

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 5TH APRIL 2021
FOR
RAINFOREST SAVER SCIO**

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5TH APRIL 2021**

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5TH APRIL 2021

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 5th April 2021.

Objects and Activities

The Objects of the charity are:

- The advancement of environmental protection and improvement
 - The prevention and relief of poverty
- And also
- The advancement of Education
 - The advancement of citizenship or community development

We achieved SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation) status in August 2020

We are grateful to the following organisations

Alara Wholefoods Ltd.
Conservation, Food and Health
LiveCode Ltd.
Opengate
The Patsy Wood Trust
The Rotary clubs of Ware
The Sheepdrove Trust
The Zurich Trust

for their generous support of our projects during the year.

Major Challenges arising this year:

In Cameroon there was unfortunately a great deal of civil strife particularly involving the Anglophone region. This made it impossible for [REDACTED] from the Francophone region to visit the colleagues he had trained in the Anglophone part. However, [REDACTED] bravely continued working there. The arrival of COVID19 also slowed down but did not stop their efforts.

In Honduras, not only was there COVID19 but also a serious drought which resulted in schools being closed forcing the postponement of the work of [REDACTED]

Significant activities, achievements and performance and the money supplied through Rainforest Saver SCIO, including Grant monies for specific projects.

CAMEROON

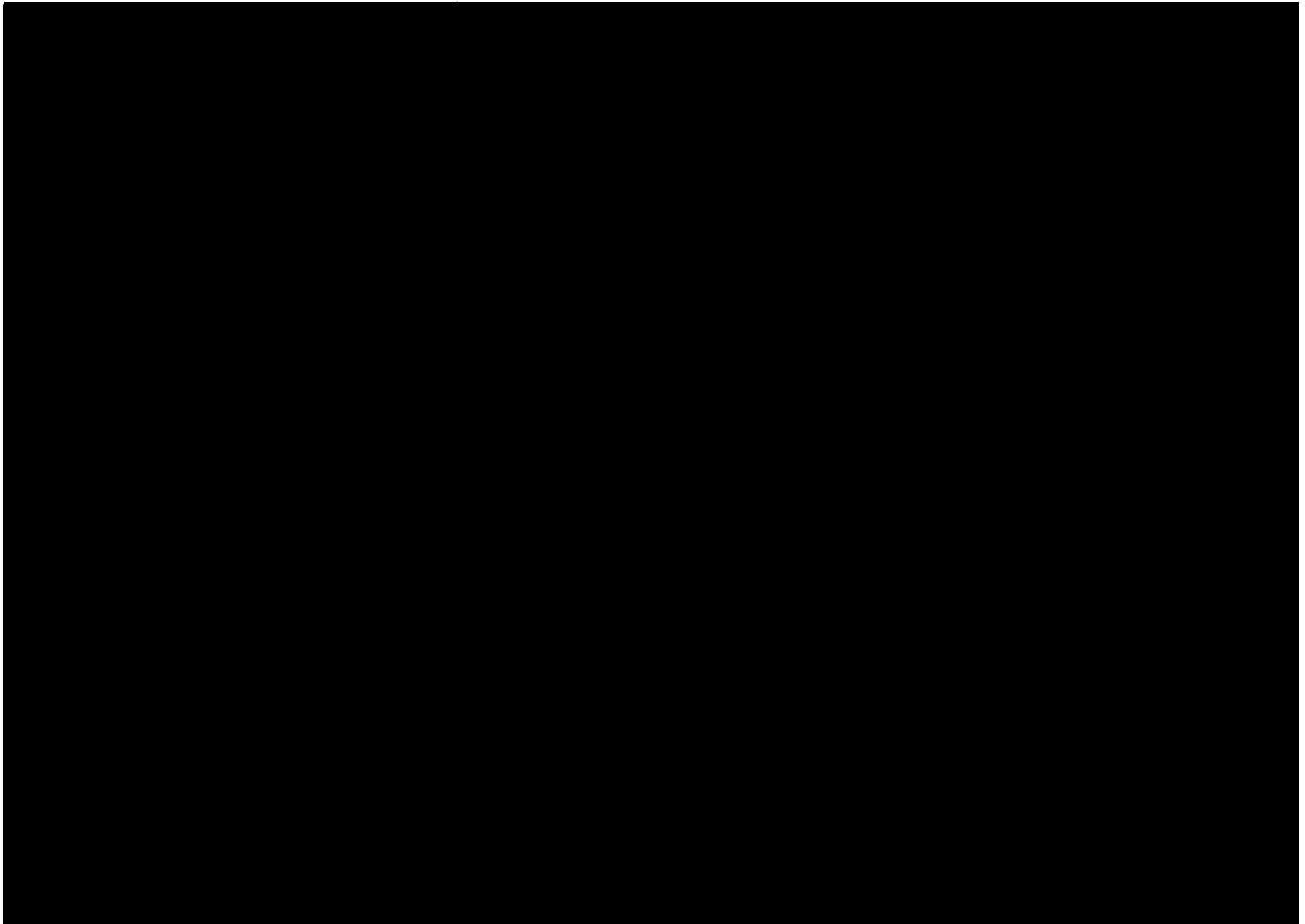
[REDACTED] (£18,930) For the first six months of the current period COVID19 lockdown prevented [REDACTED] from doing fieldwork, although he was able to do some useful translating work of some of our documents from English into French. However, in October he was able to resume his travels round the Francophone region beginning with visits to the three villages of Oveng, Ndziefidi and Metet which lie close to Yaounde. There he met with several farmers who had already started Inga plots. He supplied more Inga seeds to some and encouraged them all to maintain their plots and start Inga nurseries.

