



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Da	Month	Year
	01	01	2022		31	12	2022

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		Full year	
5	James O Murray		Full year	
6	Helen Buckworth		Sept 14 th , 2022 started	
7	Barry Hemans		Dec 1 st , 2022 started	
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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 not able to attend meetings in person

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)

Grant funding was been secured from Ernest Kleinwort CT with the objective of protecting significant breeding colonies of critically endangered species of vulture (in particular the white backed vulture) established along the Zimbabwe and Zambian border. The project goal was to address the decline in numbers of breeding pairs (estimated 15% decline in 2021). In 2022 this was achieved by the following:

- preventing the destruction of trees used by nesting pairs by installing protective wire netting around the base of 100 identified trees to deter elephants.
- Monitoring 11 key vulture breeding colonies during the breeding season (over 120 known nest sites)
- In collaboration with Zimbabwe Parks and Wildlife Management Authority, Vulpro from South Africa helped deploy tracking devices on 8 white backed vultures in the Victoria Falls area.
- The tracking devices on white backed vultures are providing an early warning system for poaching incidents. This assists in timely response and investigation.
- Working closely with regional partners, monitoring breeding habitats and nest sites.
- Monitoring poisoning incidents; 50 and 43 dead birds were found in two incidents in August and November respectively, both in Botswana.

Public benefit is derived from the conservation of endangered species of vultures, primarily white backed. The steps being taken are not only protecting endangered species but also enabling a quicker response time when carcasses are identified by vulture movement, for anti-poaching efforts.

Generous support from the Oak Foundation is enabling the Victoria Falls Wildlife Trust, Wildlife Disease and Forensics Laboratory to expand its technical and diagnostic capacity. This funding has been used to:

- Develop capacity for molecular work for zoonotic disease diagnostics and wildlife forensics
- Transboundary regional assessment on the role of fences in disease prevention and transmission in wildlife and livestock.
- Regional assessment on laboratory capacity in the KAZA TFCA
- Set up a new test for lion genetics helping to identify lion parts, where they come from and from which lion. This will greatly assist the authorities in casework studies of poached animals for the illegal wildlife trade.
- In collaboration with SOFA, Victoria Falls Wildlife Trust is developing a booklet on wildlife identification and protected species in Zimbabwe and provides references for morphological (physical) identification of wildlife.
- In collaboration with UK NGO TRACE, US Fish and Wildlife Service and the team leaders from the region (KAZA), training has rolled out on the Morphological Identification of ivory.

Public Benefit is derived from VFWT being an active member of the Kavango Zambezi Animal Health Sub-working Group. This organisation works with the partners in the five member states to improve wildlife and animal health.

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.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

During 2022 we achieved some important goals including:

