



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01.04.2024 period start date to 31.03.2025 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	During the reporting period, activities focused primarily on governance, oversight, risk management and strategic stewardship of SEARRP's scientific and conservation mission. The charity does not directly deliver field programmes; instead, it provides assurance, oversight and expert guidance in respect of activities delivered by its long-standing not-for-profit partner organisation in Malaysia, 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	The Trustees have had due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. SEARRP advances public benefit through the oversight and stewardship of internationally recognised scientific research, capacity building and conservation activities in South East Asia, with a particular focus on Malaysia and Indonesia. Trustee oversight helps to ensure that these activities are conducted to the highest standards of scientific rigour, ethical practice, safeguarding and financial probity, thereby delivering wider benefits to society through improved understanding, management and protection of tropical forests.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
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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	During the year, the Board of Trustees met formally on three occasions, including one in-person meeting. Trustees provided active oversight and advice in relation to: • Financial management and review of audited accounts for the Malaysian operating company; • Governance arrangements for overseas operations, including approval in principle for revised shareholding and governance structures for RRSB; • Oversight of safeguarding, health and safety, and the implementation of independent whistleblowing and staff training systems; • Strategic development of a proposed SEARRP Training Centre in collaboration with Universiti Malaysia Sabah; • Succession planning for both senior staff and the Board of Trustees; and • Strategic engagement linked to SEARRP's 40th anniversary, including support for an application to the Royal Society for a Science+ Discussion Meeting.

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	The SEARRP UK charity did not actively conduct external fundraising during the reporting period, reflecting its governance-focused role, but income accruing to the Malaysian-based operating company (RRSB) showed strong growth and post-Covid recovery.
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	The charity itself continues to operate on a low-cost basis and without a financial reserve. Trustees kept the financial position of the wider SEARRP programme under close review, including scrutiny of audited accounts for Rainforest Research Sdn Bhd, which were fully up to date and unqualified for the first time since the company's establishment. The Trustees recognise the ongoing financial risks associated with operating without reserves and with a relatively narrow funding base, and continue to monitor income diversification through training and advisory activities delivered by the Malaysian partner organization (RRSB).
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The Trustees continue to keep the need for a formal reserves policy under review. At the end of the reporting period, the charity held no free reserves, reflecting ongoing financial constraints and the governance-focused nature of the UK charity.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Zero
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Limited fundraising activity, together with the charity's low-cost, governance-focused operating model and ongoing financial constraints.
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.
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	The Trustees reviewed principal risks facing the charity and the wider SEARRP programme, including financial sustainability, safeguarding, reputational

		risk, and succession planning. Mitigation measures are set out in the SEARRP Risk Register and are kept under regular review.
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

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		<i>Professor Krockenberger acted up to March 2025, when he sadly died after a period of illness</i>	
Registered charity number		1164082		
Charity's principal address		Kings College Villa Kings College Road Belsize Park London NW3 3ES		

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
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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

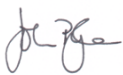
Other optional information

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	13 th January 2026	



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01.04.2024		31.03.2025

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					
None for the period	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	-	-	-	-	27,575
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	-	-	-	-	27,575
A3 Payments					
Bank charges	25	-	-	25	-
Sub total	25	-	-	25	30,205
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	25	-	-	25	30,205
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 25	-	-	- 25	- 2,630
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	3,375	-	-	3,375	6,005
Cash funds this year end	3,350	-	-	3,350	3,375

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	3,350	-	-
	Total cash funds	3,350	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	None	-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	None	-	-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
None	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
None	-	-	-

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Professor John Pyle FRS CBE	15.01.2026