Later that month he was able to make a second visit to Mouanko on the West coast. There the fishermen had been cutting down mangroves for firewood to dry their fish. [REDACTED] gave a well-attended training presentation showing several farmers and fishermen the Inga system, supplying and helping plant Inga seeds to start a nursery and explaining that there would be useful firewood from the Inga trees which could benefit both farmers and fishermen. It is our hope that this firewood could be used to dry and smoke the fish instead of cutting down mangroves.

In November he and his co-driver [REDACTED] visited the Sanaga Yong chimpanzee rescue centre. The rescue centre helps people in the surrounding villages, which is where [REDACTED] took the Inga. He held four meetings in the villages which were attended by farmers from 10 surrounding villages. [REDACTED] explained how Inga Alley-Cropping works and gave them Inga seeds which they planted in plastic pots and took home to start their own Inga nurseries. Everyone was very happy with this.

In early January he visited Messamena and there held a successful preliminary meeting.

In early February he visited Bengbis and Allen and, later that month, he went to Akonolinga and Fang Biloun. He introduced the next project where we will be doing some research into why we get such huge variation in the yields from the Inga plots, and whether two crops could be grown in each year in an Inga plot.



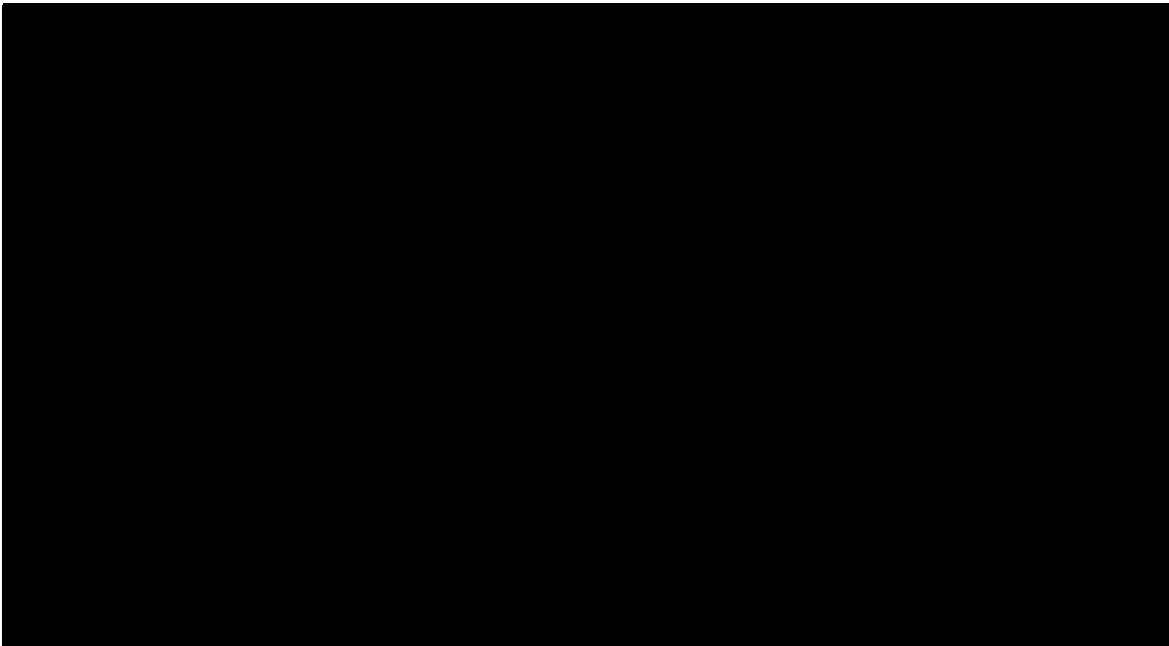
██████████ (£15,912)

