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In this 40th year of A Rocha, we hit the milestone of ringing **250,000** birds.

African Pygmy Kingfisher *Ispidina picta* – Credit: A Rocha Kenya





# WELCOME



Thank you for reading this Annual Review. As you do, I hope you will get a tiny flavour of the depth and breadth of A Rocha's work. I stand amazed at the sheer number of programmes and projects: from marine and forest conservation to protecting endangered species and encouraging communities into more sustainable ways of living and livelihood. Our practical 'doing' is matched by educating thousands of children and adults in environmental practices, training people in theology in seminaries and churches, advocating to policy makers at UN and international political conferences and working to use the law to protect highly sensitive biodiverse land. It is integrated, holistic, God-centred work. To paraphrase Peter Harris, our co-founder, we write the hope of Jesus into habitat.

I don't know how anyone can read this review and not burst with pride at the work of the staff and volunteers across the world, as well as the generosity of our supporters whose investment in A Rocha has made all of this possible. They have felt

the nudge of the Holy Spirit, understood God's heart for all he created and seen how this interrelates with sustainability, poverty eradication, simple living and justice. And so many of us share a God-inspired love for the boundless, infinite, awe-striking beauty of our planet.

It is my absolute privilege to join this team of highly skilled, dedicated staff and volunteers and to build on the tremendous success and history of A Rocha. I'm convinced God has many more plans for us and that he also wants to raise up a fresh wave of activists, scientists, artists, business people and more, speaking and living a gospel which compels us to care for every tiny insect and plant, not to mention one of the largest land mammals on earth, the elephant cared for by A Rocha India. This, surely, was in Jesus' mind when he commanded us to 'preach Good News to all creation.'

## Ed Walker

Executive Director,  
A Rocha International



Throughout this review, you will notice these icons below appearing next to certain stories. These represent the UN's 17 Sustainable Development Goals, adopted in 2015 by the United Nations General Assembly. We are proud of A Rocha's part in the global effort to meet these ambitious goals by 2030. For more information, please visit [arocha.org/sdgs](http://arocha.org/sdgs)

# Spotlight on A Rocha International



The A Rocha Worldwide Family is made up of legally separate entities bound together by a covenant, detailing our rights and responsibilities to one another. A Rocha International has four main purposes in the family: to support the A Rocha Organizations, represent the family in a collective context, assist in the strategic development of new A Rocha initiatives and ensure we all uphold our agreed standards.

We are a team of 18, eight of whom are part-time, plus five volunteers. We all work remotely, across seven countries. Zoom has been a gift, as we only gather in-person once each year. In September 2022 we met in Wales, where we prayed, planned, moved some projects forward and debriefed others, went on windy cliff walks and laid down 'relational fat' as one of our trustees, Christine Warner, puts it. Speaking of trustees, we have a wonderfully international board – ten people and nine nationalities! Half the board is nominated by our five global regions.



Here are some other things we got up to between April 2022 to March 2023:

- We led a delegation to CBD COP15 in Montreal and published a position paper and a response (see page 6).
- We presented at the International Marine Protected Areas Congress.
- We helped coordinate a project to digitize data from four African forests so it can be accessed on the GBIF database to support biodiversity conservation (see pages 8–9).
- We led the Friends of A Rocha Network, welcoming 16 new groups in the year (see page 7).
- We launched several initiatives to mark A Rocha's 40th year, including films, publications and events.
- We carried out a brand refresh.
- We led the A Rocha Worldwide Family processes to review our mission, vision and commitments and to create the A Rocha Commitment to Creation Care.
- Members of our team visited A Rocha Organizations to give support in theology, communications, conservation science, reporting and fundraising.
- We raised funds and supported fundraising efforts around the A Rocha world.
- We said goodbye to Simon Stuart as our Executive Director and welcomed him as our volunteer Senior Advisor to Conservation Programmes.
- We were joined by Avery Robson, Director of Development, who lost no time in launching our 40 for the Future campaign.



## The A Rocha Global Leaders Forum

One of A Rocha International's responsibilities is to organize a triannual gathering for the family's leaders. June 2022 saw over 80 come together at Les Courmettes, France. This one had been delayed by a year, due to Covid-19 restrictions, so the richness of meeting face-to-face was palpable!

Over the week, the group prayed and worshipped together; discussed, updated and ultimately united around A Rocha's renewed vision, mission and commitments to Christ-centred biodiversity conservation; held the first-ever family Decision-making Meeting; gave voice specifically to women in conservation; and even did a little fieldwork searching for nocturnal caterpillars and

enjoying the many butterfly, amphibian and bird species on the site.

