



## **The Van Tienhoven Foundation for International Nature Protection in 2019**

The Van Tienhoven Foundation (VTF) focuses on the delivery of small grants through an annual call for proposals. The Foundation's board is completely geared towards this end in terms of expertise and the maintenance of supporting facilities.

For the years 2019-2024, the board provides grants totalling at least € 100.000 per year, based on revenues of an endowment capital of somewhat over € 4M. The board of the foundation strives to make grants at the most economic costs in order to maximize the amount of funds available for the delivery of small grants.

The role and expertise of the board is twofold:

- 'to ensure optimum grant making' and
- 'to ensure that capital revenue is optimised'

The board ensures that capital of the foundation itself is invested sustainably to ensure optimum balance between revenue for grant making and capital investment that benefits nature and social justice.

### **Our Mission**

The Van Tienhoven Foundation for International Nature Protection aims to promote the protection, conservation and sustainable use of ecosystems and its living organisms, where ever these are threatened or under pressure outside the Netherlands.

### **Our Vision**

We, as board of the Foundation, are concerned about life on earth, the well-being and maintenance of the variety of living organisms and their living environment. Human beings play a crucial role as actor and factor in biodiversity. We see people as instrumental in mitigating the pressures of global change on the living environment and biodiversity.

### **Our Long-term Objectives**

Based on the estate of Pieter Gerbrand van Tienhoven, we aspire the following aims to:

1. make small grants available in order to finance direct actions that lead to change in policy and practice. This is especially the case for those ecosystems and its living organisms that are threatened or under pressure outside the Netherlands;

2. promote knowledge into the causes of threats and pressures on nature, in order to generate concrete actions that halt, counteract or mitigate these causes;
3. influence and collaborate with governmental, non-governmental organisations, communities, individuals, and other relevant stakeholders for the sake of the conservation of nature.

The foundation focuses on objective 1, the primary process of the foundation. Objectives 2 and 3 are executed through strategic relationships and through membership of IUCN.

### ***Board members 2019:***

Dr. Olaf Bánki (Chair)

Bas Looise (Treasurer until March)

Roelof Koch (Treasurer as of March)

Marie-Jose Vervest (Secretary)

Theo van Koolwijk

Dr. Christiaan van der Hoeven

The board met three times in 2019. The board developed and agreed on a Strategic Plan 2019 – 2024 to identify priorities and guide its actions in the coming 5-year period. It also updated its 'Internal Rules and Regulations' (*Huishoudelijk Reglement*) including a code of conduct for board members and started the process to develop a new website, online application form and a digital back-office/secretariat.

Danielle Klinge supports the board in the registration, assessment and selection process of the submitted project applications. She also supports in contracting the final selected projects. Accounting office WFA is assigned to make the Annual report in close cooperation with the treasurer.

### ***Financing international projects on protection of nature***

Since the Van Tienhoven Foundation receives far more applications than it is able to finance, the board decided to further refine its criteria for the annual call for project proposals in 2019:

- upon receipt so-called '**threshold' criteria** are used to identify eligibility of the proposal
- once an application is eligible the '**criteria for appraisal**' are applied

### ***Threshold Criteria***

The board only accepts applications:

1. From not-for profit organisations, that are registered as legal bodies (NGOs and scientific institutions). We don't accept applications from individuals
2. From organisations with a track record in conservation and social justice, to be demonstrated by referring to websites and/or social media
3. Implemented in developing countries or in countries in transition
4. We do not finance western salaries/consultancy fees, vehicles and equipment, nor international travel costs
5. With a project cycle of maximum two years

## **Criteria for appraisal**

The board prioritises projects that:

1. Are practical, hands-on and directly applicable in order to generate change
2. Are initiated, owned or widely supported by local stakeholders, in order to ensure sustainability
3. Are focusing on threatened species and ecosystems and/or key biodiversity areas
4. Are aiming to counter the human-induced causes for these threats, in order to have maximum conservation impact
5. Are exemplary for a wider problem, serve as a catalyst for raising awareness and engaging other stakeholders
6. Create leverage and can demonstrate that small grants and individual efforts can make a difference

We prioritise actions that lead to direct change in policy and practice.

In 2019, the Van Tienhoven Foundation has received a total of 612 applications of which 230 passed on to the assessment phase after application of threshold criteria and rough selection criteria. The 230 project proposals have each been reviewed by 2 experts from the Van Tienhoven Foundation Board and from the Netherlands Committee for IUCN, by applying the 'appraisal criteria'. The top 35 project proposals were subsequently reviewed by 3 experts from the Van Tienhoven Foundation Board also by applying the 'appraisal criteria'. The results of this intense review process led to 13 shortlisted projects which were contacted for referees and additional questions.

