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OUR VISION

The vision is to contribute to sustainable development through knowledge and experience-based options for humanity.



OUR MISSION

To secure solutions to biodiversity and development challenges through providing biologically diverse and proven alternatives.



CORE VALUES

Honesty: We are committed to a clean and quality job with respect for all humanity through integrity and ethics in all actions and operations.

Safety: We promote a sound Healthy, Safe and Clean Environment culture in our engagements.

Creativity: We encourage innovativeness in our work while exploring new heights by setting higher goals for continuous improvement.

Adaptability: It is a fact that change is rapid and we therefore embrace dynamism.

Facts & Figures



6 Publications.

Is the number of publications produced

2 Printed Media Articles.

Are Print Media articles published



About UGX 500,000,000

Is the total amount of funding received

3 Districts.

Is the number of Districts worked in



11 Community Groups.

Are community groups worked with.

35 Staff.

Is the number of Full time and part time staff at Ecological Trends Alliance



4 Projects.

Is the number of projects we implemented.

2 Networks.

Is the number of networks we belong to.



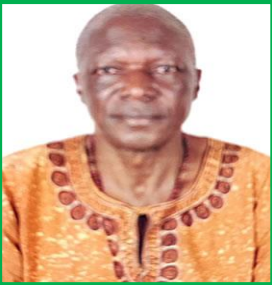
2 MOU.

Memorandum of Understanding signed

2 Documentaries.

Is the number of publications produced.





Message from the Chair

The Ecological Trends Alliance Board is the governing body for the Organisation tasked with the main responsibility of offering strategic policy guidance for overall growth of the organisation and ensuring that the organisation delivers on its mission and goals. This year presents some of those issues that require proper guidance from the board.

- This board has already served for 5 years and therefore 2022 marked the end of that term. However, the constitution stipulates that the board can serve for up to two terms.
- Our strategic plan was developed for 2018 – 2022 and therefore expired. In our meetings of 2022, the board advised that a 10 years strategic plan be drafted by the secretariat and presented to the board in their first sitting of the year 2023.

- The financial manual need to be reviewed to reflect the changes in strategic plan and will also be presented to the board for approval.

These three strategic documents and other policy documents formed discussion points in 2022 and will need to be concluded in the first two quarters of 2023.

I thank you all

Thomas Mayega Kiwanuka

Chairman, Board





Message from the Executive Director

Ecological Trends Alliance implemented projects worth about UGX 500,000,000 under **1. Research, 2. Capacity development, 3. Community engagement & livelihood enhancement and 4. Conservation programmes** aimed at achieving the mission “secure solutions to biodiversity and development challenges through providing biologically diverse and proven alternatives”,

The funds were mainly from Tropenbos International and International Union for the Conservation of Nature through Save Our Species programme and the European Union. These were to support the implementation of **four main projects** targeting Forests and National Parks and one used to support institutional development of Ecological Trends Alliance.

Ecological Trends Alliance successfully negotiated and signed two MoUs with the districts of Hoima and Kikuube and initiated work with **six community** groups in those districts. We thank all who have supported us through the year. Special appreciation goes to the board for their technical and policy guidance.

Thank you.

Michael Opige

Executive Director



Our Programs

1. Research

Publications:

Ecological Trends Alliance conducts studies aiming to provide new knowledge in targeted subject matter. These studies usually inform implementation of programmes or projects. The districts also use the results to make input to District Development Plan (DDP). However, the recommendations from the researches form a major part in lobby and advocacy messages.

Print media:

The print media publication is used to reach a wider audience in and outside the country. The two articles aimed to highlight the plight of African lions and show its contribution to Uganda's economy.

This was also used to show case the role of local communities in lion's conservation and allow them participate in the celebration of International Biodiversity Day.

Documentaries:

The documentaries were used to show the plight of vulnerable communities; (i) showing the impacts of agrocommodity especially on food security and other livelihoods and (ii) showing role of 'enclave' communities in Queen Elizabeth National Park in lion's conservation.

Published and open access information on our website



Masiga Moses, (2022). Economies of scale – benefits versus losses to Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (IPLCs) in the oil and gas and agro-commodities sectors with reference to the Bugoma landscape (in prep).



Bigirwa Joselyn, (2022). Gender equality and social inclusion perspectives in the oil and gas sector in Bugoma landscape (Uganda): opportunities, threats and challenges (in prep).



Nangendo (Grace, 2022). Assessment of land cover / land use changes (1990 – 2020) in the northern Albertine rift (in prep).



