

THE MAHSEER TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1167056

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2016-05-12

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE, FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT, TO ADVANCE EDUCATION, AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT;(A) IN COUNTRIES WHERE MAHSEER SPECIES ARE PRESENT BY PROMOTING, SUSTAINING AND INCREASING INDIVIDUAL AND COLLECTIVE KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING OF MAHSEER SPECIES, AND SKILLS AND EXPERTISE IN CONSERVATION AND AQUACULTURE;(B) IN THE WIDER WORLD, TO CARRY OUT AND CONTRIBUTE TO RESEARCH TO ADD TO THE COLLECTIVE KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE MAHSEER SPECIES, THEIR LIFE CYCLE, HABITAT AND THEIR CONSERVATION;(C) TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE BY TRAINING THEM IN CONSERVATION;(D) TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE CONSERVATION OF MAHSEER SPECIES IN THEIR NATURAL ENVIRONMENT AND TO ENCOURAGE AND ASSIST INTERNATIONAL KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER.

Activities: The Mahseer Trust works to advance education and environmental protection and improvement by promoting sustaining and increasing knowledge and understanding of mahseer species, and skills and expertise in aquaculture, by carrying out and contributing to research, by educating and training young people in conservation, and by encouraging and assisting with international knowledge transfer.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Afghanistan
- Bangladesh
- Bhutan
- Brunei
- Burma
- Cambodia
- China
- India
- Indonesia
- Laos
- Malaysia
- Nepal
- Pakistan
- Sri Lanka
- Thailand
- Vietnam
- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

| Period end | Income | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|---------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2025-03-31 | £998 | £5,663 | - | - |
| 2024-03-31 | £985 | £2,173 | - | - |
| 2023-03-31 | £22,303 | £3,119 | - | - |
| 2022-03-31 | £1,916 | £925 | - | - |
| 2021-03-31 | £742 | £6,206 | - | - |

Trustees

| Name | Role | Appointed |
|-------------------------|-------|------------|
| ADRIAN PINDER | Chair | 2013-04-10 |
| DEREK FRANCIS DSOUZA | | 2016-04-24 |
| DR Andrew John Harrison | | 2016-06-15 |
| Ian Stanley Pett | | 2016-06-15 |

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RIVERS - FISH - PEOPLE

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

| From | Period start date | | | To | Period end date | | |
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| | 1st | April | 2024 | | 31st | March | 2025 |

SECTION A: REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

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| Charity name | The Mahseer Trust |
| Other names charity is known by | N/A |
| Registered charity number (if any) | 1167056 |
| Charity's principal address | Capel Saron |
| | School Road |
| | Fairbourne |
| | Gwynedd |
| | LL38 2RQ |

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

| Trustee name | Office (if any) | Dates acted, if not for the whole year | Mechanism of appointment |
|-----------------|---------------------|--|---------------------------|
| Adrian Pinder | Chair | Whole year | Majority vote of trustees |
| Ian Pett | Treasurer | Whole year | Majority vote of trustees |
| Andrew Harrison | Secretary | Whole year | Majority vote of trustees |
| Derek D'Souza | India Regional Lead | Whole year | Majority vote of trustees |

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any (For example, any custodian trustees)

| Name | Dates acted, if not for the whole year |
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| N/A | |

Names and addresses of advisors (Optional information)

| Type of advisor | Name | Address |
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| Freshwater ecosystem services | Dr Mark Everard | Associate Professor of Ecosystem Services, University of the West of England (UWE Bristol) |

Name of Chief Executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

SECTION B: STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

| Description of the charity's trusts | |
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| Type of governing document (e.g. Trust Deed, Constitution) | Constitution, last amended 12/05/2016 |
| How the charity is constituted (e.g. Trust, Association, Company) | Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) |
| Trustee selection methods (e.g. appointed by, elected by) | Majority vote by existing trustees |

| Additional governance issues (Optional information) | |
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| <p>You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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. | <p>The charity is run entirely on a voluntary basis, with no paid employees. The organisational structure comprises a number of positions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Trustees ('Members' of the CIO) Responsible for management of the charity and all decisions. Only trustees having voting rights at board level. ● Officers Support the charity's objectives and closely involved with planning, but no voting rights at board level. ● Advisors Support the charity's objectives and provide advice on planning and other matters, but no voting rights at board level. ● Patrons Support the charity's objectives and assist with raising the profile of Mahseer Trust, but no voting rights at board level. ● Honorary Members Formally recognised by the trustees as contributing significantly to the charity's objectives, but no voting rights at board level. ● Supporters Individuals who pay an annual or one-off (lifetime) subscription to the charity to support the charity's objectives, but no voting rights at board level. <p>Trustees receive a 'Trustee Induction Pack', including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● MT Governing Document ● MT Data Protection Policy ● MT Policy on the Acceptance and Refusal of Gifts and Donations ● MT Trustee Code of Governance ● MT Conflict of Interest Policy |

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- Charity Commission ‘The Essential Trustee’
- Charity Commission guidance on Public Benefit
- MT Trustee Declaration (Sign and return)
- MT Trustee Induction Table (Sign and return)

SECTION C: OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

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| <p>Summary of the Objects of the charity set out in its Governing Document.</p> | <p>The Objects of the CIO are, for the public benefit, to advance education, and environmental protection and improvement;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) in countries where mahseer species are present by promoting, sustaining and increasing individual and collective knowledge and understanding of mahseer species, and skills and expertise in conservation and aquaculture; (b) in the wider world, to carry out and contribute to research to add to the collective knowledge and understanding of the mahseer species, their life cycle, habitat and their conservation; (c) to contribute to the education and development of young people by training them in conservation; (d) to contribute to the conservation of mahseer species in their natural environment and to encourage and assist international knowledge transfer. |
| <p>Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these Objects.</p> | <p>With reference to the key objectives defined above:</p> <p><i>Capacity building</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ongoing: Continued attempts to plan an International Mahseer Conference (IMC) 4. <p><i>Research</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● April 2024: Research project to sequence whole genome of the Critically Endangered hump-backed mahseer, <i>Tor remadevii</i> discussions ongoing. ● May 2024: Discussions on mahseer of Sri Lanka with Gayan Nadeela Hirimuthugoda, University of Peridenya. ● June 2024: Project planning discussions with Vidyadhar Atkore, Salim Ali Centre for Ornithology and Natural History (SACON). ● July 2024: Steve Lockett initiates discussion on common habitat needs of mahseers, otters and freshwater crabs and steps to raise funding for research. Team includes SL, Gopakumar Menon (River Otter Conservancy), A Biju Kumar (University of Kerala) and Smrithy Raj (University of Kerala). |

- August 2024: Ian Pett and Adrian Pinder arrange for a cased mahseer specimen to be sent to Rupert Collins of Natural History Museum to begin a speculative ancient-DNA (aDNA) sampling attempt.
- September 2024: Rajeev Raghavan, Adrian Pinder and Steve Lockett begin Green Listing the hump-backed mahseer under the first phase of this IUCN initiative.

