# STOP ECOCIDE FOUNDATION

## **Management Report**

The board discussed the draft report on 7/6/24 and make the following changes:

- 1. Fenny Roosa Schouten-Korwa is Secretary, not Karin Birgitte Drenth
- 2. Richard Leachman is Treasurer

The board has discussed with the accountant how to allocate funds in the financial report in accordance with the Richtlijnen voor de Jaarverslaggeving voor kleine fondsenwervende organisaties (RJk C2).

## **Progress in 2023**

The Board is pleased to report that considerable progress was made during 2023. Belgium legislated for a national ecocide law, domestic bills for ecocide law were proposed/announced in many countries including Brazil, the Netherlands, Scotland, Spain and Mexico. The <a href="European Union">European Union</a> has recently reached political agreement to prosecute offences "comparable to ecocide" with implications for 27 Member States. The <a href="Republic of Vanuatu">Republic of Vanuatu</a> and <a href="Ukraine">Ukraine</a>, both victims of severe environmental destruction, have been vocal advocates during the year. An overview of recent international legislative and political developments can be found on our <a href="Breaking News">Breaking News</a> page.

Much of this recent international progress has been the result of our highly targeted advocacy and diplomatic engagement, and is based upon the definition of ecocide developed by our <a href="Expert Panel">Expert Panel</a>. An international crime of ecocide is now supported by:

- the <u>European Parliament</u> (27 states);
- the <u>Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe</u> (46 states);
- the Inter-Parliamentary Union (179 states);
- the <u>International Corporate Governance Network</u> (world's top asset managers);
- the World Council of Churches.
- the Alliance of Mother Nature's Guardians (indigenous leaders)

# STOP ECOCIDE FOUNDATION

Recent key international reports including the <u>Global Tipping Points Report</u>, the <u>Climate Champions Pivot Point Report</u>, the <u>Nature Finance Taskforce on Nature Markets</u> and the <u>1.5°C Business Playbook</u> all recommend ecocide law as a key lever for change at a global level.

We are dynamically positioned between legal developments, diplomatic traction and public narrative and we anticipate, with the right resources, facilitating steps towards a formal proposal within the structures of the International Criminal Court in 2024; adoption of the law could be reachable within 3-5 years.





# STICHTING STOP ECOCIDE FOUNDATION AT AMSTERDAM

Annual Report 2023



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To the board and management of Stichting Stop Ecocide Foundation Keurenplein 41 1069 CD Amsterdam

Dear members of the board and management,

We hereby send you the report regarding the financial statements for the year 2023 of the foundation.

#### 1 ENGAGEMENT

In accordance with your instructions we have compiled the annual account 2023 of the foundation, including the balance sheet with counts of  $\le$  91,664 and the profit and loss account with a negative result of  $\le$  8,149.

#### 2 ACCOUNTANT'S COMPILATION REPORT

To: the management

The financial statements of Stichting Stop Ecocide Foundation at Amsterdam have been compiled by us using the information provided by you. The financial statements comprise the balance sheet as at December 31, 2023 and the profit and loss account for the year 2023 with the accompanying explanatory notes. These notes include a summary of the accounting policies which have been applied.

This compilation engagement has been performed by us in accordance with Dutch law, including the Dutch Standard 4410, "Compilation engagements", which is applicable to accountants. The standard requires us to assist you in the preparation and presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the Richtlijnen voor de Jaarverslaggeving voor kleine fondsenwervende organisaties (RJk C2). To this end we have applied our professional expertise in accounting and financial reporting.

In a compilation engagement, you are responsible for ensuring that you provide us with all relevant information and that this information is correct. Therefore, we have conducted our work, in accordance with the applicable regulations, on the assumption that you have fulfilled your responsibility. To conclude our work, we have read the financial statements as a whole to consider whether the financial statements as presented correspond with our understanding of Stichting Stop Ecocide Foundation. We have not performed any audit or review procedures which would enable us to express an opinion or a conclusion as to the fair presentation of the financial statements.



During this engagement we have complied with the relevant ethical requirements prescribed by the "Verordening Gedrags- en Beroepsregels Accountants" (VGBA). You and other users of these financial statements may therefore assume that we have conducted the engagement in a professional, competent and objective manner and with due care and integrity and that we will treat all information provided to us as confidential.

For further information on the nature and scope of a compilation engagement and the VGBA we refer you to www.nba.nl/uitleg-samenstellingsverklaring.

