



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Da	Month	Year
	01	01	2021		31	12	2021

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Victoria Falls Wildlife Trust

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1166614

Charity's principal address

9 The Clock Tower

Redlers Waterside, Dudbridge Rd.

Stroud, Gloucestershire

Postcode

GL5 3LH

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	Gary Gilmour	Chairman	Full year	
2	Andrew Weir		Full year	
3	Valerie Swanson	Secretary	Full year	
4	Rodney Graeme Dacomb	Finance	Full year	
5	James O Murray		Full year	
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Veterinary	Michael Thorne	
Zoology	Andrew Loveridge	

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	CIO Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Trust
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected by a majority of Trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

VFWT held quarterly board meetings and reviewed relevant procedures and policies and networking for Trustees during the COVID-19 limitations

VFWT maintained the company risk register and reviewed any new risks and updated outstanding risks each board meeting. VFWT also continued to hold virtual meetings with downstream implementing project partners to review their risks and procedures.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To promote, for the benefit of the public, the conservation and protection of the natural environment in Southern Africa by providing grants and undertaking research in connection with animal welfare and the environment.

To advance the education of the public in the conservation, protection and improvement of the natural environment of Southern Africa

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Provided funding for carnivore research and conservation of wildlife in Zimbabwe

- Funded the salaries for two response units in the rural agro-pastoralist community adjacent to Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe and Hwange National Parks
- Provided funding for conflict mitigation support for human wildlife conflict incidents in these areas and protection of livestock and crops for these communities
- Funding of the Community Guardians prevented the loss of any carnivores in 2021 due to retaliation from local villages or problem animal control in the Victoria Falls areas
- Ensured that through the predator proof mobile bomas no livestock were lost inside the bomas due to carnivore predation
- Funding included 10 new satellite lion collars for lions that were identified as potential human wildlife conflict risk, disease risk or poaching risk
- Deployed 5 new predator proof mobile bomas

Public benefit is derived from the conservation of carnivores, and improved livelihoods of the poor living at the interface with wildlife. The mobile predator proof bomas had no losses of livestock in the bomas in the last year, significantly reducing carnivore conflict, and this project helped conserve carnivores that would otherwise have been killed.

UK Aid Grant funding was secured to alleviate hunger in line with the UN's sustainability goals. The project's implementing partner was in North-West Zimbabwe. This funding was provided through the Victoria Falls Wildlife Trust Zimbabwe and was used to:

- Distribute maize, sorghum and millet seeds to impoverished agro-pastoralists living at the wildlife interface
- Provide chilli seedlings and chilli mitigation tools to deter elephant from raiding vegetable gardens
- Train local people in safe handling of livestock, and mitigation methods for human wildlife conflict
- Prevent disease in livestock and domestic animals
- Held community meetings to garner public support and feedback on challenges, suggestions and improvements
- Ensured predator proof mobile kraals were utilised in 5 communities to prevent human carnivore conflict
- Improve sustainable agriculture practices and increase cropping yields for the rural poor.

Public Benefit for this project is to the ~2430 direct beneficiaries that are situated in the wildlife interface area of two rural communities that directly benefited from a reduction in human-wildlife conflict with carnivores and elephant and had a 91% increase in their cropping yields that helped them to feed their families, alleviating hunger for many people and improving their nutrition.

Provided funding to enhance the Victoria Falls Wildlife Disease and Forensics Laboratory in Zimbabwe.

- The funding assisted in the prevention of rabies and distemper in North West Zimbabwe, helping protect the local human population against rabies as well as domestic animal and wildlife populations in a major international tourism area
- The funding also assisted the laboratory in developing capacity for wildlife forensics and therefore being able to provide scientific evidence for a court of law on wildlife trafficking cases. Helping to conserve wildlife and combat poaching.

- Grant funding also has been received for an epidemiologist to work on activities of the regional Animal Health Sub-Working Group (KAZA) and communicate and collaborate with the Directors of Veterinary Services for all five countries to communicate on disease concerns, reporting and collaboration on movement of samples and disease diagnosis.

