

# THE PANGOLIN PROJECT CIO

England & Wales · Charity number 1190187

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2020-06-30

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE OBJECT OF THE CIO IS THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CONSERVATION OF SPECIES OF WILDLIFE WHICH ARE IN DANGER OF EXTINCTION IN THE WILD STATE, AND CONSERVATION OF THE HABITAT ON WHICH THEY DEPEND, PARTICULARLY (BUT WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE GENERALITY OF THE FOREGOING) AS THIS RELATES TO THE PRESERVATION OF THE PANGOLIN.

**Activities:** The Pangolin Project CIO supports the activities of the Pangolin Project in Kenya which is dedicated to the conservation of the pangolin, an animal in danger of extinction primarily from illegal poaching. The objectives of the PP are:1. To build knowledge and awareness 2. To identify and implement proven protection strategies3. To develop protocols to respond to reports of illegal activity.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- **Area of benefit:** OVERSEAS
- Kenya
- Throughout England And Wales

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£67,935	£100,795	-	-
2024-03-31	£49,925	£55,933	-	-
2023-03-31	£75,577	£66,362	-	-
2022-03-31	£61,753	£220	-	-
2021-03-31	£3,000	£24	-	-

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## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
James Gordon McIntosh		2020-06-30
Katie Abigail Hamilton		2020-06-30
Rowena Margaret Okell		2020-06-30

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# Accounts

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## THE PANGOLIN PROJECT

### The Pangolin Project CIO Trustees' Annual Report

April 2024 – March 2025

#### Summary

The Pangolin Project CIO continues to support the work of the Pangolin Project in Kenya. The project was set up in 2020 and is dedicated to the conservation of Pangolin in Kenya and the habitat on which they depend. Public awareness of pangolin was generated by reports of the huge illegal trade in pangolin scales and pangolin meat.

Although pangolin have been present in Kenya for many years little was known about the size of the population or its activities. Initially the project concentrated on the Temminck's Ground Pangolin with three key objectives:

- i) Research and Monitoring of Ground Pangolin populations
- ii) Awareness, education and training of communities and partners
- iii) Rapid response to and rehabilitation of injured and trafficked pangolin.

The project started with a small group of employees carrying out surveillance with camera traps, training rangers to identify and report on pangolin, and engaging local communities through awareness programmes. In 2020 – 2021 over 70 sightings of pangolin were reported. The project employed 2 consultants on data analysis who were able to produce reports on the distribution of pangolin and their behaviour. This information and greater public awareness enabled early intervention in the illegal poaching activities.

In June 2021 a report was received of the sighting of a Giant Ground Pangolin in the Nyekweri Forest in the west of the Masai Mara. This was the first sighting of this species since 1951. TPP Kenya therefore decided to transfer its base and operational activities to the Nyekweri Ecosystem. This lies on the western edge of the Greater Mara Ecosystem. It is a forest ecosystem interspersed with grassland with forest tendrils tumbling down the Siria Escarpment onto the well known Mara Serengeti savannah. Nyekweri is the most biodiverse area of the Greater Mara Ecosystem and is an essential refuge for all species from the savannah. The area is home to a number of unique Congo Guinea species and is the only known location of Giant Ground Pangolin in Kenya.

TPP Kenya partnered with 2 community conservancies that are connected and cover an area of 37,050 acres:

**Kimintet Forest Trust Conservancy** which is comprised of larger land parcels and covers an area of 22,477 acres



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**Oloirien Forest Trust Conservancy** which lies to the south of Kimintet. Landowners generally own very small parcels of land. It covers approximately 14820 acres,

TPP also works with 2 other conservancies in the Nyekweri ecosystem:

**Maasai Moran Forest Trust** This covers 2396 hectares and connects Oloirien and the Maasai Mara National Reserve. It is essential for giraffe calves and wildlife corridors to and from the forest.

**Oloisikut Conservancy** which lies on the northern edge of the Nyekweri Ecosystem and links the conservancies of Mara North and Naiboishi to Nyakweri.

Through the ongoing research and monitoring by the TPP team it became apparent that the greatest threats to pangolin and other wildlife are deforestation and habitat loss. The land has been subdivided into land parcels ranging in size from 12 acres to 300 acres and allocated to individual landowners. In order to secure their land the owners have fenced it with electric fencing which presents a potentially lethal trap for pangolin. In passing through the fences the pangolin scales become caught on the wires. The attempts to free themselves from the wire exacerbate the electric shocks emitted, often with fatal consequences. The forest has been cleared to make space for livestock grazing and agriculture. In addition large areas have been given over to the commercial charcoal trade. It was estimated that since 2010 approximately 80% of the natural forest, and therefore the habitat for pangolin and other species had been lost.

The operational activities of TPP Kenya were therefore expanded. The aim was to engage landowners in schemes which would reduce deforestation. The initial scheme was for landowners to agree to a Memorandum of Understanding. They would be paid a certain amount – 7500ksh per year/per hectare of land on condition that:

- i) The forest was not cut
- ii) No fence was put though the forest
- iii) TPP were able to monitor the forest on the owner's land.

Meetings were held with landowners to explain the MoU. By October 2024, 132 landowners and more than 4,000 acres of forest was protected under the conditional payment scheme. Further work with landowners resulted in the removal of electricity from 142km of wire.

The intention was to progress the conditional payment scheme into conservation land lease agreements. These are agreements between a landowner and a conservation organization or government agency that restrict certain types of use or development of the land to protect its natural resources. The terms of a lease can vary widely depending on the objectives of the conservation effort, the characteristics of the land and the needs of the landowner. The leases need to balance the landowners ability to use the land and enjoy their property with the need to preserve its ecological or historical features.



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Lease signing began in April 2025 after a 12 month consultative process with the community and conservancies. 41 landowners who were in the forest payment scheme moved to a lease agreement and work continues to expand this scheme.

### Activities

#### 1. Monitoring and Research

The monitoring and research teams focus on two core themes:

- i) Monitoring of Giant Ground Pangolin
- ii) Monitoring of wider biodiversity.

