection of our wildlife species.
- Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, our activities on the reserve were somewhat reduced in 2020.
- We did not release any further species onto the reserve in 2020, however, we ensured salt licks and molasses were provided for our wildlife species to help them maintain condition throughout winter and increase our breeding rates.
- Our species have continued to breed, such as our impala, kudu and nyala populations. In February, a game capture company came to take 28 kudus off UmPhafa and translocate them to a new reserve; this ensures we keep their numbers in check to prevent over-population of certain species on the reserve.
- UmPhafa has maintained beehives on the reserve for a number of years. In 2020, we purchased the hives and have successfully harvested a small first crop of honeys.
- Nine interns still managed to visit between January and March, before sadly the internship was put on hold for the rest of the year. Despite a lack of interns, the reserve management team have been busy renovating one of the reserve houses so that, from 2021, the interns will have a new base on the reserve.
- The boma, where we keep groups of wild dogs for bonding, received a restoration in 2020, with new fence lines constructed in preparation for the arrival of new dogs in 2021.
- The reserve's leopards have been sighted more and more in 2020, such that reserve staff have had to purchase new energisers and fencing to ensure they don't come too close to accommodation buildings.
- By investing in local communities through education, resource management and communication, this helps ensure the communities of today can forge a safe haven for wildlife tomorrow.

2020 Game Count Figures of Visible Species

Giraffe	40
Red Hartebeest	42
Impala	272
Blesbok	70
Common Reedbuck	10
Mountain Reedbuck	10
Zebra	251
Waterbuck	60
Nyala	45
Kudu	250
Grey Duiker	25
Warthog	130
Blue Wildebeest	133
Eland	48
Ostrich	10

Red Panda Network Forest Guardian Sponsorship Scheme

- The Red Panda Network is committed to the conservation of wild red pandas and their habitat through the education and empowerment of local communities.
- Action for the Wild teams up annually with other European Zoos to support a forest guardian scheme and donated £442.52 in 2020.
- A forest guardian monitors and protects red panda habitats, as well as educates communities on the importance of the species.
- European zoos helped fund 15 of the Red Panda Network-supported forest guardians in 2020.
- This support benefits not only the red pandas, but provides employment and development within the local community, giving them a sense of pride in protecting this endangered species, with income generated from sustainable means.

The Gelada Baboon Research Project

- The Gelada Research Project aims to contribute to the improvement of the conservation of wild gelada baboons in Ethiopia.
- In 2020, Action for the Wild donated £1,695.35 to support this research
- The current status of wild gelada baboon populations isn't known; hence the conservation status of this species needs to be properly assessed. Nothing is known with respect to population structure, welfare condition and behaviour of geladas that live outside of protected areas and that are affected by severe human pressure.
- This project aims to:
  - increase understanding of how human presence and activities impact on ecology and behaviour of gelada baboons in two unprotected sites
  - increase awareness of environmental issues, capacity building and ownership of the local community managing the areas
  - increase the scientific and technical knowledge of the species to be used for management purposes.
- The main research areas of this project will be to assess the historical background of how the gelada population has changed over the years, to assess the home range and spatial behaviour of the geladas in the different areas and to look at the impact of human pressure on the population distribution.
- In addition, social behaviour analysis will be conducted, looking at aggression and conflict behaviour, competition over food, and play activities between juveniles, as these "play units" represent the social bridge connecting subjects belonging to different one-male units.