As a result of this process 13 projects have been finally selected by the board for financing:

India	Conservation of threatened vulture species in Tamil Nadu through multi-stakeholder engagement. Education of farmers, stock breeders, government & milk cooperatives	Arugalam	€7.600
Brazil	Managing the trade-off (including reduction of by-catch) between fishing activities & sea turtles conservation in Jacuma beach, northeast Brazil;	CEPAN Centre for Environmental Research	€10.000
Argentina	Protecting endangered Chaco eagle & other threatened birds of prey from mortality at human infrastructures in semi-arid landscapes of central Argentina	CECARA	€9.800
Colombia	Protection of threatened Carranchina turtle at Caribbean coast. Strengthen conservation capacity of indigenous Zenu youth & creation of ecological corridors.	FUVERDE Green and Social Future Foundation	€10.000
Brazil	Conservation of the critically endangered Araripe Manakin bird in Araripe Plateau (northeast Brazil) through habitat protection, restoration, education & capacity strengthening of local communities	AQUASIS	€9.600
Ecuador	Protection of spider monkeys. Implementation of 'conservation agreement' with local farmers to reduce illegal logging & prevent agriculture extension into the nature reserve, biodiversity hotspot	Proyecto Washu/Fundación Naturaleza y Arte	€9.978

Uganda	Enhancing stakeholder engagement in development & implementation of management plan for the conservation of Mpanga Falls ecosystem, including the cycas palm	JESE	€10.000
India	Strengthen conservation of Bengal Tiger. Minimizing livestock depredation by tigers through chain link fences with community participation in Kaziranga National Park.	CORBETT Foundation	€9.269
Argentina	Prevent the extinction of Yellow Cardinal songbird. Reduce impact of illegal trade through introduction of digital tool to identify species & improved reception of seized birds	AVES Argentina	€10.000
Colombia	Strengthening the traditional fishermen organization TIKA: environmental governance in indigenous fishery management practices in a strategic wetland ecosystem in the Colombian Amazon	GRUPO PROA	€9.969
Rwanda	Restoring and protecting Amasangano confluence wetland zone in Albertine Rift for enhanced ecological integrity and sustainable community livelihoods	ARCOS	€9.985
Mongolia	Promoting model for community conservation of Mongolian marmot: increase area of protected habitat & develop protection agreements with local communities.	CREC Conservation & Research Centre	€9.700
Rwanda	Community outreach for the conservation of endangered Golden monkeys in Volcanoes National Park	Rwanda Wildlife Conservation	€8.690

**Total amount financed projects 2019: €124,591**

### **Financial Report**

Per December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019, the total assets of the foundation are € 4.071.733 which is an increase of 7.3% in comparison to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018.

For a summary of the Financial Report 2019 of the Van Tienhoven Foundation: See Annex A (Balance sheet).

The board of the Netherlands Foundation of International Nature Protection.

## Annex A Balance Sheet

<b>Assets</b>					
		31-12-2019	31-12-2018	31-12-2017	
Other Receivables		691	3.757	1.660	
Securities		3.692.673	3.357.840	3.482.124	
Liquid assets		377.969	432.030	492.648	
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>4.071.333</b>	<b>3.793.627</b>	<b>3.976.432</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>					
		31-12-2019	31-12-2018	31-12-2017	
Equity		4.062.912	3.786.489	3.967.830	
Trade Creditors		1.389	201	290	
Other Liabilities		7.032	6.937	8.312	
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<b>4.071.333</b>	<b>3.793.627</b>	<b>3.976.432</b>	

## Annex B Profit & Loss

<b>Profit &amp; Loss - Euros</b>						
			Actual	Actual	Actual	
			<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	
<b>Revenues</b>						
Securities and bonds			437.271	-65.194	151.431	
Subsidies and awards			-124.591	-83.380	-93.038	
<b>Total Revenues</b>			<b>312.680</b>	<b>-148.574</b>	<b>58.393</b>	
<b>Expenses</b>						
Personell costs			5.626	4.816	7.364	
Office expenses			2.071	855	1.255	
General expenses			1.145	1.119	1.123	
<b>Total Costs</b>			<b>8.842</b>	<b>6.790</b>	<b>9.742</b>	
<b>Finacial benefits and expenses</b>						
Interest income			-510	-768	-1.363	
Financial costs			27.925	26.745	27.787	
<b>Total</b>			<b>27.415</b>	<b>25.977</b>	<b>26.424</b>	
<b>Net Result</b>						
			<b>276.423</b>	<b>-181.341</b>	<b>22.227</b>	