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Charity number: 1136156

**BANC D'ARGUIN, AND COASTAL AND
MARINE BIODIVERSITY TRUST FUND LIMITED**

**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

BANC D'ARGUIN, AND COASTAL AND MARINE BIODIVERSITY TRUST FUND LIMITED

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE COMPANY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

Trustees	Moutha El Hadj (resigned 6 July 2021) Guillaume Chiron Abass Sylla Oumoulkhayri Ba Christoph Schaefer Ibrahina Thiam Guillaume Taylor (appointed 1 January 2020) Alexandre Manghi (resigned 1 January 2020) Ahmed Zein (appointed 20 July 2021)
Company registered number	06800423
Charity registered number	1136156
Registered office	8 King Edward Street Oxford OX1 4HL
Principal operating office	Direction Executive du BACoMaB ZRC Lot 406, B.P 5223 Nouakchott Mauritania
Secretary	Mr Ahmed Lefghih
Executive director	Mr Ahmed Lefghih
Independent auditor	Azets Audit Services Chartered Accountants 2nd Floor Regis House 45 King Willaim Street London EC4R 9AN
Solicitors	Wilmerhale LLP 5th Floor Alder Castle 10 Noble Street London EC2V 7JQ

BANC D'ARGUIN, AND COASTAL AND MARINE BIODIVERSITY TRUST FUND LIMITED

**TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

The Trustees present their annual report together with the audited financial statements of the company for the 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2020. The Annual report serves the purposes of both a Trustees' report and a directors' report under company law. The Trustees confirm that the Annual report and financial statements of the charitable company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charitable company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Since the company qualifies as small under section 382 of the Companies Act 2006, the Strategic report required of medium and large companies under the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Directors' Report) Regulations 2013 has been omitted.

Objectives and activities

a. Policies and objectives for the public benefit

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit and in particular to its supplementary public benefit guidance.

The principal object of the company is:

1) To promote, for the benefit of the public, the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment, firstly of the Banc d'Arguin National Park, and secondly of other marine and coastal protected areas in Mauritania, as the board shall determine, on the basis of the criteria set fourth in the manual of procedures (If the financial resources of the charity are sufficient and with the approval of at least three Quarters of its board of directors). These areas are known as "the areas of benefit"

2) To promote for the benefit of the public, the sustainable development of "The area of benefit" by:

A The preservation, conservation and the protection of the environment and the prudent use of natural resources of the areas of benefit,

B The relief of poverty and the improvement of the conditions of life for the areas of benefit resident populations, and

C The promotion of sustainable means of achieving economic growth and regeneration of the areas of benefit; and

3) To advance the education of the public in the biodiversity, conservation, sustainability and management of "the areas of benefit".

The principal objectives of the Charity are to promote and provide financial support for the conservation, preservation and sustainable development of Marine and coastal Protected Areas in the Islamic Republic of Mauritania.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

Objectives and activities (continued)

b. Activities for achieving objectives

In order to achieve its objectives, the Charity aims to receive funds which can be used for its purposes stated in preceding chapter.

In 2020, BACoMaB's endowment fund amounts to a total of 36.6 million Euros, effectively disbursed by donors.

In 2020 a disbursement of 1.18 million Euro was received from Mauritanian Government to the endowment fund.

The company has set finance and investment policies that are intended to provide long term stability and liquidity sufficient to finance the grants in Mauritania and to maintain the real value of the fund, whilst preserving its purchasing power over time.

Achievements and performance

a. Review of activities

Management activities:

- Technical and Financial Reporting to the "Companies House" and "Charity Commission" under the year 2019.
- Production of financial statements for the year 2019 in England.
- Consolidation and monitoring of accounting audit

Governance activities:

- Four virtual sessions of the Board of Directors, in May and June
- The Grants Committee has held 2 meetings
- Four meetings of the Investment Committee in February, July, September and October. Two conference calls has been held in February and november with the portfolio managers.