In planning for the organisation's annual activities, the Trustee's reviewed the guidance on public benefit at the Annual General Meeting, and the Trustees are satisfied that they are achieving the organisation's goals in accordance with the guidance. All policies and procedures have been reviewed as needed as per each policy review date, the risk register is maintained and updated regularly.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

In the past 12 months of operation, we have managed to achieve significant goals, including helping fund programmes that had the following outcomes

- Through the UK Aid project, 2430 direct beneficiaries improved their livelihoods through reduction in human wildlife conflict in their rural communities, and had a 91% increase in cropping yields to also alleviate hunger for subsistence agro-pastoralists
- Worked with local rural communities to plant millet and develop a value chain with a local micro-brewery to purchase the millet and then for the project to take the used grains, hops and offtake from beer fermentation process and dry it and then use for cattle fodder during the dry season when grazing is short and livestock nutrition is low
- 66 endangered black & white rhino immobilized, ear-notched, microchipped, health checks done and samples taken for genetics, as well as a translocation of 10 black rhino to a new founder population in Gonarezhou National Park
- Trained 27 First responding wildlife rangers on Wildlife Diseases, Poisonings, and Wildlife Crime Scene Awareness from Chizarira National Park and surrounding areas
- Supported teams to remove over 33 wire snares from a range of species from elephants to warthogs, lions and hyena, buffalo and impala, kudu and waterbuck
- Assisted with support to rehabilitate pangolins confiscated from the illegal wildlife trade, and a wide range of other species injured through human interference (vultures, goshawks, warthogs, eland, bushbuck)
- Deployed 5 new mobile predator proof kraals/bomas to prevent livestock losses
- Supported the purchase of 10 satellite tracking collars for lion and the teams conducting field research to deploy the collars on lions identified as high risk for poaching and human-wildlife conflict. Identified 76 individual lions in the region through whisker spot analysis
- Provided support for teams to satellite collar 5 problem animal elephants in Victoria Falls urban area, that were immobilized in conflict situations, to monitor elephant after collaring and immobilization and their movements in urban environment
- Supported the VFWT Zimbabwe laboratory team who received 1373 animal samples from 225 cases, testing for a range of zoonotic diseases
- Worked with regional partners through the African Wildlife Forensics Network to support laboratory forensics capacity to test for 19 forensics cases.
- Assisted with vaccinations for 1973 head of livestock against transboundary animal diseases, as well as dip and de-worming to keep the animals healthy
- Vaccinated over 1750 dogs against rabies and 1000 dogs against distemper, helping keep rabies and distemper out of the area
- Protected conflict lions through conflict prevention and mitigation, and consequently not one lion was lost due to problem animal control
- Facilitated support to survey 257 vulture nest breeding sites, including a major critically endangered white backed vulture colony that showed a 15% annual decline from 2020. The survey also identified elephant impact to nesting trees as a major threat to the nesting habitat and funding in 2022 will be utilized to address the habitat protection for this colony

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity policy on reserves at this time is to hold a minimum of £50,000 as reserves

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The charity's principal sources of funds have continued to be mainly grant driven, with finalization of FCDO UK AID grant funding for the SCCF project, and IUCN. Additional funds were received from OAK Foundation for Victoria Falls Wildlife Trust to use for a downstream partner to assist with a KAZA Animal Health Sub-Working Group Epidemiologist, and disease and forensics work at the end of 2021 and this will roll over into 2022. Funding was also secured for a small grant from the Ernest Kleinwort Charitable Trust at the end of 2021 for vulture conservation with Victoria Falls Wildlife Trust Zimbabwe, and this will also roll over into 2022.

Funding has gone principally to projects supporting the objectives of the charity. The bulk of the funding has gone to the budget lines allocated in the respective grants for projects in Zimbabwe, and restricted donation requirements (e.g. towards a vehicle for a veterinarian in Zimbabwe)

The charity only has a bank account and makes no investments.