AEECL (Association Européenne pour l'Étude et la Conservation des Lémuriens)

- The AEECL aims to advance the understanding and conservation of Madagascar's lemurs through scientific research, captive propagation and protection of their natural habitat.
- In 2020, Action for the Wild donated its £1,802.45 membership fee.
- The Sahamalaza region in Madagascar has been the AEECL's focus of scientific and conservation interest since 1988. The AEECL aims to protect the habitat and ecosystems within the Sahamalaza peninsula, monitor and increase lemur populations and be a strong conservation ambassador for the area.
- Unfortunately, the Covid-19 pandemic halted many of the 2020 plans AEECL had put in place for the year.
- The work on the Field Research Station was halted when restrictions across Madagascar were put in place and so it is expected that this project will be 1 - 1 ½ years behind schedule. When work commences, AEECL will be hiring a Field Station Manager to oversee activities.
- In March, the AEECL distributed the subsidy funding for community teachers and the scholarship for students at the high school in Maromandia in order to stabilise the education system..
- The field team in Ankarafa continue to patrol and to monitor the forest every day. Any illegal forest activity is reported.
- The reforestation launch for the Sofia region took place in January. The goal of the reforestation programme is to make the Sofia region green again and to stop the bush fires. A total of 11,000 trees were reforested over an area of 8ha.
- By investing in local communities through education, resource management and communication, this helps ensure the communities of today can forge a safe haven for wildlife tomorrow

Fisher's Estuarine Moth Breeding Programme

- The Fisher's Estuarine Moth is a rare and highly threatened species. The main stronghold for the species is the Walton Backwaters area of the North Essex coast, where the majority of the population is found at Skipper's Island. This key site for the moth is severely threatened by flooding, as a consequence of sea level rise and deteriorating sea walls.
- Colchester Zoo and Action for the Wild donate technical assistance to support this programme via an off-show area to promote the captive breeding of this species.
- In Spring 2020, 8 egg batches from our 2019 breeding programme were put out at the National Trust's Copt Hall. These eggs are released into newly-created habitat sites around Essex to ensure the long-term survival of this species.
- Throughout 2020, we placed 26 caterpillars on their feeding plant; Hog's Fennel, in our breeding enclosures and had 4 moths emerge to produce 1 pairing. This pairing produced 3 batches of eggs.

Free the Bears

- Free the Bears are working to protect, preserve and enrich the lives of bears throughout the world by offering a safe sanctuary for bears rescued from the illegal wildlife trade.

- Since 2003, more than 80 bears have been confiscated in Laos from poachers and wildlife traders or have been donated by people who had previously kept them as trophy pets. In 2020, 6 bears were rescued from the illegal wildlife trade.
- In 2020, Action for the Wild donated £7,500 to further support development of the bear sanctuary in Laos; to address housing needs for a small group of three rescued sun bears, as well as create rainwater storage tanks in order to improve management of natural resources across the site.
- Six 3,000 litre polyethylene tanks were also installed using Action for the Wild funds in key locations across the sanctuary and five larger rainwater storage tanks were put in place at the Cub Nursery and Bear Houses 1, 4, 5 and 6. This water storage ensures sufficient supply and reduces demand on the sanctuary dams.

Colchester Zoo Emergency Fund

- Following the unprecedented closure of Colchester Zoo due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the trustees of Action for the Wild agreed to initiate a fundraising call for donations to the zoo's emergency fund to help provide support for animal care related costs, including keeper wages.
- In total, due to kind donations from Action for the Wild donors, £67,883.79 was transferred to the emergency fund. £25,000 of this was made possible via a restricted donation from The Hobson Charity for use over the six month period of October 2020 to March 2021 to primarily feed the big cat species, but also to assist with feeding costs of other carnivorous species at Colchester Zoo. A total of £29,853.19 was spent in this period on meat-related animal feed products.

Australia Bushfire Crisis

- Reports estimate 800 million native animals were affected by Australia's bushfire crisis in New South Wales, and more than one billion throughout Australia, with many more injured or displaced and facing a tough time ahead while food resources are low and predators have greater opportunities to prey on native species whose habitats have been destroyed.
- At the start of January 2020, Colchester Zoo supporters and staff fundraised to help support Australian zoos in their efforts to run wildlife hospitals and rescue and rehabilitation facilities; to provide both short and long-term support. Zoos have significant expertise, resources, equipment and facilities throughout Australia to help native animals in the crisis affected areas.
- In total, Action for the Wild sent £1,439.78 across to the Zoological Association of Australia (ZAA) Drought and Bushfire Crisis Fund. All funds donated for appeal will go to projects allocated by the ZAA Wildlife Conservation Committee for rescue, rehabilitation and long-term recovery activities and their associated operating costs.
- Their approach aims to execute three key phases: Phase one - placing rescued native animals with appropriate facilities and expert care for treatment, ongoing rehabilitation and preparation to return to the wild; Phase two - assessing the impacts on wildlife and habitat to understand where rehabilitation efforts are most needed; Phase three - medium and long-term recovery efforts to return healthy animals to regenerated habitats and revive and sustain populations of wildlife in affected areas.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal funding sources

