



# Van Tienhoven Foundation for International Nature Protection



## Annual Report 2023



## 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, wherever 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 aim 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.

## Grant making: financing international projects on protection of nature

Annually, the board provides approximately € 100.000-200.000 per year in grants, depending on the revenues of an endowment capital. The board of the foundation strives to optimise capital revenue and make grants at the most economic costs in order to maximize the amount of funds available for the delivery of small grants.

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.

Since the Van Tienhoven Foundation receives far more applications than it is able to finance, the board applies *eligibility criteria* and *criteria for assessment* to the submitted proposals.



## **Eligibility criteria 2023**

The Van Tienhoven Foundation makes use of eligibility criteria to determine whether applications can proceed to the assessment phase. If these criteria are not met, the application is identified as non-eligible for receiving funds. In 2023 we only accepted applications:

- From not-for-profit organisations, that are registered as legal bodies (NGOs and scientific institutions). We did not accept applications from government bodies, private companies or individuals.
- From organisations that are submitting only one application this round.
- From organisations with a track record in species protection, ecosystem protection and/or community managed nature protection, that can be demonstrated by background documentation (e.g. websites, social media, annual and/or final project delivery reports).
- Of projects that will be implemented in developing countries, following the most recent DAC list of ODA recipients.
- With costs based on local rates. Costs for overhead, for travel costs (from) outside the countries of implementation and for the purchase of vehicles (e.g. cars, boats) will not be covered.
- Of projects that are not part of a study leading to any academic title and/or aimed at delivering a book.
- Of projects that have not started yet at the time of submission and that will not exceed a duration of 24 months.
- With a maximum requested budget from the Van Tienhoven Foundation of €10,000 euro, and a total project budget of no more than €50,000 euro. Applicants have to indicate co-funding in the budget if applicable. If projects are to be co-financed by the Van Tienhoven Foundation, a financing plan has to be added which includes incontestable evidence of subsidies already applied for and awarded by other organisations.
- Of organisations that have a bank account in the name of their organisation.
- Of organisations that have submitted a final report for any project previously supported by the Van Tienhoven Foundation. An organisation can be supported for a maximum of three times within eight years.
- That are submitted before the designated submission deadline and that contain a completely filled out online application form of the Van Tienhoven Foundation.

## **Criteria for assessment 2023**

Once the eligibility criteria are met, the Van Tienhoven Foundation used the following assessment criteria and prioritized projects that:

- Focus on threatened species and ecosystems and/or key biodiversity areas.
- Aim to counter the human-induced causes for these threats, in order to have maximum conservation impact.
- Are practical, hands-on and directly applicable in order to generate change.
- Are initiated, owned or widely supported by local stakeholders, in order to ensure sustainability.
- Are exemplary for a wider problem, serve as a catalyst for raising awareness and engaging other stakeholders.





- 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.

## Funded projects in 2023

€ 109,828 euro was made available by the board in 2023 to support projects. The Van Tienhoven Foundation received a total of 316 applications of which 307 were considered eligible after applying the eligibility criteria. Of these 307 applications, 177 (58%) were from applicants working in Africa, 72 (23%) in Asia, 50 (16%) in Latin America and 8 (3%) in Europe. Countries with many submitted applications were Cameroon (23) applications, Uganda and Kenya (both 21) and Nepal (20). The average funding request was € 9,469.

The eligible projects were pre-assessed by a minimum of 2 members of the board as well as an external evaluator from IUCN Netherlands. This resulted in a longlist of 52 proposals. The longlist was reviewed by four board members, three regional experts of IUCN Netherlands Committee as well as five external people that were part of the 2023 selection committee based on their thematic expertise. The assessment of the longlist has been executed according to the criteria for assessment. The results of this intense review process led to 12 shortlisted projects which were contacted for referees and additional questions. As a result of this process 11 projects have been finally selected by the board for financing, resulting in a total amount of € 109,828 of financed projects in 2023.

Country	Project name	Organisation	Amount
Cameroon	No! they are not evils: Changing the narrative on snakes in the Yabassi Key Biodiversity Area, Cameroon.	Ajemalibu Self Help (Ajesh)	€ 10,000
Mexico	Monitoring and conservation efforts for San Quint�n Kangaroo Rat ( <i>Dipodomys gravipes</i> ), endemic species of San Quint�n, B.C.	Terra Peninsular, A.C.	€ 10,000
Madagascar	Endangered Species on the Menu: Urban Demand for Wild Meat in Madagascar	Madagascar Biodiversity Center	€ 10,000
Cambodia	Functionally important of the wrinkle-lipped free-tailed bat ( <i>Chaerephon plicatus</i> ) in pest control and its guano benefit for local community livelihood in Cambodia	Centre for Biodiversity Conservation (CBC)	€ 9,970
Cote d'Ivoire	Conservation of two critically endangered Angelshark species in the newly created Marine Protected Area of Grand-Bay	Conservation des Esp�ces Marines" (CEM)	€ 10,000
Colombia	Conservation actions to protect <i>Magnolia urraoensis</i> , the tree of peace in Colombia.	Botanical Garden of Medellin	€ 10,000
Indonesia	Strengthen local farmer to conserve critically endangered species Blue javan flycatcher in Menoreh Landscape Java island	Yayasan Kanopi Indonesia	€ 10,000