Amsterdam, June 21, 2024

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#### 3 GENERAL

#### 3.1 Foundation

The main activities of Stichting Stop Ecocide Foundation are to activate and develop global cross-sector support for an international crime of ecocide, including:

- 1. Having ecocide recognised as an international crime at the International Criminal court in The Hague.
- 2. Having ecocide recognised as a crime at a national and regional level.
- 3. Ensuring effective implementation of all legislation criminalising ecocide.
- 4. Performing all other activities which are connected with or may be conducive to the above in the broadest sense of the word.

#### 3.2 Board

As of December 31, 2023 the board is formed by:

- Ella-Jo Mehta (chair);
- Fenny Roosa Schouten-Korwa (secretary);
- Richard Leachman (treasurer);
- Karin Birgitte Drenth.

#### 3.3 Incorporation

Stichting Stop Ecocide Foundation was incorporated by notarial deed on November 28, 2019 at mr. R.C.A. van der Sandt, Houten as a foundation. The activities are performed as of the aforementioned date or an earlier date respectively at the risk and costs of Stichting Stop Ecocide Foundation.

## 3.4 Appropriation of the net result 2023

The loss for the year 2023 amounts to € 8,149. The result will be allocated to the general reserve. The analysis of the result is disclosed on page 4.

# 4 RESULTS

# 4.1 Comparative overview

The result for 2023 amounts to (rounded off) negative  $\in$  8,000 compared to negative  $\in$  115,000 for 2022. The results for both years can be summarized as follows:

	2023	2022	
	€	€	
Income			
Donations Earth Protectors Trust Fund (private)	67,288	92,473	
Donations	347,528	243,844	
Gross margin	414,816	336,317	
Expenses			
Expenditure			
Earth Protectors Trust Fund expenses	99,270	231,540	
Creating awareness expenses	288,473	189,224	
	387,743	420,764	
Management and administration			
Intangible fixed assets	6,463	6,463	
Other operating expenses	25,421	20,042	
Total management and administration costs	31,884	26,505	
Result	(4,811)	(110,952)	
Financial income and expenses	(3,338)	(4,537)	
Balance	(8,149)	(115,489)	

# **5 FINANCIAL POSITION**

The balance sheet can be summarized as follows:

	12/31/2023	12/31/2022
	€	€
Long term funds:		
Reserves and funds	80,967	89,116
Long term investments:		
Intangible fixed assets	12,428	18,891
Working capital	68,539	70,225
This amount is applied as follows:		
Receivables, prepayments and accrued income	8,519	1,446
Cash and cash equivalents	70,717	84,425
	79,236	85,871
Short-term debt	10,697	15,646
Working capital	68,539	70,225

# **ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2023**

Balance sheet as at December 31, 2023 Profit & loss account from 2023 Notes to the balance sheet as of December 31, 2023 Notes to the profit & loss account from 2023

# **Stichting Stop Ecocide Foundation, Amsterdam**

#### 1 **BALANCE SHEET AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2023**

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(After treatment of loss)					
		December 3	December 31, 2023		1, 2022
		€	€	€	€
ASSETS					
Fixed assets					
Intangible fixed assets	(1)				
Website			12,428		18,891
<b>Current assets</b>					
Receivables, prepayments and accrued income Cash and cash equivalents	(2) (3)	8,519 70,717	_	1,446 84,425	
			79,236		85,871

104,762 91,664

		December 3	December 31, 2023		1, 2022
		€	€	€	€
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES					
Reserves and funds	(4)				
General reserves			80,967		89,116
Current liabilities	(5)				
Trade creditors Other liabilities and Accruals and		4,697		454	
deferred income		6,000	_	15,192	
			10,697		15,646

91,664 104,762

# 2 PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT OVER 2023

		Balance 2023	Budget 2023	Balance 2022
		€	€	€
Income				
Donations Earth Protectors Trust Fund (private) Donations	(6)	67,288 347,528	107,400 678,000	92,473 243,844
Sum of income	_	414,816	785,400	336,317
Spent on objectives				
Earth Protectors Trust Fund expenses Creating awareness expenses		99,270 288,473	100,000 614,350	231,540 189,224
	_	387,743	714,350	420,764
Management and administration				
Amortisation and depreciation	(7) (8)	6,463 25,421	6,500 57,170	6,463 20,042
		31,884	63,670	26,505
Balance before financial income and expense Financial income and expenses	(9)	(4,811) (3,338)	7,380 (5,000)	(110,952) (4,537)
Result	_	(8,149)	2,380	(115,489)

#### 3 NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### **GENERAL**

#### **Activities**

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# Registered office, legal form and registration number at the chamber of commerce

The registered and actual address of Stichting Stop Ecocide Foundation is Keurenplein 41, 1069 CD in Amsterdam and is registered at the chamber of commerce under number 76532054.