Education and Outreach

- April 2024: Steve Lockett met Loknath Behera, Managing Director – Kochi Metro Rail Ltd., to discuss the commission of a conservation mural inside Edappally Metro Station, Kochi, India.
- April 2024: Printing of The Tiger of the River in Malayalam translation.
- July 2024: Roger Tilbrook (volunteer) sources and distributes information handout leaflets in north India.
- September 2024: Steve Lockett gets confirmation that his essay “Why Mahseer Matter” is to be included in the HarperCollins India forthcoming release in honour of Romulus Whitaker.
- November 2024: Azim Premji University, Bengaluru, India once again uses Mahseer Trust’s EM2 river modelling table for education during the Mountains of Life one-week festival.
- January/February 2025: Steve Lockett assists Jeevitnadi, Pune, India with river outreach for 80 Class 7 students from Dr Erin Nagarwala school. Followed by meetings with Jeevitnadi staff and supporters at the Ram-Mula confluence: a former mahseer habitat now threatened by development.

International knowledge transfer

- April 2024: Steve Lockett sends letter of support to Prakash Bhusal of consortium fighting legal case in Kathmandu High Court to prohibit dam building on Karnali River until correct approvals are agreed.
- July 2024: Adrian Pinder and Steve Lockett write letters of support for local researchers Elisha Ghimire and Dencin Rons Thampy to apply for EDGE funding.
- August 2024: Report from Prakash Bhusal that dam building works on Karnali River have been halted by the High Court of Kathmandu.

We confirm the Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission’s guidance on Public Benefit

| Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information) | |
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| <p>You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • policy on grant making; • policy programme related investment; • contribution made by volunteers. | <p>April 2024: agreed a timetable of internal policy review</p> |

SECTION D: ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

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| Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year | |
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SECTION E: FINANCIAL REVIEW

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| Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves. | <p>The Mahseer Trust maintains an operational reserve of £5,000 (five thousand pounds), which is deemed sufficient to meet any terminal liabilities that might arise on the closure of the Trust.</p> <p>These funds are held in a bank account. Future levels of reserves will be determined in accordance with any changes in the Trust's liabilities arising from changes in its levels of activity and expenditure.</p> |
| Details of any funds materially in deficit | N/A |



| Further financial review details (Optional information) | |
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| <p>You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. | <p>Income in the Trust's operational year 2024-25 totalled £998.10. This comprised one Donation of £20.00, £60.00 from an ongoing Supporter Subscription, bank interest of £840.36 and reimbursed Gift Aid of £77.74.</p> <p>Expenditure in the Trust's operational year was predominantly in India and totalled £5,663.05, comprised of £3,872.47 on the Genetic Sequencing Project, £667.86 on translating, publishing, printing and distributing the Malayalam edition of The Tiger of the River children's book in Kerala, £349.75 for expenses incurred in participating in the 4th Odisha Rivers Conference, £282.60 for expenses incurred in participating in the Pune Education/ Awareness events and the Goa Book Festival, £153.40 for the crating and delivery of our cased 19th century Humpbacked Mahseer Specimen donated to The Natural History Museum to extract DNA samples for their Ancient DNA project (in partnership with Bournemouth University), £59.99 for the annual license for Microsoft Office software, payments of £242.86 for maintaining our domain name and web hosting, £4.12 in PayPal fees and £30.00 in Lloyds Bank charges for international transfers.</p> |

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| | <p>In budgetary terms, this amounted to a spend of £336.97 on Administration, £4,025.87 on Conservation Projects and £1,300.21 on Outreach Projects.</p> <p>Our current total assets are, therefore, £38,348.00. There are no known outstanding credits or debits.</p> |
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| SECTION F: | OTHER OPTIONAL INFORMATION |
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| SECTION G: | DECLARATION |
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| <p>The trustees below declare that they have approved the trustees report above.</p> <p>Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.</p> | | |
| | Trustee 1 | Trustee 2 |
| Signatures |  |  |
| Full names | Dr Andrew Harrison | Dr Adrian Pinder |
| Position | Secretary | Chair |
| Date | 20/01/2026 | 20/01/2026 |





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| Charity Name The Mahseer Trust | | No (if any) 1167056 | | CC16a |
| Receipts and Payments Accounts | | | | |
| For the period from | Period start date 01/04/2024 | To | Period end date 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 | | | | | |
| Donations | 20 | - | - | 20 | 55 |
| Supporter subscriptions | 60 | - | - | 60 | 280 |
| Reimbursement | 78 | - | - | 78 | - |
| Income | 840 | - | - | 840 | 650 |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total (Gross income for AR) | 998 | - | - | 998 | 985 |
| A2 Asset and investment sales | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total receipts | 998 | - | - | 998 | 985 |
| A3 Payments | | | | | |
| Marketing | - | - | - | - | - |
| Administration | 337 | - | - | 337 | 268 |
| Conservation | 4,026 | - | - | 4,026 | 831 |
| Outreach | 1,300 | - | - | 1,300 | 1,074 |
| Miscellaneous | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | 5,663 | - | - | 5,663 | 2,173 |
| A4 Asset and investment purchases | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total payments | 5,663 | - | - | 5,663 | 2,173 |
| Net of receipts/(payments) | - 4,665 | - | - | - 4,665 | - 1,188 |
| A5 Transfers between funds | - | - | - | - | - |
| A6 Cash funds last year end | 43,013 | - | - | 43,013 | 44,201 |
| Cash funds this year end | 38,348 | - | - | 38,348 | 43,013 |

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 | Paypal Account | 630 | - | - |
| | Lloyds Bank Accounts | 37,718 | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | Total cash funds | 38,348 | - | - |
| | (Agree balances with R&P account(s)) | OK | OK | OK |
| | | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
| B2 Other monetary assets | | | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
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| B3 Investment assets | | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use | | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| B5 Liabilities | | Fund to which liability relates | Amount due (optional) | When due (optional) |
| | | | - | |
| | | | - | |
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| | | | - | |
| Signed by two trustees on behalf of all the trustees | Signature | Print Name | Date of approval | |
| |  | Ian Pett (Treasurer) | 03/01/2026 | |
| |  | Adrian Pinder (Chair) | 03/01/2026 | |

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| | Gwynedd |
| | LL38 2RQ |

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| Trustee name | Office (if any) | Dates acted, if not for the whole year | Mechanism of appointment |
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| Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these Objects. | <p>With reference to the key objectives defined above:</p> <p><i>Capacity building</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● May 2023: Discussions between Steve Lockett and Raphael Glemet and Vishwaranjan Sinha of IUCN on ways to utilise mahseer migration during planning of transboundary river issues. ● May 2023: Agreed ways ahead for mutual working with River Research Centre, Thrissur, Kerala, India. ● June 2023: Discussions on creating a community river conservation programme in Manipur, working with Rameshori Yumnam of Manipur University (unfortunately local communal tension has postponed this project). ● June 2023: In light of proposed river ‘development’ on Mula-Mutha river of Pune, India, concerned local Darab Nagarwalla requested information about the historic importance of the river for mahseer migration and possibilities for future restoration. ● June 2023: Working with Vinni Jain of IUCN Otter Specialist Group to consider how human activity impacts otters and mahseer (prey) in light of their findings (Living alongside otters: examining human-otter interactions and attitudes towards |

otters in Central India for conservation in shared landscapes. Jain & Karanth 2023).