Together these efforts help to understand the ecological needs of pangolins and the ways in which species coexist and depend on and depend on one another. These insights directly inform conservation strategies.

##### i) Giant Ground Pangolin Monitoring

It is estimated there are approximately 30 GGP individuals remaining in Nyekweri. TPP collect data on individuals using community reports, camera trap footage and VHF and satellite tagging devices. In 2025 TPP increased the number of sites where camera traps are placed and the number of camera traps deployed. An increasing number of GGP events were seen; between 3-6 individuals in any 24 hour period. Pangolin are seen frequently within Kimintet Forest block, Saruni area and the forest sites in Kimintet conservancy. It is not clear how these individuals interact with each other.

In March 2025 there were 2 nights of unique footage of a GGP individual digging another pangolin out of a burrow over a 48 hour period. The incident culminated in the two individuals fighting.

In other footage a GGP mother and pup were recorded on leased land and a GGP named Saruni who had not been seen for 15 months appeared. These are encouraging signs for the survival of pangolin.



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	GGP Monitoring Activities		
	2024	Jan-March 2025	April-June 2025
No. of community callouts	10	0	2
No. of camera traps deployed	70	80	97
No. of GGP Videos recorded	408	245	497
Nights	14.6	22.3	20
Burrows	15.1	17	17
Sites monitored	10	9	12

### ii) Biodiversity Monitoring

Nyekweri is home to a number of range restricted species. TPP monitors these species using in person sightings and camera trap data. This data helps to inform on the importance of Nyekweri to biodiversity and the interaction between species.

A new grant will help TPP to measure the abundance of ants and termites – the vital food source for pangolins – and study the wider impact of deforestation on biodiversity.

## **2. Habitat Protection**

As set out above much of the land in the Nyekweri Ecosystem has been subdivided and allocated to individual landowners. Whilst this may benefit landowners economically the process can lead to fragmentation, incompatible land uses and the loss of critical wildlife habitat.

Community conservancies address this by bringing landowners together into a collective, enabling them to earn competitive returns through conservation and ecosystem service payments whilst also creating connected landscapes for wildlife. This is an integrated system where people and wildlife benefit.

### i) Payment for Ecosystem Services

TPP initiated a conditional payment scheme which provides financial incentives for landowners to keep forest on their land rather than clear it to make space for livestock and agriculture.

### ii) Conservation Leases

Conservation land leases are a way of ensuring continued local ownership and generating financial returns at a competitive rate to agriculture. The terms of the lease restrict land use and fencing. Landowners settled on their land are allowed to maintain full use of 10% of the land parcel.



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Lease signing began in April 2025 and by mid 2025 there were 165 landowners in lease agreements and forest payment systems.

### **3. Risk Mitigation and Natural Resource Security**

One of the greatest threats to pangolin is electric fencing. GGP are particularly susceptible as they get stuck between 2 wires.

Protecting natural resources through ranger reports and responses is also essential for the survival of both pangolin and other wildlife species.

#### i) De-Risking Fences

TPP works in collaboration with landowners to reduce the risk of electric shock to pangolin by

- a) Removing electricity in area strands below 65cm in height
- b) Removing the bottom strand of wire
- c) Removing the entire fence itself.

In early 2025 TPP re-assessed the status of fences in a small area. A number of previously de-electrified fences had been re-connected and some new fences put up. Further work is progressing to address these problems.

#### ii) Rangers and Security of Wildlife and Natural Resources

TPP works to protect natural resources in the Nyekweri Ecosystem for the benefit of both pangolin and other wildlife. It employs 21 local Maasai rangers to report and monitor human wildlife casualties, poaching, logging and tree cutting and charcoal production.

In 2025 reported incidents of charcoal burning and tree cutting decreased across the area. This trend is linked to the expansion of land parcels enrolled in lease and forest payment schemes. The incidents were concentrated in two areas with relatively low lease participation and where several landowners did not renew forest payment agreements.

#### iii) Veterinary Response to Wildlife Casualties

Competition between humans and wildlife for land use often leaves wildlife as the casualties. Injuries from arrows, spears, fences and natural causes are reported by the ranger teams. The predominant species affected are zebra and giraffe. Zebra and eland are particularly vulnerable TPP then works with the Kenya Wildlife Service veterinary department to ensure rapid intervention.



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### **4. Community Engagement, Awareness and Connection**

TPP has worked closely with community members since its inception in 2020. This was initially to inform and educate about the presence of pangolin. Since 2024 TPP has been in an extensive consultative process with the community to inform about lease and biodiversity payments. Community meetings have been held by the conservancy Community Liaison Officers and household visits have been held. This has built invaluable trust between TPP, the conservancy and community members.

### **Financial Review**

The principal income of TPP CIO is in the form of restricted grants obtained by The Pangolin Project in Kenya following detailed written applications. The Kenya company also receives grants and funding directly. Payments are made by the UK charity to Kenya in accordance with those grants. In addition the UK charity receives requests for funding from the Kenya company which are approved by the Trustees and accounted for by the Kenya company.

Over the period April 2024 – March 2025 TPP CIO received a total of £67,934.43 in grants and donations. £52,000 was by way of grant and £15,934.43 by way of private donation. A total of £87,472 was transferred to Kenya, £26,940 of which had been received by way of grant in the previous financial year.

The charity had surplus funds of £34,856 at the end of the financial year.

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

The charity's governing document is its Constitution.

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

The charity had 4 trustees at the end of the relevant period. New trustees are appointed by resolution of the existing trustees. They are recruited by recommendation, presentation of their interest in Pangolin protection, their knowledge and experience of conservation and consideration of the duties of charity trustees.

The charity receives donations and grants intended by the donors for use by the Pangolin Project in Kenya.



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The trustee board meets at least 3 times a year. It receives reports of the strategy, objectives and activities of the Pangolin Project. It considers the budget and accounts. It approves, as appropriate, the requests for funding from the Pangolin Project.

