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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1196707

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2024
for
Tairona Heritage Trust

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Report of the Trustees
for the year ended 31 December 2024

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The Tairona Heritage Trust is a UK-registered charity dedicated to supporting the Indigenous Kogui people of the Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta, Colombia, to preserve and promote their culture, language, sacred knowledge and worldview.

This is achieved by,

- Raising awareness of their ecological philosophy and the urgent environmental warnings they have shared with the world.
- Facilitating the return of ancestral lands and supporting Indigenous-led conservation projects.

Significant activities

a. Munekán Masha Project

In April 2024, both Luci Attala and Alan Ereira travelled to Santa Marta, Colombia, for a pivotal meeting with Kogi spiritual leaders (mamos) and the Organización Gonawindua Tayrona (OGT). This visit was critical in re-establishing mutual alignment on the Munekán Masha project, a key initiative of the Trust that focuses on land restoration, cultural regeneration, and Indigenous-led environmental education.

During this visit, the Kogi people outlined several significant changes to the project structure to ensure it more deeply reflected their cosmology, values and priorities. As a result, the project underwent a fundamental redesign, placing stronger emphasis on traditional ecological knowledge and culturally grounded models of land stewardship. The visit also formally marked the handover of project leadership within the Trust, with the Cabildo of OGT acknowledging Luci Attala as the new Chair.

Throughout the remainder of the year, the Trust worked to implement the redesign in close collaboration with the Kogi. While fundraising efforts have continued to support this revised vision, no new funding was secured during the year, and efforts will continue into 2025. The Trust remains committed to ensuring cultural integrity in the implementation of Munekán Masha.

b. Cultural Exchange and Public Engagement

In September 2024, Narciso, the son of Mamo Manuel (who appeared in the documentary Aluna), visited the UK. During his visit, he delivered a public talk at the Royal Anthropological Institute (RAI) in London. The event was well attended and provided a unique opportunity for direct engagement with a Kogi representative, deepening public understanding of the Indigenous worldview and the environmental insights it offers.

In November 2024, the Trust supported the screening of a short film titled "Among the Clouds", created by Jacinto, a young Kogi filmmaker. The film was shown at the UN Biodiversity Conference (COP16) in Cali, Colombia, as part of an effort to amplify Indigenous voices within global environmental dialogues. The film is the first ever made by a Kogi filmmaker without Euro-American influence. The screening was well received and highlighted the Trust's ongoing commitment to supporting the next generation of Indigenous storytellers and knowledge holders.

Additionally, the film and its creator were featured by Princeton Theological Seminary's Open Plaza platform, a digital initiative of the Hispanic Theological Initiative that highlights the work of BIPOC thinkers and artists. Open Plaza's inclusion of Jacinto's film reflects growing international recognition of Indigenous-led storytelling and reinforces the Trust's ongoing commitment to supporting the next generation of Kogi.

Ongoing Work

Throughout the year, the Trust continued its role in providing support to the Kogui in the Sierra Nevada. This included:

- Maintaining regular contact with Kogui Indigenous authorities.
- Advising on projects involving Indigenous voices.
- Facilitating international outreach.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Public benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. All activities carried out during the year are in line with the charity's objectives and are considered to provide clear public benefit.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Administrative Update and Governance

The year 2024 marked a period of leadership transition and renewed strategic focus for the Tairona Heritage Trust (THT). In January 2024, Professor. Luci Attala formally assumed the role of Chair of the Trust, bringing a fresh perspective and an established commitment to collaborative, community-led approaches.

While Alan Ereira, founder and long-time Chair, remained a trustee during the early part of the year, he officially retired from the Board in May 2024, marking the end of his direct involvement in the Trust's governance. His legacy remains foundational to the mission and ethos of the Trust, and his work continues to inspire our partnerships and direction.

In May, the Trust also welcomed Vian Sharif as a new trustee. Vian brings significant expertise in biodiversity data and sustainability innovation - knowledge that is particularly valuable for the advancement of the MuneKán Masha project.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

Income and Expenditure

- Total income for the year: £39,889
- Total expenditure for the year: £17,728
- Year-end reserves: £51,846

The Trust continues to operate with no salaried staff, office space or regular overheads. Administrative costs are kept to a minimum, ensuring that the maximum proportion of donor funds is directed to direct programme support and Indigenous-led initiatives.

