



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 20/09/2019 Period start date
Period end date

To 31/12/2020

Charity name: Reforest Africa

Charity registration number: 1185419

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	Reforest Africa's vision is to see "Native forests recovering across Africa", with the following mission: Our mission is to develop and implement techniques for ecological restoration, conservation and monitoring of African forests for wildlife and people.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	The charity has no UK based employed members of staff. Trustees have been engaged in writing funding proposals to foundations to raise funds to support the building of a botanical garden in Tanzania
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	

Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	In this 2019-2020 Reforest Africa was successful in gaining a first grant from Frankinia Foundation to establish a botanic garden in Tanzania. The funds were received in 2021 and activities commenced in that reporting period.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

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Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The charity's financial position is £0. Fondation Franklinia funds received in the following financial year.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Given that we have received no income, the trustees have agreed that it is not necessary to hold reserves.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£0
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	No income received by the charity to date.
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	£0 (see answer below)
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	The charity has been unsuccessful in efforts to open a UK bank account – our application to Barclays was rejected. The reason given was that Barclays is divesting from support to Africa. Our application to Natwest was also cancelled due to long delays during the Covid 19 pandemic - Natwest failed to respond within 3 months of submitting our application, then cancelled our application due to inactivity, despite the inactivity being on the side of the bank(!) Please can the charity commission provide some suggestions of suitable banks that would be likely to accept our application for opening a charity account?

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	The charity has been unsuccessful in efforts to open a UK bank account – our application to Barclays was rejected. The reason given was that Barclays is divesting from support to Africa. Our application to Natwest was also cancelled due to long delays during the Covid 19 pandemic - Natwest failed to respond within 3 months of submitting our application, then cancelled our application due to inactivity, despite the inactivity being on the side of the bank(!) Please can the charity commission provide some suggestions of suitable banks that would be likely to accept our application for opening a charity account?
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	

A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Ability to open a bank account is the primary limiting factor at present as this limits the financial security of the charity
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution of Charitable Incorporated Organisation; Mode of Operation
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Appointment of charity trustees (1) Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees. (2) In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Reforest Africa
Other name the charity uses	NA

Registered charity number	1185419
Charity's principal address	5 The Crescent Princes Risborough HP 27 0HT

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	Robin Loveridge			
2	Antje Ahrends			
3	Cara Marshall			
4	Andrew Marshall			
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Corporate trustees - names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	NA
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	NA
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	NA

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

	
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Full name(s)

Robin Loveridge	
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Position (eg
Secretary, Chair, etc)

Trustee	
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Date

09/11/2021