### **Reference and Administrative details**

Charity Name: The Pangolin Project CIO

Registered charity number: 1190187

Charity's principal address: The Croft

Station Lane

Great Barrow

Chester CH3 7JN

### **Names of the charity trustees at 31/03/2025**

Katie Abigail Hamilton, Chairperson, appointed for 2 years on 30/06/20, a further period of 3 years on 25/05/22.

Rowena Margaret Okell, appointed for 3 years on 30/06/20, for a further period of 1 year on 07/06/23 and a further period of 3 years on 20/03/24.

James Gordon McIntosh, appointed for 1 year on 30/06/20, for a further period of 3 years on 28/06/21 and a further period of 3 years on 20/03/24.

Daniel Ingram, appointed for 3 years on 06/12/22.

### **Declarations**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Katie Abigail Hamilton

Date: 4<sup>th</sup> December 2025

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Katie Hamilton', written over the printed name.



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Chairperson

Rowena Margaret Okell

Date:

James Gordon McIntosh

Date:

Daniel Ingram

Date:



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name  
The Pangolin Project CIO

No (if any)  
1190187

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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/04/2024	To	Period end date 31/03/2025
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations	6 803	-	-	6 803	-
Hugh Birley	-	8 532	-	8 532	-
David Forbes Nixon Foundation	-	52 000	-	52 000	-
HMRC Gift Aid	505	-	-	505	-
Interest	95	-	-	95	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>7 403</b>	<b>60 532</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>67 935</b>	<b>49 925</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>7 403</b>	<b>60 532</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>67 935</b>	<b>49 925</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Bank Charges	135	-	-	135	-
Accountancy	1 188	-	-	1 188	-
31/07/24 Transfer Tusk Grant to TPP	-	26 940	-	26 940	-
17/03/25 Transfer DFN Grant to TPP	-	52 000	-	52 000	-
31/03/25 Transfer Birley donation	-	8 532	-	8 532	-
Salary E. Escalona	12 000	-	-	12 000	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>13 323</b>	<b>87 472</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>100 795</b>	<b>55 933</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>13 323</b>	<b>87 472</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>100 795</b>	<b>55 933</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 5 920</b>	<b>- 26 940</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 32 860</b>	<b>- 6 008</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>35 136</b>	<b>32 580</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>67 716</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>29 216</b>	<b>5 640</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>34 856</b>	<b>6 008</b>

## 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>	Brought forward	35 136	32 580	-
		- 5 920	- 26 940	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>29 216</b>	<b>5 640</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

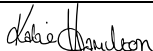
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Katie Hamilton	04.12.25



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

The Pangolin Project CIO

On accounts for the year  
ended

31 March 2025

Charity no  
(if any)

1190187

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 **31 / 03 / 2025**.

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**

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:

- 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.

Signed:

Name: M R Lanceley ACA

Date:

7/1/2026

(if any):

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**Address:**

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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.

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# Accounts

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## THE PANGOLIN PROJECT

### The Pangolin Project CIO Trustees' Annual Report

March 2023 – April 2024

#### **Summary**

The Pangolin Project CIO was established as a UK charity in 2020 to support the work of The Pangolin Project in Kenya. The Pangolin Project Kenya (TPP) is a company limited by guarantee which is dedicated to the conservation of Pangolin in Kenya and the habitat on which they depend. Pangolin are a critically endangered species. They are famously the most trafficked wild mammal in the world. They are traded illicitly for their scales and their meat, the main destination for such trade being China where the scales are used in traditional medicine.

There are eight species of Pangolin in the world. They are found across Southeast Asia and Africa. They eat only ants and termites and rely on a wide range of ant and termite species to meet their needs. Ants and termites are essential to ecosystem health as they recycle plant matter and biomass creating healthy soils that are essential for tree growth and forest health. Pangolin are considered as an indicator species – their presence is a measure of the health of an ecosystem.

Initially TPP Kenya was involved in work with Temminck's ground Pangolin. Little was known about the size of the pangolin population in Kenya or its activities. Between 2020 and 2022 programmes were set up in the Masai Mara National Reserve with three key objectives:

- i) Research and Monitoring of Ground Pangolin populations
- ii) Awareness, education and training of communities and partners
- iii) Rapid response to and rehabilitation of injured and trafficked pangolin.

TPP Kenya achieved considerable success with each of these three objectives. Using camera traps and tracking devices the monitoring teams were able to assess the likely number of ground pangolin in a particular area. Extensive work within local communities raised awareness of the presence of, and threats to the pangolin population.

In 2023 the focus of TPP Kenya altered. The company had become aware of the presence of Giant Ground Pangolin in the Nyakweri forest, located in Transmara District of Narok county. This is the only known population of Giant Pangolin in Kenya, and the initial estimates that only 50 – 80 individuals remained. Based on the number of actual sightings and behavioural knowledge this subsequently had to be reassessed to 20 – 34 individuals,

The Giant Ground Pangolin is the largest of all Pangolin species and can be over 2 metres in length and 40kg in weight. They pose no threat to people or their livelihoods. It quickly became apparent that the greatest threat to these animals – as to all wildlife in the Nyekweri ecosystem – is deforestation and habitat loss. Since 2010 an estimated 80% of the forest has been lost. Nyakweri is the most biodiverse area of the Greater Mara Ecosystem and is an essential refuge for all species from the savannah. Despite its unique biodiversity however it has largely been ignored by conservationists and the area is suffering greatly.



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The forest has been subdivided and allocated to individual landowners in parcels ranging in size from 12 acres to 300 acres. Landowners seeking to secure their land have fenced parcels with electric fencing and cleared forest to make space for livestock grazing and subsistence agriculture. These electric fences are a death sentence for pangolin. The animals are electrocuted as they pass through the wire. Using the only defence mechanism they know they roll into a ball, catastrophically rolling onto the lower wire strands. It was estimated that 2 pangolin were killed each month by this method in 2023.

In addition, the commercial charcoal trade has exacerbated the rate of deforestation in the area. Large areas have been burned at an alarming rate thus decimating the habitat and food supply of pangolin and other species.