Grants' activities:

- BACoMaB granted in 2020 Euro 460.000 to the Parc National du Banc d'Arguin (PNBA) and Parc National du Diawling (PND) and small grants projects.
- For PNBA the total amount was €280.000 for maritime and coastal surveillance to prevent intrusion of motorized boats and preserve the fisheries inside the PNBA (180.000 Euros), participatory governance with the local population (€30.000) and observatory and monitoring indicators (€55.000) and for the Scientific Council (15.000).
- For PND the total amount was €140.000 to finance the activities of surveillance and hydrologic, ecologic and social monitoring.
- In 2020 BACoMaB awarded Small Grants for Projects executed by non-Governmental Organizations. The total amount was €40.000 for the conservation of the Monk seal in Nouadhibou.

Other activities:

- Due to COVID conditions the CAFÉ and RedLAC assemblies were held virtually and BACoMaB attended the sessions.

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Achievements and performance (continued)

b. Investment policy and performance

The Board of Directors has adopted a conservative investment policy with the primary objective to maximize total long-term net return by applying an investment strategy compatible with prudent risk levels. The return on investments should preserve or improve the real value of the capital in order to generate sufficient income to finance the Foundation's activities in Mauritania.

This policy seeks to ensure that investments are compatible with the Charity's values and mission. For this reason, the Charity is applying socially responsible investment criteria, seeking to exclude companies or industries if their activities, policies or practices are not in conformity with the Foundation's social and environmental preferences.

In 2018 the board adopted a new investment policy that seeks to adapt the asset allocation to the market in order to strengthen the performance of the portfolio. This policy was implemented in the last quarter of the year.

The actual financial performance achieved in the course of the financial year was negative due to the global market situation and to the exposure to the exchange rates variations.

The target rate of return net (in euro) set by the new investment policy is 2.5% of the total portfolio, above inflation and net of fees.

Financial review

a. Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.

b. Reserves policy

The trustees have a reserves policy which complies with its objectives, which are to cover the grants to the beneficiaries and the operating costs of the Trust. The interest, income, dividends and gains from the investments will be donated as grants for the purposes of the foundation in Mauritania. For that purpose, BACoMaB decided to allocate a part of the revenues of the endowment in 2019 to constitute reserves for the coming years, in order to ensure the continuity of the grant making. These reserves will be reinforced in the future as far as the performance of the investments allow this.

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c. Financial review

Years	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Total endowment payments	21'399'643	21'399'643	23.099.643	24.919.022	27.674.748	34.658.942
Managed assets (31/12)	22'699'145	23'423'624	24.919.022	27.674.748	34.748.853	36.704.973
YTD Performance Portfolio	2.70%	4.96%	0.58%	-2.09%	8.43%	2.96%
YTD Performance Benchmark	3.91%	5.43%	-0.02%	-0.20%	9.77%	2.35%
CTIS average performance (In €)	3.15%	4.50%	6.84%	-2.5%		
Net dividends	415'632	489'569				
Gross capital increase	1'299'503	2'023'982	1.819.379	2.755.726	7.074.105	2.046.031
Eurozone inflation	0.20%	1.10%	1.35%	1.8%	1%	1%
Net increase in capital	1'256'703	1'788'586	1.507.534	2.307.184	7.003.363	2.025.770
Spending limit Y +1	294'491.86	474'222	498.380	553.494	868.721	1.213.063
Amount of grants in IRM	205'000	400'000	420.000	440.000	460.000	530.000

Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

The company is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee on 13 February 2009 and was set up by Memorandum of Association dated 23 January 2009 as amended on 13 February 2009 and 18 March 2010.

The company is constituted under a Memorandum of Association dated 30 March 2010 and is a registered charity with number 1136156.

The trustees meet twice a year or more frequently should the need arise.

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**TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
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Structure, governance and management (continued)

b. Methods of appointment or election of Trustees

The management of the company is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Articles of Association.

Trustees must be persons who are widely acknowledged to have expertise in one or more of the following fields: biodiversity conservation, finance, law, business, or fund raising.

The Board of Directors shall be composed of:

- (a) two (2) members appointed by the Government of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania,
- (b) one (1) member appointed by a non-governmental international conservation organisation, such organisation to be determined by the Board.
- (c) two (2) members chosen either:
 - (i) from among bilateral donor agencies; or
 - (ii) once a donor has donated in excess of €1,000,000, one director appointed by such donor and one from the remaining donor agencies; or
 - (iii) once donors have donated in excess of €1,000,000, one director by each such donor.