- June 2023: Coordinated outputs with kayaking group of Maharashtra, India who have catalogued impacts upon mahseer in Vaitarna River from dams and temple-goers.
- June to December 2023: Assembled coalition of Mahseer Trust, Bournemouth University, University of the West of England, Paani.earth (river monitoring NGO, Bengaluru, India), River Otter Conservancy (Bengaluru, India), Kerala University of Fisheries and Ocean Studies, Hume Centre for Ecology and Wildlife Biology (Kerala, India), and River Research Centre to write and submit a comprehensive action plan in respect of Indianapolis Zoo's Saving Species Challenge funding opportunity (reached longlist).
- September 2023: Dialogue between Steve Lockett and Kumar Paudel of Greenhood Nepal to support Elisha Ghimire in field studies for her MSc on mahseers of Karnali River.
- October 2023: Steve Lockett and James Smith of NHS England begin review of policies and prepare additional policy documents to fill current gaps.
- November 2023: Economic survey completed to assess Angling as Economic Driver and Conservation Tool. Compiles dataset as requested by Indianapolis Zoo for SSC.
- February 2024: discussions with Sinsamout Onboundisane of Fishbio (Laos) to consider future field research and to help develop genomic sequencing of freshwater fishes in-country.
- February 2024: Steve Lockett meets with Rajeev Raghavan to discuss future project opportunities.
- February 2024: Steve Lockett and Rajeev Raghavan travel to Coimbatore, India to finalise Save Our Species-funded project with lead organisation Zoo Outreach Organisation.
- Ongoing: Continued attempts to plan an International Mahseer Conference (IMC) 4.

Research

- April 2023: Research project to sequence whole genome of the Critically Endangered hump-backed mahseer, *Tor remadevii* was approved.
- April 2023: Approved purchasing of consumables for Kerala University of Fisheries and Ocean Studies (KUFOS) to enable future gene sequencing.
- August 2023: Steve Lockett, Rajeev Raghavan and Dencin Rons Thampy carried out a literature review to support Dencin's

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| | <p>fieldwork investigation of fishes of Chinnar Wildlife Sanctuary. A checklist paper database is finalised with the expectation that it will be published and adopted by Kerala Forest Department for their freshwater management plans.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● August 2023: Steve Lockett visited Pitt-Rivers museum, Oxford, UK to discuss mahseer exhibits with the curator and to catalogue the cultural use of mahseers. <p><i>Education and Outreach</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● November 2023: Azim Premji University, Bengaluru, India once again uses Mahseer Trust's EM2 river modelling table for education during Forests of Life one-week festival. ● February 2024: Minute publish article on mahseer conservation with interviews of Adrian Pinder. <p><i>International knowledge transfer</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● October 2023: Adrian Pinder and Steve Lockett assess and approve details to be released by Kerala Forest Department as Mahseers of Kerala information poster campaign. ● February 2024: Discussions with Debajit Sarma ICAR-CIFE (Indian Council of Agricultural Research-Central Institute of Fisheries Education) request that Mahseer Trust co-host an International Mahseer Conference (IMC). ● February 2024: Mark Everard developed a document 'Wise Water Solutions in Chhattisgarh and Andra Pradesh', as yet unpublished, documenting rural water management solutions benefitting people and overall river health. ● March 2024: Steve Lockett is keynote speaker on day two (World Water Day) of 4th Odisha River Conference, Angul, Odisha, India during technical session on Rivers, Fish, Societies and Livelihoods. ● March 2024: Discussion on Brahmaputra flooding and associated human-wildlife issues with Steve Lockett, Anuja Mittal (Freshwater Turtles and Tortoises Foundation) and Gopakumar Menon (River Otter Conservancy). <p>We confirm the Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on Public Benefit</p> |
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| Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information) | |
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| <p>You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● policy on grant making; | N/A |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● policy programme related investment; ● contribution made by volunteers. | |
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SECTION D: ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

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| Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year | <i>Publication</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● March 2024: Conservation action plan for Critically Endangered hump-backed mahseer <i>Tor remadevii</i> is completed. Recognised by Indianapolis Zoo as a comprehensive framework for future actions. |
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SECTION E: FINANCIAL REVIEW

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| Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves. | <p>The Mahseer Trust maintains an operational reserve of £5,000 (five thousand pounds), which is deemed sufficient to meet any terminal liabilities that might arise on the closure of the Trust.</p> <p>These funds are held in a bank account. Future levels of reserves will be determined in accordance with any changes in the Trust's liabilities arising from changes in its levels of activity and expenditure.</p> |
| Details of any funds materially in deficit | N/A |

Further financial review details (Optional information)

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| <p>You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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. | <p>Income for the year 2023-24 totalled £985. Supporter Subscriptions totalled £280. Donations totalled £55. Bank interest totalled £650. Gift Aid remains to be claimed on donations totalling £296 made in 2022-23 and 2023-24.</p> <p>Expenditure totalled £2,173. A total of £831 was spent on Conservation activities in India. £1,074 was spent on Outreach activities in India. Administration costs totalled £268. Nothing was spent on Marketing or Miscellaneous activities in 2023-24.</p> <p>Funds held at the end of the reporting year totalled £43,013, well above our operational reserve.</p> |
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SECTION F: OTHER OPTIONAL INFORMATION

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| N/A |
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SECTION G:**DECLARATION**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.

| | Trustee 1 | Trustee 2 |
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| Signatures |  |  |
| Full names | Dr Andrew Harrison | Dr Adrian Pinder |
| Position | Secretary | Chair |
| Date | 21/01/2025 | 21/01/2025 |



Receipts and Payments Accounts

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For the period from

Period start date
01/04/2023

To

Period end date
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 | | | | | |
| Donations | 55 | - | - | 55 | 55 |
| Supporter subscriptions | 280 | - | - | 280 | 60 |
| Reimbursement | - | - | - | - | 167 |
| Income | 650 | - | - | 650 | 200 |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total (Gross income for AR) | 985 | - | - | 985 | 482 |
| A2 Asset and investment sales | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total receipts | 985 | - | - | 985 | 482 |
| A3 Payments | | | | | |
| Marketing | - | - | - | - | - |
| Administration | 268 | - | - | 268 | 370 |
| Conservation | 831 | - | - | 831 | 2,596 |
| Outreach | 1,074 | - | - | 1,074 | 153 |
| Miscellaneous | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | 2,173 | - | - | 2,173 | 3,119 |
| A4 Asset and investment purchases | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total payments | 2,173 | - | - | 2,173 | 3,119 |
| Net of receipts/(payments) | - 1,188 | - | - | - 1,188 | - 2,637 |
| A5 Transfers between funds | - | - | - | - | - |
| A6 Cash funds last year end | 44,201 | - | - | 44,201 | 25,028 |
| Cash funds this year end | 43,013 | - | - | 43,013 | 22,391 |

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 | Paypal Account | 226 | - | - |
| | Lloyds Bank Account | 43,975 | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | Total cash funds | 44,201 | - | - |
| | (Agree balances with R&P account(s)) | Agreement Error | OK | OK |

| | Details | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
|---------------------------------|---------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| B2 Other monetary assets | | | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
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| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |

| | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
|-----------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| B3 Investment assets | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |

| | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
|---|---------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |

| | Details | Fund to which liability relates | Amount due (optional) | When due (optional) |
|-----------------------|---------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| B5 Liabilities | | | - | |
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| | Signature | Print Name | Date of approval |
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| Signed by two trustees on behalf of all the trustees |  | Ian Pett (Treasurer) | |
| |  | Adrian Pinder (Chair) | |