South Africa	Innovative design for humane predator control: Developing a mobile enclosure to promote human-predator coexistence	Cape Leopard Trust	€ 10,000
Colombia	Non-lethal strategies to mitigate human-felid conflict in a biodiversity hotspot (Magdalena Valley, Colombia)	Laboratory of Colombian Conservation (LACC)	€ 9,950
Mongolia	Building the sustainable wetland conservation and capacity of local communities through the Gun Galuut Nature Conservation Center in Central Mongolia	Saraana Nature Conservation Foundation (SNCF)	€ 9,908
Peru	The last stronghold of the montane tapirs: Monitoring and building capacities in the paramos and montane forests of the Peruvian Andes.	NODO Centro de Ecología Tropical y Conservación	€ 10,000

## Board

In 2023 the board consisted of the following members:

- Esther Blom (Chair)
- Roelof Koch (Treasurer)
- Ellen Hendrix (Secretary)
- Christiaan van der Hoeven
- Iris van der Meer
- Mick Netiv (as of July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023)

As of January 1<sup>st</sup> 2023 Olaf Bánki handed over the position of Chair to Esther Blom.

Assistant to the Board, Danielle Klinge, supported the board in the registration, assessment and selection process of the submitted project applications. She also supported in contracting the final selected projects. In June she handed over her tasks to her successor, Anne Maatman.

We thank Olaf Bánki and Danielle Klinge for their many years of dedication to the Van Tienhoven Foundation.

The board met at least two times in 2023.

Accounting office WFA is assigned to make the annual report in close cooperation with the treasurer.

## Financial Report

Per December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023, the total assets of the foundation are € 3.536.261 which is an increase of 5,8 % in comparison to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

For a summary of the Financial Report 2023 of the Van Tienhoven Foundation: See Annex A (Balance sheet) and Annex B (Profit & Loss).

***The board of Van Tienhoven Foundation for International Nature Protection.***



## **Annex A**

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

#### **Balance sheet as per December 31 - euros**

	<u>31-12-2023</u>	<u>31-12-2022</u>	<u>31-12-2021</u>	<u>31-12-2020</u>
Other receivables	0	0	0	114
Securities	3.498.026	3.252.334	3.957.625	3.819.462
Liquid assets	38.235	90.658	190.429	185.070
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>3.536.261</b>	<b>3.342.992</b>	<b>4.148.054</b>	<b>4.004.646</b>

#### **Liabilities**

	<u>31-12-2023</u>	<u>31-12-2022</u>	<u>31-12-2021</u>	<u>31-12-2020</u>
Equity	3.531.393	3.338.362	4.140.735	3.997.065
Trade creditors	-	-	-	1.210
Other liabilities	4.868	4.630	7.319	6.371
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>3.536.261</b>	<b>3.342.992</b>	<b>4.148.054</b>	<b>4.004.646</b>



## Annex B

### The Van Tienhoven Foundation for International Nature Protection

#### Profit & Loss - euros

	Actual <u>2023</u>	Actual <u>2022</u>	Actual <u>2021</u>	Actual <u>2020</u>
<b>Revenues</b>				
Securities and bonds	338.892	-566.714	378.858	200.035
Grants	-109.888	-192.445	-191.610	-215.421
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>229.004</b>	<b>-759.159</b>	<b>187.248</b>	<b>-15.386</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Personnel costs	7.528	6.655	9.786	7.804
Office expenses (incl. IT/website)	10.047	8.701	6.081	15.148
General expenses	810	860	550	847
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>18.385</b>	<b>16.216</b>	<b>16.417</b>	<b>23.799</b>
<b>Financial benefits and expenses</b>				
Interest income	-298	-4	-	-118
Financial costs (incl. fee)	17.886	27.002	27.161	26.780
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>17.588</b>	<b>26.998</b>	<b>27.161</b>	<b>26.662</b>
<b>NET RESULT</b>	<b>193.031</b>	<b>-802.373</b>	<b>143.670</b>	<b>-65.847</b>