It was a time of celebration with answered prayers and good news, such as the expansion of the Dakatcha Woodland reserve in Kenya, renewed leadership in Lebanon and the establishment of the Friends of A Rocha Network. There was also time for reflection and remembrance together amidst the ongoing grief of the 2019 loss of our dear colleagues, Miranda Harris, Chris Naylor and Susanna Naylor, and for lament over species and habitats in decline. We thank God for the strength brought through community and fellowship as we continue through this season of transition.



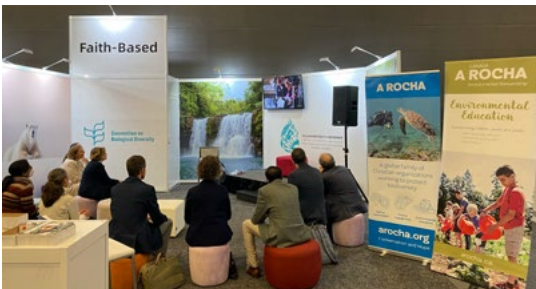


# A Rocha at CBD COP15



An A Rocha delegation attended the 15th Decision-making Meeting (Conference of Parties, or COP) of the UN Convention on Biological Diversity in Montreal from 7–19 December 2022. The World Wildlife Fund for Nature's (WWF) Living Planet Report (LPR) 2022 found that wildlife populations of mammals, birds, amphibians, reptiles, and fish – have seen a devastating 69% drop on average since 1970. As biodiversity is A Rocha's particular area of expertise, it was important for us to have a presence this COP, where the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) was successfully adopted. We contributed in the following ways:

- A Rocha Canada's Conservation Science Director, Paul Simonin, took part in a multi-worldview panel discussing ocean conservation and protected areas, and in a discussion about water quality and the conservation of aquatic species.
- Seth Appiah-Kubi from A Rocha Ghana presented on the positive financing of nature-based solutions in the case of the Atewa Forest Reserve.



- Sarah French of A Rocha International co-chaired a panel discussion on 'Holistic approaches for raising awareness and changing behaviour', spoke at a faith side event and facilitated the 'Council of all beings' role-play event.



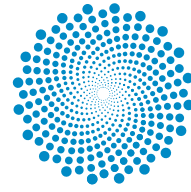
- A Rocha International hosted 'Vitamin Nature: Environmental Education for a Nature Positive Future', highlighting some of our environmental programming around the world, including in Canada and Peru.
- Avinash Krishnan – A Rocha India director and member of the IUCN Asian Elephant Specialist Group – spoke on his work addressing human–elephant conflict.



- Daryl Bosu of A Rocha Ghana spoke on 'Innovations to better integrate biodiversity conservation and poverty reduction: the case of population in forest zones of West Africa' at the Canada Pavilion.

The CBD COP15 was an inspiring opportunity to meet people from around the world who are committed to conserving biodiversity. We applaud the ambition of the GBF. Now the challenge is to implement successfully its targets in an equitable way. The A Rocha Worldwide Family looks forward to being a part of this process alongside the communities where we live and work.

# The Friends of A Rocha Network



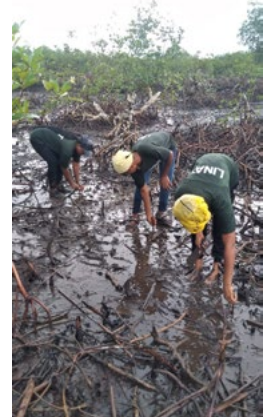
Between April 2022 and March 2023 the Friends of A Rocha Network grew from six to 16 members, on six continents. A Rocha facilitates online meetings to share news and discuss matters of interest, such as how to improve a small garden for nature or carry out marine conservation anywhere. Here's a sample of what our Friends are up to:

**EcoVila Teshuvah (Brazil)** proves that church planting can be green: meeting in an eco-friendly building made of bamboo and other local materials, EcoVila teaches permaculture and literacy as part of Christian discipleship. Volunteers and mission school interns return home with a deeper understanding of integral mission. Locally, the impoverished subsistence fishing community is turning from poaching and deforestation to ecotourism and agroforestry to complement their income, improving the prospects for the Giant Otter *Pteronura brasiliensis*.



## **Light For Nature (Cameroon)**

was started by several students passionate about environmental sustainability and conservation in their local community. Their main focus is recovering coastal ecosystems. They are currently engaged in a mangrove replanting project in several communities in the Maberta-Bimbia Creek and in cleaning up plastic waste in rivers, beaches and other coastal ecosystems – including removing 20,000 plastic bottles from an estuary on a single day!



