



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01.04.2020 period start date to 31.03.2021 period end date

Charity name: The South East Asia Rainforest Research Partnership (SEARRP)

Charity registration number: 1164082

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	1) To promote the conservation and better management of tropical ecosystems and the scientific understanding of the rainforests and other natural and modified habitats of South East Asia; and 2) To advance research, training, education and awareness in, and associated with, the rainforests and other natural and modified habitats of South East Asia
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	SEARRP¹ activities – and that of its partner organisation in Malaysia² – have been heavily constrained during the reporting period as a consequence of the Covid-19 pandemic with the majority of field- and classroom/office-based programmes in the UK, Malaysia and Indonesia suspended. Main activities were restricted to: • Developing and implementing emergency responses to the pandemic - including fundraising in support of SEARRP's partner organisation in Malaysia • Promoting SEARRP activities in the UK, Malaysia and Indonesia • Continued development and roll-out of safeguarding approaches, complaints procedures and a risk register ¹ The SE Asia Rainforest Research Programme was established by the Royal Society in 1985 and was directly funded by the Society for over 30 years. The formal relationship between the Royal Society and SEARRP came to a close in 2015 and in early 2016 SEARRP was relaunched as the SE Asia Rainforest Research Partnership (an independent Charitable Incorporated Organisation) ² The Malaysia-registered and based SE Asia Rainforest Research Trust and its wholly-owned, not-for-profit operating company Rainforest Research Sdn Bhd (RRSB)

Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Trustees have acted in due regard to the Charity Commission guidance relating to public benefit
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	Collaboration mechanism established between SEARRP and its Malaysian-based partner organisation (RRSB). The agreement was signed on 28.10.2019 and includes provisions for SEARRP to make grants to RRSB.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	None for the reporting period
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	None for the reporting period
Other		None for the reporting period

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	- SEARRP raised sufficient short-term funding to maintain and support the core operations, programmes and staff of SEARRP's partner organisation in Malaysia (RRSB) through 2020/21 - Trustees provided regular advice with respect to cost reduction and other emergency measures that might be implemented by RRSB in response to the pandemic

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	None for the reporting period
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	Significant emergency funding raised – primarily from SEARRP Trustees and alumni
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	Not applicable for the reporting period
Other		None for the reporting period

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Stable. Significant funds were raised and expended during the reporting period
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	A policy on reserves will be developed as necessary
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Zero
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Necessary to expend the bulk of funds raised in response to the Covid-19 pandemic
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Not applicable
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Not applicable

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	To date, the principal source of funding has been philanthropic donations from SEARRP Trustees and alumni
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	During the reporting period SEARRP did not raise investable funds. A policy on investments will be developed as necessary.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	- Impacts of Covid-19 on the potential to facilitate and promote field science in Malaysia and Indonesia (largely as a result of local, regional and international travel restrictions) with consequent reductions in income, inability to fulfil terms of existing grants etc - Other risks (and mitigation measures) deliberated in the SEARRP Risk Register, including risks associated with safeguarding, reputation and succession planning (with particular regard to the position of SEARRP Director)
Other		None

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Existing trustees: by re-election New trustees: by appointment (of the Board of Trustees)

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	Founding trustees received an induction from SEARRP's legal advisors during the first formal Board of Trustees meeting
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	SEARRP does not directly employ staff
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	SEARRP works closely with a not-for-profit partner organisation (RRSB) based in Sabah, Malaysia which is responsible for the management and delivery of scientific programmes, training and capacity building. SEARRP has a formal collaboration agreement with RRSB which includes provisions for joint projects, fund transfers, grant payments etc.
Other		None

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The South East Asia Rainforest Research Partnership
Other name the charity uses	SEARRP
Registered charity number	1164082
Charity's principal address	The David Attenborough Building Pembroke Street Cambridge CB2 3QZ United Kingdom

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Professor John Pyle FRS CBE	Chair		SEARRP Board of Trustees
2	Irene Dorner			
3	Dr Rosie Trevelyan			
4	Professor Jane Hill			
5	Anthony Geffen			
6	Geoff Lye			
7	Emmet Keeffe			
8	Boyd McCleary CMG CVO			
9	Datuk Darrel Webber			
10	Dato' Henry Barlow OBE			
11	Professor Andrew Krockenberger			

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
None		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
None		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	Not applicable
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	Not applicable

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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None		
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Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Dr Glen Reynolds MBE, SEARRP Director and Managing Director of RRSB (*please note*: Dr Reynolds is employed at Swansea University, UK via a SEARRP/RRSB-funded Post-Doctoral Research Fellowship – and is registered as a correspondent for SEARRP with the Charity Commission)

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Not applicable

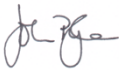
Other optional information

None

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Professor John Adrian Pyle FRS CBE	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair, SEARRP Board of Trustees	
Date	10 th January 2022	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Charity Name The South East Asia Rainforest Research Partnership (SEARRP)		
On accounts for the year ended	31 st March 2021	Charity no (if any)	1164082
Set out on pages	1 & 2 (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st March 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

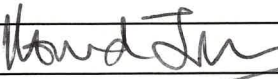
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:  **Date:** 24/1/22

Name: Dr Howard Jones, Academic Secretary

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

Address: Department of Chemistry, University of Cambridge
Lensfield Road
Cambridge, CB2 1EW

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.