THE MAHSEER TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1167056

Accounts



MAHSEER TRUST

RIVERS - FISH - PEOPLE

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

| From | Period start date | | | To | Period end date | | |
|------|-------------------|-------|------|----|-----------------|-------|------|
| | 1st | April | 2022 | | 31st | March | 2023 |

SECTION A: REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

| | |
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| Charity name | The Mahseer Trust |
| Other names charity is known by | N/A |
| Registered charity number (if any) | 1167056 |
| Charity's principal address | Capel Saron |
| | School Road |
| | Fairbourne |
| | Gwynedd |
| | LL38 2RQ |

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

| Trustee name | Office (if any) | Dates acted, if not for the whole year | Mechanism of appointment |
|-----------------|---------------------|--|---------------------------|
| Adrian Pinder | Chair | Whole year | Majority vote of trustees |
| Ian Pett | Treasurer | Whole year | Majority vote of trustees |
| Andrew Harrison | Secretary | Whole year | Majority vote of trustees |
| Derek D'Souza | India Regional Lead | Whole year | Majority vote of trustees |

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any (For example, any custodian trustees)

| Name | Dates acted, if not for the whole year |
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| N/A | |

Names and addresses of advisors (Optional information)

| Type of advisor | Name | Address |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|---|
| Freshwater ecosystem services | Dr Mark Everard | Associate Professor of Ecosystem Services, University of the West of England (UWE Bristol) |

Name of Chief Executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

SECTION B: STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Description of the charity's trusts

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| Type of governing document (e.g. Trust Deed, Constitution) | Constitution, last amended 12/05/2016 |
| How the charity is constituted (e.g. Trust, Association, Company) | Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) |
| Trustee selection methods (e.g. appointed by, elected by) | Majority vote by existing trustees |

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

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| <p>You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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. | <p>The charity is run entirely on a voluntary basis, with no paid employees. The organisational structure comprises a number of positions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Trustees ('Members' of the CIO) Responsible for management of the charity and all decisions. Only trustees having voting rights at board level. ● Officers Support the charity's objectives and closely involved with planning, but no voting rights at board level. ● Advisors Support the charity's objectives and provide advice on planning and other matters, but no voting rights at board level. ● Patrons Support the charity's objectives and assist with raising the profile of Mahseer Trust, but no voting rights at board level. ● Honorary Members Formally recognised by the trustees as contributing significantly to the charity's objectives, but no voting rights at board level. ● Supporters Individuals who pay an annual or one-off (lifetime) subscription to the charity to support the charity's objectives, but no voting rights at board level. <p>Trustees receive a 'Trustee Induction Pack', including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● MT Governing Document ● MT Data Protection Policy ● MT Policy on the Acceptance and Refusal of Gifts and Donations ● MT Trustee Code of Governance ● MT Conflict of Interest Policy |
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● MT Vulnerable People Policy ● Charity Commission ‘The Essential Trustee’ ● Charity Commission guidance on Public Benefit ● MT Trustee Declaration (Sign and return) ● MT Trustee Induction Table (Sign and return) |
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| SECTION C: | OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES |
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| Summary of the Objects of the charity set out in its Governing Document. | <p>The Objects of the CIO are, for the public benefit, to advance education, and environmental protection and improvement;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) in countries where mahseer species are present by promoting, sustaining and increasing individual and collective knowledge and understanding of mahseer species, and skills and expertise in conservation and aquaculture; (b) in the wider world, to carry out and contribute to research to add to the collective knowledge and understanding of the mahseer species, their life cycle, habitat and their conservation; (c) to contribute to the education and development of young people by training them in conservation; (d) to contribute to the conservation of mahseer species in their natural environment and to encourage and assist international knowledge transfer. |
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| Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these Objects. | <p>With reference to the key objectives defined above:</p> <p><i>Capacity building</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● July 2022: Adrian Pinder was interviewed by Shyamala Shanmugasundaram of Kahani Takbak to discuss the publication of <i>The Tiger of the River</i> children’s book. ● September 2022: Sharing information on culturally significant small fishes of Coorg region of south India with River Otter Conservancy. ● October 2022: Adrian Pinder, Rajeev Raghavan and Steve Lockett meet with doctoral researcher Glavin Rodrigues to help shape his project on invasive characteristics of the introduced blue-finned mahseer. ● November 2022/February 2023: Steve Lockett wrote a reference for an early career researcher into freshwater shrimps to apply for a Rufford Small Grant. Application accepted and researcher will be studying shrimps in mahseer streams of India’s Western Ghats as part of ecosystem health. ● January 2023: Steve Lockett invited to join a new platform to discuss issues of sand mining in India, organised by Veditum India |
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Foundation (background capacity building, official platform launch expected late 2023).

- Ongoing: Information about current status of mahseers shared with potential masters and doctoral students in Pakistan, India and Nepal. Used to direct studies into more urgent and/or more useful areas.

Research

- September 2022: Requested copies of mahseer photos from 1980s Karnali River research trip taken by Mark O'Shea of Wolverhampton University. Part of ongoing creation of a library of mahseer photos for future study.
- February 2023: Discussions with Rafhiah Kahar about her studies on migration of mahseer Tor tambra in protected areas of the Sultanate of Brunei.
- March 2023: Study trip to Siliguri, north India, type locality of Tor tor by Sushan Mani Shakya and Adrian Pinder with support from Genuine Prajapathi and Ian Christopher.
- March 2023: Dencin Thampy collects fresh samples of Tor remadevii from the type locality (Pambar River) and deposits at Kerala University of Fisheries and Ocean Science. These are source material for an attempt to sequence the whole genome of this Critically Endangered species.

Education and Outreach

- April 2022: Interview with author and publisher Stephen Harper to celebrate his new book The Mightiest Mahseer, published on YouTube channel.
- May 2022: Derek D'Souza gives a lecture on Migratory Fishes of India to Mangalore College of Fisheries, India for World Fish Migration Day.
- August 2022: Mahseer Trust invited to join the Freshwater Biodiversity Observation Network (FWBON); and SE Asia Limnology Network (SEALNet)
- November 2022: Azim Premji University, India, host Rivers of Life, a week-long exhibition during which thousands of students experience the Em2 river modelling table owned by Mahseer Trust. Also during Rivers of Life: Steve Lockett hosts a whole day remote workshop on Cauvery Biodiversity and Landscape - a comprehensive range of talks from experts working across multiple fields of influence in this important mahseer river.