**YAPPENDA (Papua, Indonesia)** is active in reforestation, setting up nurseries to grow tree seedlings and establishing community forests for sustainable use. YAPPENDA also wants to create a learning centre for educational and research programmes and to organize expeditions with Indonesian and foreign universities to increase species distribution data coverage – and maybe find some new species!



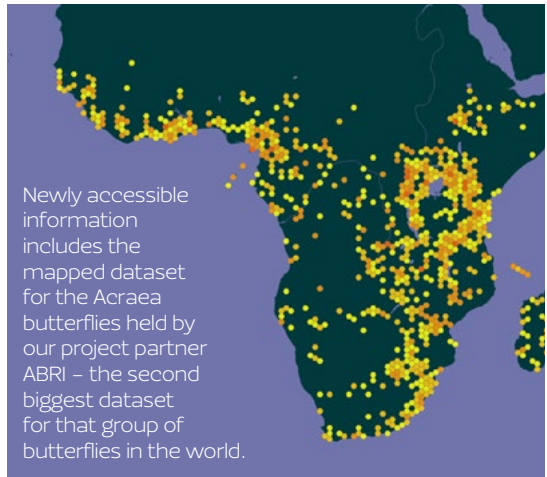
Currently, more than 30 groups are working on their application. If you lead a Christian group with an interest in biodiversity conservation, contact us or visit our website [arocha.org/friends](https://arocha.org/friends)

## A ROCHA AFRICAN FOREST PROGRAMME



**A** Rocha helps protect 450,000 hectares of biodiversity-rich but threatened forests across five African landscapes. Work in each country is led by its local A Rocha organization.

Mobilizing, sharing and using biodiversity data lies at the heart of our interventions. So it was a delight to bring together ten African partners (including five A Rocha organizations) for a two-year project, digitizing data for the protection of such forests. Over 130,000 previously hard to access records of Africa's plants and wildlife are now available online.



### Atewa Till Eternity\*, Ghana

A Rocha Ghana's efforts to protect Atewa Forest from current and long-term threats have continued on many fronts. The team has been building legally recognized institutions to take responsibility for managing local resources, working with farmers to cultivate crops in ways that are beneficial to nature and therefore attract a higher price, and training residents to monitor the forest for law-breaking activities and use smart phone technology to report infractions.

The High Court of Ghana is now hearing the case that A Rocha Ghana brought with a coalition of plaintiffs against government plans to mine bauxite in Atewa Forest. Some of the forest-edge residents with whom A Rocha has been working spoke in court as witnesses for the prosecution and held their position admirably in the face of cross-examination from government lawyers.

\*Title of a popular campaign song

### The Ferncliffe Mistbelt Forest Restoration project, South Africa

A Rocha South Africa continues to work with the National Biodiversity Stewardship Programme (NEMBA) towards upgrading the protected status of the Ferncliffe Forest to a

650 hectare nationally proclaimed protected area. We are currently fundraising to carry out an onsite land survey of the reserve boundaries, the last requirement for it to be gazetted.





## Restoration and conservation of West Bugwe Central Forest Reserve, Uganda

Under a Memorandum of Understanding with Uganda's National Forest Authority, A Rocha Uganda began conservation work here in January 2023. The first steps are to establish a baseline for key social and ecological indicators that will allow us to monitor progress, consult with key stakeholders and establish Community Forest Management Committees.

20 hectares of degraded forest patches have already been replanted with indigenous species to support forest regeneration, invasive species have been removed from 30 hectares and 100 local households have learned about energy-saving technologies and climate-adaptive farming techniques such as Farming God's Way and beekeeping. A 2023 bird survey commissioned by A Rocha recorded 109 species, a significant increase on the 89 recorded in a mid-1990s survey, indicating that despite the degradation of the forest it still retains valuable biodiversity.



West Bugwe Forest from a vantage point



A Rocha team working for the restoration of West Bugwe

## Creating a sustainable future for the unique Dakatcha Woodland, Kenya

A Rocha Kenya is progressing work creating and maintaining a 4,000-hectare nature reserve in Dakatcha. While monitoring the health of the ecosystem and its species, we remain involved with broader landscape initiatives for sustainable livelihoods, education and strategic direction. In addition, A Rocha Kenya's environmental education programme engages 13 schools and 11 churches neighbouring the reserve.

Thanks to the support of many of our supporters and funders, the voice for conservation within the Dakatcha landscape remains influential. Our surveys have revealed that the Dakatcha reserve is helping to protect 48 species on the IUCN Red List, a remarkable number.