The members of the Board of Directors appointed in accordance with clause 12.1 (hereafter referred to as "Category A Directors") shall then elect two (2) representatives from civil society, who meet the qualifications set forth in Clause 10.7 above (hereafter referred to as "Category B Directors"). The Category B Directors shall be appointed with consideration to ensuring that they represent and compliment local agents and the private sector.

Each of the institutions that have the right to appoint Category A Directors and shall have the right at any time and for any reason to dismiss their appointed Category A Director and appoint a different individual to succeed or fill the place of the dismissed Director, provided that such individual also meets the qualifications for Board membership set forth in Article 10.7 above. Category B Directors shall be elected by the vote of a majority of the current Category A Directors to serve for a fixed term of no less than one year and no more than three years, and shall be eligible for re-election for a second consecutive fixed term of no more than three years.

c. Organisational structure and decision-making policies

The number of trustees is not less than seven and the trustees manage the business of the charity and may exercise all the powers of the Charity unless they are subject to any restrictions imposed by the Companies Act, the Articles of Association or any special resolutions.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions the scheduled board meetings could not be held on time. One was held in 4 virtual sessions in May-June and the second January-February 2021 (3 virtual sessions).

d. Policies adopted for the induction and training of Trustees

The Charity does not yet have in place a formal policy for induction and training of the Trustees.

The chairman and the secretary attended a REDLAC - CAFE training course, which focused upon "Portfolio Management for Conservation Trust Fund" in Benin, September 2019.

The Chairman and the Secretary also attended the REDLAC General Assembly in Mexico in November 2019 that included a training on "the role of the board of directors in environmental funds".

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Structure, governance and management (continued)

e. Risk management

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the company is exposed, in particular those related to the governance and finances of the company, and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate our exposure to the major risks.

The company adopted a risk register and appointed a committee to assess the risks and propose a plan to mitigate these risks.

Governance risks - The Board of Directors has confidence in the Executive Director to effectively manage the administrative and accounting position, as well as the reputation of BACoMaB. The Charity is becoming well recognized as a major player in the field of conservation finance in Mauritania.

Investment risk - The Charity has a diversified portfolio of investments in different currencies. The asset management of the Charity's portfolio is undertaken by PICTET SA (Switzerland). A financial Committee was established to oversee the performance of the asset manager, and provide guidance to the trustees in terms of investment decisions and risk. The Board appointed a second asset manager for the private equity portfolio, Hermance Capital Partners (Switzerland), and PICTET remains the custodian of all BACoMaB's assets.

All investments adhere to the Charity's investment policy.

The asset manager mitigates the foreign currency exposure by trading in forward foreign currency contracts.

Members' liability

The Members of the Charity guarantee to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 to the assets of the Charity in the event of winding up. A Trustee Liability Insurance covering the Charity for one year has been set up with a UK Insurance Company in July 2015 and regularly renewed.

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**TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
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Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law, the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

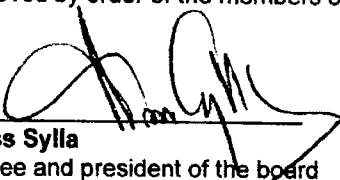
The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

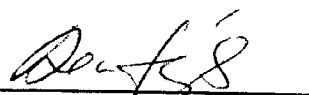
Disclosure of information to auditor

Each of the persons who are Trustees at the time when this Trustees' report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that Trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditor is unaware, and
- that Trustee has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Trustee in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditor is aware of that information.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees and signed on their behalf by:


Abass Sylla
Trustee and president of the board


Ahmed Lefghih
Executive Director

Date:

25.02.2022

BANC D'ARGUIN, AND COASTAL AND MARINE BIODIVERSITY TRUST FUND LIMITED

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF BANC D'ARGUIN, AND COASTAL AND MARINE BIODIVERSITY TRUST FUND LIMITED

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Banc d'Arguin, and Coastal and Marine Biodiversity Trust Fund Limited (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 December 2020 which comprise the Statement of financial activities, the Balance sheet, the Statement of cash flows and the related notes, 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, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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 2020 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; 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 Auditor's 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 United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council'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.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF BANC D'ARGUIN, AND COASTAL AND MARINE BIODIVERSITY TRUST FUND LIMITED (CONTINUED)

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Annual report other than the financial statements and our Auditor's report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the Annual report. 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. 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 course of 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.

