



## **Alma Group**

**Trustee Annual Report for the Period: 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022 – 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023.**

### **Aim and purpose**

Alma Group aims to advance the conservation and improvement of the physical and natural environment for the benefit of the public in any part of the world by providing capacity building activities, advancing environmental education, raising awareness and carrying out scientific research.

### **Objectives and activities**

During the planning of our objectives and activities for the year, the board of trustees specifically considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. In particular, the 'Objectives and activities' and 'Achievements and performance' sections provide a brief summary of the efforts undertaken for the overall aim to improve the physical and natural environment, together with a confirmation that the board of trustees have had regard to our guidance on public benefit.

The primary objectives during this period were to:

- Support the Ba Nyamo Tanko project
- Raise awareness of the project and charity using communication channels

### **Achievements and performance**

This year, Alma Group continued to support the \$80,000 project entitled Ba Nyamo Tanko following the successful application to the International Coral Reef Initiative Small Grants Programme in 2021 to its completion.

Following the successful establishment of a dedicated webpage for the project ([Ba Nyamo Tanko — ALMA \(alma-org.co.uk\)](https://www.ba-nyamo-tanko.org)) and a twitter page ([Ba Nyamo Tanko \(@BaNyamoTanko\) / Twitter](https://twitter.com/BaNyamoTanko)), content has been regularly uploaded and shared via these platforms. This has included training workshops with students and local fisher folk.

Alma Group has assisted in the analyses of the monitoring data and the end of project report for the funder. We also assisted the project coordinator present the project at the Blue Forest webinar organised by the Norwegian Blue Forests Network in late November 2022 and have supported an application for further representation at the Final Scientific Symposium of the MAVA Foundation, which operated in the Mediterranean and West Africa providing funding to environmental projects since the early 1990s, in May 2023.

Alma Group has also been looking for further funding for a continuation of Ba Nyamo Tanko or additional projects, and we are planning to submit an application to the Global Environment's Facility Inclusive Challenge Program in May, 2023.

### **Financial review**

The balances carried forward on the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022 on unrestricted funds totalled £49.98. Between 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023, total receipts on unrestricted

funds amounted to £463.00. These funds were obtained through a donation of £370 from one of the trustees on the 12<sup>th</sup> of October, and another donation of £88 from another trustee on the 12<sup>th</sup> of November. A further £5.00 was donated through the Amazon smiles scheme on the 9<sup>th</sup> of May.

A total of £494.00 was spent on the hosting of the website by Bluehost, and the website template through Squarespace Inc. Between the period in question, total expenditure was £494.00.

The net result for the year was an excess of receipts over payments by £31.

Adding bank and deposit balances brought forward at the beginning of the year, the balances carried forward on the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022 on unrestricted funds total £18.79.

### **Structure, governance and management**

Alma Group is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and is governed by its constitution. The board of trustees are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the charity including on how any funds are spent. The method of appointment to the board of trustees is set out within the constitution. The board of trustee's met a total of seven times during this period. During these meetings all trustees were present. In July, during one such board of trustees meeting, Samuel Fletcher submitted his resignation to the board. This was subsequently accepted. In October 2022, trustees unanimously agreed to reappoint Patricia Arenas Gonzalez to the board for an additional period of 2 years.

### **Reference and administrative details**

Charity name: Alma Group

Registered charity number: 1183977

Charity's principal address: 147 Manor Drive North, York, YO26 5SD.

### **Current Board of Trustees:**


Alexander Kent

Maria Potouroglou

Patricia Arenas Gonzalez

### **Declarations**

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

Signature(s):   
Full name(s): Alexander Kent  
Position: Head Trustee  
Date: 29/08/2023

Signature(s):   
Full name(s): Maria Potouroglou  
Position: Trustee  
Date: 29/08/2023

Signature(s): 


Full name(s): Patricia Arenas Gonzalez

Position: Trustee



Date: 15/11/2023

## ALMA GROUP

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> OF JANUARY 2022

 CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES	Alma Group			1183977		CC16a
	Receipts and payments accounts					
	For the period from	01/02/2022	To	31.01/2023		
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						
Private Donations	458	-	-	458	100	
Amazon Smile	5	-	-	5	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	463	-	-	463	100	
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).						
	-	-	-	-		
	-	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	
Total receipts	463	-	-	463	100	
A3 Payments						
Bluehost	259	-	-	259	121	
Squarespace Inc	235	-	-	235	29	
	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	494	-	-	494	150	
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)						
	-	-	-	-		
	-	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	
Total payments	494	-	-	494	150	
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 31	-	-	- 31	- 50	
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-	
A6 Cash funds last year end	50	-	-	50	-	
Cash funds this year end	19	-	-	19	- 50	

## 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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Current Account Balance	19	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	19	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details			
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Alexander Kent	29/08/2023	
		Maria Potouroglou	29/08/2023	