#### **Estimates**

In applying the principles and policies for drawing up the financial statements, the board and director of Stichting Stop Ecocide Foundation make different estimates and judgments that may be essential to the amounts disclosed in the financial statements. If it is necessary in order to provide the transparency required under Book 2, article 362, paragraph 1, the nature of these estimates and judgments, including related assumptions, is disclosed in the notes to the relevant financial statement item.

# GENERAL ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

The annual accounts have been prepared in accordance with RJk C2.

Valuation of assets and liabilities and determination of the result takes place under the historical cost convention. Unless presented otherwise at the relevant principle for the specific balance sheet item, assets and liabilities are presented at nominal value.

Income and expenses are accounted for on accrual basis. Profit is only included when realized on the balance sheet date. Losses originating before the end of the financial year are taken into account if they have become known before preparation of the financial statements.

# Comparison with previous year

For better understanding of these financial statements, the classification of the comparitive figures have been slightly adjusted.

# Foreign currency

## Functional currency

The financial statements are presented in euros, which is the functional and presentation currency of Stichting Stop Ecocide Foundation.

#### Transactions, receivables and liabilities

Transactions in foreign currencies are stated in the financial statements at the exchange rate of the functional currency on the transaction date.

Monetary assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are converted to the closing rate of the functional currency on the balance sheet date. The translation differences resulting from settlement and conversion are credited or charged to the income statement, unless hedge-accounting is applied.

#### **ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES APPLIED TO THE VALUATION OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

# Intangible fixed assets

Intangible fixed assets are presented at cost less accumulated amortisation and, if applicable, less impairments in value. Amortisation is charged as a fixed percentage of cost, as specified in more detail in the notes to the balance sheet. The useful life and the amortisation method are reassessed at the end of each financial year.

#### Amortisation rates

Asset

%

Website 20

# Receivables, prepayments and accrued income

Upon initial recognition, the receivables are valued at fair value and then valued at amortised cost. The fair value amd amortised cost equal the face value. Provisions deemed necessary for possible bad debt losses are deducted. These provisions are determined by individual assessment of the receivables.

## Cash and cash equivalents

The cash is valued at face value. If cash equivalents are not freely disposable, then this has been taken into account in the valuation.

#### **Current liabilities**

On initial recognition current liabilities are recognised at fair value. After initial recognition current liabilities are recognised at the amortised cost price, being the amount received taking into account premiums or discounts and minus transaction costs. This is usually the nominal value.

## **ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES FOR THE DETERMINATION OF THE RESULT**

#### General

The result is the difference between the realisable value of the received donations and the costs and other charges during the year. The results on transactions are recognized in the year in which they are realized.

#### **Donations**

Donations, gifts and grants are accounted for in the year in which they are received or committed.

# **Expenses general**

Costs are determined on a historical basis and are attributed to the reporting year to which they relate.

## Spent on objectives

Expenditure within the framework of the objectives is recognized in the year in which it is committed or, insofar as this is not the case with a commitment, in the year that the size of the obligation can be reliably determined. Contingent liabilities are recognized in the year in which it is established that the conditions will be met.

## **Amortisation and depreciation**

The depreciation on intangible fixed assets is calculated by using a fixed rate on the acquisition cost based on the expected life cycle.

Future depreciation and amortisation is adjusted if there is a change in estimated future useful life.

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# Financial income and expenses

# **Currency translation differences**

Currency translation differences arising upon the settlement or conversion of monetary items are recognised in the income statement in the period that they are realised, unless hedge accounting is applied.