██████████ continued working with 9 villages near the Korup National Park, particularly the six where the Inga was ready for pruning (Fabe, Meangwe 2, Mundemba, Masaka, Mokange and Lipenja 2) ██████████ started with the first village in 2017, and increased the number of villages each year, ending with 9 to date, and two more waiting. A total of over 27,000 Inga trees were planted in that time, by 245 farmers with Inga alley cropping. A further 470 Inga were in cocoa farms. Not all farmers in each village joined the Inga project in the beginning, and some left after they had joined. But when the harvests came in and they saw how good these were the ones who had left came back, and more wanted to join, and of course were accepted into the project. The good harvests have also convinced many farmers also in the neighbouring villages to want to join the project. The yields from both the alley cropping and cocoa farms were good, and much better than from plots without the Inga. They grew a variety of crops in the Inga alleys: - maize, groundnuts, plantains, pineapples, cocoyams, cassava, bananas and other vegetables.

██████ has been greatly concerned about the extensive, illegal hunting in Korup National Park. This is done a lot in his own home village, Fabe. The hunters have agreed to stop hunting if we provide them with pigs, or in some cases chickens, to farm and sell. Plans for setting this up, and finding the money, were started. Once the project is well established it will become independent, with those who have pigs rearing them and giving piglets to those who initially did not have them. We hope that the increased yield from Inga plots will provide some of the food for the pigs.

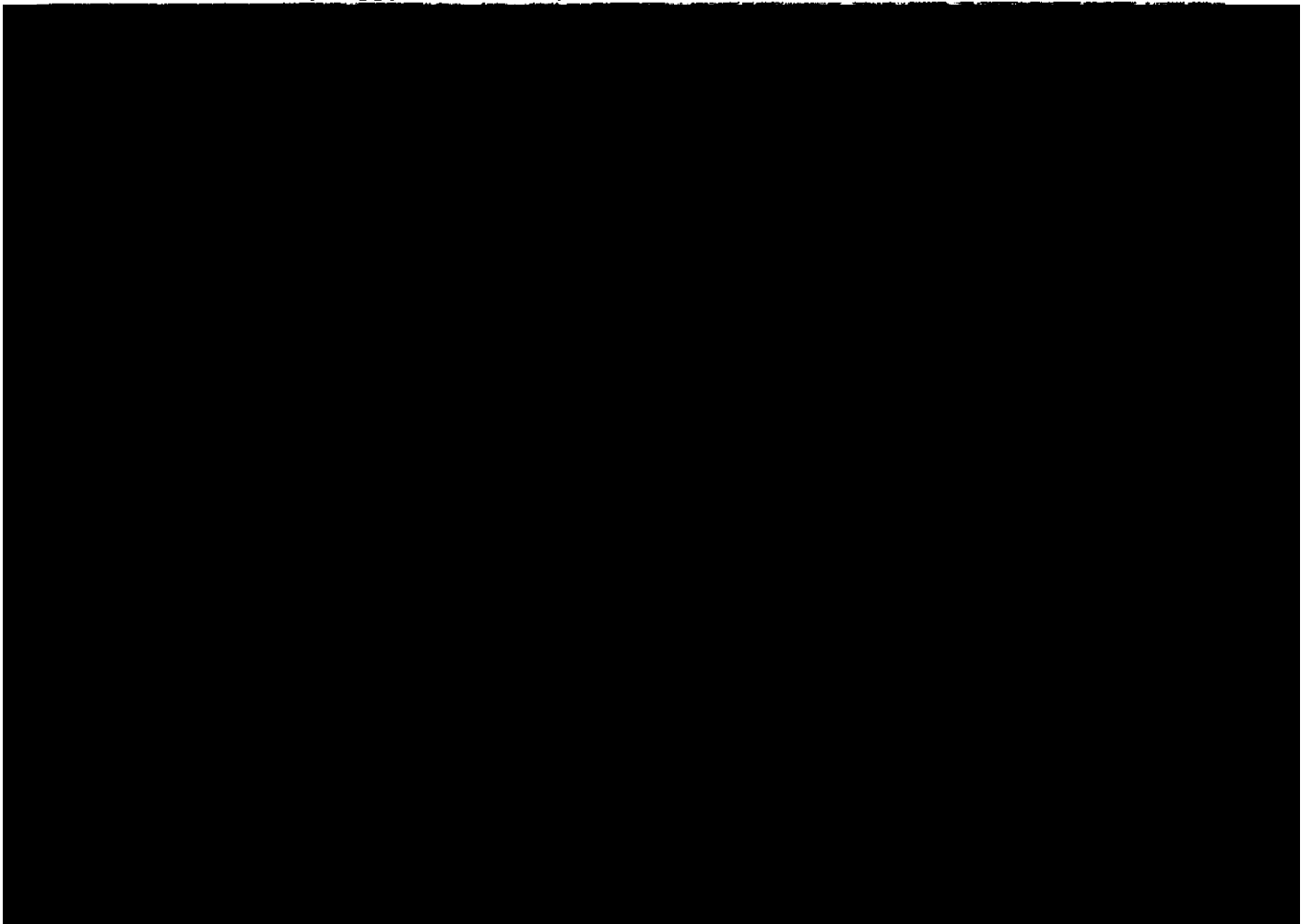
(£5,334)