## Developing responses to the pressures facing the forests of Kwande–Obanliku, Nigeria

A Rocha's Associated Project in Nigeria, Eden Creation Care Initiative, continues to work with local communities and other stakeholders to develop a long-term project to help assess and protect the remaining forest in Kwande.

In February 2023, teams visited the forest to survey birds and trees, and to lay foundations for a community conservation and development project in the area. We are looking at replicating a model used in Ghana of working with forest residents to make a living from farming and forest products while protecting the forested hills. Our hope is to launch the project in 2024.

## A ROCHA MARINE CONSERVATION PROGRAMME



The ocean continues to be decimated by humans taking too many creatures for pleasure, profit or food. The Marine Conservation Programme protects species and habitats, utilizing the best available science to guide conservation efforts.

We work in many protected areas, including a Ramsar site in Portugal, a Marine Protected Area (MPA) in Kenya and a National Marine Seashore in the USA. Work in Kenya has long supported one of East Africa's oldest MPAs by providing critical scientific information to local management authorities. In return, new data continually informs our work, such as our monitoring of sharks and rays. Two of the sharks we study (Blacktip Reef Shark *Carcharhinus melanopterus* and Whitetip Reef Shark *Triaenodon obesus*) were recently deemed at greater risk of extinction globally than previously thought. The main threat they face is overfishing or illegal fishing, something often addressed by regulating what and how creatures can be caught. The Kenyan team creatively addressed the 'how' by organizing a fishing tournament – the catch, pun intended, being that only legal fishing gear could be used. Fishers saw for themselves that they can provide for their families using legal fishing methods.



At the International Marine Protected Areas Congress, we presented results from our marine governance project. Using a participatory approach to marine governance, each community identified marine conservation issues and solutions. The Ghana team focused on mangrove forests, important for juvenile fish survival. The Kenya team is taking the lead to organize local NGOs and community members in implementing a management plan for Watamu Marine National Park. All this work results in a reduction of illegal fishing and of what usually has the most significant impact on marine species: overfishing. The project was a collaboration between A Rocha Kenya, A Rocha Ghana, Natiara Ahy (Madagascar), St Andrews University (Scotland) and A Rocha International.



Work in Canada has addressed overfishing of salmonid fish through the restoration of spawning habitat in British Columbia. Salmonid species spend significant periods of time feeding in the open ocean before returning to their native streams to spawn, creating nests where they lay their eggs. Many of these streams have been altered, and restoration stabilizes the riverbanks and creates space for young fish. Additionally, A Rocha's work in northern BC is assisting in directly increasing the number of fish by collecting eggs and raising them in a hatchery, which dramatically increases survival rate. The young fish are then released into the streams with a good start in life.



Marine species in protected areas are often found in greater abundance, higher diversity and a more natural size distribution. The Indian River Lagoon in Florida is one of the most biodiverse estuaries in the USA. While fishing is likely to be causing changes in the populations of targeted species here, the greatest negative influence on biodiversity and abundance is excess nutrient input from surrounding land sources. A Rocha USA's marine interns presented the results of a desktop study at the Florida Academy of Sciences, showing that in a relatively small area, only 696 of 2,609 recorded species have been assessed for the IUCN Red List database. Many of the species we study here are little known and of those assessed, several are moving towards endangered – all the more reason to learn as much as we can and share our data. We are partnering with several local organizations to protect this lagoon through oyster reef, seagrass and mangrove restoration.



Next year we plan to launch a study of the Data-Deficient Chain Pipefish *Syngnathus louisianae* after our research revealed a lack of information on this species in the Indian River Lagoon. Photo – Bob Sluka

Atlantic Ghost Crab – Hannah Hereward



## A ROCHA THEOLOGY & CHURCHES PROGRAMME



**A** Rocha's work has been described as a bird with two wings. One wing is practical conservation based on good science. The other wing equips the worldwide church to care for creation, based

on good biblical theology. When both wings work together, we have lift off! In our Theology & Churches work, we seek both to resource the A Rocha Worldwide Family and to influence Christian movements at the global level through writing, conferences, training and networks.

All this needs us to articulate what we believe. Our biggest achievement this year was the unanimous acceptance by the A Rocha Worldwide Family of a new **A Rocha Commitment to Creation Care (ACCC)** in June 2022. This involved a year of consultation, redrafting and robust discussion that included every part of the A Rocha family and key external advisors. The ACCC goes through the Bible's big story of God, creation and humanity in seven sections, from 'How we know God' through 'Jesus' life and death' to 'The Church's mission in caring for creation'. Each section contains both a statement of belief and a response in prayer and action. We commend this for study and reflection beyond as well as within A Rocha organizations.