Principal funding sources

The charity's income derives entirely from individual donations. Donors are informed of the destination and purpose of their contributions through the Trust's newsletter.

Reserves policy

The Trustees aim to maintain a small reserve sufficient to cover any operational commitments and to provide flexibility in responding to urgent requests from the Indigenous communities we support.

FUTURE PLANS

In the year ahead (2025), the Tairona Heritage Trust plans to:

- Continue providing support for Indigenous-led projects such as MuneKán Masha.
- Explore opportunities to facilitate the return of additional ancestral lands.
- Deepen partnerships with universities and policy organisations to amplify Indigenous ecological perspectives.
- Work closely with the Kogui and the theatre company (Teatro Cenit), co-develop a touring programme for the performance Gonawindua: From the Heart of the World, building on the 2024 event. Discussions are currently underway to organise a tour that would bring this powerful expression of Kogui culture and ecological teaching to broader audiences in the UK and Europe.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

The Trust is managed by a volunteer Board of Trustees. Trustees meet regularly to review activities, approve expenditures and set priorities. Decisions are taken collectively in line with the Trust's constitution and charity law.

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Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 December 2024

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Trustees are recruited for their experience in Indigenous rights, anthropology, environmental work or charity governance.

Organisational structure

There is no permanent organisational structure and the office is maintained by the chairmen of the Trustees.

Induction and training of new trustees

The trustee appointed is chosen on criteria including familiarity with the work of the trust.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

CE027303 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1196707

Registered office

15 Chaddesley Terrace
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Trustees

A Ereira (resigned 15.5.2024)
D Tsimprikidou (resigned 28.6.2024)
B Hoffman
Dr L Attala
Ms P Gomersall
Ms W E Mandy (appointed 4.9.2025)
Dr V Sharif (appointed 4.8.2024)

Independent Examiner

Jeremy Harrod FCCA
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on19th November 2025..... and signed on its behalf by:



.....
Ms P Gomersall - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Tairona Heritage Trust**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Tairona Heritage Trust ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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.



Jeremy Harrod FCCA

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Date: 19/11/21

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**Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 December 2024**

	Notes	2024 Unrestricted fund £	2023 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies		39,889	16,662
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Charitable Activities		17,728	12,761
NET INCOME		22,161	3,901
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		29,685	25,784
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		51,846	29,685

The notes form part of these financial statements

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**Balance Sheet
31 December 2024**

	Notes	2024 Unrestricted fund £	2023 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank		53,286	30,765
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	4	(1,440)	(1,080)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>51,846</u>	<u>29,685</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		51,846	29,685
NET ASSETS		<u>51,846</u>	<u>29,685</u>
FUNDS	5		
Unrestricted funds		<u>51,846</u>	<u>29,685</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>51,846</u>	<u>29,685</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 December 2024.


The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 19th November 2025..... and were signed on its behalf by:


.....
P Gomersall - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2024 nor for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2024 nor for the year ended 31 December 2023.

3. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	
Donations and legacies	16,662
EXPENDITURE ON	
Charitable activities	
Charitable Activities	12,761
NET INCOME	3,901

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the year ended 31 December 2024**

3. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted fund £
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS	
Total funds brought forward	25,784
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>29,685</u>

4. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024 £	2023 £
Accruals and deferred income	<u>1,440</u>	<u>1,080</u>

5. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.24 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	29,685	22,161	51,846
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>29,685</u>	<u>22,161</u>	<u>51,846</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	39,889	(17,728)	22,161
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>39,889</u>	<u>(17,728)</u>	<u>22,161</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	25,784	3,901	29,685
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>25,784</u>	<u>3,901</u>	<u>29,685</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the year ended 31 December 2024**

5. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	16,662	(12,761)	3,901
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>16,662</u>	<u>(12,761)</u>	<u>3,901</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.1.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	25,784	26,062	51,846
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>25,784</u>	<u>26,062</u>	<u>51,846</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	56,551	(30,489)	26,062
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>56,551</u>	<u>(30,489)</u>	<u>26,062</u>

6. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2024.