██████████ continued his work in villages in and around Buea following up farmers who have started Inga plots and helping them with pruning, seed planting, and harvesting. Funded by a consortium of Rotary groups he contacted farmers and set up Inga plots in two new villages – Alori and Ntambu.



Village meeting at Ntambu village.

Along with [REDACTED] he also took part in the 'Research' project funded by the Conservation, food and health foundation (see the section on Gaston above). He continues to be highly enthusiastic about the system asserting that it is much easier to manage than slash and burn and gives better yields and that his farmers are very happy with it. Many more farmers want to start.



KENYA

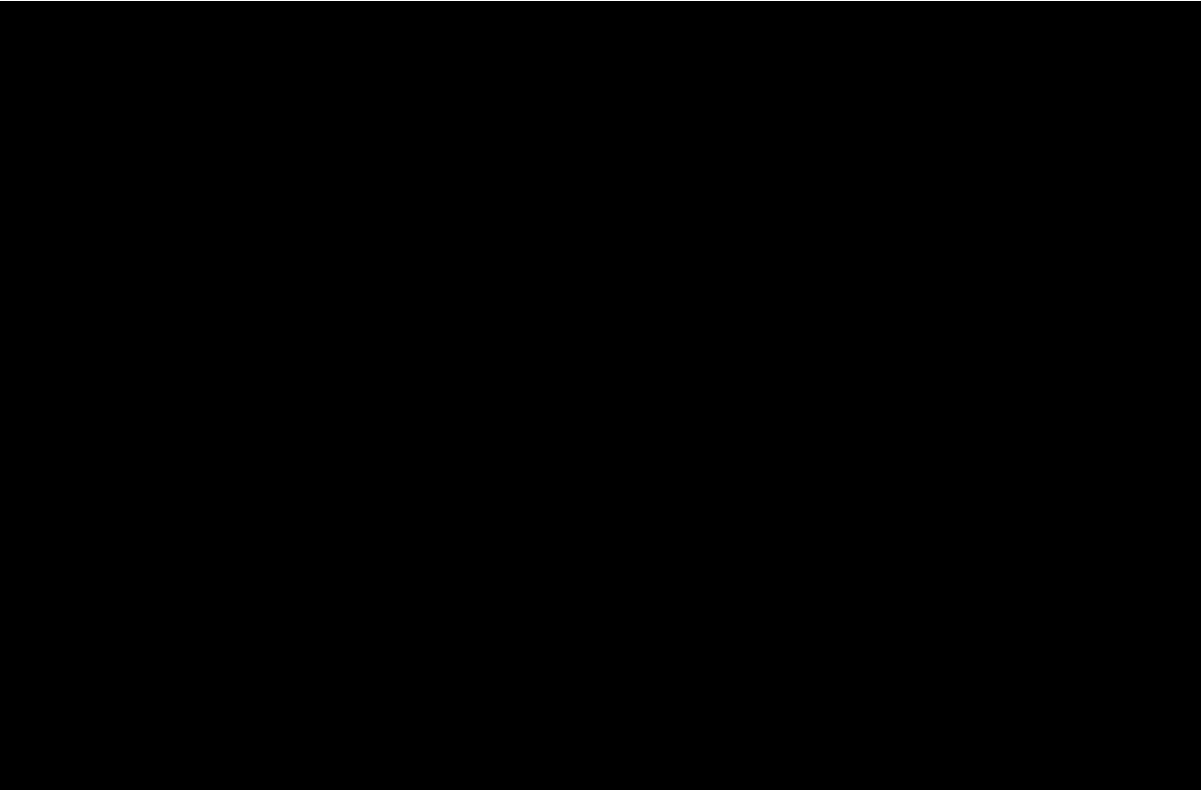
Previously [REDACTED] had given a training session to 5 farmers at the Kenya Forestry Research Institute (KEFRI) Lake Victoria Basin Eco-Region Research Programme in Maseno sub county in Kisumu county Western Kenya. This is the area of Kenya where there is rainforest and the climate is suitable for growing Inga. He had also established an Inga nursery with 500 seeds/seedlings. In June 2020 he went back there and distributed these to the five farmers. He inspected them again in November. All the young Inga trees were doing well and he was very impressed.