Dave Bookless – Lecture in Croatia



Damien Boustany-Kasper & Lebanon group in Jordan

Another milestone this year was the completion of a ten-year partnership to hold creation care conferences for all 12 regions of the world as part of the Lausanne / World Evangelical Alliance Creation Care Network (**LWCCN**). The final two regions, Eastern Europe and the Middle East & North Africa, held conferences in Croatia and Jordan respectively. A Rocha was at the heart of both, involved in organizing, speaking and follow-up. These are both regions where creation care is new to many and it was thrilling to see pastors, theologians, scientists and business leaders motivated and resourced to get involved. The energy generated through these conferences continues with a **monthly enews** and plans for quarterly webinars, overseen by Dave Bookless as Lausanne Catalyst for Creation Care and

by recently named co-Catalyst Jasmine Kwong, based in Manila and on the board of A Rocha's Associated Project there.



LWCCN – Middle East & North African conference

# Environmental Education



**T**hanks to match funding and generous donations from our supporters, the Big Give Christmas Challenge once again provided resources needed for A Rocha International's environmental education work in 22/23.

We were able to:

- Build the capacity of A Rocha's environmental education officers in best practice and innovative teaching approaches for formal and non-formal education in local contexts
- Enable A Rocha's environmental education officers to share their knowledge, ideas and expertise, particularly around Sustainable Development Goals, climate and nature-based solutions and Plastic Free February, supported by contextual material and digital resources
- Provide the training and support needed to ensure A Rocha's global environmental education activities are operating effectively to meet local needs
- Resource the A Rocha organizations through a series of one-day training webinars.

In addition, in 2022, A Rocha staff from five African A Rocha Organizations and Ugandan teachers and church leaders gathered at Kira Farm, Uganda for an environmental education conference, facilitated by A Rocha International.

The five-day conference was part of our ongoing work to strengthen capacity and build on the excellent work already being carried out by A Rocha organizations. Participants learned about the role of environmental education in reconnecting people and nature and in inspiring action for a sustainable world. They reimagined how they could be more effective and reach a wider audience, including sharing new methods for delivering environmental education.



Teachers visiting Kiteezi Primary School



Queen Elizabeth tree planting

The workshops included a visit to Kiteezi Church of Uganda Primary School, near Kampala. Five years ago, Ibrahim Ssekama, one of the school's teachers, asked A Rocha Uganda for help growing vegetables on the school grounds and incorporating environmental topics into the curricula. And now? The school has sack gardens demonstrating what can be grown where land is scarce, reuses plastic bottles for growing seedlings, has planted fruit trees purchased through [Gifts with a Difference](#) and extended the area for growing crops. The vegetable plots are thriving and the whole

compound is looking very green. The teachers and church leaders went home equipped with new ideas and inspired to care for creation at work and in their communities.

# A Rocha's work around the world



In each place A Rocha works, relating even a fraction of what was done over a 12-month period would take more pages than this entire review. Instead, we have chosen a series of snapshots to capture the depth, diversity and diligence of our worldwide family. Together, we restore rivers, teach creation care theology, gather people around tables for home-grown food, campaign on behalf of vulnerable species and habitats, study sea creatures and so much more.

## Aotearoa / New Zealand



A record number of 12 Ōi / Grey-faced Petrel *Pterodroma gouldi* chicks fledged at the Karioi Project in 2022, thanks to a long-term intensive predator control programme pioneered by Te Whakaoranga O Karioi and A Rocha, together with the local Whāingaroa community. Through the Karioi Project, children as young as seven take part in learning about predator control and local ecosystems. Three alumni from the Manaaki Ao (Earthcare) educational programme for high school students worked for the Karioi Project in 2022, representing the next generation turning the tide on biodiversity loss.



## Australia



A Rocha Australia has been teaching creation care to students at Capernwray Bible School since 2014. This has been put into practice with students participating in practical conservation work across the site and in the neighbouring Cecil Hopkins Nature Reserve, which supports the endangered Paddy's River Box *Eucalyptus macarthurii*. 300 trees have been planted since June 2020 and photographic surveys show the marked difference this is already making to the landscape.





## Canada



A Rocha Canada studies and cares for nature in three provinces: British Columbia, Ontario and Manitoba. In British Columbia, staff and volunteers engaged in riparian restoration, planting willow stakes and seedlings to restore the eroding riverbanks of Buck Creek and Little Campbell River / Tatalu. In Ontario they maintained and monitored nest boxes and in Manitoba they completed their first official Christmas Bird Count, gathering and sharing the data.