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● January/February 2023: Discussions with Roger Tibrook (UK angler) about sharing ideas of mahseer habitat conservation through his travels in south and north India. ● Ongoing: Steve Lockett continued to post updates and news on social media platforms, send newsletters to those with interest and worked with Wikipedia, India Biodiversity Portal and Fishbase to update listings on mahseer species' identities, distributions and threats. <p><i>International knowledge transfer</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● January 2023: Steve Lockett gives a remote lecture on Aquaculture for Right Reasons and Sushan Mani Shakya on My Journey in Aquaculture to students of St Albert's College, Kochi, India. <p>We confirm the Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on Public Benefit</p> |
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| Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information) | |
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| <p>You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● policy on grant making; ● policy programme related investment; ● contribution made by volunteers. | N/A |

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| SECTION D: | ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE |
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| <p>Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year</p> | <p><i>Books</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● May 2022: Publication of children's book <i>The Tiger of the River</i> by Adrian Pinder, Speaking Tiger Books, New Delhi. https://speakingtigerbooks.com/product/the-tiger-of-the-river/ ● September 2022: <i>The Tiger of the River</i> selected for the Parag Honours List 2023. https://www.paragreads.in/parag-reads/parag-honour-list-2023/ |
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| SECTION E: | FINANCIAL REVIEW |
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| Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves. | The Mahseer Trust maintains an operational reserve of £5,000 (five thousand pounds), which is deemed sufficient to meet any terminal liabilities that might arise on the closure of the Trust. These funds are held in a bank account. Future levels of reserves will be determined in accordance with any changes in the Trust's liabilities arising from changes in its levels of activity and expenditure. |
| Details of any funds materially in deficit | N/A |

| Further financial review details (Optional information) | |
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| <p>You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. | <p>Income for the year 2022-23 totalled £22,303. Supporter Subscriptions totalled £60. Donations increased substantially to £21,876. Gift Aid of £167, claimed on donations totalling £660 made in 2021-22, was received from HMRC. Bank complaint compensation of £200 was also received.</p> <p>Expenditure totalled £3,119. A total of £2,596 was spent on Conservation activities in India and Nepal. Expenditure on activities in mahseer range countries increased with the easing of SARS-CoV-2 pandemic related travel restrictions. This trend should continue in 2023-24. £153 was spent on Outreach activities in India and supporting an Indian scientist to participate in an international conference in Australia. Administration costs totalled £370. Nothing was spent on Marketing or Miscellaneous activities in 2022-23.</p> <p>Funds held at the end of the reporting year totalled £44,201, well above our operational reserve.</p> |

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| SECTION F: | OTHER OPTIONAL INFORMATION |
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| N/A |
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| SECTION G: | DECLARATION |
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| The trustees below declare that they have approved the trustees report above. | | |
| Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees. | | |
| | Trustee 1 | Trustee 2 |
| Signatures |  |  |
| Full names | Dr Andrew Harrison | Dr Adrian Pinder |
| Position | Secretary | Chair |
| Date | 25/01/2024 | 25/01/2024 |



Receipts and Payments Accounts

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For the period from

Period start date
01/04/2022

To

Period end date
31/03/2023

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 | | | | | |
| Donations | 21,876 | - | - | 21,876 | 1,590 |
| Supporter subscriptions | 60 | - | - | 60 | 325 |
| Reimbursement | 167 | - | - | 167 | - |
| Income | 200 | - | - | 200 | 1 |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total (Gross income for AR) | 22,303 | - | - | 22,303 | 1,916 |
| A2 Asset and investment sales | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total receipts | 22,303 | - | - | 22,303 | 1,916 |
| A3 Payments | | | | | |
| Marketing | - | - | - | - | 655 |
| Administration | 370 | - | - | 370 | - |
| Conservation | 2,596 | - | - | 2,596 | - |
| Outreach | 153 | - | - | 153 | 250 |
| Miscellaneous | - | - | - | - | 20 |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | 3,119 | - | - | 3,119 | 925 |
| A4 Asset and investment purchases | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total payments | 3,119 | - | - | 3,119 | 925 |
| Net of receipts/(payments) | 19,184 | - | - | 19,184 | 991 |
| A5 Transfers between funds | - | - | - | - | - |
| A6 Cash funds last year end | 25,017 | - | - | 25,017 | 24,037 |
| Cash funds this year end | 44,201 | - | - | 44,201 | 25,028 |

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 | Paypal Account | 226 | - | - |
| | Lloyds Bank Account | 43,975 | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | Total cash funds | 44,201 | - | - |
| | (Agree balances with R&P account(s)) | OK | OK | OK |

| Categories | Details | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
|---------------------------------|---------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| B2 Other monetary assets | | | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
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| | | - | - | - |

| Categories | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
|-----------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| B3 Investment assets | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
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| Categories | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
|---|---------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
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| | | | - | - |

| Categories | Details | Fund to which liability relates | Amount due (optional) | When due (optional) |
|-----------------------|---|---------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| B5 Liabilities | Final Payment to Sushan Mani Shankya for Hunt for Tor tor Project | Conservation | 210 | 30 April 2023 |
| | | | - | |
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| | Signature | Print Name | Date of approval |
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| Signed by two trustees on behalf of all the trustees |  | Ian Pett (Treasurer) | 05/05/2023 |
| |  | Adrian Pinder (Chair) | 11/05/2023 |

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England & Wales - Charity number 1167056

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

| From | Period start date | | | To | Period end date | | |
|------|-------------------|-------|------|----|-----------------|-------|------|
| | 1st | April | 2021 | | 31st | March | 2022 |

SECTION A: REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

| | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Charity name | The Mahseer Trust |
| Other names charity is known by | N/A |
| Registered charity number (if any) | 1167056 |
| Charity's principal address | Capel Saron |
| | School Road |
| | Fairbourne |
| | Gwynedd |
| | LL38 2RQ |

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

| Trustee name | Office (if any) | Dates acted, if not for the whole year | Mechanism of appointment |
|-----------------|---------------------|--|---------------------------|
| Adrian Pinder | Chair | Whole year | Majority vote of trustees |
| Ian Pett | Treasurer | Whole year | Majority vote of trustees |
| Andrew Harrison | Secretary | Whole year | Majority vote of trustees |
| Derek D'Souza | India Regional Lead | Whole year | Majority vote of trustees |

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any (For example, any custodian trustees)

| Name | Dates acted, if not for the whole year |
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| N/A | |

Names and addresses of advisors (Optional information)

| Type of advisor | Name | Address |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|---|
| Freshwater ecosystem services | Dr Mark Everard | Associate Professor of Ecosystem Services, University of the West of England (UWE Bristol) |

Name of Chief Executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

SECTION B: STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Description of the charity's trusts

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| Type of governing document (e.g. Trust Deed, Constitution) | Constitution, last amended 12/05/2016 |
| How the charity is constituted (e.g. Trust, Association, Company) | Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) |
| Trustee selection methods (e.g. appointed by, elected by) | Majority vote by existing trustees |