[REDACTED] also studied at the Kenya Institute of Organic Farming (KIOF), where he started an Inga nursery and gave a talk to the other students. Unfortunately this took place in May 2020 during the pandemic and that reduced the attendance.

HONDURAS

[REDACTED] and his assistant, [REDACTED] (£6,373) The original project, supervised by [REDACTED] to which [REDACTED] was attached was intended to promote Inga Alley Cropping in schools. Most unfortunately this has not been possible for the past two years. Schools have been closed due to drought, hurricanes and COVID19. Meanwhile [REDACTED] has been promoting sustainable farming as best he could. This has included establishing and maintaining Inga nurseries, establishment of an orchard planted with sweet potatoes, beans, squash, watermelons, tomatoes, and corn, planting Inga and setting up a garden at a school, delivering talks to housewives and peasant women and handling worms for the production of vermicompost. It is expected that schools will re-open in January 2022 and the main project can then go ahead.

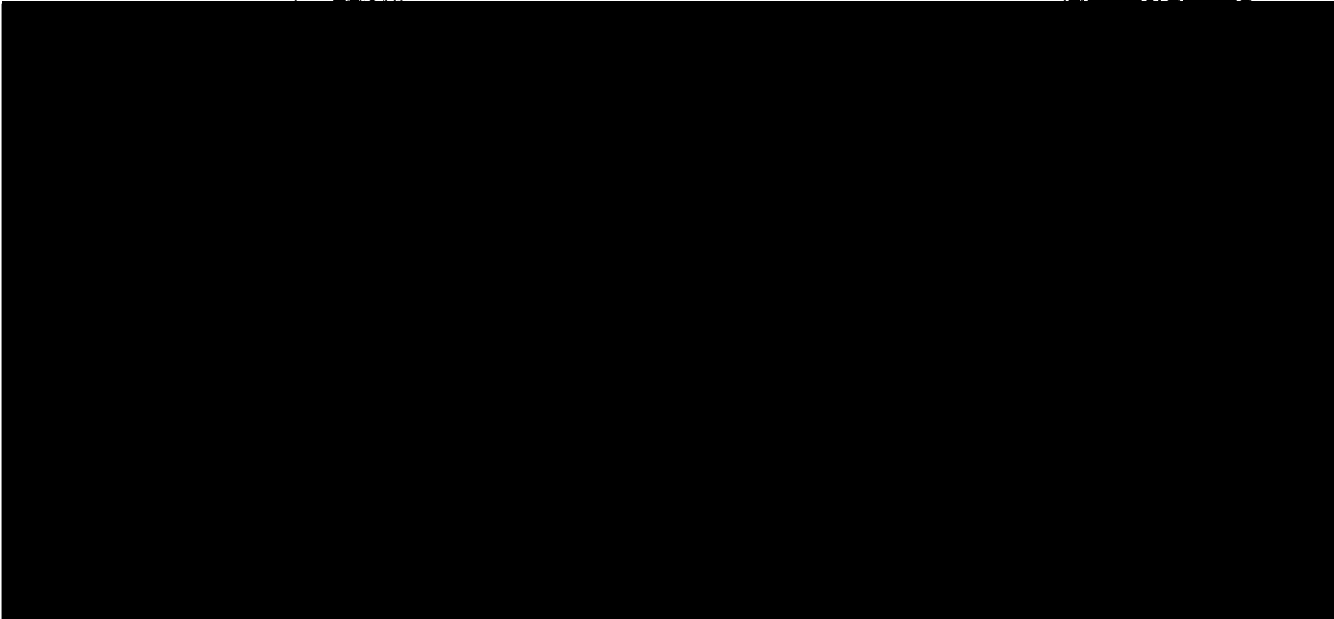
[REDACTED] (£3,990) [REDACTED] has continued his work with 7 farmers at El Pital village on very steep, very degraded slopes. Most of these plots were not yet mature. Harvests of beans sown in two mature plots were lost to Hurricane Eta in October. We have started to consider how the farming in these very difficult conditions could be improved.