Photo credit: Cindy Verbeek

## Climate Stewards

360°carbon, Climate Stewards' carbon footprint calculator for small organizations, grew significantly: with an updated interface and tailored US and Dutch versions, 360°carbon was in use by 1,478 churches, 23 synagogues, 136 businesses and 129 charities by the end of 2022. Tailoring the calculator to the location means we can use country-specific factors for the intensity of grid electricity, measurement units and language.



## Czech Republic



The A Rocha Czech Republic team had a busy year of environmental education: teaching in their educational garden and local schools, running children's clubs and holding summer camps. Their teaching is creative and hands-on, and they have been delighted by the enormous enthusiasm of participants.



## France



Les Courmettes – the A Rocha France centre near Nice – welcomes large numbers of visitors. Last year they implemented four citizen science programmes connected to short educational activities for hikers. Their nature walks had over 1,000 participants, and they began posting weekly biodiversity posts on their social media channels.



Photo credit: Daniel Maurer

## India



Last year a local villager was killed by an elephant, resulting in large-scale agitation against the Forest Department. A Rocha India acted as an intervening body to dialogue between the Forest Department and the local communities. Thanks to this, compensation was provided to the bereaved family and barriers were strengthened at critical locations where human/elephant interactions are high. Based on community suggestions, the Forest Department cleared roadside vegetation to allow for better visibility.

## Lebanon



In 2000, an A Rocha scientist observed a frog in the Aammiq wetlands in the Bekaa Valley, which he thought was a type of 'painted frog'. Since that sighting the Hula Painted Frog *Latonia nigriventer* has been rediscovered elsewhere and much learned about its biology. A Rocha Lebanon began a survey in April to search for this rare species in Aammiq, setting up recording devices throughout the wetlands to listen for the Hula's distinctive call.



## Netherlands



A Rocha Netherlands restored ten hectares of wetland in the south of the country over three years to protect local wildlife and natural resources. Communities around the wetland are now much more interested in the restoration project; there is 50% less hunting and fishing in the wetland and 20% more birds have been found in the area. The project is now a case study for a national network wishing to make similar impacts elsewhere, and has made a direct contribution to the national government's wetland conservation commitments.



## Nigeria (Eden Creation Care Initiative)



Eden visited 15 churches which had attended a creation care conference organized by Eden in 2021. Since the conference, 1,206 trees have been planted in church gardens, with one church going so far as to raise 1,200 seedlings to distribute to its members! 11 of the churches had carried out energy audits and taken actions like replacing light bulbs, reducing their energy consumption by 25%.

## Peru



Having installed improved cook stoves for households in San Demetrio and Pueblo Nuevo, A Rocha Peru carried out a study to measure the impact six months later. The results were encouraging: firewood consumption was down by 40%.

## Philippines (Christians in Conservation)



CIC gathered volunteers to partner with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources to plant 285 mangrove seedlings in the Manila Bay coastal area, supporting the last naturally growing mangrove stands of Metro Manila.



## Portugal



The Stormies Project – a long-standing venture between A Rocha and Cardiff University – was back on track post-covid in 2023 with a full team of student volunteers, who ringed a grand total of 210 European Storm Petrels *Hydrobates pelagicus* and one Cory's Shearwater *Calonectris borealis*. Running since 1990, the project examines the links between climate, oceanography, marine-food webs and the diet and migration strategies of Storm Petrels, the smallest Atlantic seabird.



Photo credit: Ben Porter

## South Africa



A Rocha South Africa has volunteer groups or 'Action Teams' in KwaZulu-Natal, Gauteng and the Western Cape. They get involved in local expressions of creation care, such as invasive vegetation clearing and tree planting, river and beach clean-ups and river rehabilitation.

## Sweden (KriNa)



A Rocha in Sweden (KriNa – Kristna för naturvård i Sverige) started an 'apple meadow' project in the spring of 2022 in collaboration with the local group Göinge slåttersällskap ('Mowing association'). First they did a controlled burning of vegetation. The burnt meadow was quickly transformed as green, healthy grass grew up. In August, Göinge slåttersällskap held a course in scything. By October, the entire meadow was mowed and in November, the first apple tree was planted. The project benefits pollinators, produces fruit in an ecological way and at the same time makes the place more beautiful, invoking wonder, rest and worship.



## Switzerland



A Rocha participated for the third time in 'Detox la Terre', an ecumenical Lent fast for climate (food and/or consumption) for small groups. The team helped update the participants' manual and prepare three sessions to consider how we consume and use our time and how our faith comes into this. They also ran an 'A Rocha Detox la Terre' group during Lent. It was a great opportunity to rethink consumption and our relationship to 'stuff', food and activities, and to pray for the whole of creation.