TPP Kenya therefore focused on working with landowners to:

- i) Remove electricity from fencing
- ii) Provide financial incentives to halt the rate of deforestation, initially by a conditional payment scheme.

In December 2023 the trustees of The Pangolin Project CIO confirmed support for this use of resources as being consistent with the aims and objectives of the charity. Support for this strategy was also received by TPP Kenya from individual donors and from the international Pangolin Crisis Fund.

### **Activities**

During the period April 2023 – March 2024 TPP Kenya requested funding from The Pangolin Project CIO to address the following aims:

#### **Giant Pangolin monitoring and protection**

1. Assess the difference in biodiversity and pangolin presence in forested and cleared areas and assess the impact of fencing types on biodiversity. This information would be used to target areas for protection and assess fencing types that can support biodiversity;
2. Identify technology that will reliably measure home range of Pangolin and contribute to their protection from poaching and electric fencing;
3. Measure home range and assess habitat use of up to 10 Giant Pangolin adults in the Nyekweri Ecosystem.
4. Establish daily monitoring / ranger teams for tagged Giant Pangolin that contribute to the protection of the area

#### **Habitat protection**

1. Reduce the mortality of Giant Pangolin in Kimintet conservancy and surrounding area by the removal of all wire and electric fencing below 65 cm.



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2. Carry out a feasibility assessment for protection and conservation of the Nyekweri Ecosystem in collaboration with Base Camp Explorer Foundation.

These aims were to be met by the following activities:

### **Giant Pangolin monitoring and protection**

1. Three camera trap surveys of 30 days utilising 50 camera traps across Olorien and Kimintet Conservancy.
2. Identifying and tagging up to 10 adult Giant Pangolins in Olorien and Kimintet conservancy area
3. Establishing 5 Giant pangolin monitoring units / teams to monitor daily movement of Giant Pangolin in the areas on Kimintet and Olorien Conservancy;
4. Continued daily monitoring of: Giant Pangolin location, Giant Pangolin activity, deforestation.

### **Habitat protection**

1. Arrange four meetings with land owners and leaders to agree a plan to:
  - a. Reduce the amount of new fencing being built
  - b. Remove the bottom 65 cm of electric fencing for landowners in conservancies and out of conservancies.
2. Facilitate removing electricity and defencing of bottom 65 cm of fencing in Kimintet and Olorien Conservancy.
3. Carry out a feasibility assessment to secure remaining forest in the Nyekweri Ecosystem and conservation of the biodiversity that remains.

The trustees of The Pangolin Project CIO approved the funding for these purposes and a total of £49,360 was transferred to TPP Kenya. A further £6,462 was paid directly by the CIO for tracking devices.

### **Outcomes**

#### **Monitoring**

Although 5 Giant Ground Pangolin were tagged, problems were encountered with the retention of the tracking devices, all of which were lost. It was known that at least two devices were lost when the animal became stuck on a fence. Due to concerns about welfare and stress to the animals when caught on fences the tagging programme was halted.

The monitoring of GGP individuals was increased through expanded use of camera traps, increasing the number in use from 30 to 94. The camera traps have been used to carry out intensive camera trap surveys as well as to monitor biodiversity and GGP across the entire area. They have been placed across 7 different areas in Nyekweri. The team move daily to check



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camera traps on a rotational basis. The monitoring team and lead analyst have enabled TPP to better understand the ecological behaviour of GGP in Nyekweri.

A very positive outcome from the increased camera traps is the knowledge that Giant Pangolins are reproducing. In July 2024 two pups were captured on camera traps, marking the first sighting of pangolin pups in two years. These sightings are encouraging for the viability of the population in the area.

Through extensive camera trap monitoring and analysis of the data TPP Kenya have been able to identify not only the location of burrows used by Pangolin but also that certain burrows are favoured by multiple individuals. Pangolins often come back and use the same burrows they have used before indicating that some burrows are more important for GGP individuals. This data is significant for a better understanding of why GGP favour certain areas. It paves the way for further ecological research into food and habitat preferences.

### **Habitat Protection**

In December 2023, TPP Kenya and Kimintet and Olorien Conservancy launched a conditional payment scheme to halt deforestation. Landowners enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and are paid 7500ksh/ ha / year for forest cover remaining on the land parcel. The conditions of the payments are:

1. Forest is not cut
2. No fence is put through the forest
3. TPP are able to monitor the forest on the landowner's land.

By October 2024, 132 landowners had signed an MoU and more than 4,000 acres of forest was protected under the conditional payment scheme. The habitat protection team carried out daily meetings with landowners directly to explain the MoU. Several landowners came forward to ask directly whether they could join the scheme. Preliminary results show that with appropriate and competitive financial compensation landowners are willing to engage with conservation as an alternative use of their land. In addition to this the MoU process has built trust between TPP Kenya and the community. TPP Kenya has become a lead partner for habitat protection in the area.

With the agreement of landowners TPP Kenya removed electricity from 71km of fencing (142km of wire).

### **Impact**

The impact of the work of TPP Kenya extends beyond pangolins, safeguarding one of the most diverse areas in the Mara ecosystem and preserving its critical role in local climate regulation. TPP Kenya has expanded its efforts with the aim to secure and restore Nyakweri as a sanctuary for the Giant Pangolin and its diverse ecosystem. The ultimate objectives include conserving



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24,000 acres through land leases, addressing threats to Giant Pangolin posed through deforestation and electric fencing, and fostering a community led conservation model.

### **Financial Review**

The Pangolin Project CIO received a total of £49,925 in donations and grants over the period April 2023 – March 2024. Monies £22,500 and £26,940 was received by way of grants from The David Shepherd Wildlife Fund and Tusk Trust Limited respectively. The balance was received by donation.

The charity made two payments to The Pangolin Project in Kenya, totalling £49,360. It paid £6,462 directly for tracking equipment. The excess of expenditure over income was met from the surplus of unrestricted funds from the previous year.