Opinion 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 Trustees' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.
- the Trustees' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our 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 Trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which 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 prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the Trustees' report and from the requirement to prepare a Strategic report.

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF BANC D'ARGUIN, AND COASTAL AND
MARINE BIODIVERSITY TRUST FUND LIMITED (CONTINUED)**

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' responsibilities statement, 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.

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF BANC D'ARGUIN, AND COASTAL AND
MARINE BIODIVERSITY TRUST FUND LIMITED (CONTINUED)**

Auditor's 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 an Auditor's report 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.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

- Enquiry of management and those charged with governance around actual and potential litigation and claims as well as actual, suspected and alleged fraud;
- Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- Assessing the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations considered to have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the company through enquiry and inspection;
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- Performing audit work over the risk of management bias and override of controls, including testing of journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business and reviewing accounting estimates for indicators of potential bias.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

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 Auditor's report.

Azets Audit Services

John Howard (Senior statutory auditor)

for and on behalf of

Azets Audit Services

Statutory Auditor

Chartered Accountants

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Regis House

45 King William Street

London

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Date: *28 February 2022*

BANC D'ARGUIN, AND COASTAL AND MARINE BIODIVERSITY TRUST FUND LIMITED

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2020 €	Restricted funds 2020 €	Endowment funds 2020 €	Total funds 2020 €	Total funds 2019 €
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	4	203,934	-	-	203,934	4,863,279
Investments	5	178,985	-	-	178,985	240,312
Total income and endowments		382,919	-	-	382,919	5,103,591
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	6	-	-	166,003	166,003	80,765
Charitable activities		386,394	-	-	386,394	776,373
Total expenditure		386,394	-	166,003	552,397	857,138
Net (expenditure)/income before net gains on investments		(3,475)	-	(166,003)	(169,478)	4,246,453
Net gains on investments		-	-	1,887,423	1,887,423	2,722,119
Net movement in funds		(3,475)	-	1,721,420	1,717,945	6,968,572
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward		1,360,127	446,777	34,240,227	36,047,130	29,078,558
Net movement in funds		(3,475)	-	1,721,420	1,717,945	6,968,572
Total funds carried forward		1,356,652	446,777	35,961,647	37,765,076	36,047,130

The Statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 16 to 29 form part of these financial statements.

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REGISTERED NUMBER: 06800423

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Note	2020 €	2019 €
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	12	9,724	10,218
Investments	13	34,529,643	30,009,245
		<u>34,539,367</u>	<u>30,019,463</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	14	719	904,156
Cash at bank and in hand		3,241,928	5,145,186
		<u>3,242,647</u>	<u>6,049,342</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15	(16,939)	(21,674)
Net current assets		<u>3,225,708</u>	<u>6,027,668</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>37,765,075</u>	<u>36,047,131</u>
Total net assets		<u>37,765,075</u>	<u>36,047,131</u>
Charity funds			
Endowment funds	16	35,961,647	34,240,227
Restricted funds	16	446,777	446,777
Unrestricted funds	16	1,356,651	1,360,127
Total funds		<u>37,765,075</u>	<u>36,047,131</u>

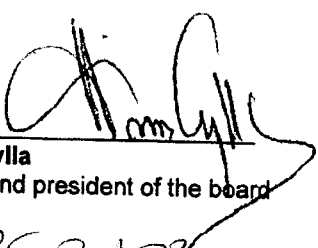
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BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of financial statements.

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

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:


Abass Sylla
Trustee and president of the board


Ahmed Lefghih
Executive Director

Date: 25.02.2022

The notes on pages 16 to 29 form part of these financial statements.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1. General information

Banc d'Arguin, and Coastal and Marine Biodiversity Trust Fund Limited is a private charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated in England and Wales, registration number 06800423, charity number 1136156. The address of the principal operating office is Direction Executive do BACoMaB, ZRC, Lot 406, B.P 5223, Nouakchott, Mauritania.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

The financial statements 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 2015), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Banc d'Arguin, and Coastal and Marine Biodiversity Trust Fund Limited meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

The accounts are presented in Euros.

2.2 Company Status

The company is a company limited by guarantee. in the event of the company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to €1 per member of the company.