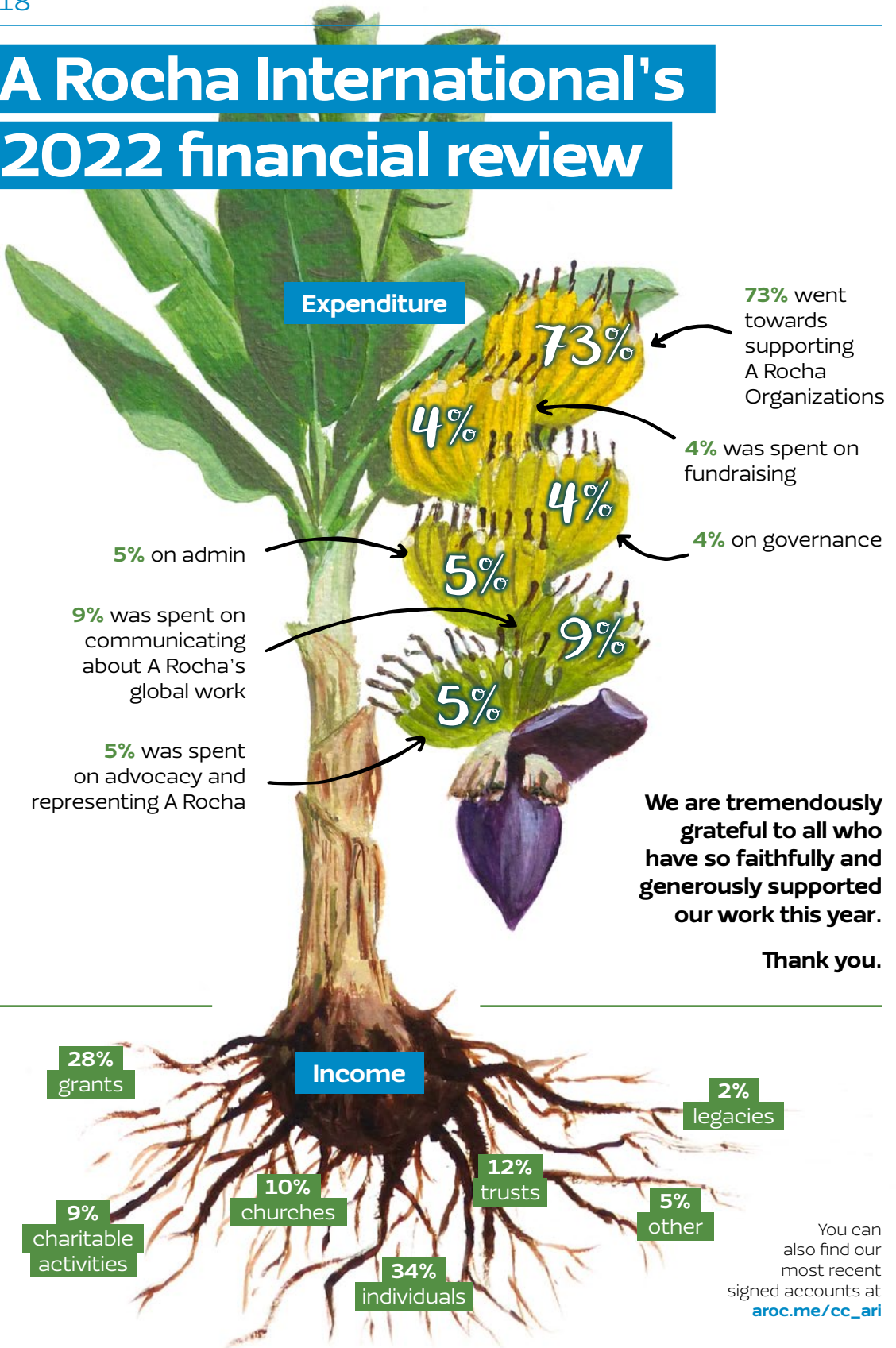
## UK



A Rocha UK saw continued growth of the Partners in Action scheme in 2022: 12 new partners covering four new regions of the UK and just over 2,200 acres of new land being managed for nature and climate. All 25 of our Target habitats, species groups and species were covered by one or more partners at the end of the year. New members include an increasing number of farms and estates committed to sustainable food production alongside best conservation practice. The network is increasingly focused on landscapes that are both amazing for wildlife but productive for people too.