The charity does not currently have a formal reserves policy. Most of the Charity's income is in the form of restricted grants obtained following detailed written applications by The Pangolin Project in Kenya. Payments are made by the charity based on reports and projected expenditure by the Project in accordance with those grants. The charity has access to the audited accounts of The Pangolin Project Kenya.

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**THE PANGOLIN PROJECT**

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Charity’s principal address: The Croft

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**Names of the charity trustees at 31/03/2024**

Katie Abigail Hamilton, Chairperson, appointed for 2 years on 30/06/20 and for a further period of 3 years on 25/05/22

Rowena Margaret Okell, appointed for 3 years on 30/06/20 and for a further period of 1 year on 07/06/23

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Gemma Francis, appointed for 3 years on 06/12/22

Daniel Ingram, appointed for 3 years on 06/12/22.

David Forbes Nixon, appointed for 1 year on 17/01/24.

**Declarations**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity’s trustees:

Katie Abigail Hamilton  
Chairperson

Date: 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2025

Rowena Margaret Okell

Date: 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2025

James Gordon McIntosh

Date: 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2025

Daniel Ingram

Date 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2025



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Charity Name  
The Pngolin Project CIO

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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/04/2023	To	Period end date 31/03/2024
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations	395	-	-	395	19 011
David Shepherd Wildlife Fund	-	22 500	-	22 500	30 000
Tusk Trust Limited	-	26 940	-	26 940	26 495
Interest	90	-	-	90	71
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>485</b>	<b>49 440</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>49 925</b>	<b>75 577</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>485</b>	<b>49 440</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>49 925</b>	<b>75 577</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Bank Charges	110	-	-	110	66 362
Cell Trachtech	6 463	-	-	6 463	-
16/05/23 Transfer to TPP	-	34 360	-	34 360	-
12/09/23 Transfer to TPP	-	15 000	-	15 000	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>6 573</b>	<b>49 360</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>55 933</b>	<b>66 362</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>6 573</b>	<b>49 360</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>55 933</b>	<b>66 362</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 6 088</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 6 008</b>	<b>9 215</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>41 224</b>	<b>32 500</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>73 724</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>35 136</b>	<b>32 580</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>67 716</b>	<b>9 215</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

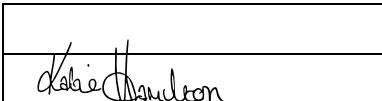
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Brought forward	41 224	32 500	-
		-	80	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>35 136</b>	<b>32 580</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

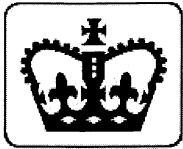
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Accountancy fees	Unrestricted	-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		Rowena Okell Katie Hamilton	16.12.24



**Section A Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Charity Name  
The Pangolin Project CIO

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31 March 2024	<b>Charity no (if any)</b>	1190187
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(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 31 MARCH 2024.

**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 (other than that disclosed below \*) 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.

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

**Signed:**

**Date:**

21 January 2025

**Name:**

Mrs D D Lea

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

FCA, FCCA

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Chester House, Lloyd Drive  
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England & Wales - Charity number 1190187

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# Accounts

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## THE PANGOLIN PROJECT

### The Pangolin Project CIO Trustees' Annual Report

March 2022 – April 2023

#### Summary

The Pangolin Project CIO was registered as a UK charity on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020. The object of the charity is the advancement of the conservation of the species of wildlife which are in danger of extinction, particularly as this relates to the preservation of the pangolin.

The charity was established to support the work of The Pangolin Project in Kenya. The Pangolin Project Kenya is a company limited by guarantee which is dedicated to the protection of the pangolin and their habitat. Pangolin are a critically endangered species. They are illicitly traded internationally for their scales and their meat. In addition in Kenya they are at risk from habitat loss through widescale deforestation.

Between March 2022 and April 2023 funding from The Pangolin Project CIO has been utilized to continue ongoing operational activities of The Pangolin Project, Kenya. These funds have been combined with additional funds from donors paid direct to TPP Kenya. The total budget of TPP Kenya between March 2022 and April 2023 was GBP 82,798 of which GBP 65,875 was from The Pangolin Project CIO.

The operational focus of The Pangolin Project Kenya during the relevant period has been on three key pillars: Research and Monitoring of Ground Pangolin populations; Awareness, education and Training of communities and partners; Rapid response to and rehabilitation of injured and trafficked Pangolin.

Between April 2022 and October 2022 work continued in relation to Temmincks Ground Pangolin. In April 2022 the Project became aware of the presence of Giant Ground Pangolin in the Nyakweri forest, located in Transmara District of Narok County. The area is subject to rapid deforestation for agriculture and the charcoal industry. In October 2022, The Pangolin Project redirected focus and all operational activities to a sole project “Saving the Last Giant Ground Pangolin in Kenya”. A programme was established to monitor and protect and conserve a population of Giant Ground Pangolin in the Nyakweri Ecosystem and the habitat on which they depend.

In October 2022 the Pangolin Project, Kenya focussed their operational activities within the area and started to tag Giant Ground Pangolin. The operational team size increased to 13 individuals and in January 2023 a specific camp was established for the team in the operational area. The team currently covers a total of 450km<sup>2</sup> in their activities. It is estimated that between 30 – 80 individual Giant Ground Pangolin remain in the area. They face an existential crisis from electric fences and deforestation.

During the reporting period The Pangolin Project has developed partnerships with Kenya Wildlife Service and Kenya Wildlife Research and Training Institution, Community



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conservancies Kimintet Forest Trust and Olorien Conservancy and partners Mara Elephant Project and BaseCamp Explorer Foundation. The project has had significant success in its foundation year and as a result of these efforts has grown its donor base and scope of work in 2023 and 2024.

### **Objectives**

1. Establish the Giant Pangolin monitoring team in the Nyakweri Ecosystem at an independent camp that enables visits from trustees, donors, partners and stakeholders.
2. Increase knowledge and awareness of Giant Pangolin within KWS, and in particular the threats to their existence that can be used for political advocacy with Narok County Government and State House.
3. Expand awareness and knowledge of Giant Pangolin amongst community and households in the Nyakweri Ecosystem.
4. Identify sustainable solutions to minimise deaths on electric fences and develop a strategic plan for an associated programme, communications, and funding.
5. Develop long term strategic plans for the survival of The Giant Ground Pangolin and the habitat on which they depend.
6. Development of a strategic plan for TPP programmes, communications and fundraising over 1 year, 3 years and 5 years.