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

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| <p>You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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. | <p>The charity is run entirely on a voluntary basis, with no paid employees. The organisational structure comprises a number of positions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Trustees ('Members' of the CIO) Responsible for management of the charity and all decisions. Only trustees having voting rights at board level. ● Officers Support the charity's objectives and closely involved with planning, but no voting rights at board level. ● Advisors Support the charity's objectives and provide advice on planning and other matters, but no voting rights at board level. ● Patrons Support the charity's objectives and assist with raising the profile of Mahseer Trust, but no voting rights at board level. ● Honorary Members Formally recognised by the trustees as contributing significantly to the charity's objectives, but no voting rights at board level. ● Supporters Individuals who pay an annual or one-off (lifetime) subscription to the charity to support the charity's objectives, but no voting rights at board level. <p>Trustees receive a 'Trustee Induction Pack', including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● MT Governing Document ● MT Data Protection Policy ● MT Policy on the Acceptance and Refusal of Gifts and Donations ● MT Trustee Code of Governance ● MT Conflict of Interest Policy |
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● MT Vulnerable People Policy ● Charity Commission ‘The Essential Trustee’ ● Charity Commission guidance on Public Benefit ● MT Trustee Declaration (Sign and return) ● MT Trustee Induction Table (Sign and return) |
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| SECTION C: | OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES |
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| Summary of the Objects of the charity set out in its Governing Document. | <p>The Objects of the CIO are, for the public benefit, to advance education, and environmental protection and improvement;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) in countries where mahseer species are present by promoting, sustaining and increasing individual and collective knowledge and understanding of mahseer species, and skills and expertise in conservation and aquaculture; (b) in the wider world, to carry out and contribute to research to add to the collective knowledge and understanding of the mahseer species, their life cycle, habitat and their conservation; (c) to contribute to the education and development of young people by training them in conservation; (d) to contribute to the conservation of mahseer species in their natural environment and to encourage and assist international knowledge transfer. |
| Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these Objects. | <p>With reference to the key objectives defined above:</p> <p><i>Capacity building</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● May / June 2021: Steve Lockett and Adrian Pinder had a series of meetings with Yashada Kulkarni, ecosystems communication specialist, to review how MT can improve messaging performance. ● Ongoing: Discussions with interested parties to reinvigorate Mahseer Trust India and establish Mahseer Trust Nepal. <p><i>Research</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● April 2021 (ongoing): Hump-backed mahseer field studies in Kerala, India. ● May - July 2021: Sushan Mani Shakya and Steve Lockett developed an integrated identification protocol and data collection spreadsheet for use in all future mahseer studies. Genetic profiling in collaboration with Centre for Molecular Dynamics, Nepal. ● October 2021: Adrian Pinder and Rajeev Raghavan hosted an online meeting with expert taxonomists Dr Ralf Britz and Rohan |

Pethiyagoda. The aim of this meeting was to identify strategies to resolve mahseer species of taxonomic uncertainty and revise Red List assessments.

- March 2022: Following contact from Barry Hanningan, began collating photo records of mahseer from Nepali rivers for future study.

Education and Outreach

- May - September 2021: Paromita Ray (Communications Officer) and Steve Lockett worked to create an online education forum called Mahseer Monday Q & A. Recording short videos where experts answered a single question posed by MT followers, which were subsequently shared on social media outlets.
- June 2021 onwards: Steve Lockett worked with Dencin Thampy to make hump-backed mahseer research findings available in local Malayalam language relevant to the study area in Kerala.
- July 2021: Final work to streamline a small fish, citizen science project (Koile Meen Project) in a critical mahseer habitat between Steve Lockett and Gopakumar Menon of Nityata River Otter Conservancy.
- March 2022: Steve Lockett began planning mahseer-themed articles for Learn With Comics, an Indian start-up education platform.
- Ongoing: contact with those working in other areas of freshwater taxa or ecosystems/habitats. In particular, those working on crocodiles, plankton and aquatic birds.
- Throughout the year, Steve Lockett continued to post updates and news on social media platforms, send newsletters to those with interest and worked with Wikipedia, India Biodiversity Portal and Fishbase to update listings on mahseer species' identities, distributions and threats.
- With remote conferencing continuing due to ongoing pandemic travel restrictions, team members gave keynote, closing or commentary talks at the following webinars:
 - Impacts and Management of Invasive Alien Species in Freshwater by Biodiversity Collaborative, India
 - India's National Mission on Biodiversity and Human Well-being workshop on Impacts and Management of Invasive Alien Species (IAS) in Freshwater Ecosystems
 - The Nature Conservancy - India: Freshwater Ecosystem Conservation workshop

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| | <p><i>International knowledge transfer</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● April 2021: Along with Nepal Lead Officer, Sushan Mani Shakya, Steve Lockett lead discussions between Unmesh Katwate, Indian fish researcher and various fish researchers in Nepal to develop shared capacity building. ● July 2021: First contacts with officials working on mahseer conservation breeding in Bangladesh. Steve Lockett discussing with Istiak Sobhan of World Bank, Dhaka. ● March 2022 (ongoing): Began discussion on a range-country-wide forum to counter destructive fishing methods. Steve Lockett had remote contact with those with experience of combating destructive fishing use in: India, Nepal and Indonesia. <p>We confirm the Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on Public Benefit</p> |
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| Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information) | |
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| <p>You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● policy on grant making; ● policy programme related investment; ● contribution made by volunteers. | N/A |

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| SECTION D: | ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE |
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| <p>Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year</p> | <p><i>Scientific papers</i></p> <p>Everard, M., Pinder, A. C., Claussen, J. E., & Orr, S. (2021). Assessing the societal benefits of mahseer (<i>Tor spp.</i>) fishes to strengthen the basis for their conservation. <i>Aquatic Conservation: Marine and Freshwater Ecosystems</i>, 31(10), 2979-2986. https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1002/aqc.3683</p> |
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| SECTION E: | FINANCIAL REVIEW |
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| <p>Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves.</p> | <p>The Mahseer Trust maintains an operational reserve of £5,000 (five thousand pounds), which is deemed sufficient to meet any terminal liabilities that might arise on the closure of the Trust.</p> |
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| | These funds are held in a bank account. Future levels of reserves will be determined in accordance with any changes in the Trust's liabilities arising from changes in its levels of activity and expenditure. |
| Details of any funds materially in deficit | N/A |



| Further financial review details (Optional information) | |
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| <p>You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. | <p>Financial management was constrained by the closure of our account by our bankers in January 2022, due to an unnoticed administrative requirement from the bank. This has since been rectified and a new account is now operational.</p> <p>Income for the year totalled £1,916, with £325 coming from new Support Subscriptions, £1,590 from Donations, and £1 from bank interest. Donations totalling £660 were made as Gift Aid and £165 has been claimed in reimbursement from HMRC.</p> <p>Expenditure on activities in range countries continued to be limited 2021-22 by the ongoing SARS-CoV-2 pandemic.</p> <p>Expenditure totalled £925. £250 was spent on Outreach activities in India, £655 on promotional materials in the United Kingdom, and £20 was spent on Miscellaneous activities.</p> <p>An outstanding liability of £1,095 remains, being the final payment to the researcher on the Hump-backed Mahseer Research Project, which fell due in January 2021 but could not be completed due to the closure of our bank account. The Treasurer met this obligation from his personal funds and will be reimbursed in 2022-23.</p> <p>Funds held at the end of the reporting year totalled £25,017, well above our operational reserve.</p> |

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| SECTION F: | OTHER OPTIONAL INFORMATION |
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| SECTION G: | DECLARATION |
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| The trustees below declare that they have approved the trustees report above. | |
| Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees. | |
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| Trustee 1 | Trustee 2 |

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| Signatures |  |  |
| Full names | Dr Andrew Harrison | Dr Adrian Pinder |
| Position | Secretary | Chair |
| Date | 23/01/2023 | 23/01/2023 |