# A Rocha International's 2022 financial review

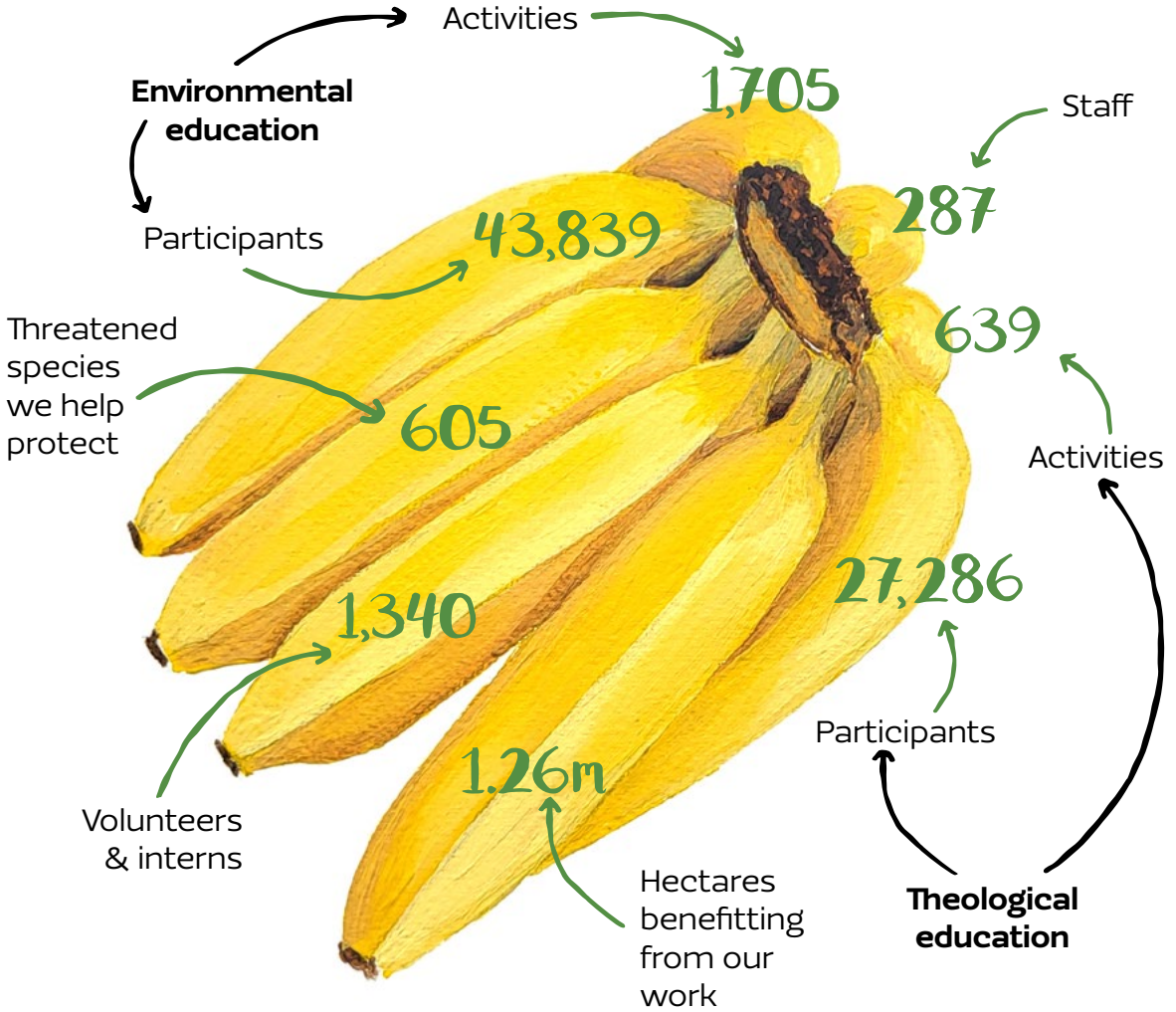


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# The A Rocha Worldwide Family in 2022



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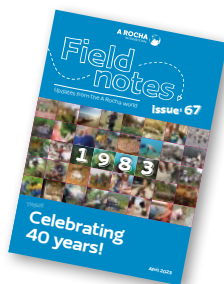
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## Field notes eNews

Sign up at [arochoa.org](https://arochoa.org) to get our monthly round-up of stories, news and links to resources like our blog, podcast and publications.

## Field notes newsletter

Twice a year we produce a themed newsletter packed with theological, scientific and practical insight on topics such as farming, endangered species and climate change. You can request a hard copy or view the latest version at [arochoa.org/publications](https://arochoa.org/publications)



A Rocha has always been a voice of hope in the environmental space. The Field notes podcast, hosted by Rick Faw and Jo Swinney, is an exploration of the ideas, practice and experience making a difference on the ground, through conversations with people who really know what they are talking about. Listen wherever you usually find your podcasts.

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