



# **Southern Thailand Elephant Foundation**

Charity Number: 1176322

## **Trustees' Annual Report & Financial Statements Year to 30 November 2022**

1 January 2023

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### **for the Financial Period from 1 December 2021 to 30 November 2022**

## **Reference & Administration Details**

### **Charity Details:**

**Southern Thailand Elephant Foundation**

**Registered Charity No 1176322**

**Registered Office: ISCA Management Ltd., 31 Warren Avenue, Richmond-upon-Thames, TW10 5DZ, UK**

**TRUSTEES** Sir Richard Armstrong CBE MA (President)  
Dr Andrew Higgins BVetMed MSc PhD FRSB FRCVS (Chairman)  
Roger Clark MA FCA ATII (Treasurer)  
Brian da Cal BA MSc (appointed 5 January 2022)  
Dr Fieke Molenaar MSc GPCert(ExAP) DZooMed MRCVS  
(appointed 14 November 2022)  
Peter Laurie MA  
Gillian Newsum BA  
Amy Stevens BA CFRE  
Jakrapob Thaotad BSc PGDip

**BANKERS** Metro Bank Plc  
One Southampton Row  
London WC1B 5HA

**INDEPENDENT  
EXAMINER** Thomas Absolon FCMA  
ISCA Management Ltd.  
31 Warren Avenue  
Richmond upon Thames  
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### **History**

The Charity was established in 2017 and constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). It was entered onto the Register of Charities in England and Wales with Registered Charity Number 1176322 on 18 December 2017.

### **Structure, Governance and Management**

The Charity is governed by a Constitution dated 15 December 2017. The Objects of the Charity include the conservation and protection of Asian elephants and the improvement of their natural environment; providing veterinary care, protection, treatment and security for elephants in need by reason of sickness, maltreatment, poor circumstances or ill-usage; public education and the promotion of humane behaviour towards elephants and encouraging an appreciation of the importance of elephant welfare and the need to prevent cruelty and suffering.

The Charity is controlled by Trustees selected for their expertise and knowledge of elephant management, health and welfare, Thailand, finance, and other appropriate areas. Trustees who have served during the year are set out on page 2. New Trustees are appointed with the specific needs of the Charity in mind in terms of skills, expertise, experience, and knowledge at the time of the vacancy. New Trustee induction includes providing copies of the governing documents, objectives and policy of the Charity, minutes of prior meetings, and Annual and financial reports. Upon appointment, new Trustees are inducted by the Chairman and other Trustees. Existing Trustees are provided with training as and when required. The Trustees meet at least four times a year to review policy and progress and oversee the operation of the Charity.

The Trustees declare that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers or duties.

During the year, Mr Brian da Cal BA MSc and Dr Fieke Molenaar MSc GPCert(ExAP) DZooMed MRCVS were appointed as Trustees for three years, and Mrs Gillian Newsum completed her first term in office and was re-elected for a further term of one year.

The Charity employed one part-time staff member on a consultancy arrangement during the year and in addition benefitted from the help of unpaid volunteers.

## **Activities, Achievements and Plans**

The principal focus of the Charity is the veterinary care and welfare of the Asian elephant, using the highest possible standards, and the provision of education to increase knowledge of the elephant, its health, and cultural role in Thailand. To help achieve the Charity's objectives in the fifth year of operation, the Trustees have developed exposure through social media, regular Newsletters and News updates on the website, as well as progressing with a fundraising strategy. The charity's logo and branding were updated to enhance digital promotion.

During the year, the Trustees prioritised providing funds and expertise to Southern Thailand Elephant Foundation Thailand (STEFT) for the completion of its Elephant Hospital at its Veterinary Centre near Khok Kloi. STEFT is registered as a charitable organisation with the Governorate of Phang Nga, number พง000000003/2561 dated 27 September 2018). The Centre was officially opened in June 2022. A Mobile Clinic is operated by STEFT veterinarians and ancillary staff, and covers 1,500-2,000 km per month, often serving remote areas. The hospital and mobile clinic provide free veterinary services, education, and advice to benefit the Asian elephant.

STEFT works closely with Thai government officials by helping with routine elephant health checks, providing emergency veterinary cover, offering a rapid diagnostic service for the often-fatal elephant endotheliotropic herpesvirus (EEHV), and in the distribution of EEHV guidelines. In May, STEFT participated with the government Krabi Elephant Hospital in conducting annual inspections of 381 elephants in Phuket, Phang Nga and Surat Thani provinces and tested 32 juveniles for EEHV. The STEFT Veterinary team undertook additional health inspections in September in Phang Nga province checking 116 elephants.

Thanks to the support of STEF, STEFT treated 101 elephant patients during the year throughout the southern provinces. Conditions ranged from malnutrition and weakness, trauma, and parasitic infestations to more specific diseases and injuries. Many elephants were provided with supplements and antiparasitic treatments for internal and external parasites. Blood tests and other routine laboratory investigations were conducted in the STEFT hospital laboratory. Advice and guidance are always given to try and minimise injury and prevent disease. Nine patients were admitted to the STEFT hospital, of which seven had gastrointestinal problems requiring intensive care for 7-16 days, one case was admitted for 45 days for wound recovery, and one case of weakness and malnutrition required admission and treatment for 14 days.

