

Trustees' Annual Report for the period								
From		Period start date			To		Period end date	
		01	01	2023			31	12

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Para La Tierra, For the Earth (PLT)		
Other names charity is known by	PLT		
Registered charity number (if any)	1172116		
Charity's principal address	19A The Fairfield		
	Farnham		
Postcode	GU9 8AJ		

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	Brendan Llewellyn		Whole year	
2	David Atkinson		Whole year	
3	Karina Atkinson		Whole year	
4	Penelope King		Whole year	
5	Jacqueline Hinton		Whole year	
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
N/A	

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
N/A		

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

N/A

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution (March 17 th 2017, no amendments)
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees or by unanimous consent by written resolution, by existing 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.

Section C Objectives and activities

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

The objects of the CIO are restricted to the following:

- a) to promote for the benefit of the public and visitors the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment by promoting biological diversity of South America;
- b) to advance the scientific knowledge of and provide information regarding the biological territory of Paraguay for the public benefit by supplying grants to undertake research;
- c) to advance the education of the public through the provision of opportunities to promote conservation of the natural environment;

to promote sustainable development for the benefit of the public by the

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)

preservation, conservation and the protection of the environment;
d) to promote sustainable development for the benefit of the public by the preservation, conservation and the protection of the environment
e) to advance the education of the public in subjects relating to the protection, enhancement and rehabilitation of the environment, and to promote study and research in these subjects, encouraging dissemination of results and outcomes to inform the public and policy makers at large; and
f) to promote the conservation of endangered species of birds resident in the Laguna Blanca, Paraguay including the crowned solitary eagle, white-winged nightjar and marsh seedeater, and vulnerable species that will become endangered if action is not taken.

On appointment and establishment of the charity in March 2017, trustees reviewed the Charities Act and the Charities Regulations 2008, and took the guidance as to operation for public benefit into consideration when planning all 2023 activities.

Object a) Supplied a grant for a communications officer to improve marketing of Paraguayan eco-experiences and raise awareness of Paraguayan biodiversity and conservation issues.

Object b) Grants were supplied to further biodiversity research in the field of ecology, to advance the scientific knowledge of and provide information about the biological territory of Paraguay for the public benefit. These included funding for researchers and equipment to continue research of hooded capuchin ecology and species assemblage of medium and large mammals in the Atlantic Forest, and studies of the health of the urban howler monkey population of Pilar.

Object c) Organisation of several trips to the Paraguayan Chaco and Atlantic Forest habitats for groups of environmental science students to boost the educational value of the internship experience and learn about local biodiversity of each distinct region.

Object d) An economically-beneficial reforestation programme was started with funding from The Rufford Foundation, benefitting an Mbya Guaraní indigenous community.

Object e) Education events were held in 15 rural and 5 indigenous schools in southern Paraguay to advance the education of the public in subjects relating to the protection, enhancement and rehabilitation of the environment, and to promote study and research in these subjects, encouraging dissemination of results and outcomes to inform the public and policy makers at large.

Object f) No change.

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

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Object a)

The updated social media strategy across multiple platforms developed in 2022 was implemented and was very successful at attracting more attention to conservation issues and potential solutions in Paraguay. Posts include details of ongoing research and education projects and offers opportunities for others to get involved. All platforms received an increase in followers and engagement.

Object b)

The charity made grants to fund two field workers in Paraguay, one in parasitology and one in primatology and environmental education and also project supervision and management. The primatological researcher published several scientific papers, spoke at two international conferences and implemented a reforestation programme in the Paraguayan Atlantic Forest. The parasitology researcher created Paraguay's first comprehensive project of urban primate health as well as a opportunistic parasite survey of other large mammal species in addition to supervising more than 20 undergraduate and masters students.

Object c)

Eight trips were undertaken by students from European and US universities to the Gran Chaco and Atlantic Forest habitats, allowing them access to little known and understudied habitats to help generate a passion for conserving threatened ecosystems.

Object d)

An economically-beneficial reforestation programme was started with a partner Indigenous Mbya Guaraní community. This programme combines reforestation of important Atlantic Forest native tree species with planting of the (also native) yerba mate cash crop tree. The people will gain a sustainable income from the harvest of the leaves (used to make a very popular tea) while the Atlantic Forest regenerates on previously deforested land. In 2023, 7 hectares were replanted (13,500 saplings) and 18 families are benefitting from the increased income.

Object e)

Every two months visits were conducted to rural and indigenous schools in Itapúa department. Several urban schools were visited in Pilar and a relationship was started with an agricultural college to train students in biological field research techniques. More than 2500 students (aged 5-21) took part in our educational programmes across the country.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

A Reserves Policy was written and accepted by Trustees in October 2018. The policy was reviewed and updated in September 2022 to reflect changes in CAF bank fees back to £5 from £8 per month that started in mid 2022.

The reserves that we have set aside provide financial stability and the means for the development of our principal activities, i.e. providing funding for biological research in Paraguay. Considering we have no employees or other strict financial obligations, next year we intend to maintain our reserves at a level which is at least equivalent to £150 to cover the £5 monthly Charities Aid Foundation bank fees for 12 months, as well as additional CAF bank fees and charges for transactions. In 2024 we intend to use the reserves at a rate of £5 per month, plus additional transaction fees.

The Trustees annually review the amount of reserves that are required to ensure that they are adequate to fulfil continuing obligations.

There were £18,335.93 in cash funds held in the charity's CAF bank account at the end of 2023.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

N/A

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.

A total of £15501.03 was paid in to the charity's account.

The charity received £8507.13 in private donations.

The charity received £6903.47 in grants - £6000 from The Rufford Foundation and £903.47 from The Alongside Wildlife Foundation.

The charity is registered with Amazon Smile and Easy Fundraising, which together raised a total of £55.06 in 2023.

The charity received £35.37 in interest.

No investments were made.

All expenditure in 2023 supported the key objectives of the charity.

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)	Karina Atkinson	David Atkinson
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	Trustee
Date	03/09/2024	



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FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Para La Tierra - For The Earth (PLT)

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

1/1/2023

To

12/31/2023

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	8,598		-	8,598	18,296
Grants	-	6,903	-	6,903	-
Fundraising			-	-	469
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	8,598	6,903	-	15,501	18,765
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	8,598	6,903	-	15,501	18,765
A3 Payments					
CAF bank account fees	60	-	-	60	81
Grants	10,845	-	-	10,845	7,925
Equipment Donations	408	748	-	1,157	692
Bank Transfer Fees	12	-	-	12	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	11,326	748	-	12,074	8,698
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	11,326	748	-	12,074	8,698
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 2,728	6,155	-	3,427	10,067
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	10,539	4,370	-	14,909	4,842
Cash funds this year end	7,811	10,525	-	18,336	14,909

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	Held in CAF account	7,811	10,525	-
		-	-	
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	7,811	10,525	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

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

	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			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature



Print Name

Karina Atkinson

Date of approval

9/3/2024



David Atkinson

9/3/2024