The charity's principal funds derive from donations from Colchester Zoo Limited and donations made by the general public.

Reserves policy

Reserves are held at a level sufficient enough to ensure the support of animal conservation projects worldwide. Many of the projects supported by the charity operate in countries suffering from political and economic constraints and uncertainty, as such they rely upon donations and other voluntary income to ensure continuity. Accordingly the trustees have considered the needs of the various organisations that they currently support and may support in the future and have predicted that the reserves need to be within a range of between £250,000 and £400,000 to enable it to comfortably continue providing ongoing financial support for the foreseeable future. Donations are gratefully received by the various organisations and make a huge contribution towards conservation costs of animal rehabilitation and release, habitat and species protection, conservation research and capacity building and education of local communities.

The Trustees policy is to place funds on deposit with a high street bank. This achieves the flexibility of funds earning a return on capital, whilst at the same time being easily accessible should it be required.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The charity has an established recruitment procedure for the appointment of trustees. Mechanisms include exploiting the charity's local networks and personal invitation. No trustees were appointed during the year.

Organisational structure

The board of trustees administers the charity. It meets monthly and there are sub-committees covering development, membership, finance and audit that meet when required.

The trustees recognise the significant contributions of Rebecca Moore as director of conservation, research and education.

Induction and training of new trustees

New trustees are required to attend an induction day to brief them on:

(a) their legal obligation under UK charity and company law
(b) the content of the Memorandum and Articles of Association
(c) committee and decision making processes
(d) the business plan
(e) the recent financial performance of the charity

During induction the new trustees have the opportunity to meet key employees and other trustees. They are also encouraged to attend any appropriate external training events that might assist them in undertaking the role of a trustee. Regular governance training is also provided.

Related parties

In compliance with the 2015 revised SORP, Colchester Zoo Action For The Wild's related parties are the current trustees, and trustees who served during the financial year, as specified below. None have received trustees expenses during the financial year.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number
05150424 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number
1105621

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Mrs S D Knuckey Secretary

Company Secretary
Mrs R Moore

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This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on .....22nd of September 2021..... and signed on its behalf by:

.....
Dr D A Tropeano - Trustee

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Colchester Zoo Action for the Wild ('the Company')
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Date: 23/9/21

Colchester Zoo Action for the Wild

Statement of Financial Activities
(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)
for the Year Ended 31 December 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	**31.12.20 Total funds £**	31.12.19 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	**216,980**	**25,000**	**241,980**	420,368
Other trading activities	3	**600**	**-**	**600**	1,985
Investment income	4	**237**	**-**	**237**	347
Total		**217,817**	**25,000**	**242,817**	422,700
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds		**420**	**-**	**420**	620
Charitable activities					
Wildlife conservation		**182,640**	**25,000**	**207,640**	484,834
Other		**3,677**	**-**	**3,677**	3,670
Total		**186,737**	**25,000**	**211,737**	489,124
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		**31,080**	**-**	**31,080**	(66,424)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		**261,074**	**3,469**	**264,543**	330,967
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		**292,154**	**3,469**	**295,623**	264,543

The notes form part of these financial statements

Colchester Zoo Action for the Wild (Registered number: 05150424)