In addition to the completion of the elephant hospital, further items of laboratory and clinical equipment have been purchased and installed. Overnight rooms for up to four visitors were completed, as was basic accommodation for elephant carers. An unexpected but major investment was required following very heavy rains that caused serious damage to the drains and to the surface of the 0.9 km of track linking the site with the main public road. These urgent and essential repairs were completed in May 2022 and the costs met by STEFT locally, and through major donations to STEF from key supporters. A priority for the next year is to raise funds to install 3-phase electricity.

The Trustees believe that the STEFT Veterinary Centre meets an urgent health and welfare need in Phang Nga and neighbouring Provinces where there is no local veterinary facility for elephants, and the Centre serves to support communities, often in isolated, rural areas. The Trustees consider these aspirations are fully compatible with the aims and objectives of the Charity.

The Trustees believe that through veterinary care, education, science, and by example, the Charity can help in the protection and care of Thailand's elephants and assist in the conservation of this endangered species.

## **Financial Review**

### **Acknowledgements**

The Trustees are most grateful for the support received from major trusts and corporate and individual donors during the year. Particular thanks are offered to The Graham Kirkham Foundation, The Alborada Trust, The Hawthorne Trust, The Ofenheim Trust, The Two R's Charitable Trust, The Jean Sainsbury Animal Welfare Trust, The Marjorie Coote Animal Charity Trust, The Marchig Animal Welfare Trust, The Anthony V. Martin Charitable Foundation, The Beryl Evetts and Robert Luff Animal Welfare Trust, The Animal Defence Trust, The Martin Wills Wildlife Maintenance Trust, The Michael and Shirley Hunt Charitable Trust, The Robert Clutterbuck Charitable Trust and generous contributions from many others.

### **Statement of the Charity's Policy on Reserves**

The Charity aims to hold the equivalent of six months' unrestricted operating costs as free reserves. This policy is reviewed regularly. At the end of the period, the charity held free reserves totalling £31,619.

### **Details of Any Funds Materially in Deficit**

The Trustees declare that the charity had no funds which were materially in deficit at the date of the statement of assets and liabilities.

### **State of the Charity's Finances**

The attached Receipts and Payments Account shows that in the year to 30 November 2022 the Charity raised £92,660 (2021, £96,007), made grants of £62,674 (2021, £81,130) to STEFT and spent £6,215 (2021, £1,504) on administrative assistance. IT and fundraising costs totalled £16,107 (2021, £4,700). The Charity returned a surplus of £6,518 in the period, which was used to bolster the free reserves and in order to fund future works to the veterinary hospital. The Trustees are satisfied that STEF is in a sustainable position as we move forward into 2023. As a charitable organisation, STEFT actively raises funds in Thailand to support running costs and through its veterinary volunteer programme. The STEF Trustees plan to continue to support STEFT with periodic capital assistance, operating costs and in its educational objectives so promoting the work of the charity in providing veterinary care and attention to needy elephants.

### **Particulars of Any Outstanding Guarantee Given by the Charity**

The Trustees declare that the charity has given no guarantee where potential liability is outstanding at the date of the statement of assets and liabilities.

**Particulars of Any Outstanding Debt**

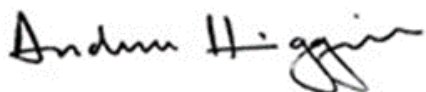
The Trustees declare that the charity has no outstanding debts which are secured by an express charge on any of the assets of the charity at the date of the statement of assets and liabilities.

**Trustees**

No trustee received any remuneration. No Trustee expenses were reimbursed. The Trustees have Indemnity Insurance with AXA Insurance UK Plc at an annual premium for 2022 of £336.

**Declaration**

The Trustees declare that they have approved this report and authorised that it be signed on their behalf.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Higgins', written in a cursive style.

Chair for and on behalf of the Trustees

Date: 1 January 2023

Southern Thailand Elephant Foundation  
Charity registration number 1176322

Receipts and Payments  
Year to 30 November 2022

Year to  
30 Nov 2021

<b>Receipts</b>	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
Donations	44,861	47,500	92,361	95,691
Tax repayments	299		299	316
Total receipts	45,160	47,500	92,660	96,007
<b>Payments</b>				
Grants to STEF Thailand	32,674	30,000	62,674	81,130
Website and IT	1,820		1,820	2,528
Fundraising	1,787	12,500	14,287	2,182
Insurance	336		336	304
Government fees	35		35	
Sundries	776		776	132
Administrative assistance	6,215		6,215	1,504
Total payments	43,642	42,500	86,142	87,780
Balance for year	1,518	5,000	6,518	8,227
Balance at beginning of year	25,101		25,101	16,874
Balance at end of year	26,619	5,000	31,619	25,101

**Balance sheet at 30 November 2022**

Surplus receipts	26,619	5,000	31,619	£ 25,101
Represented by Cash at bank	26,619	5,000	31,619	25,101
Total	£ 26,619	£ 5,000	£ 31,619	£ 25,101

# Independent examiner's report on the accounts

## Section A

## Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name  
**Southern Thomas Belpash Foundation**

On accounts for the year  
ended

**30th November 2022**

Charity no  
(if any)

**1176322**

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **30.11.2022**

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent  
examiner's statement

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

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

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

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

**ACU**

Date:

**04/01/2023**

Name:

**Thomas Charles Abscon**

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body

**F.C.M.A.**

(if any):

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## Section B

### Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