Kiyingi Gaster (2022). Current and future expansion of forest-based enterprises in Bugoma landscape amidst developments for the benefit of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities

Research cont...



Ocen D. G, Ogen M, Okello M, (2022). Impacts of the oil and gas sector on the demography, im(migration), movement of labour and on other investments that affect natural resource bases in the Bugoma landscape (in prep).



Mayambala-Kakungulu Ronald, (2022). An assessment of illegalities as a result of multinational investments (oil and gas, sugarcane and tea), compliance with national laws and international best practices on such as Free Prior Informed Consent (FPIC), and the impacts and implications (in prep)



Print media



Print media Article 1

International Biodiversity Day, highlighting the plight of the lions in Uganda and their contribution to the Uganda's economy (Newvision).

Print media Article 2

Complexity of building Park – Community relations in the elimination of the African lion, a case study of Queen Elizabeth National Park (Newvision).



Documentaries



Documentary 1

Lion's Queens and Kings, empowering local pastoralists as custodians against lions persecution in Queen Elizabeth National Park, Uganda.

Documentary 2

Land use change through oil palm introduction in Buvuma district, depriving or improving livelihoods?

2. Capacity Development

From the 20 community wildlife scouts, **5 scouts** were selected and seconded to **UNITE for the Environment** for further capacity development in areas of environment and conservation.

A total of **20 community members** were trained in how to tap from tourism using locally available opportunities. The World wildlife Day celebration was used to demonstrate the opportunity.

To build the capacity of the Ecological Trends Alliance, **two** people were trained on Civic space security, **four** were trained on Theory of Change using practical country experiences and the use of Miro board application; and five were trained on how to include gender in implementation of programmes. One main output was development of a programme gender action plan. The gender training was delivered by ARUWE to all Green Livelihoods Alliance 2 partners in Uganda.



3. Community engagement / livelihoods

A

A team of 30 stakeholders met and discussed issues of communities and lions conservation in the enclaves, Queen Elizabeth National Park. Representatives from Local Government, Ballisa Groups, Lion's Queens and Kings, Uganda Carnivore Programme, UNITE for Environment, Kazinga channel schools project, Ecological Trends Alliance, Katunguru Tourism and Guides Association and Uganda Wildlife Authority.

B

Through the Green Livelihoods Alliance 2 (GLA2) project, worked with four **Collaborative Forest Management (CFM)** community groups and two Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (IPLCs) from the **Bugoma landscape** from Kikuube and Hoima districts as means of delivering projects interest including empowering communities to meaningfully participate in the governance of the Bugoma and Wambabya Central Forest Reserves.

C

Together with NFA technical field staff, 12 inception meetings in 6 communities were done, Up to 180 community members met. This led to selection of CFM/IPLC groups, identification of enterprises the community groups are interested in and used to make initial community plans for the next years engagement.

D

Two inception meetings were done; one in Hoima and one in Kikuube. These targeted 15 District technocrats and 15 political leaders. As a result, two MoUs were signed.



3. Community engagement / Livelihoods cont...

E

Lion's Queens and Kings was transitioned to a fully-fledged CBO and supported with tools and materials to continue engaging the enclave communities on lion conservation. This team of 20 members 5 from each of the four enclaves continue to be ambassadors of lion conservation.

F

ETA engaged the Dutch embassy and presented the outcomes from the Buvuma case study where oil palm is replacing livelihoods and showed how the experiences can be used to inform the implementation of the programme in the new landscape of Bugoma.



4. Conservation



Following the electrocution of the three lions in Queen Elizabeth National Park, a study was commissioned to understand the status of fences in the four enclaves of Kasenyi, Katunguru, Katwe and Hamukungu. Thereafter, a targeted awareness programme was done to ensure that the incidence does not occur again.



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20 lion's Queens and Kings were trained and their monitoring information linked to the earth ranger platform for early warning on lion's presence in the enclaves.



The network built including the 20 Queens and Kings, 8 community conservation rangers and the Warden conservation and warden Problem animal (UWA Katunguru field headquarter) was pivotal in conservation of the lions within the four enclave communities worked in.



Two studies were commissioned to help understand issues of forest conservation in Bugoma landscape. These were (1) landuse changes and understanding the drivers of change and (2) Forest-based enterprises in the landscape and recommending viable enterprises where communities can meaningfully be engaged.