Balance Sheet
31 December 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	**31.12.20 Total funds £**	31.12.19 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	9	**251**	**-**	**251**	335
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	10	**7,442**	**-**	**7,442**	21,118
Cash at bank		**287,852**	**3,469**	**291,321**	246,536
		295,294	**3,469**	**298,763**	267,654
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	11	**(3,391)**	**-**	**(3,391)**	(3,446)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		**291,903**	**3,469**	**295,372**	264,208
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		**292,154**	**3,469**	**295,623**	264,543
NET ASSETS		**292,154**	**3,469**	**295,623**	264,543
FUNDS	12				
Unrestricted funds				**292,154**	261,074
Restricted funds				**3,469**	3,469
TOTAL FUNDS				**295,623**	264,543

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 December 2020.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for
(a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
(b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on .....22/9/21..... and were signed on its behalf by:

.....
D A Tropeano - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements
The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income
All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure
Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Tangible fixed assets
Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Plant and machinery	- 25% on reducing balance
Fixtures and fittings	- 25% on reducing balance

Taxation
The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting
Donations made by the charity are sometimes in excess of the monies collected for that purpose. The difference is made by transfer from the general fund. All collections for a specific project are paid over as soon as possible but otherwise in the same accounting period. The Umphafa Private Nature Reserve is private insofar as it is not open to the public but is a conservation project with many students carrying out research projects. The charity funds this work from donations as and when support is needed and retains funds to ensure its long term sustainability.

Foreign currencies
Assets and liabilities held in foreign currencies, are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of a transaction. Exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at the operating result.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	31.12.20	31.12.19
	£	£
Donations	**136,468**	217,890
Gift aid	**4,652**	-
Legacies	**75,860**	202,478
Grants	**25,000**	-
	241,980	420,368

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	31.12.20	31.12.19
	£	£
Other grants	**25,000**	-

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3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.12.20	31.12.19
	£	£
Research fees	600	1,985

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.12.20	31.12.19
	£	£
Deposit account interest	237	347

5. GRANTS PAYABLE

	31.12.20	31.12.19
	£	£
Wildlife conservation	207,638	484,834

The total grants paid to institutions during the year was as follows:

	31.12.20	31.12.19
	£	£
Wildlife Vets International (Amur leopard and tiger)	-	3,000
AEECL	1,802	1,769
N/a'an Ku se Carnivore Conservation Research Project	-	4,836
Elephant Orphanage Project	-	5,000
Hornbill Research Foundation	-	357
Orangutan Foundation	-	7,000
Save The Rhino International	-	6,580
Umphafa Private Nature Reserve	126,321	439,634
Vulture Conservation VulPro	-	5,000
Colchester Zoo	67,884	-
Free the bears	7,500	5,250
LWIRO Chimp Project	-	4,994
Red Panda Network	443	-
Komodo Survival Program	-	914
Gelada Baboons	1,695	-
Keeper Support To Assist Flamingos	-	500
Australian Bush Fire	1,440	-
Vukani Memorial	553	-
	207,638	484,834

6. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.12.20	31.12.19
	£	£
Independent examination	3,187	3,775
Depreciation - owned assets	84	111

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7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2020 nor for the year ended 31 December 2019.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2020 nor for the year ended 31 December 2019.

8. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	418,368	2,000	420,368
Other trading activities	1,985	-	1,985
Investment income	347	-	347
Total	420,700	2,000	422,700
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	620	-	620
Charitable activities			
Wildlife conservation	480,834	4,000	484,834
Other	3,670	-	3,670
Total	485,124	4,000	489,124
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(64,424)	(2,000)	(66,424)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	325,498	5,469	330,967
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	261,074	3,469	264,543

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9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 January 2020 and 31 December 2020	**210**	**2,840**	**3,050**
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 January 2020	**182**	**2,533**	**2,715**
Charge for year	**7**	**77**	**84**
At 31 December 2020	**189**	**2,610**	**2,799**
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 December 2020	**21**	**230**	**251**
At 31 December 2019	28	307	335

10. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.12.20 £	31.12.19 £
Trade debtors	**7,442**	17,676
Other debtors	**-**	3,442
	7,442	21,118

11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.12.20 £	31.12.19 £
Trade creditors	**-**	55
Accrued expenses	**3,391**	3,391
	3,391	3,446

12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.20 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	**261,074**	**31,080**	**292,154**
Restricted funds			
Wildlife Vets International (Amur leopard and tiger)	**3,469**	**-**	**3,469**
TOTAL FUNDS	**264,543**	**31,080**	**295,623**

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12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	**217,817**	**(186,737)**	**31,080**
Restricted funds			
The Hobson Charity	**25,000**	**(25,000)**	**-**
TOTAL FUNDS	**242,817**	**(211,737)**	**31,080**

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.19 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	325,498	(64,424)	261,074
Restricted funds			
Wildlife Vets International (Amur leopard and tiger)	5,469	(2,000)	3,469
TOTAL FUNDS	330,967	(66,424)	264,543

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	420,700	(485,124)	(64,424)
Restricted funds			
Wildlife Vets International (Amur leopard and tiger)	1,000	(3,000)	(2,000)
Umphafa Wildlife Reserve	1,000	(1,000)	-
	2,000	(4,000)	(2,000)
TOTAL FUNDS	422,700	(489,124)	(66,424)

Donations are generated from collections, spinners and a £1 optional donation charged on entrance fees to the Zoo, such donations are collected by the Zoo and paid to the charity.

Collections for specific organisations and projects are as detailed above and further detailed information relating to the these can be found on pages 2 to 6 of the trustees report.

Sufficient resources are held within current assets to enable restricted funds to be applied in accordance with their restrictions.

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12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Transfers have been made from the general fund to the restricted funds where expenditure has exceeded the available funds in the restricted funds.

13. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Dr D A Tropeano, is a trustee and director of Colchester Zoo Action for the Wild. He is also a shareholder and director of Colchester Zoo Holdings Limited, the holding company of Colchester Zoo Limited.

Umphafa Private Nature Reserve is held within Colchester Zoo SA Properties (Proprietary) Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of Colchester Zoo SA Investments (Proprietary) Limited, the shareholding of which is 100% owned by the DAT Trust. Dr D A Tropeano and A S P Tropeano are on the board of Trustees of the DAT Trust. The beneficiaries of the DAT Trust are Dr D A Tropeano, A S P Tropeano, S D Knuckey, J Knuckey, I C Knuckey and O Knuckey.

During the year Colchester Zoo Limited collected donations on behalf of the charity totalling £29,078 (2019: £49,580).

During the year an amount of £126,321 was paid to Colchester Zoo SA Investments (2019: £439,634) as a donation towards the running costs of the Umphafa Private Nature Reserve.

14. CONTROLLING PARTY

The charity is controlled by the board of trustees, Dr D A Tropeano and Ms S D Knuckey.

15. RESTRICTED FUNDS

Colchester Zoo Emergency Fund - The Hobson Charity

Contribution towards keeping the animals in the care of Colchester Zoo during Covid 19 crisis, specifically restricted towards the non-salary related cost of feeding the animals, in particular the Big Cats but other animals too during the six months of October 2021 to March 2021.

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2020

	31.12.20 £	31.12.19 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	**136,468**	217,890
Gift aid	**4,652**	-
Legacies	**75,860**	202,478
Grants	**25,000**	-
	241,980	420,368
Other trading activities		
Research fees	**600**	1,985
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	**237**	347
Total incoming resources	**242,817**	422,700
EXPENDITURE		
Raising donations and legacies		
Research costs	**420**	620
Charitable activities		
Donations	**207,638**	484,834
Support costs		
Management		
Advertising	**-**	238
Subscriptions	**-**	292
	-	530
Finance		
Bank charges	**408**	(746)
Other		
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	**84**	111
Governance costs		
Independent examination	**3,187**	3,775
Total resources expended	**211,737**	489,124
Net income/(expenditure)	**31,080**	(66,424)

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