The steep slope that Marco's farmers have to farm, staked out for a row of Inga following the contours to reduce erosion.

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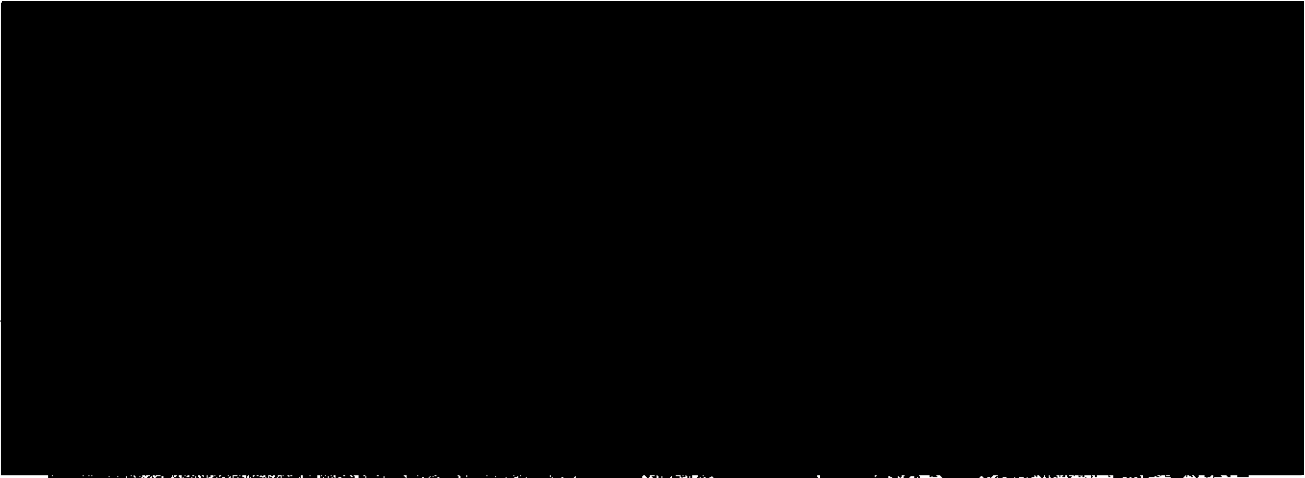
██████████ (£4,258) The year started in COVID lockdown ██████████ has been with us since April 2018, and we had just moved to paying him directly in place of the previous system where he was paid by the Frente de Defensa de Amazonia. He was unable to visit any farms from April till the end of May, when movement started to be allowed on 3 allocated days each week, only in one's own canton or the one next door. On May 30th he visited a farmer called ██████████ who he had talked to at the end of 2019, and discovered he had sown 3000 Inga trees in 40 alleys after they spoke, without any outside help.



██████████ managed 12 farm visits in June and 11 in July. He gradually got back round all the participating farms, though it was not till Sept he was allowed to return to Cuyabeno Canton, the most distant at the time, where we have a very valuable teacher who has planted Inga. She has now got us started (Aug 2021) in the adjoining Canton of Putumayo, so we have Inga now in every Canton in the province.

In November ██████████ went with ██████████ from the Universidad Estatal to present to farmers in Alto Sucumbios canton; we now have Inga plots at 800m on the edge of La Bonita forest. We also planted Inga higher at 1800m and demonstrated conclusively that it will not grow at that height – the seeds germinated but hardly grew.

In December ██████████ delivered a workshop on making Biochar with ██████████ to the Indigenous community at Centro Shuar; they are growing an interesting range of crops including medicinal plants to protect against COVID.

