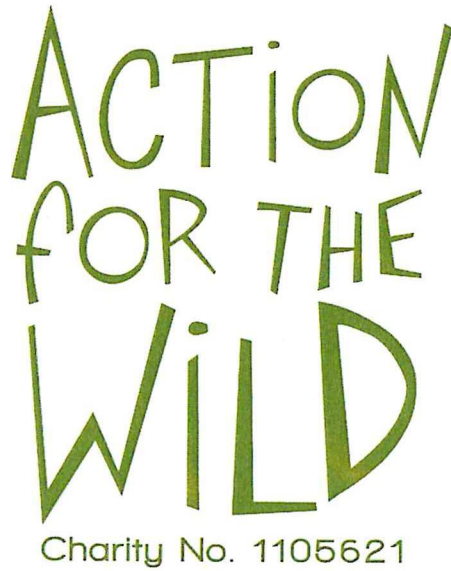


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**Report of the Trustees and  
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For the Year Ended 31 December 2022**

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**Report of the Trustees  
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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.

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**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.

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- 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.

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- 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.

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- 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.

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- 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.

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- 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.

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**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**

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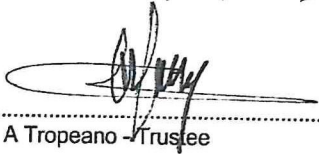
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Report of the trustees, incorporating a strategic report, approved by order of the board of trustees, as the company directors, on .....31/12/2023..... and signed on the board's behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dr D A Tropeano', is written over a horizontal dotted line.

Dr D A Tropeano - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of  
Colchester Zoo Action for the Wild (Registered number: 05150424)**

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**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.



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**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 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
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
<b>Total</b>		<b>641,899</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>641,899</b>	<b>1,281,717</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
Raising funds	5	1,210	-	1,210	285
<b>Charitable activities</b>	6				
Wildlife conservation		386,756	-	386,756	284,700
<b>Total</b>		<b>387,966</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>387,966</b>	<b>284,985</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>		<b>253,933</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>253,933</b>	<b>996,732</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		1,288,886	3,469	1,292,355	295,623
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<b>1,542,819</b>	<b>3,469</b>	<b>1,546,288</b>	<b>1,292,355</b>

The notes form part of these financial statements

**Balance Sheet**  
**31 December 2022**

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

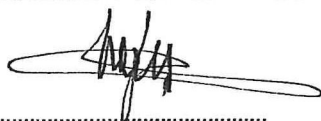
The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 December 2022.

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

- ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- 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 31.12.22 and were signed on its behalf by:



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

The notes form part of these financial statements

Notes to the Cash Flow Statement  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

<b>1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>			
	<b>31.12.22</b>	<b>31.12.21</b>	
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	
<b>Net income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)</b>	<b>253,933</b>	<b>996,732</b>	
<b>Adjustments for:</b>			
Depreciation charges	<b>43</b>	<b>57</b>	
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	<b>-</b>	<b>21</b>	
Interest received	<b>(15,231)</b>	<b>(71)</b>	
Increase in debtors	<b>(194,740)</b>	<b>(3,118)</b>	
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	<b>(15,067)</b>	<b>21,557</b>	
<b>Net cash provided by operations</b>	<b>28,938</b>	<b>1,015,178</b>	
<b>2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS</b>			
	<b>At 1.1.22</b>	<b>Cash flow</b>	<b>At 31.12.22</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Net cash</b>			
Cash at bank	<b>1,306,570</b>	<b>44,169</b>	<b>1,350,739</b>
	<b>1,306,570</b>	<b>44,169</b>	<b>1,350,739</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,306,570</b>	<b>44,169</b>	<b>1,350,739</b>

## 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
	<u>624,963</u>	<u>1,280,472</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

<b>3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES</b>		<b>31.12.22</b>	<b>31.12.21</b>
		£	£
Research fees		<u>1,705</u>	<u>1,174</u>
<b>4. INVESTMENT INCOME</b>		<b>31.12.22</b>	<b>31.12.21</b>
		£	£
Deposit account interest		<u>15,231</u>	<u>71</u>
<b>5. RAISING FUNDS</b>			
Raising donations and legacies		<b>31.12.22</b>	<b>31.12.21</b>
		£	£
Research costs		<u>1,210</u>	<u>285</u>
<b>6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS</b>			
	Grant funding of activities (see note 7)	Support costs (see note 8)	Totals
	£	£	£
Wildlife conservation	<u>381,926</u>	<u>4,830</u>	<u>386,756</u>
<b>7. GRANTS PAYABLE</b>		<b>31.12.22</b>	<b>31.12.21</b>
		£	£
Wildlife conservation		<u>381,926</u>	<u>278,692</u>
The total grants paid to institutions during the year was as follows:		<b>31.12.22</b>	<b>31.12.21</b>
		£	£
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	-
		<u>376,358</u>	<u>278,692</u>

**8. SUPPORT COSTS**

	Finance £	Other £	Governance costs £	Totals £
Wildlife conservation	<u>477</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>4,310</u>	<u>4,830</u>

**9. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)**

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

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

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

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2022**12. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

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

**13. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	31.12.22	31.12.21
	£	£
Trade debtors	6,239	10,560
Other debtors	199,061	-
	<u>205,300</u>	<u>10,560</u>

**14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	31.12.22	31.12.21
	£	£
Other creditors	-	19,066
Accrued expenses	9,881	5,882
	<u>9,881</u>	<u>24,948</u>

**15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

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

**15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

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

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

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

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

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

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

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.

**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.