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| Charity Name The Mahseer Trust | | No (if any) 1167056 | | CC16a |
| Receipts and Payments Accounts | | | | |
| For the period from | Period start date 01/04/2021 | To | Period end date 31/03/2022 | |

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 | | | | | |
| Donations | 1,590 | - | - | 1,590 | - |
| Supporter subscriptions | 325 | - | - | 325 | 420 |
| Reimbursement | - | - | - | - | 322 |
| Income | 1 | - | - | 1 | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total (Gross income for AR) | 1,916 | - | - | 1,916 | 742 |
| A2 Asset and investment sales | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total receipts | 1,916 | - | - | 1,916 | 742 |
| A3 Payments | | | | | |
| Marketing | 655 | - | - | 655 | - |
| Administration | - | - | - | - | 270 |
| Conservation | - | - | - | - | 4,823 |
| Outreach | 250 | - | - | 250 | 1,075 |
| Miscellaneous | 20 | - | - | 20 | 38 |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | 925 | - | - | 925 | 6,206 |
| A4 Asset and investment purchases | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total payments | 925 | - | - | 925 | 6,206 |
| Net of receipts/(payments) | 991 | - | - | 991 | - 5,464 |
| A5 Transfers between funds | - | - | - | - | - |
| A6 Cash funds last year end | 24,037 | - | - | 24,037 | 29,501 |
| Cash funds this year end | 25,017 | - | - | 25,017 | 24,037 |

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 | Paypal Account | 1,324 | - | - |
| | Cheques to be deposited in new Lloyds Bank account applied for | 23,693 | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | Total cash funds | 25,017 | - | - |
| | (Agree balances with R&P account(s)) | OK | OK | OK |

| | Details | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
|---------------------------------|---------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| B2 Other monetary assets | | | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
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| | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
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| B3 Investment assets | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
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| | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
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| B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
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| | Details | Fund to which liability relates | Amount due (optional) | When due (optional) |
|-----------------------|--|---------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| B5 Liabilities | Final Payment to Dencin Rons Thampy for the Humpbacked Mahseer Project | Conservation | 1,095 | |
| | | | - | |
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| | Signature | Print Name | Date of approval |
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| Signed by two trustees on behalf of all the trustees |  | Ian Pett (Treasurer) | 28/12/2022 |
| |  | Adrian Pinder (Chair) | 29/12/2022 |

THE MAHSEER TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1167056

Accounts



MAHSEER TRUST

RIVERS - FISH - PEOPLE

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

| From | Period start date | | | To | Period end date | | |
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| | 1st | April | 2020 | | 31st | March | 2021 |

SECTION A: REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

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| Charity name | The Mahseer Trust |
| Other names charity is known by | N/A |
| Registered charity number (if any) | 1167056 |
| Charity's principal address | C/O Freshwater Biological Association |
| | River Laboratory, East Stoke |
| | Wareham |
| | Dorset, United Kingdom |
| | BH20 6BB |

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

| Trustee name | Office (if any) | Dates acted, if not for the whole year | Mechanism of appointment |
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| Ian Pett | Chair (01/04/2020 – 31/07/2020) Treasurer (08/10/2020 – Present) | Whole year | Majority vote of trustees |
| Adrian Pinder | Dir of Research (01/04/2020 – 31/07/2020) Acting Chair (01/08/2020 – 07/10/2020) Chair (08/10/2020 – Present) | Whole year | Majority vote of trustees |
| Derek D'Souza | India Regional Lead | Whole year | Majority vote of trustees |
| Andrew Harrison | Dir of Marketing and Comms / Acting Treasurer (01/04/2020 – 07/10/2020) Secretary (08/10/2020 – Present) | Whole year | Majority vote of trustees |

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any (For example, any custodian trustees)

| Name | Dates acted, if not for the whole year |
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| N/A | |

| Names and addresses of advisors (Optional information) | | |
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| Type of advisor | Name | Address |
| Freshwater ecosystem services | Dr Mark Everard | Associate Professor of Ecosystem Services, University of the West of England (UWE Bristol) |

| Name of Chief Executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information) |
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| Steve Lockett (08/10/2020 – Present) |

SECTION B: STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

| Description of the charity's trusts | |
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| Type of governing document (e.g. Trust Deed, Constitution) | Constitution, last amended 12/05/2016 |
| How the charity is constituted (e.g. Trust, Association, Company) | Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) |
| Trustee selection methods (e.g. appointed by, elected by) | Majority vote by existing trustees |

| Additional governance issues (Optional information) | |
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| <p>You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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. | <p>The charity is run entirely on a voluntary basis, with no paid employees. The organisational structure comprises a number of positions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Trustees ('Members' of the CIO) Responsible for management of the charity and all decisions. Only trustees having voting rights at board level. ● Officers Support the charity's objectives and closely involved with planning, but no voting rights at board level. ● Advisors Support the charity's objectives and provide advice on planning and other matters, but no voting rights at board level. ● Patrons Support the charity's objectives and assist with raising the profile of Mahseer Trust, but no voting rights at board level. ● Honorary Members Formally recognised by the trustees as contributing significantly to the charity's objectives, but no voting rights at board level. ● Supporters Individuals who pay an annual or one-off (lifetime) subscription to the charity to support the charity's objectives, but no voting rights at board level. <p>Trustees receive a 'Trustee Induction Pack', including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● MT Governing Document |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● MT Data Protection Policy ● MT Policy on the Acceptance and Refusal of Gifts and Donations ● MT Trustee Code of Governance ● MT Conflict of Interest Policy ● MT Vulnerable People Policy ● Charity Commission ‘The Essential Trustee’ ● Charity Commission guidance on Public Benefit ● MT Trustee Declaration (Sign and return) ● MT Trustee Induction Table (Sign and return) |
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| SECTION C: | OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES |
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| Summary of the Objects of the charity set out in its Governing Document. | <p>The Objects of the CIO are, for the public benefit, to advance education, and environmental protection and improvement;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) in countries where mahseer species are present by promoting, sustaining and increasing individual and collective knowledge and understanding of mahseer species, and skills and expertise in conservation and aquaculture; (b) in the wider world, to carry out and contribute to research to add to the collective knowledge and understanding of the mahseer species, their life cycle, habitat and their conservation; (c) to contribute to the education and development of young people by training them in conservation; (d) to contribute to the conservation of mahseer species in their natural environment and to encourage and assist international knowledge transfer. |
| Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these Objects. | <p>With reference to the key objectives defined above:</p> <p><i>Capacity building</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● April 2020: Special Board Meeting to discuss 'way ahead' for Mahseer Trust following discussions between Steve Lockett (MT Officer), Adrian Pinder and Ian Pett. Considering ways to streamline operations and involve more from within mahseer range countries. ● October 2020: Board approved the creation of the post of Executive Director and appointed Steve Lockett to the post. ● March 2021: Appointed Paromita Ray as Communications Officer. ● Ongoing: Discussions with interested parties to reinvigorate Mahseer Trust India and establish Mahseer Trust Nepal. <p><i>Research</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● December 2020 (ongoing): Discussions with local field researchers in Goa, and other neighbouring regions of south |

India, to study the fragile Western Ghats hill streams, formulate a project to conserve mahseer habitat (and for multiple freshwater species), and establish an education centre.

- January 2021 (ongoing): Hump-backed mahseer field studies in Kerala, India.

