



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01.04.2023 period start date to 31.03.2024 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	Core SEARRP¹ activities – and that of its partner organisation in Malaysia² – continued to recover post-Covid, with SEARRP linked scientists resuming long-term monitoring programmes and individual post-doctoral, PhD and MSc projects. The number of student groups on university-led field courses returned to pre-Covid levels. Further steps were taken to strengthen the SEARRP safeguarding framework – including enhanced training around workplace harassment: • Continuation of field-science programmes by SEARRP linked scientists at Danum Valley and associated research sites in Sabah • Expansion of teams of locally employed field assistants on SEARRP's long-term environmental monitoring programmes • Resumption of university field courses and other student training programmes to pre-pandemic levels • Continued development of plans to establish a SEARRP Training Centre – with an initial focus on biodiversity management and monitoring • Implementation of staff training programme on recognising and reporting harassment in the workplace 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

		<i>Research Partnership (an independent Charitable Incorporated Organisation)</i> ² The Malaysia-registered and based SE Asia Rainforest Research Trust and its wholly owned, not-for-profit operating company Rainforest Research Sdn Bhd
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

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	Collaboration agreement in place between SEARRP and its Malaysian-based partner organisation (Rainforest Research Sdn Bhd - RRSB) to provide a governance structure and mechanism for internal grant awards and fund transfers.
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	- Trustees provided regular advice, with particular regard to financial management, fundraising strategies and the development of a SEARRP Training Centre (including business planning for the latter). - Trustees also advised on the continued development of safeguarding and whistleblowing approaches.

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	Fundraising (from external entities) continued to be constrained in the immediate post-Covid period. However, income from scientists ³ recovered and a number of grant payments resumed as suspensions through pandemic-

		linked no-cost extension suspension periods came to a close ³ Please note that this income is directly remitted to SEARRP's allied operating company in Malaysia, Rainforest Research Sdn Bhd.
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/improving – largely as a result of cost reductions and cash conservation measures and improved cashflow as field science and training at SEARRP returned to pre-pandemic levels
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	Ongoing financial constraints, largely as a consequence of 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 sources of funding have been philanthropic, including donations from SEARRP Trustees and alumni. During the reporting period, a one-off donation was received via the Charities Aid Foundation.
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	- Overhang of the impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic - 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. Trustees appointed subsequently receive briefing materials
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	SEARRP does not, at present, directly employ staff in the UK. The SEARRP Director is employed in the UK through a renewable 5-year post-doctoral appointment at Swansea University.
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		The SEARRP Board of Trustees had three formal meetings during the reporting period. The Chair of the BoT and SEARRP Director held regular monthly update meetings and additional meetings were held between the Director and individual trustees on an ad-hoc basis.

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

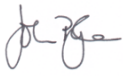
Other optional information

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	27 th January 2025	



Receipts and payments accounts

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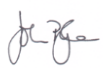
For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01.04.2023		31.03.2024

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Individual donation	389	-	-	389	-
Individual donation	100	-	-	100	-
Corporate donation	2,000	-	-	2,000	-
Individual donation	50	-	-	50	-
Individual docation	25,000	-	-	25,000	-
Individual docation	36	-	-	36	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	27,575	-	-	27,575	2,000
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	27,575	-	-	27,575	2,000
A3 Payments					
Donation to SEARRP's partner organisation in Sabah (Rainforest Research Sdn Bhd) to support core research operations	30,000	-	-	30,000	-
Bank charges	-	-	-	-	-
Just Giving subscription (10 x £18)	180	-	-	180	-
Sub total	30,180	-	-	30,180	30,641
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	30,180	-	-	30,180	30,641
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 2,605	-	-	- 2,605	- 28,641
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	6,005	-	-	6,005	-
Cash funds this year end	3,400	-	-	3,400	- 28,641

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash in bank	3,400	-	-
	Total cash funds	3,400	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds

		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details None	-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details None	Fund to which asset belongs -	Cost (optional) -	Current value (optional) -
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details None 	Fund to which asset belongs - -	Cost (optional) - -	Current value (optional) - -
B5 Liabilities	Details None	Fund to which liability relates -	Amount due (optional) -	When due (optional) -
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature 	Print Name Professor John Pyle FRS CBE	Date of approval 16.01.2025	



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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

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

31st March 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1164082

Set out on pages

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(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 2024.

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:

16.01.2025

Name:

Mr Philip Fu

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

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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.