### **Activities**

The activities between April 2022 and April 2023 were developed to meet the objectives outlined above and were aligned with the 3 key pillars: Research and monitoring Temminck's and Giant Ground Pangolin populations; developing awareness and training for community members and rangers of partner; rapid response and support for Pangolin.

In October 2022, The Pangolin Project moved all of its operations to the Nyakweri Ecosystem as we established a key stone project "Saving the Last Giant Ground Pangolin in Kenya". From October 2022 – April 2023, we established an operational base to monitor the last Giant Ground Pangolin and to develop a programme to mitigate risks to their survival.

### **Monitoring and Research**

One of the key objectives within this time period was to develop a replicable methodology to estimate the population of ground Pangolin within a specific area. The Pangolin Project carried out three standardized camera trap surveys within the reporting period to assess the population of Temmincks Ground Pangolin and Giant Ground Pangolin within an area of the Maasai Mara National Reserve and two areas of the Nyakweri Ecosystem.



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An initial review was carried out with research consultants to assess the number of camera traps needed and the spacing required to be representative of an area of interest. The methodology focussed on utilising Camera traps that were placed outside of burrows. All burrows in a sample area were found and burrows were randomly selected at 200m intervals. Camera traps were placed outside for 30 days and checked every third day. All images were reviewed by 2 enumerators and data was recorded on a standardized reporting form. This process for each survey took approximately 60 days to complete. The development of this methodology was highly successful: within the three surveys there were a considerably higher number of pangolin events than seen previously and it was possible to provide an estimate of the number of individuals using the area. This has contributed to the understanding of pangolin populations within the operational area as well as to the wider pangolin conservation movement.

In addition, The Pangolin Project expanded its operational reach, tagging and monitoring the movement and habitat use of individuals. Between October 2022 and April 2023 four Giant Ground Pangolin in the Nyakweri Ecosystem were tagged with VHF and satellite tracking devices. This population of pangolin are at risk of extinction due to the following risks: electric fences, deforestation and poaching. Satellite and VHF tags enabled the team to understand how Giant Ground Pangolin are using remnant pockets of indigenous forest and the impact of the risks on their behaviour. This work is vital as The Pangolin Project has, with this information put together a strategy for protection of the Giant Ground Pangolin and the habitat on which they depend.

Monitoring tagged Giant Ground Pangolin resulted in developing a monitoring and patrol system within the Nyakweri area. Between October 2022 and April 2023, 181 patrols were carried out covering a total of 889Km. These patrols focussed on the monitoring of Giant Ground Pangolin, but a patrol monitoring system also enabled the teams to record additional wildlife seen, to respond to security incidents including snares and to record where indigenous forest was cut and charcoal kilns were placed.

Monitoring work also included recording retrospective reports of sightings and deaths of Giant Ground Pangolin within the Nyakweri Ecosystem – over 80 events were recorded during this time period. The information was critical for understanding the distribution and range extension of the species within the Nyakweri. In addition, a series of community-based meetings and interview enabled the team to understand the threats that this population now face. From this work the team was able to estimate that between 50 – 120 Giant Ground Pangolin individuals were remaining and that the greatest threat to their survival are electric fences, due to individual landowners demarcating their land for cattle grazing or crops.

Continued monitoring and research of ground pangolin has been critical to understanding of populations and their habitat use. This data and information have formed the basis of the strategy of The Pangolin Project.



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### **Awareness, education and training**

From March 2022 to April 2023 creating awareness and standardizing knowledge about Pangolin and their protection was a critical if not the most important component of the work in the Nyakweri Ecosystem.

The Pangolin Project carried out a model recruitment process and engaged four Community Based Pangolin Guardians in August 2022 in Nyakweri. These individuals were trained over a 1-week period and then tasked with standardizing knowledge amongst community members about Pangolin, their behaviour and their protection status. The aim of this programme was:

1. To build awareness and knowledge amongst community members about Giant Ground Pangolin.
2. To increase real time reports of sightings of live Giant Ground Pangolin.
3. To increase real time reports of sightings of Giant Ground Pangolins on electric fences;
4. To reduce the risk of poaching and harm to Giant Ground Pangolin.

A total of 1200 households were visited during the reporting period, and many were repeat visited. Within the reporting period 7 live sightings of Giant Ground Pangolin were responded to and 2 events of Giant Ground Pangolin being caught on electric fences. In both of these events the carcasses were removed, a full postmortem was carried out and the scales were removed and handed to Kenya Wildlife Service where they were kept in a secure vault. This action prevented the scales entering the black market for sales for medicinal formulae. Community members handed over to TPP staff and reported scales that had been found or they had kept. A total of 350 scales were handed to Kenya Wildlife Service in this time period. This is an indicator of the trust that TPP has developed with the community.

One of the additional benefits of this work was building the relationship with the community. The work of the Community Based Pangolin Guardians was critical to the success of monitoring the Giant Ground Pangolin using tracking devices. The team found that they were recognized by the community and that they were willing to work with them as a result of this extensive work.

In addition, from January – October 2022 an extensive training programme was undertaken with conservation partners working in the area including Kenya Wildlife Service, Maasai Mara Wildlife Conservancies Association, Mara Elephant Project, Mara Conservancies and the police. A total of seven successful trainings were completed and were attended by over 121 rangers and law enforcement officers. In addition, an inception meeting was held with partners as the programme began.

### **Rapid response and rehabilitation**

The Pangolin Project assisted in the rehabilitation of 2 Pangolin that were intercepted by police in efforts to reduce trafficking of Pangolin in Kenya. Both individuals were Temmincks Ground



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Pangolin. Working with Kenya Wildlife Service, The Pangolin Project deployed personnel and equipment to Nairobi to carry out round the clock care of the two pangolins. They also covered the veterinary expenses of both cases.