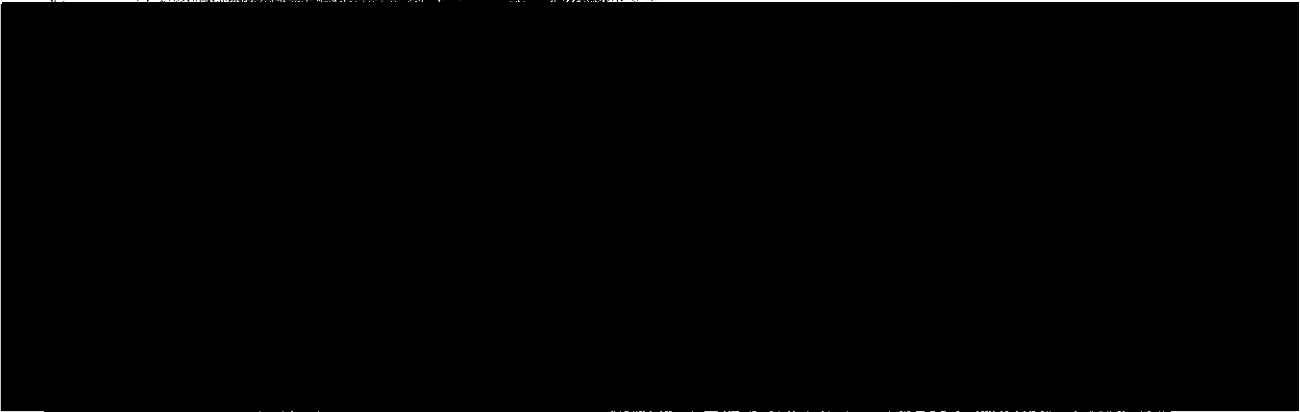


also made a start on measuring the carbon content of the standing forest on the farm of

██████████, this lady has huge success with pineapples growing in Inga alleys.

COVID has been a problem in the cities, but not a big issue in rural areas. The biggest impact for us is where it affects the colleges we work with, who are still not running practical sessions on the Inga plots - so the plot at the mother college in Lago Agrio is still waiting for pruning when they can run a practical.

In January ██████████ went with ██████████ to Puyo (in Pastaza province 200 Km South) to visit the community farm where she planted Inga alleys in April 2020, and help with weed control. 8 month old trees 80cm high – 20 alleys.



First results from comparison plots include maize at the college in Shushufindi producing 3 times the weight inside compared to outside the plots, and the plot held by ██████████ where he harvested 48 Lbs of Maize from 300 plants inside the alleys, but those outside grew but produced no cobs at all. It will be interesting to see what the next harvest produces after the second pruning.

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Financial Review

Financial position

The charity continues based on the support of longstanding sponsors as an enterprise which is not reliant on public sector revenue subsidies to meet its core charitable mission. An overall surplus of £21,811 was recorded on 5th April 2021. This surplus arose largely because of the restrictions due to coronavirus. As lock-downs are lifted we expect our activities to increase and therefore to have a much smaller surplus in the next financial period. The deployment of all the funds was in accordance with the Trustees' plans and donors' wishes. At the year end, the cash balance was £39,269 made up of 3,725 unrestricted and 35,544 restricted funds. The Trustees regard this as adequate to continue the charity's work.

Reserves policy

Our policy is to maintain permanent reserves, perhaps £300 - £500 sufficient to cover Spanish translations of our website and other documents, postal expenses, governance expenses and a few other small matters such as purchase of literature. We have no offices to maintain and one of the trustees has supplied emergency funding in the past and is willing to do so again.

Structure, Governance and Management

Charity structure

The Charity is an incorporated association.

There is currently a £25 annual subscription to become a member (concessions £15) and the membership elects a governing committee of trustees annually

Trustee recruitment and appointment

Trustees may be elected at the Annual General Meeting or co-opted by the committee during the year

Decision making

The Trustees are responsible for the decisions as to the direction and strategy of the Charity. For this purpose they meet monthly.

Induction and training of new trustees

Induction and training as required is given to new trustees by the serving trustees.

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Reference and administrative details

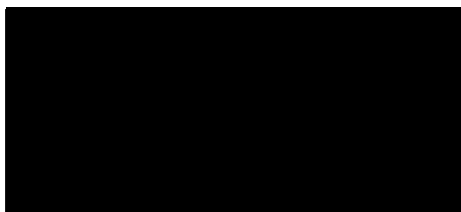
Registered charity number with the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator: SC039007

Registered office:

33 Pentland View
Edinburgh
EH10 6PY

Trustees

The following Trustees served the Charity during the year:



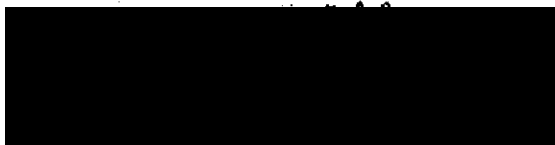
Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) 2005 Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

Statement as to disclosure of information to Independent Examiner

So far as the trustees are aware, there is no relevant information of which the charity's independent examiner is unaware, and each trustee has taken all steps that he or she ought to have taken as a trustee in order to make himself or herself aware of any relevant information, and to establish that the charity's independent examiner is aware of such information.