Section F Other optional information

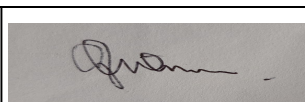
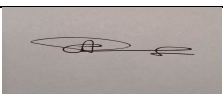
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Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

	
Full name(s)	
Gary Gilmour	Graeme Dacomb
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	
Chair	Finance

Date

25 March 2022

VICTORIA FALLS WILDLIFE TRUST

CHARITY NUMBER: 1166614

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE PERIOD 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

	12 months 2021		12 months 2020	
	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS				
Donations	41,448		21,535	
Lion Collars	41,000			
Gift Aid	10,250		0	
Interest	0	92,698	0	21,535
TOTAL RECEIPTS		<u>92,698</u>		<u>21,535</u>
PAYMENTS				
Bank Charges	4		6	
Brochures	0		0	
Transfers to Victoria Falls Wildlife Trust in Zimbabwe for use in Rescue & Rehabilitation	25,804		33,860	
Payments to professional fundraisers, incl expenses	0		1,800	
Purchase/donation of vehicle	15,875			
Darting Supplies	91	41,774	0	35,666
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)		<u>£50,924</u>		<u>-£14,131</u>
Transfers from Restricted Funds		<u>23,349</u>		<u>0</u>
Net Movement in Funds		<u><u>£74,273</u></u>		<u><u>-£14,131</u></u>

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RESTRICTED FUNDS

	12 months 2021 £	12 months 2020 £
RECEIPTS		
DFID Grant	254	49,678
IUCN Grant	25,051	24,583
Oak Foundation	37,500	19,500
Camera Trap Grant	0	7,458
University of Oxford - Human/Wildlife conflict mitigation	0	0
University of Oxford - Wildlife Conservation Research	0	11,500
Ernest Kleinwort Trust - Vulture conservation	0	0
Beit Trust - Interpretive Centre	21,000	
Total Receipts	£83,805	£112,719
PAYMENTS		
DFID Grant transferred to VFWT Zimbabwe	26,109	23,823
IUCN Grant transferred to VFWT Zimbabwe	26,108	23,526
Oak Foundation Grant transferred to VFWT Zimbabwe	17,286	10,000
Camera Trap Grant expenses	3,858	3,600
Interpretive Centre	21,000	0
Ernest Kleinwort Trust - Vulture Conservation	0	0
Wildlife Conservation Research Grant expenses	14,070	0
Total Payments	108,431	60,949
Net Receipts/Payments	-24,626	51,770
Cash funds at beginning	54,340	2,570
Cash funds at period end	£29,714	£54,340

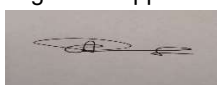
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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	2021			2020		
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
CURRENT ASSETS						
Debtors and prepayments	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bank deposit accounts	101,078	34,714	135,792	26,805	54,340	81,145
CURRENT LIABILITIES						
Creditors and accruals falling due within one year	0	5,000	5,000	0	0	0
NET CURRENT ASSETS	<u>£101,078</u>	<u>£29,714</u>	<u>£130,792</u>	<u>£26,805</u>	<u>£54,340</u>	<u>£81,145</u>
FUNDS						
At 1 January	26,805	54,340	81,145	40,936	2,570	43,506
Net movement in funds	74,273	-24,626	49,647	-14,131	51,770	37,639
At 31 December	<u>£101,078</u>	<u>£29,714</u>	<u>£130,792</u>	<u>£26,805</u>	<u>£54,340</u>	<u>£81,145</u>
Of which: RESERVED FUNDS	£50,000	£29,714	£79,714	£5,000	£54,340	£59,340
UNRESERVED FUNDS	£51,078	0	£51,078	£21,805	0	£21,805
ANALYSIS of RESTRICTED FUNDS						
DFID Grant		0			25,855	
IUCN Grant		0			1,057	
Oak Foundation Grant		29,714			9,500	
Camera Trap Grant		0			3,858	
Ernest Kleinwort Trust		0			0	
Beit Trust - Interpretive Centre		0			0	
Oxford WildCru Grant		0			14,070	
		<u>£29,714</u>			<u>£54,340</u>	

Signed in Approval



R. G. Dacomb - Finance Trustee

25 March 2022



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name

Victoria Falls Wildlife Trust

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 December 2021

**Charity no
(if any)**

1166614

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

**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:

25/03/2022

Name:

Gavin Power

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

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