One the of the cases died after a 2-week intense rehabilitation period. The individual had a critical leg injury requiring emergency amputation. A post mortem and pathology report concluded that the individual died from Clostridial infection that was likely acquired with the primary injury.

The second case was successfully release into Maasai Mara National Reserve.

### **Wider Conservation Activities.**

The Pangolin Project contributed to the development of a National Action Plan for the Recovery and Protection of Pangolin Species in Kenya. In addition, the organization has become a lead partner in habitat protection in the Nyakweri Ecosystem.

### **Achievements**

The funding from TPP CIO enabled activities to be performed that were the foundation for a programme to protect and conserve the last remaining Giant Ground Pangolin and the habitat on which they depend. The key achievements between April 2022 and March 2023 were:

#### **Research and monitoring.**

- 4 individual Giant Ground Pangolin have been fitted with satellite and VHF tags.
- 889 km have been covered by the monitoring team within the conservancy areas.
- 3 camera trap surveys have been carried out using 50 camera traps.; Over 26 species of wildlife identified on camera trap surveys and monitoring patrols within the ecosystem, 4 of which are unique to the Nyakweri Ecosystem.
- Methods to estimate the number of Ground Pangolin individuals have bene advanced benefitting the wider conservation of pangolin species.
- Behavioural characteristics of pangolins, not previously seen before were captured on camera traps of Giant Ground Pangolin, which included socializing at burrows and co-habiting burrows with other species to name just a few.

#### **Rapid response team activities:**

- 8 sightings of Giant Ground Pangolin individuals (alive) have been responded to resulting in identifying 16 individuals including a number of sub adults.



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- 2 Giant Ground Pangolin individuals on electric fences.
- 2 individual Giant Ground Pangolin carcasses and 3.5 Kg of Giant Ground Pangolin scales have been recovered by TPP team and taken to Kenya Wildlife Service offices.
- 2 incidents of Giant Ground Pangolin poaching have been reported to TPP team during the operational year.
- Rehabilitation of 2 Temminck's Ground Pangolin recovered from being poached and the relocation of one Temminck's Ground Pangolin to Maasai Mara National reserve.

### **Community engagement and awareness**

- 1800 households have been visited within the area at least once;
- Development of relationship with communities and landowners that live alongside Giant Ground Pangolin.
- Increasing interest and cooperation of the community towards The Pangolin Project activities and conservation.

### **Habitat and biodiversity protection within the Nyakweri Ecosystem**

- 4 workshops held with 121 rangers and law enforcement officers and a further 6 workshops with community members and local government to standardize knowledge and awareness of Giant Ground Pangolin, threats and protection status.
- Development of a National Action Plan for Protection and Recovery of Pangolin in Kenya – contribution of data and information resulted in Giant Ground Pangolin in Nyekweri being now a priority concern for national government.

### **Financial Review**

The Pangolin Project CIO received a total of £75,506 in donations and grants over the period April 2022 – March 2023. £30,000 and £26,495 was received by way of grants from The David Shepherd Wildlife Fund and Tusk Trust Limited respectively. The balance was received by donation.

The charity made two payments to The Pangolin Project in Kenya, totalling £65,875. It had a surplus of £9,215 over the period and total cash funds of £73,724 at the end of the period.

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The trustees are mindful of the need to maintain reserves. With the expansion of the Kenya project a formal reserves policy is to be implemented.



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**Declarations**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Katie Abigail Hamilton

Date: 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Chairperson

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Katie Hamilton".

Rowena Margaret Okell

Date:

Rowena Okell

27th January 2024

James Gordon McIntosh

Date:

Gemma Francis

Date:

Daniel Ingram

Date:



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name  
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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/04/2022	To	Period end date 31/03/2023
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations	19,011	-	-	19,011	61,753
David Shepherd Wildlife Fund	-	30,000	-	30,000	-
Tusk Trust Limited	-	26,495	-	26,495	-
Interest	71	-	-	71	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>19,082</b>	<b>56,495</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>75,577</b>	<b>61,753</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>19,082</b>	<b>56,495</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>75,577</b>	<b>61,753</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Bank Charges	122	-	-	122	102
Courier Charges	221	-	-	221	118
Brochure Printing	144	-	-	144	-
06/04/22 Transfer to TPP	10,000	-	-	10,000	-
06/04/22 Transfer to TPP	-	27,388	-	27,388	-
06/01/23 Transfer to TPP	2,253	-	-	2,253	-
06/01/23 Transfer to TPP	-	26,234	-	26,234	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>12,740</b>	<b>53,622</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>66,362</b>	<b>220</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>12,740</b>	<b>53,622</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>66,362</b>	<b>220</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>6,342</b>	<b>2,873</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,215</b>	<b>61,533</b>
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	34,882	29,627	-	64,509	-
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>41,224</b>	<b>32,500</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>73,724</b>	<b>61,533</b>

## 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>	Brought Forward	34,882	29,627	-
		6,342	2,873	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>41,224</b>	<b>32,500</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	None	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	None		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	None		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	None		-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
 Rowena Okell	Katie Hamilton	26th January 2024
Rowena Okell	Rowena Okell	27/01/2024



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees**

Charity Name  
The Pangolin Project CIO

**On accounts for the year ended**

31 March 2023

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1190187

**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 31/03/2023.

**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**

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:

- 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:**

*Desiree Lea*

**Date:**

28 February 2024

**Name:**

Mrs D D Lea

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

FCA, FCCA

**Address:**

CHESTER HOUSE LLOYD DRIVE

CHESHIRE OAKS BUSINESS PARK

ELLESMERE PORT CH65 9HQ

**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.**

**THE PANGOLIN PROJECT CIO**

England & Wales - Charity number 1190187

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# Accounts

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# **THE PANGOLIN PROJECT CIO**

**Trustees' Annual Report for the period 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020 to  
31<sup>st</sup> March 2021**

**Charity Registration Number 1190187**

## **Objectives**

The Pangolin Project CIO was registered as a UK charity on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020. The object is the advancement of the conservation of the species of wildlife which are in danger of extinction, particularly as this relates to the preservation of the pangolin.