- 42 rhino darted for notching and some dehorned, 6 were fitted for transmitters. 2 white rhino were translocated to a new founder population. The development of an SNP panel lab test for Black Rhino is planned for 2023. 88 genetic samples have been collected.
- 3925 Laboratory procedures and tests were performed. With generous support from the Oak Foundation the laboratory is in the process of expanding its technical and diagnostic capacity. These functions will expand in 2023 into bacteriology and additional molecular genetics work.
- 561 children participated in the conservation education. This project, which was on hold for 2 years due to the pandemic, is now back underway. A new team member spearheading the project has joined our team. She has 5 years teaching experience, including establishing Eco-Clubs and augmenting curriculums to enhance knowledge and experience. She has developed new lesson plans in line with the primary school curriculum and has established a great network with local teachers, headmasters and the Ministry of Education. Students are now enjoying the weekly conservation education interaction.
- 4300 rocket stoves were distributed. VFWT has partnered with Harare-based My Trees to supply Victoria Falls high-density areas with rocket stoves which replace open fires. This reduces the need for large solid fuel by 66% by efficiently using branches, twigs and small wood scraps while reducing harmful wood smoke. Consequently, we are seeing a significant reduction in timber extraction from the forest. We will continue to meet with our partners during the coming year to discuss challenges, suggestions and feedback and monitoring the fuel effectiveness, wood collection rates and other livelihood improvements. The programme will also be auditing changes to CO2 emissions.
- VFWT continue to manage and monitor Human Wildlife Conflict (HWC) with the help of Community Guardians in area Hot Spots, the use of Chilli strings (elephant deterrent) and mobile predator proof bomas. Working with Herding for Hope (H4H) VFWT conducted a feasibility study and theory of change to improve rural livelihoods and livestock. This will continue in 2023.
- VFWT, working together with the Victoria Falls River Brewery, have developed a mini value-chain for some small scale rural farmers. The Brewery purchases millet from the farmers, providing them with much needed income. A small percentage of the grain is then used in fermenting a craft beer that is sold to the local public. The residue from the fermented grain is then donated to VFWT who collect and dry the grain and distribute it back to those communities with livestock bomas who use it as a supplementary feed providing nutrition for livestock.
- 132 vulture nest sites assessed and monitored. We are working hard to protect the habitat and mitigate poisoning. In collaboration with Vulpro from South Africa, 8 tracking devices were deployed on white backed vultures from Victoria Falls. The resultant spatial data provides scientific evidence on rehabilitation success. 7 further tracking devices were deployed and the data will provide information on nest site areas and potential poaching hot spots.
- Elephant conservation and research project, a collaboration between VFWT and Connected Conservation teams, deployed 6 satellite collars on elephant that were identified as problem animals. Monitoring of this project continues.

- Conservation and VFWT collaborated to provide farmers with the opportunity to grow chilli crops and provided concentrated chilli powder to other small scale farmers to protect their maize and millet crops from crop-raiding elephants. Successful training with the community also facilitated better understanding of the drivers of human-elephant conflict.
- 1500 doses of rabies vaccination and over 1000 doses of distemper vaccine were given to dogs in the rural communities. This is an important part of what VFWT do in keeping our communities, animals and ecosystems healthy.
- 531 direct beneficiaries from maize and millet seeds
- 42 snares and foreign objects removed from wildlife in the Victoria Falls area
- The High Care Rehabilitation Centre was busy with a variety of orphaned and injured animals, most of which were eventually successfully released back into the wild
- Development of ID Booklet on Wildlife Morphology enhancing the technical knowledge of ecologists and investigators. Two training events were held in collaboration with UK NGO TRACE, US Fish & Wildlife Service and other teams in the region. One was held in South Africa where 25 laboratory technicians were trained and the other held in Namibia where wildlife investigators and CITIES officers from the KAZA region were trained.
- VFWT facilitated an Epidemiologist position in the KAZA region to further the activities and aims of the working group.
- VFWT deployed a further 5 satellite collars on lions. Using the downloads from all the satellite collars on lion, we have been able to update people as needed to keep both people and lion safe. We are able to use the spatial movements from satellite collars to remain aware of how and where the prides are moving.

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 £50000 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 the bulk of funding for grants coming from the Oak Foundation.

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 wildlife researcher in Zimbabwe), for laboratory support and an epidemiologist under the Oak grant.

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

Section F

Other optional information

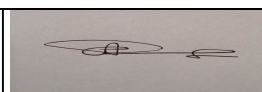
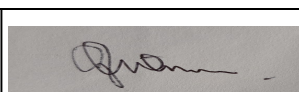
Section G

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

31 March 2023

VICTORIA FALLS WILDLIFE TRUST

CHARITY NUMBER: 1166614

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE 12 months to 31 December 2022

