

Annual report 2024 Omogolo Wildlife Trust

Objectives, mission and vision

Omogolo Wildlife Trust (OWT) supports projects that contribute to Wildlife Conservation and Animal Welfare.

The projects are located in various parts of the world. We work closely together with them and believe in the good work they do.

It is our mission, and our pride, to donate 100% of all incoming donations to the projects, made possible because all bank fees and other overhead costs are financed by our Board.

Organisation structure and Governance

OWT's Board of Directors:

- Yvonne Verkaik – Founder and Chairman (2015)
- Sabine van der Spek – since 2015
- Chantal Klootwijk – since 2015
- Caroline Bolten – since 2022

OWT's Cash Audit Commission:

- Rob d'Ancona, owner of d'Ancona Belastingadviseurs in The Hague.
- Bas Evers, Senior HR Director for Western Europe at Intertrust, a global firm specialising in corporate, funds, capital markets and private wealth services.
- Anita van Rijswijk, HR Officer for Nauta Dutilh.

All our Board members and the members of our Cash Audit Commission work on a volunteer basis.

Goal achievements

To achieve our goals, we continued our fundraising activities via our social media sites (www.omogolowildlife.org and www.facebook.com/omogolowildlife) and via several fundraising platforms such as Geef.nl and Benevity.

Our incoming donations in 2024 were considerably less in comparison to our previous book year. Partly this is an ongoing trend since COVID. The main cause, however, is that in the previous book year we received a large inheritance and in 2024 we did not. In 2024 we were named as beneficiary of two legacies, which are still in the process of being executed.

A breakdown of the donations transferred to the projects in 2024 is shown below, with the total amount per project since the establishment of Omogolo Wildlife Trust:

Below a summary of the goals that have been achieved by the projects that received our donations in 2024:

<i>Project</i>	<i>2024</i>	<i>TOTAL</i>
Maun Animal Welfare Society, Botswana	€ 0	€ 10,007
Rhinos in Uganda	€ 4,000	€ 46,002
Elephants in Botswana	€ 3,100	€ 52,917
Seals in the Netherlands	€ 0	€ 4,477

Chimpanzees in DRC	€ 5,000	€ 28,763
Sea turtles in Nigeria	€ 0	€ 10,085
Game Rangers International in Zambia	€ 3,000	€ 21,274
SPANNA Donkeys and Horses in Botswana	€ 0	€ 1,408
Global March for Elephants and Rhinos	€ 0	€ 100
Emergency Animal Rescue	€ 11,800	€ 20,500
Fund for Animal Emergency Rescue		€ 1,114
Donated this year - to be paid out next year		€ 2,067
TOTAL	€ 26,900	€ 198,714

Rhinos in Uganda

Our donations to Ziwa Rhino & Wildlife Sanctuary went to the protection of the (now over 40) rhinos. An Outpost was built to accommodate members of the fence team as well as rangers who are responsible for the security and safety of the wildlife.

Elephants in Botswana

We support two elephant projects in Botswana:

Elephants Without Borders operates in the Chobe area in North-East Botswana.

They were able to expand the 'Side-by-Side human-elephant coexistence program'. Its success has spread by word of mouth to other communities, so they extended the project to the Makalamabedi area, along the Boteti river.

With the help of donations received from OWT and other donors, they have also developed a resource, environmental education and training centre at the Chobe Nature and Culture Reserve site, located along the Chobe River. This to ensure the sustainability of the coexistence movement and promote positive perceptions of living with wildlife.

EcoExist, the second project supported by WT, operates in the Pan Handle area of the Okavango Delta. Their mission is to reduce human-elephant conflict and with our help they have been able to organize various school talks and workshops on the western panhandle to ensure that people have more knowledge on how to behave around elephants and how to protect their livelihoods.

Chimpanzees in DRC

Due to the increasing number of chimpanzee arrivals there was a need to expand and improve the nursery enclosure. Depending on the physical/psychological trauma, the youngsters often need to spend more time in the nursery before they can be moved to the forest enclosure. With help of OWT's donations, they were able to build a larger nursery in which a 'piece' of forest was incorporated, contributing to their wellbeing.