This report was authorised by the Trustees on 17th June 2021 and signed on their behalf by:



Treasurer

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**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5TH APRIL 2021**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 5th April 2021 which are set out on pages 15-20 of this report.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) 2005 Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (a) to (c) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeks explanations from the Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In the course of my examination no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations have not been met, or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signature

Name

Relevant Professional qualification/Professional body: CIMA

Address

Date 5TH DECEMBER 2021

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5TH APRIL 2021

	Unrestricted funds To nearest £	Restricted funds To nearest £	Total funds To nearest £	Total funds last period To nearest £
RECEIPTS				
donations	35,081	7,018	42,099	28,115
legacies				58,769
grants		45,341	45,341	13,016
fundraising	2,676		2,676	1,718
Total receipts	37,757	52,359	90,116	101,618
PAYMENTS				
Fundraising expenses	73		73	79
Investment management	45		45	52
Related to charitable activities	6,128	271	6,399	2,656
Grants and donations	28,190	33,598	61,788	101,256
Total payments	34,436	33,869	68,305	104,043
Surplus/deficit	3,321	18,490	21,811	(2,425)

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STATEMENT OF BALANCES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5TH APRIL 2021

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total last period
	To nearest £	To nearest £	To nearest £	To nearest £
Cash and bank balances at start of the year	404	17,054	17,458	19,883
Surplus/deficit as on receipts and payments	3,321	18,490	21,811	(2,425)
Cash and bank balances at the end of the year	3,725	35,544	39,269	17,458

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DETAILS OF GRANTS PAID OUT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5TH APRIL 2021

Type of activity or project supported	Individual / institution	Number of grants made	£
supervision of farmers. Setting up new Inga plots. Reasearch		14	18,930
Training and supervision of farmers		11	4,258
Setting up new Inga plots,doing a training course,medical expenses		7	3,761
Training and supervision of farmers		5	3,990
Setting up new Inga plots in several villages in North- west Cameroon.		6	15,912
Research work		1	2,397
Spreading the Inga system to schools in Honduras		7	6,373
Training and supervision of farmers. Research		2	5,334
Setting up new Inga plots		1	83
sewing project		1	585
Training and supervision of farmers		1	165
		Total	61,788

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ANALYSIS OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5TH APRIL 2021

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Total funds last period
	To nearest £	To nearest £	To nearest £	To nearest £
1 Donations and legacies				
Regular donations	9,449		9,449	8,704
Annual subscriptions	605		605	445
Gift aid	3,918	475	4,393	2,814
Other	21,109	6,543	27,652	16,152
fundraising				1,718
	2,676		2,676	58,769
Legacies				
Total	37,757	7,018	44,775	88,602
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Total funds last period
2 Grants				
CAF for Ecuador		1,500	1,500	3,880
Opengate		2,412	2,412	
Patsy Wood Trust Honduras		12,458	12,458	
Conservation, food and Health		16,253	16,253	
Rotary Clubs		2,320	2,320	2,000
Sheepdrove Trust		10,398	10,398	
other				7,136
Total		45,341	45,341	13,016
3 Payments relating directly to charitable activities				
payments for sending money abroad	478	256	734	832
payments to Tiiu's assistant	5,646		5,646	1,775
other	4	15	19	49
Total	6,128	271	6,399	2,656

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BREAKDOWN OF UNRESTRICTED FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5TH APRIL 2021

	Current account	Paypal account	Total unrestricted funds	Total unrestricted funds last period
Receipts				
Donations	31,307	3,774	35,081	28,115
Legacies				58,769
Receipts from fundraising activities	1,539		1,539	100
Other charitable activities		1,137	1,137	
Total receipts	32,846	4,911	37,757	86,984
Payments				
Expenses of fundraising activities		73	73	58
Investment management costs		45	45	52
Payments relating to charitable activities	6,128		6,128	2,443
Grants and donations	28,190		28,190	87,174
Total payments	34,318	118	34,436	89,727
Net receipts/payments	(1,472)	4,793	3,321	(2,743)

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BREAKDOWN OF RESTRICTED FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5TH APRIL 2021

	Cameroon	Ecuador	Honduras	Kenya	Total restricted funds	Total restricted funds last period
Receipts						
Donations	4,643			2,375	7,018	
Grants	31,404	1,500	12,437		45,341	
Total	36,047	1,500	12,437	2,375	52,359	14,634
Payments						
Relating to charitable activities	90	59	92	30	271	234
Grants and donations	20,639	4,424	6,373	2,162	33,598	14,082
Total	20,729	4,483	6,465	2,192	33,869	14,316
Net receipts/payments	15,318	(2,983)	5,972	183	18,490	318