The wildfires and the landscape approach being a new phenomenon in the landscape, an awareness engagement was organised with two districts of Hoima and Kikuube aimed at highlighting wildfires impacts in forest conservation.



OUR ORGANISATION

1. Growth of the Organisation



A

Functional board: The first 5 year term ended in 2022, however, the constitution stipulates two terms. The board had two board meetings during the year.

B

Annual audits: The audits (project and entity) of 2022 were completed. For financial oversight, two financial statements were provided to the board during their sittings. All quarter donor reports were submitted.

2. Growth of the organization cont...

C

Annual returns: It is required that NGOs make annual returns to the National NGO bureau, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Uganda Registration Services Bureau (URSB). The documents required have been prepared ready for submission.

D

Strategic plan and financial management manual: Our **strategic plan** was developed for 2018 – 2022 and therefore expired. A 10 years strategic plan has been drafted and will be presented to the board in their first sitting of the year 2023. **The financial manual** has been reviewed and will also be presented to the board for approval.

E

Building working relations with local governments: Two MoUs have been signed, one with Kikuube and the other with Hoima districts.

F

Collaborations with Authorities: Our organisation maintained good working relationships with **Uganda Wildlife Authority (UWA)** and **National Forestry Authority (NFA)** whose resources are the bases of our work. This is in addition to various Local governments and the natural resources under their jurisdiction.

G

Networks and coalitions: We have been working in partnership with other **like-minded Organisations and Networks**. In the year 2022, we applied to join Northern Albertine Rift Conservation – Group (NARC-G) and worked with Tree Talk Plus, Environmental Alert, Uganda Conservation Foundation, UNITE, Kazinga Channel School Project, Bulindi Community Chimpanzee Project, Uganda Conservation Foundation and Civil Society Organisation Environment and Natural Resources Network (CSO-ENR Network) and other pressure groups such as The Save Bugoma Campaign. These were variously used to deliver environmental and conservation agenda.



2. Mentorship / Human resource



From the 20 community scouts, **5 scouts were linked** to UNITE for the Environment for formal employment.



Encouraging **volunteer scheme**: Upto **20 community members volunteered** as community wildlife scouts in the IUCN – SOS project to improve **community and Park relations**.



3. Funding

3.1 Income sources



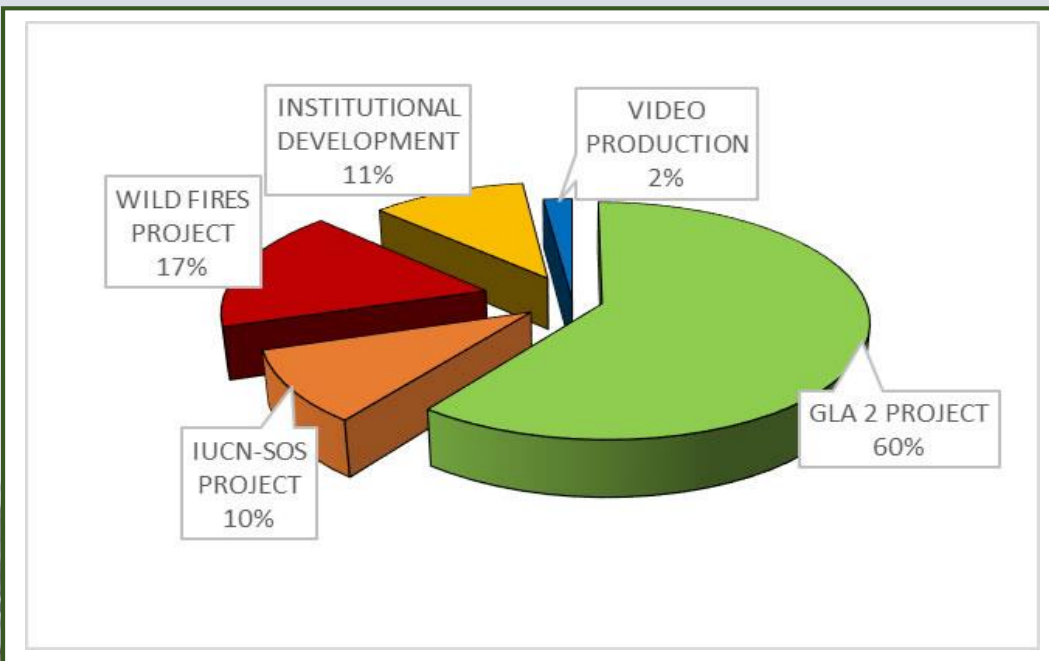
We implemented programmes to the tune of UGX 500,000,000 with largely donor funding in form of grants