The charity was established to support the work of the Pangolin Project in Kenya. The Pangolin Project was set up in early 2020 and is a company limited by guarantee which is dedicated to the protection of the pangolin and their habitat.

Pangolin are a critically endangered species. They are the most illegally trafficked mammal in the world today. Approximately one million African pangolin were estimated to have been removed from the wild between 2010 - 2013 and illicitly traded internationally for their scales and their meat. 99% of the market for pangolin is in China. There was an even larger trade from the population in East Asia. The illegal trade in Kenya is conducted largely through Mombassa and J.K. airport in Nairobi.

There was little public awareness of the pangolin until comparatively recently and little is known about it. The pangolin is a solitary, nocturnal mammal. It is shy and poses no risk to either humans or their livelihoods. It eats only ants or termites. It does not attack other animals. Its own defence mechanism is to curl up in a ball, making it easy prey for poachers who can remove it in a bag, leaving no trace of the interception. Notwithstanding its totally harmless nature the pangolin is regarded in some rural areas with fear and superstition. In other areas it is valued for its contribution to traditional medicine. Alongside illegal poaching it can therefore be subject to killing through ignorance.

The Pangolin Project was set up with four initial objectives:

1. To build knowledge and awareness
2. To establish a network of monitors to collate information
3. To identify proven protection strategies
4. To develop protocols to respond to reports regarding illegal activity.

## **Activities**

The initial focus of the Pangolin Project has been on monitoring and conservation research. Little is known of the size of the pangolin population in Kenya or its activities. A programme was set up in the Masai Mara National Reserve to estimate the population in one area. All burrows were located over a 8km square area. Burrowscopes were installed. Tags have been applied to animals located with the aim of tracking them for a period of two years. There is no blueprint for this work. The Pangolin Project coordinates with the veterinary and research teams of the Kenya Wildlife Service.

A subsequent focus was on creating awareness and building understanding in the local population. The Pangolin Project has carried out 41 trainings with 595 rangers, intelligence and investigation officers. The trainings were also used to identify challenges to pangolin protection and how ranger activities can be adapted to improve pangolin protection. 5 community ambassador schemes have been set up. These ambassadors work with local leaders and community members to deliver key messages and act as first responders to pangolin sightings. The ambassadors record details of location, activities, deaths and any sighting of scales. In 2020 - 2021 there were over 70 sightings reported to the Pangolin ambassadors. The Pangolin Project now has 2 consultants working on data analysis. It has use of an electronic data collection platform. Data received is entered and reports on sightings, distribution and behaviour are generated.

Over the year the programmes were extended to areas in Tsavo and West Pokot.

As a result of the work of the Pangolin Project there has been an increase in the number of arrests for pangolin related incidents.

In Tsavo Conservation Area there were four arrests for poaching of pangolin and trade of scales in one month. In Narok County there was a rapid increase in reports of community members selling pangolin. Three individuals were arrested and a live pangolin was intercepted and later relocated by TPP team.

## **Strategy for 2021 - 2022**

The Pangolin Project is focussing efforts to protect all pangolin individuals in the habitats they remain in. The work will be focussed on three key programmes:

1. Pangolin Protection Units.  
These units will work to monitor all individual pangolins in their operational areas and ensure their whereabouts on a daily basis. The existing research base and team will be converted into the first Pangolin Guardian Base and this model will be replicated in three priority areas of the Greater Mara Ecosystem
2. The Pangolin Knowledge and Tech. Hub.  
This Hub will address the deficiencies in knowledge and the technological challenges which inhibit pangolin protection. This will include improving detection of pangolin and state of the art tagging devices.
3. A Pangolin Veterinary and Rehabilitation Unit.  
This will be developed to lead veterinary care and rehabilitation for pangolins intercepted from the illegal trade.

## **Financial Structure**

The Pangolin Project in Kenya was founded by Dr Claire Okell who is the director and operations manager. The company currently has a total of 13 employees and a number of community volunteers. It has an advisory board of five members who meet every quarter.

The work of the Pangolin Project has been funded directly by five major donors. The company reports directly to each

individual donor. It is anticipated that some of this funding will in future be channelled through the UK charity. The Kenyan company has a dedicated Administration and Finance officer. All activities and programmes of the company are planned and budgeted by the programme or activity leads. The budgets are approved by the director. Requests for funding are to be submitted to the trustees of the UK charity together with the detailed budgets. The requests will be scrutinised by the UK trustees for compliance with charitable purposes and public benefit. If approved funds will be released to the company in Kenya. All funds spent will be receipted back against the activities within the original budget.

### **30<sup>th</sup> June 2020 - 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021**

The Pangolin Project CIO set up a charity bank account in November 2020. It received two individual donations into the account totalling £3,000. The balance of the account at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 was £2,976.

The charity did not receive requests for funding from the Pangolin Project during the relevant period.

Donations and grants have been received by the charity since April 2021 which will be applied as above.

### **Trustees**

Rowena Okell

Katie Hamilton

James McIntosh

### **Bank**

CAF Bank Ltd

25 Kings Hill Avenue

Kings Hill

West Malling

Kent ME19 4JQ

## **Declaration**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Rowena Okell 01/01/22

Katie Hamilton 05/01/22

James McIntosh 07/01/22

## THE PANGOLIN PROJECT CIO

### RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2020 - 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2021

The Pangolin Project CIO was registered as a UK charity on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020. It established a bank account with CAF Bank on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2020. The end of the accounting year is 31<sup>st</sup> March.

#### Receipts

Donations £3,000.00  
£ 24.00  
(24/11/20 - £1,000, 16/03/21 - £2,000)

#### Payments

Bank charges  
( 3 x £8, Jan - March 2021)

**Total**  
**£ 24.00**

**£3,000.00**

**Surplus for the year: £2,976.00**

**Agreed by the Trustees: 27/08/21**

