



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 31/10/2019 **Period start date**
To 31/12/2020 **Period end date**

Charity name: YAKUM

Charity registration number: 1186064

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>The objects of the CIO are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) to promote for the benefit of indigenous communities the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and ecological environment, including but not limited to restoring vulnerable and important ecosystems using regenerative agroforestry, to provide economic and nutritional alternatives to deforestation.b) To advance the education of the public in the restoration, conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment by provision of educational videos and workshops on climate science, deforestation, agroforestry for communities and for social media and documenting information on Amazon useful plants and their medicinal/nutritional properties to share amongst rainforest 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Reforestation of indigenous territories with important trees producing key medicines, foods, and materials, which benefit the community directly through ecosystem services, improved access to food, improve nutrition and health, reinforce cultural knowledge and identity, and provide livelihood.2. Mapping territories improves forest management and provides communities with insight into economic, educational and cultural opportunities which contribute to conservation.

		<p>3. Workshops based around soil improvement, to improve food production and sequesters carbon.</p> <p>4. Workshops and follow-up on processing food provides a way for Amazonians to conserve their foods out of their short fruit seasons (Amazonian climate makes food rot incredibly fast and outside of fruit season there is little access to important vitamins), and alternative livelihoods.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Trustees have read and discussed all Charity Commission guidance on being a Trustee of a charity.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	We do not give grants.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	We do not make investments, although we consider our field work to be investments in forest conservation,
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Volunteers in Ecuador attending work “minga” days to help bagging up saplings and planting trees in Napo province. Volunteers in indigenous communities helping to carry out and monitor reforestation in their territory, support from them to accommodate our staff during visits. Volunteer support in communications and artwork from UK and Spanish friends. Some in-person medium-term volunteers have participated in diverse activities.
Other		N/A

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Planted thousands of trees of cultural importance, some critically endangered trees. - Begun to create promising youth groups interested and active in conservation and monitoring of forests, reforestation and collection of seeds. - Created a network of foreign, local and indigenous people in Ecuador interested in collaborating on reforestation. - Made 28 maps representing threats to, and opportunities in, 24,000 hectares of primary Siekopai forest. - Trained 11 Siekopai in use of GPS units and 6 in use of satellite monitoring software to make maps and detect reforestation. - Carried out our first complete reforestation project over 1.7 hectares with 97% survival over its first 4 months. - Generated goodwill, trust and mutual respect in four indigenous nations as a base to do impactful work with them in 2021.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	YAKUM set out to plant 8,000 trees in 2019-2020. Our monitoring and evaluation shows that we exceeded this target and planted out almost 10,000 trees.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	Our fundraising targets were fallen well short of, due to unpredicted COVID-19 economic shutdown and funders closing their doors for most of 2020. In August 2021 we have only just reached stability of where we expected to be in summer 2020.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	Between UK and Ecuador YAKUM NGOs, we had £23,388 income in 2019 and £23,128 in 2020. In terms of in-community field work we planted 10,000 trees over this time, calculating at some £5.27 per tree planted (this includes in-country salaries for team).

		We also carried out a project to map out forest resources and areas of importance in Siekopai forests covering 24,000 hectares. We consider this achievement tree-wise as somewhat low as our field accessibility in 2020 due to COVID was limited for 8months. In 2021 we aim to plant 30,000 trees and for this to calculate at £2-3 per tree based on our 2021 total budget.
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Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The charity holds £1,271 as donations received to be paid out next year.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	We do not have a reserves policy as last year we scraped by and have never really been in a position to be able to have a reserve. In our first operating year, the COVID-19 pandemic caused great difficulty for YAKUM.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£1,271
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	We had some concern about this in 2020 when the funding environment was incredibly complex. Now in 2021 we are comfortable and are about to reach our fundraising goals for 2021 (and have more or less secured 2022).

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Grant-giving organisations (approx. 80%) 2. Private companies (10%) 3. Individuals (10%)
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	We do not invest money so have no policy.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	<p>The nature of our work is risky in that nature can cause setbacks in the field work. Nurseries full of plants can be lost to leafcutter ants, rivers burst banks and cover planted areas in silt.</p> <p>YAKUM is not resilient to financial disaster either; during COVID-19 we suffered loss of</p>

		<p>partially negotiated funds. Funders we were building relationships with became unable to offer funds. Due to this we have been unable to build a strong reserves and strategy.</p> <p>Indigenous communities can be risky to work with due to tenuous land ownership rights and a culture which does not agree with medium-term plans nor contracts, and Spanish (the language we work in) being their second language.</p> <p>Ecuador's government can undermine conservation, finances many destructive projects which cause damage to ecosystems and cultures.</p> <p>COVID-19 makes it complex for us to mobilise at times and there is risk of transport closures, contagion and unpredictable economic situations in 2021.</p>
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Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		Foundation CIO
Type of governing document	Para 1.25	Constitution for Foundation CIO
How is the charity constituted?	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	<p>(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.</p> <p>(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.</p>

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	<p>We do not have any as such but would follow Charity Commission suggestions for this procedure as all Trustees have been on the board from the beginning. From Constitution: The Charity Trustees will make available to each new Charity Trustee, on or before his or her first appointment:</p> <p>(a) A copy of the current version of this constitution and</p>
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		(b) A copy of the CIO's latest Trustees' Annual Report and Statement of Accounts.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The Charity has four Trustees located in the UK and its Director is field-based in Ecuador. The Director reports quarterly to the Trustees on field activities.
Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)		(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.
Corporate trustees – Director name		Nicholas Charles George Ovenden

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	YAKUM
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1186064
Charity's principal address	2 BARKER CLOSE RICHMOND TW9 4ET

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	Alexander McFarlane-Watts			
2	Georgina White			
3	Hamza Aynashe			
4	Zygmunt de Goris Jedrzejowski		Appointed 16/09/2021	

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
Nicholas Charles George Ovenden		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
N/A		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	Trustees do not hold assets, YAKUM does not hold assets in the UK. We receive funds in the UK which are transferred to Ecuador for field work to be carried out by a partner NGO in Ecuador.
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	No assets held. We do not hold any funds on custodianship, but donated money does not fall within the custodianship rules and the money instantly becomes the property of the charity rather than the donors fund.
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	No assets are held in the UK.

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Accountants	Best4business Accountants & Co. Ltd.	44-45 Beaufort Court, Admirals Way, London E14 9XL

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)	<i>A.McFarlane-Watts</i>	
Full name(s)	Alexander McFarlane-Watts	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	
Date	28.10.2021	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
YAKUM

No (if any)
1186064

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
31/10/2019

To

Period end date
31/12/2020

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	28,702	-	-	28,702	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	28,702	-	-	28,702	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	28,702	-	-	28,702	-
A3 Payments					
Donations out	26,705	-	-	26,705	-
Service fees	34	-	-	34	-
Legal fees	450	-	-	450	-
Insurance	242	-	-	242	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	27,431	-	-	27,431	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	27,431	-	-	27,431	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,271	-	-	1,271	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	1,271	-	-	1,271	-

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	Bank account	1,238	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	1,238	-	-

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Debtors	33	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	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			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
<i>A. McFarlane-Watts</i>	Alex McFarlane-Watts	28.10.2021



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

YAKUM

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 DECEMBER 2020

**Charity no
(if any)**

1186064

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2020.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Signed:

Date:

28/10/2021

Name:

JOHN ATTHEY

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

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LONDON E14 9XL

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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.