# 4 NOTES TO THE BALANCE SHEET AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023

# **ASSETS**

## **FIXED ASSETS**

# 1. Intangible fixed assets

	2023	2022
	€	€
Website		
Purchase price	32,314	32,314
Cumulative depreciation and impairment	(13,423)	(6,960)
Carrying amount as of January 1	18,891	25,354
Movement		
Amortization	(6,463)	(6,463)
Purchase price	32,314	32,314
Cumulative depreciation and impairment	(19,886)	(13,423)
Carrying amount as of December 31	12,428	18,891

# **Stichting Stop Ecocide Foundation, Amsterdam**

# **CURRENT ASSETS**

# 2. Receivables, prepayments and accrued income

	12/31/2023	12/31/2022
	€	€
Other receivables, deferred assets		
Prepayment and other receivables	8,519	1,446
Prepayment and other receivables		
Pledged donations	6,109	-
Prepayments	2,410	1,446
	8,519	1,446
3. Cash and cash equivalents		
Triodos Bank current account (SEF)	57,854	56,768
Suspense account Transferwise (SEF)	7,329	1,164
Suspense account Paypal UK (EPTF)	1,685	3,292
Suspense account Paypal NL (SEF)	2,199	8,502
Triodos Bank NL (EPTF)	962	11,553
Triodos Bank UK (EPTF)	688	3,146
	70,717	84,425

#### **EQUITY AND LIABILITIES**

	12/31/2023	12/31/2022
	€	€
4. Reserves and funds		
General reserves	80,967	89,116

All donations received into the Earth Protector Trust Fund (EPTF) are spent on financing activities directly related to changing the law, with particular focus on support for climate-vulnerable states, legal expertise, diplomatic work, travel, engagement with relevant international events, and events at the Assembly of States Parties of the ICC.

EPTF funds must be spent within the year they are received, however due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many key international and diplomatic events were canceled or online throughout financial years 2020 and 2021, which meant that the Foundation could not spend all EPTF funds received in that period. The remaining EPTF funds were allocated to the EPTF reserve therefore. As life returned to normal in 2022, the Foundation was able to use the entire EPTF reserve to fund EPTF related activities as intended. The required and made expenditure for EPTF is the primary reason for the loss in financial year 2022 and 2023.

	2023	2022
	€	€
General reserves		
Carrying amount as of January 1	89,116	74,068
Allocation year result	(8,149)	15,048
Carrying amount as of December 31	80,967	89,116

# **Stichting Stop Ecocide Foundation, Amsterdam**

# 5. Current liabilities

	12/31/2023	12/31/2022	
	€	€	
Trade creditors			
Creditors	4,697	454	
Other liabilities			
Accruals and deferred income			
Administrative and accounting expenses	6,000	6,000	
External hiring		9,192	
	6,000	15,192	

## 5 NOTES TO THE PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT 2023

	Balance 2023	Budget 2023	Difference budget	Balance 2022
	€	€	€	€
6. Donations				
Donations (business)	63,294	-	63,294	51,279
Donations (private)	73,900	119,000	(45,100)	75,172
Donations (charities)	210,334	559,000	(348,666)	117,393
	347,528	678,000	(330,472)	243,844

## Staff

At year end 2023 the foundation had no employees (2022: 4). During 2023, zero employees were employed on a full-time basis (2022: 3).

The Foundation is working with several volunteers.

# 7. Amortisation and depreciation

Intangible fixed assets	6,463	6,500	(37)	6,463
8. Other operating expenses				
Office expenses Branding and development expenses General expenses	1,473 375 23,573	29,370 12,925 14,875	(27,897) (12,550) 8,698	2,200 376 17,466
	25,421	57,170	(31,749)	20,042
Office expenses				
Office supplies IT and web expenses Telephone Contributions and subscriptions	1,139 221 (22) 135	5,950 21,420 1,000 1,000	(4,811) (21,199) (1,022) (865)	470 - 870 860
	1,473	29,370	(27,897)	2,200

# **Stichting Stop Ecocide Foundation, Amsterdam**

	Balance 2023	Budget 2023	Difference budget	Balance 2022
	€	€	€	€
Branding and development expenses				
Travelling expenses	-	8,925	(8,925)	-
Advertising expenses	-	4,000	(4,000)	-
Events	375		375	376
	375	12,925	(12,550)	376
General expenses				
Administrative and accounting expenses	13,301	8,330	4,971	11,959
Consultancy fees	3,703	-	3,703	-
Insurance	5,278	2,380	2,898	3,817
Bank charges	1,291	4,165	(2,874)	1,690
	23,573	14,875	8,698	17,466
9. Financial income and expenses				
Exchange rate differences	(3,338)	(5,000)	1,662	(4,537)

# Signed by the board and management for approval

Amsterdam, .24./6/.... 2024

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