2.3 Income

All income is recognised once the company has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Grants are included in the Statement of financial activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the Balance sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

Other income is recognised in the period in which it is receivable and to the extent the goods have been provided or on completion of the service.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.4 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, 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 classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the company and include project management carried out at Headquarters. Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the company and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Costs of generating funds are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Charitable activities and Governance costs are costs incurred on the company's educational operations, including support costs and costs relating to the governance of the company apportioned to charitable activities.

Expenditure on raising funds includes all expenditure incurred by the company to raise funds for its charitable purposes and includes costs of all fundraising activities events and non-charitable trading.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the company's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is made except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions attaching are fulfilled. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end are noted as a commitment, but not accrued as expenditure.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

2.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets costing €500 or more are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation (continued)

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, on a reducing balance basis.

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Motor vehicles	-	33% Reducing Balance basis
Office equipment	-	20% Reducing Balance basis

2.6 Investments

Fixed asset investments are a form of financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction cost and subsequently measured at fair value at the Balance sheet date, unless the value cannot be measured reliably in which case it is measured at cost less impairment. Investment gains and losses, whether realised or unrealised, are combined and presented as 'Gains/(Losses) on investments' in the Statement of financial activities.

Investments held as fixed assets are shown at cost less provision for impairment.

2.7 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the company; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

2.8 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

2.9 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

2.10 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the company anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of financial activities as a finance cost.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.11 Foreign currencies

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into euros at rates of exchange ruling at the reporting date.

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into euros at the average monthly rate in which the transaction took place.

Exchange gains and losses are recognised in the Statement of financial activities.

2.12 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the company and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the company for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

2.13 Financial instruments

The company only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2.14 Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue a going concern.

3. Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgment

Estimates and judgments are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions:

The company makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates and assumptions will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are discussed below.

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4. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2020 €	Endowment funds 2020 €	Total funds 2020 €
Grants	203,934	-	203,934
	<u>203,934</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>203,934</u>
	<i>Unrestricted funds 2019 €</i>	<i>Endowment funds 2019 €</i>	<i>Total funds 2019 €</i>
Grants	63,279	4,800,000	4,863,279
	<u>63,279</u>	<u>4,800,000</u>	<u>4,863,279</u>

5. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2020 €	Total funds 2020 €
Investment income	178,985	178,985
	<u>178,985</u>	<u>178,985</u>
	<i>Unrestricted funds 2019 €</i>	<i>Total funds 2019 €</i>
Investment income	240,312	240,312
	<u>240,312</u>	<u>240,312</u>

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6. Raising funds

	Endowment funds 2020 €	Total funds 2020 €
Investment management fees	166,003	166,003

	<i>Endowment funds 2019 €</i>	<i>Total funds 2019 €</i>
Investment management fees	80,765	80,765

7. Analysis of grants

	Grants to Institutions 2020 €	Total funds 2020 €
Grants, Provision of grants	437,962	437,962

	<i>Grants to Institutions 2019 €</i>	<i>Total funds 2019 €</i>
Grants, Provision of grants	472,056	472,056

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8. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Grant funding of activities 2020 €	Support costs 2020 €	Total funds 2020 €
Provision of grants	437,962	(51,568)	386,394

	Grant funding of activities 2019 €	Support costs 2019 €	Total funds 2019 €
Provision of grants	472,056	304,317	776,373

Analysis of support costs

	Provision of grants 2020 €	Total funds 2020 €
Staff costs	74,817	74,817
Depreciation	2,430	2,430
Office rent	7,192	7,192
Motor costs	3,148	3,148
Bank charges	6,328	6,328
Exchange rate difference	(187,889)	(187,889)
General office expenses	8,326	8,326
Communications and promotion	6,667	6,667
Governance costs	27,413	27,413
	(51,568)	(51,568)

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8. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of support costs (continued)

	<i>Provision of grants 2019 €</i>	<i>Total funds 2019 €</i>
Staff costs	60,761	60,761
Depreciation	2,554	2,554
GIZ costs	15,219	15,219
Office rent	8,416	8,416
Motor costs	2,907	2,907
Bank charges	5,677	5,677
Exchange rate difference	133,611	133,611
General office expenses	22,419	22,419
Communications and promotion	7,758	7,758
Governance costs	44,995	44,995
	<u>304,317</u>	<u>304,317</u>

9. Auditor's remuneration

	2020 €	2019 €
Fees payable to the company's auditor for the audit of the company's annual accounts	<u>8,914</u>	<u>8,368</u>

10. Staff costs

	2020 €	2019 €
Wages and salaries	<u>74,817</u>	<u>60,761</u>
	<u>74,817</u>	<u>60,761</u>

The average number of persons employed by the company during the year was as follows:

	2020 No.	2019 No.
Administration	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>

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10. Staff costs (continued)

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than €60,000 in either year.