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

	2022		2021	
	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS				
Donations	59,882		41,448	
Lion Collars	0		41,000	
Gift Aid	0		10,250	
Interest	0	59,882	0	92,698
TOTAL RECEIPTS		<u>59,882</u>		<u>92,698</u>
PAYMENTS				
Bank Charges	192		4	
Brochures	0		0	
Transfers to Victoria Falls Wildlife Trust in Zimbabwe for use in Rescue & Rehabilitation	46,385		25,804	
Payments to professional fundraisers, incl expenses	0		0	
Purchase/donation of vehicle	18,303		15,875	
Darting Supplies	0	64,880	91	41,774
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)		<u>-£4,998</u>		<u>£50,924</u>
Transfers from Restricted Funds		<u>0</u>		<u>23349</u>
Net Movement in Funds		<u><u>-£4,998</u></u>		<u><u>£74,273</u></u>

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE 12 Months to 31 December 2022

RESTRICTED FUNDS

	2022	2021
	£	£
RECEIPTS		
DFID Grant	0	254
IUCN Grant	0	25,051
Oak Foundation	22,500	37,500
Oak Foundation KAZA	124,583	0
University of Oxford - Human/Wildlife conflict mitigation	0	0
University of Oxford - Wildlife Conservation Research	0	0
Ernest Kleinwort Trust - Vulture conservation	5,000	0
Beit Trust - Interpretive Centre	0	21,000
Total Receipts	£152,083	£83,805
PAYMENTS		
DFID Grant transferred to VFWT Zimbabwe	0	26,109
IUCN Grant transferred to VFWT Zimbabwe	0	26,108
Oak Foundation Grant transferred to VFWT Zimbabwe	29,091	17,286
Oak Foundation KAZA Grant transferred to VFWT Zimbabwe	34,691	3,858
Interpretive Centre	0	21,000
Ernest Kleinwort Trust - Vulture Conservation	5,000	0
Wildlife Conservation Research Grant expenses	0	14,070
Total Payments	68,782	108,431
Net Receipts/Payments	83,301	-24,626
Cash funds at beginning	29,714	54,340
Cash funds at period end	£113,015	£29,714

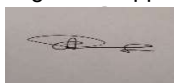
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CHARITY NUMBER: 1166614

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	2022			2021		
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
CURRENT ASSETS						
Debtors and prepayments	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bank deposit accounts	96,080	113,015	209,095	101,078	34,714	135,792
CURRENT LIABILITIES						
Creditors and accruals falling due within one year	0	0	0	0	5,000	5,000
NET CURRENT ASSETS	<u>£96,080</u>	<u>£113,015</u>	<u>£209,095</u>	<u>£101,078</u>	<u>£29,714</u>	<u>£130,792</u>
FUNDS						
At 1 January	101,078	29,714	130,792	26,805	54,340	81,145
Net movement in funds	-4,998	83,301	78,303	74,273	-24,626	49,647
At 31 December	<u>£96,080</u>	<u>£113,015</u>	<u>£209,095</u>	<u>£101,078</u>	<u>£29,714</u>	<u>£130,792</u>
Of which: RESERVED FUNDS	£50,000	£113,015	£163,015	£50,000	£29,714	£79,714
UNRESERVED FUNDS	£46,080	0	£46,080	£51,708	0	£51,708
ANALYSIS of RESTRICTED FUNDS						
IUCN Grant		0			0	
Oak Foundation Grant		23,123			29,714	
Oak Foundation KAZA Grant		89,892			0	
Ernest Kleinwort Trust		0			0	
Oxford WildCru Grant		0			0	
		<u>£113,015</u>			<u>£29,714</u>	

Signed in Approval



R. G. Dacomb - Finance Trustee

10 March 2023

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
Victoria Falls Wildlife Trust

On accounts for the year ended

31 December 2022

Charity no
(if any)

1166614

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 31/12/2022 .

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. *Delete [] if not applicable.*

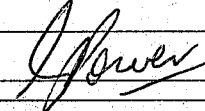
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report 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:

10 March 2023

Name:

Gavin Power

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

(if any):

Address:

77 Oxford Road South

London W4 3DD

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.