Education and outreach

- September - December 2020: Steve Lockett worked in partnership with Gopakumar Menon of Nityata River Otter Conservancy and Sneha Dharwadkar and Anuja Mital of Freshwater Turtles and Tortoises of India to create an online education forum.
- Throughout the year, Steve Lockett as MT Officer continued to post updates and news on social media platforms, send newsletters to those with interest and worked with Wikipedia, India Biodiversity Portal and Fishbase to update listings on mahseer species' identities, distributions and threats.
- With remote conferencing to the fore due to the pandemic, team members gave keynote, closing or commentary talks at the following webinars:
 - Zoological Survey of India freshwater invasive species
 - Nepal Hydroengineering College fish passes
 - Nepal National Conference on Zoology
 - Directorate of Coldwater Fisheries Research (India)
 - Kerala University of Fisheries and Ocean Studies biodiversity
 - St Albert's College (Kochi, India) freshwater biodiversity
 - Pokhara Forestry College World Otter Day
 - Kerala University biodiversity on World Fisheries Day
 - World Fish Migration Day (multiple events)
 - UN Economic Commission transboundary rivers
 - Mekong sedimentation and pollution
 - Indian National Biodiversity Conference
 - Centre for Education and Environment (India) water policy

International knowledge transfer

- April and May 2020: Steve Lockett and Adrian Pinder co-hosted a series of virtual meetings to discuss the impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic restrictions upon river habitats and associated

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| | <p>biodiversity. Attendees represented and presented on issues from: Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, China (report via Malaysia), India, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, and Thailand, plus a report from Vietnam.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 2020: Meeting to discuss investigation of mahseer species and distribution in Myanmar, and how to create a template for studies across all range countries. Attended by Steve Lockett, Adrian Pinder and Mark Everard from MT, along with representatives of Flora and Fauna International, Myanmar Fly Fishing Project and WWF-Myanmar. • May 2020 (ongoing): Working with Fisheries Conservation Foundation to create International Joint Partnerships for Mahseer Conservation (IJPMCs). Bodies with expertise across a range of fields to discuss how to approach common issues across Bhutan, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan and Thailand. <p>We confirm the Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission’s guidance on Public Benefit</p> |
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| Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information) | |
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| <p>You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • policy on grant making; • policy programme related investment; • contribution made by volunteers. | N/A |

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| SECTION D: | ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE |
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| <p>Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year</p> | <p><i>Scientific papers</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adrian C. Pinder, Rajeev Raghavan, J. Robert Britton, Steven J. Cooke. (2020) COVID-19 and biodiversity: The paradox of cleaner rivers and elevated extinction risk to iconic fish species. Aquatic Conservation 30(6), 1061 – 1062. https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1002/aqc.3416 • Adrian C. Pinder, Rajeev Raghavan, Shannon D. Bower, J. Robert Britton. (2020) Length-weight relationships of two conservation-concern mahseers (Teleostei: Cyprinidae: Tor) of the river Cauvery, Karnataka, India. Journal of Threatened Taxa 12 (10). https://threatenedtaxa.org/index.php/JoTT/article/view/6201/6913 |
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adrian C. Pinder, Rajeev Raghavan, J. Robert Britton. (September 2020) From scientific obscurity to conservation priority: Research on angler catch rates is the catalyst for saving the hump-backed mahseer <i>Tor remadevii</i> from extinction. Aquatic Conservation 30(9), 1809 - 1815. https://doi.org/10.1002/aqc.3335 WWF Forgotten Fishes (February 2021) https://wwfint.awsassets.panda.org/downloads/world_s_forgotten_fishes_report_final_1.pdf |
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| SECTION E: | FINANCIAL REVIEW |
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| Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves. | <p>The Mahseer Trust maintains an operational reserve of £5,000 (five thousand pounds), which is deemed sufficient to meet any terminal liabilities that might arise on the closure of the Trust.</p> <p>These funds are held in a bank account. Future levels of reserves will be determined in accordance with any changes in the Trust's liabilities arising from changes in its levels of activity and expenditure.</p> |
| Details of any funds materially in deficit | N/A |

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| Further financial review details (Optional information) |
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| <p>You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. | <p>Both income and expenditure on activities were limited in 2020-21 by the impact of the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic.</p> <p>The CIO's income for the year totalled £742, with £420 coming from new Support Subscriptions and £322 claimed as Gift Aid on Subscriptions and Donations made in this and previous years.</p> <p>Expenditure totalled £6,206. £4,823 was spent on Conservation projects in India, and £1,075 on Outreach activities in India. £308 was spent on Administration and Miscellaneous activities.</p> <p>Funds held at the end of the reporting year totalled £24,037, well above our operational reserve.</p> |
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| SECTION F: | OTHER OPTIONAL INFORMATION |
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SECTION G:**DECLARATION**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.

| | Trustee 1 | Trustee 2 |
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| Signatures |  |  |
| Full names | Dr Andrew Harrison | Dr Adrian Pinder |
| Position | Secretary | Chair |
| Date | 14/01/2022 | 14/01/2022 |



Receipts and Payments Accounts

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| For the period from | Period start date 01/04/2020 | To | Period end date 31/03/2021 |
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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 | | | | | |
| Donations | - | - | - | - | 1,686 |
| Supporter subscriptions | 420 | - | - | 420 | 19 |
| Reimbursement | 322 | - | - | 322 | - |
| Income | - | - | - | - | 10,532 |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total (Gross income for AR) | 742 | - | - | 742 | 12,237 |
| A2 Asset and investment sales | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total receipts | 742 | - | - | 742 | 12,237 |
| A3 Payments | | | | | |
| Marketing | - | - | - | - | - |
| Administration | 270 | - | - | 270 | - |
| Conservation | 4,823 | - | - | 4,823 | 3,649 |
| Outreach | 1,075 | - | - | 1,075 | 397 |
| Miscellaneous | 38 | - | - | 38 | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | 6,206 | - | - | 6,206 | 4,046 |
| A4 Asset and investment purchases | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total payments | 6,206 | - | - | 6,206 | 4,046 |
| Net of receipts/(payments) | - 5,464 | - | - | - 5,464 | 8,191 |
| A5 Transfers between funds | - | - | - | - | - |
| A6 Cash funds last year end | 29,501 | - | - | 29,501 | 21,310 |
| Cash funds this year end | 24,037 | - | - | 24,037 | 29,501 |

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 | Lloyds Bank | 23,513 | - | - |
| | PayPal | 524 | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | Total cash funds | 24,037 | - | - |
| | (Agree balances with R&P account(s)) | OK | OK | OK |

| Categories | Details | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
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| B2 Other monetary assets | | - | - | - |
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| Categories | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
|-----------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| B3 Investment assets | | | - | - |
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| Categories | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
|---|---------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
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| Categories | Details | Fund to which liability relates | Amount due (optional) | When due (optional) |
|-----------------------|---------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| B5 Liabilities | | | - | |
| | | | - | |
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| | Signature | Print Name | Date of approval |
|--|---|--------------------------|------------------|
| Signed by two trustees on behalf of all the trustees |  | Ian Pett (Treasurer) | 16/07/2021 |
| |  | Adrian Pinder (Chair) | 20/07/2021 |