3.2 Contribution from different projects



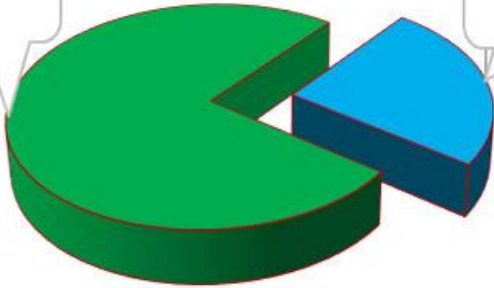
The funds came to support *four projects* targeting Forests and National Parks and one used to support institutional development of Ecological Trends Alliance.



4. Expenditure s

Of the grants received, 24% was spent on administration and the bulk (76%) was spent on programmes under our core areas of work of research (27%), capacity development (5%), community engagement (57%) and conservation (11%).

PROGRAMME
COSTS
76%



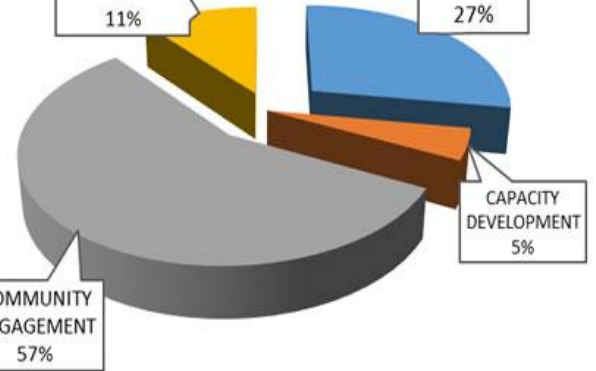
ADMINISTRAT
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24%

CONSERVATIO
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11%

RESEARCH
27%

COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT
57%

CAPACITY
DEVELOPMENT
5%



1. Audited Accounts

1. Extract of audits 2022

Ecological Trends Alliance Limited
Audit Report and Financial Statements
For the Fiscal Year Ended 31 December 2022

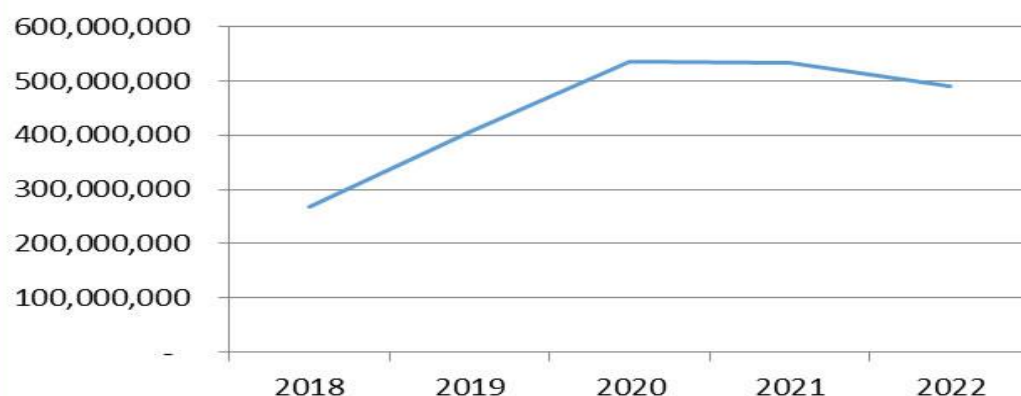
4.2. Statement of Comprehensive Incomes and Expense

	Notes	2022 UGX	2021 UGX
Grant Income	5.18	499,617,406	600,770,435
Other Income	5.19	143,197	103,571
Less: Capital expenditure		(6,970,000)	(271,417,000)
Net available income for operating activities		492,790,603	329,457,006
Expenses			
Program Activity Costs	5.20	308,391,360	292,510,000
Administration Costs	5.21	181,883,271	242,047,736
Total Expenses		490,274,631	534,557,736
Surplus/(deficit) for the period		2,515,972	(205,100,730)

All activities relate to continuing operations. The notes to these financial statements for the fiscal year ended 31

2. Trend of audited

AUDITED EXPENDITURE





Partner Appreciation

Here are the partners with whom we have worked in 2021. Thank you for the trust you have shown in us and we acknowledge that without your financial and technical support, we could not have achieved the goal we set for ourselves.



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