Game Rangers International in Zambia

With help of our and other donors, GRI was able to build the 'Wildlife Discovery Centre' in Lusaka National Park. The facility is the new home of their Elephant Nursery, where young elephants, orphaned as a result of the ivory trade and Human-Wildlife Conflict, are nursed back to health before they start their journey back to the wild. They also used the funds for their 'Discovery Days' program for low-resource schools: a six-hour immersive environmental educational experience including a guided nature walk, an exploration of engaging interactivities and exhibits, conservation awareness and the opportunity to observe the orphaned elephants in their natural habitat. Over 600 Zambian children directly benefitted from our support, many of whom had never seen a wild animal before and yet will grow up to play a crucial role in the future of Zambia's wildlife.

Animal Emergency Rescue

The largest part of our donations for animal rescue went to Botswana, where, due to ongoing drought and extremely low rainfall, animals (mostly hippos) were struggling for their life. In cooperation with the communities, we were able to help a large number of them to survive until the next annual rains arrived.

Financial

(currency: Euros)

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OMOGOLO WILDLIFE TRUST 2024

INCOME & EXPENSES	2024	Planning next bookyear
<u>Income</u>		
Donations received for projects		28,000
Private donations	11,360	
Company donations	4,000	
Board donations for running costs	1,000	1,000
	<u>16,360</u>	<u>29,000</u>
<u>Expenses</u>		
Donations paid out to projects	-26,900	-28,000
<u>Running costs</u>		
Membership contributions ¹	-214	-200
Promotion	0	-300
Bank fees	-349	-500
	<u>-27,463</u>	<u>-29,000</u>
Balance ²	<u>-11,103</u>	<u>0</u>

BALANCE SHEET PER 31 DECEMBER	2024	Previous bookyear
<u>ASSETS</u>		
<u>Cash</u>		
ABN AMRO	4,725	15,828
PayPal	0	0
	<u>4,725</u>	<u>15,828</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>		
<u>Reserves</u>		
Reserve for running costs	1,544	1,107
Reserve for Emergency Animal Rescue	1,114	4,484
<u>Short-term debts</u>		
Committed donations to projects	2,067	10,238
	<u>4,725</u>	<u>15,828</u>

¹ Membership contributions include ANBI, CBF and Chamber of Commerce, and are included in the Running Costs which are paid entirely by our board members.

² A negative P&L result, due to donations received in 2023 being paid out in 2024.

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Approved by Board:

Approved by Cash Audit Commission:

Yvonne Verkaik
Chairman

Rob d'Ancona RB

Bas Evers

Anita van Rijswijk

Risks and risk control

In 2024, we passed again our annual certification of CBF (Centraal Bureau Fondsenwerving), needed to guarantee our good governance to our donors and to maintain our ANBI status - allowing our donors to obtain tax deductions when donating to Omogolo Wildlife Trust.

Because some of the projects that we support are in financially 'high-risk' countries, we apply a secure process for all supported projects, to ensure that our donations arrive at the intended places.

- We periodically add up all incoming donations for each project and send a donation certificate to the project managers, stating the total amount and the agreed goal of our donation.
- After having received a signed and stamped copy of the donation certificate, we transfer the donation and send a proof of payment to the project manager.

- The proof of payment will be returned to us, marked with the date of receipt, signed and stamped.
- Future donations will only be sent if this process is completed for the previous donation.

Future developments

We will continue our support to the current projects.

We also continue to allow donors to choose specific projects that are not currently supported for their donation, under the condition that the project complies with our mission and with our statutory regulations.

Depending on the growth of OWT, we will consider new projects to support that fall within our missions.

In the coming year, we will increase our budget for promotion of OWT, aiming to attract more donors.

Our Board stays committed to work on a non-paid basis and to pay for bank fees and all other running costs of the Trust, ensuring that 100% of our incoming donations arrive on the accounts of the animal projects that we support.

A big THANK YOU again, to all our donors, supporters and to all the people 'in the field'!

Voorschoten, 25 March 2025

For the Board:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Yvonne Verkaik', written over a horizontal line.

Yvonne Verkaik (chairman)