The key management of the charitable company comprise the trustees only. The trustees do not receive any remuneration for this role.

11. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2019 - €NIL).

During the year ended 31 December 2020, expenses totalling €2,664 were reimbursed to 4 Trustees (2019 - €13,925 to 4 Trustees). The expenses related to travel and meeting costs.

12. Tangible fixed assets

	Motor vehicles €	Office equipment €	Total €
Cost or valuation			
At 1 January 2020	43,549	21,964	65,513
Additions	-	1,936	1,936
At 31 December 2020	43,549	23,900	67,449
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2020	43,549	11,746	55,295
Charge for the year	-	2,430	2,430
At 31 December 2020	43,549	14,176	57,725
Net book value			
At 31 December 2020	-	9,724	9,724
At 31 December 2019	-	10,218	10,218

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13. Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments €
Cost or valuation	
At 1 January 2020	30,009,245
Additions	13,502,901
Disposals	(11,073,830)
Revaluations	2,091,328
At 31 December 2020	<u>34,529,643</u>
Net book value	
At 31 December 2020	34,529,643
At 31 December 2019	<u>30,009,245</u>

Fixed asset investments are held overseas.

Material investments

Managed funds - % of portfolio

PCH-ENHANCED LIQUIDITY - 6.75%
Pictet-EUR Bondz - 6.88%
Pictet-EUR Government bonds - 5.95%
Blueorchard Microfinance N Eur Acc - 9.37%
Pch enhanced liquidity EUR I DY - 6.28%
The Parnters Fund - 6.59%
Panorama growth - 14.52%
UBS (lux) 196 D-EUR-INC - 5.96%

14. Debtors

	2020 €	2019 €
Due within one year		
Other debtors	719	904,156
	<u>719</u>	<u>904,156</u>

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15. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2020	2019
	€	€
Other creditors	360	360
Accruals and deferred income	16,579	21,314
	16,939	21,674

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16. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 January 2020 €	Income €	Expenditure €	Gains/ (Losses) €	Balance at 31 December 2020 €
Unrestricted funds					
General Funds	1,360,127	382,918	(386,394)	-	1,356,651
Endowment funds					
Endowment Fund	34,240,227	-	(166,003)	1,887,423	35,961,647
Restricted funds					
Restricted Fund	446,777	-	-	-	446,777
Total of funds	36,047,131	382,918	(552,397)	1,887,423	37,765,075

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16. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - prior year

	<i>Balance at 1 January 2019 €</i>	<i>Income €</i>	<i>Expenditure €</i>	<i>Transfers in/out €</i>	<i>Gains/ (Losses) €</i>	<i>Balance at 31 December 2019 €</i>
Unrestricted funds						
General Funds	(18,675)	303,591	(776,373)	1,851,584	-	1,360,127
Endowment funds						
Endowment Funds	28,650,457	4,800,000	(80,765)	(1,851,584)	2,722,119	34,240,227
Restricted funds						
Restricted Funds	446,777	-	-	-	-	446,777
Total of funds	<u>29,078,559</u>	<u>5,103,591</u>	<u>(857,138)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,722,119</u>	<u>36,047,131</u>

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17. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current period

	Unrestricted funds 2020 €	Restricted funds 2020 €	Endowment funds 2020 €	Total funds 2020 €
Tangible fixed assets	9,724	-	-	9,724
Fixed asset investments	3,984,560	-	30,545,083	34,529,643
Current assets	(2,620,694)	446,777	5,416,564	3,242,647
Creditors due within one year	(16,939)	-	-	(16,939)
Total	<u>1,356,651</u>	<u>446,777</u>	<u>35,961,647</u>	<u>37,765,075</u>

18. Related party transactions

There are no related party transactions.

