

# Trustee's Annual Report 2014

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## 2014 UPDATE OVERALL

2014 was a successful year for the Global Vision International Charitable Trust (GVI-CT). We saw our incoming funds nearly double over the course of the year. As a result we were able to see our projects grow and become more established. We were also able to expand and 2014 saw the portfolio of projects supported by GVI-CT grow.

A new partnership with Shark Guardian in Phang Nga, Thailand was forged and our team was hard at work getting the *Whale Shark Code of Conduct* initiative off the ground. The project aims to create awareness about how tourists should interact with the gentle giants as well as how tour operators should approach the whale sharks.

In India the initial steps have been taken to introduce a women's empowerment program. The GVI staff on the ground have been collecting data and researching community, and specifically women's needs in Kerala. In South Africa our team in rural Limpopo have started a new project at the local crèche called *Mmakadi Creche*. In the short time that we have been working there we have managed to make improvements to the infrastructure and had the opportunity to impact on the children's lives by offering environmental education and outings.

The carbon neutral base on Curieuse Island in the Seychelles has been a huge success and we have managed to reduce our fuel and energy consumption, and as a result our carbon footprint, in the Seychelles. The water project in Fiji that got underway in 2013 has been going from strength to strength and in 2014 we started and finished our WASH initiative to educate the community on how to manage and maintain the tanks that were installed last year. We also included courses of water safety and general hygiene, which were well received and attended.

The success of the *Protect the White Rhino in South Africa* in 2013 has continued on into 2014 and our donations continue to flood in. We have been able to upgrade our anti-poaching equipment and unit. Even so, there were still 1215 rhinos poached in 2014, so much work is still to be done.

Thank you for to everyone who has facilitated the growth and success of the GVI-CT during the course of the year. Without your support none of the work that we do would be possible. I hope that you enjoy reading more about our work, progress and growth in 2014.

Best Wishes,

Kate Robey

Charitable Trust, Operations Manager



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# STRUCTURE AND GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Type of governing document -	Trust Deed
How the charity is constituted -	Trust
Trustee selection methods -	Appointed during preparation of Trust Deed

Once proposed recipients of funds are reviewed and agreed by the Trustees. These are usually, but not limited to long-standing project partners of Global Vision International.



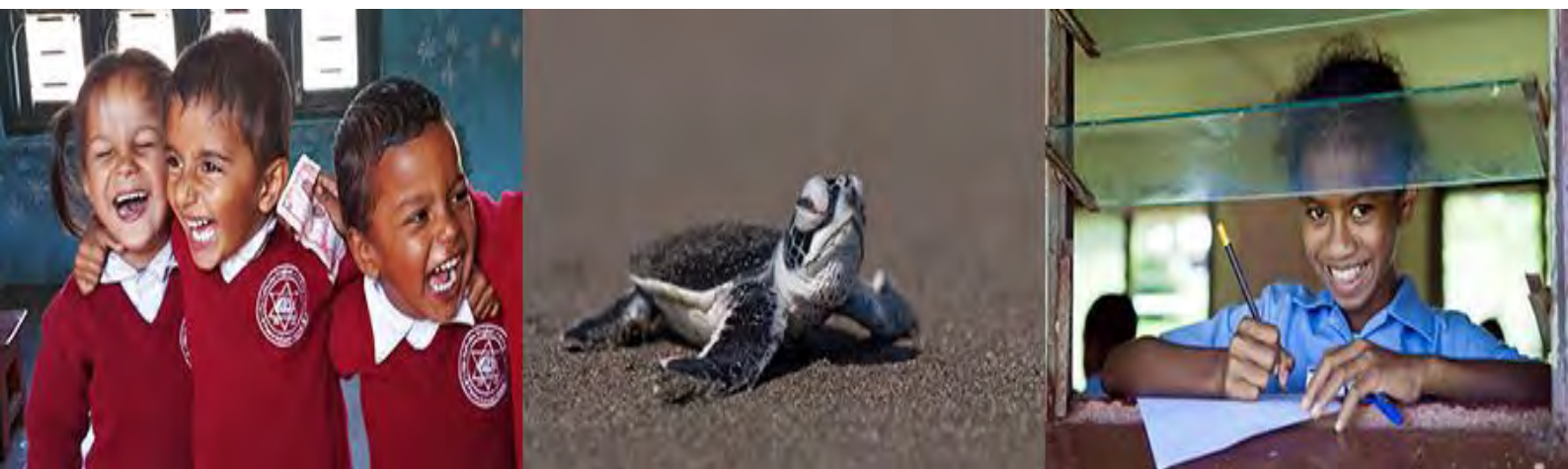
# OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES OF THE GVI- CHARITABLE TRUST

The “Objects” as set out in the Trust Deed are in any part of the world:

- to promote, for the benefit of the public, the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment;
- to advance education and research for the benefit of the public in the conservation; protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment;
- to relieve sickness and preserve and promote the good health of persons;
- to relieve poverty, financial hardship and distress.

The GVI Charitable Trust has raised money for a number of causes as outlined above, in each case the GVI Charitable Trust is duly diligent with how funds are used.

The GVI Charitable Trust strongly believes that it is only through local participation and leadership that projects can be successful. This is why each award that the GVI Charitable Trust makes is carefully vetted to ensure that the goals of that award are both sustainable and realistic. Awards are given for conservation and research, humanitarian aid, education and community development. We do not accept unsolicited requests for money. Awards are not given simply in the form of hand-outs, but rather with local communities, organisations and other stakeholders being consulted to develop long term planning and sustainability for the goals of each one.



## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

At the GVI Charitable Trust our objectives are threefold,

1. Awareness: To increase cultural understanding and awareness of global issues
2. Impact: To make long term, sustainable contributions towards key global and local issue
3. Empowerment: To equip our team with the knowledge and ability to further contribute towards key global and local issue.

The GVI Charitable Trust works with local communities and grassroots organisations to improve facilities, resources and environments by funding education, training and opportunities which would otherwise be denied.

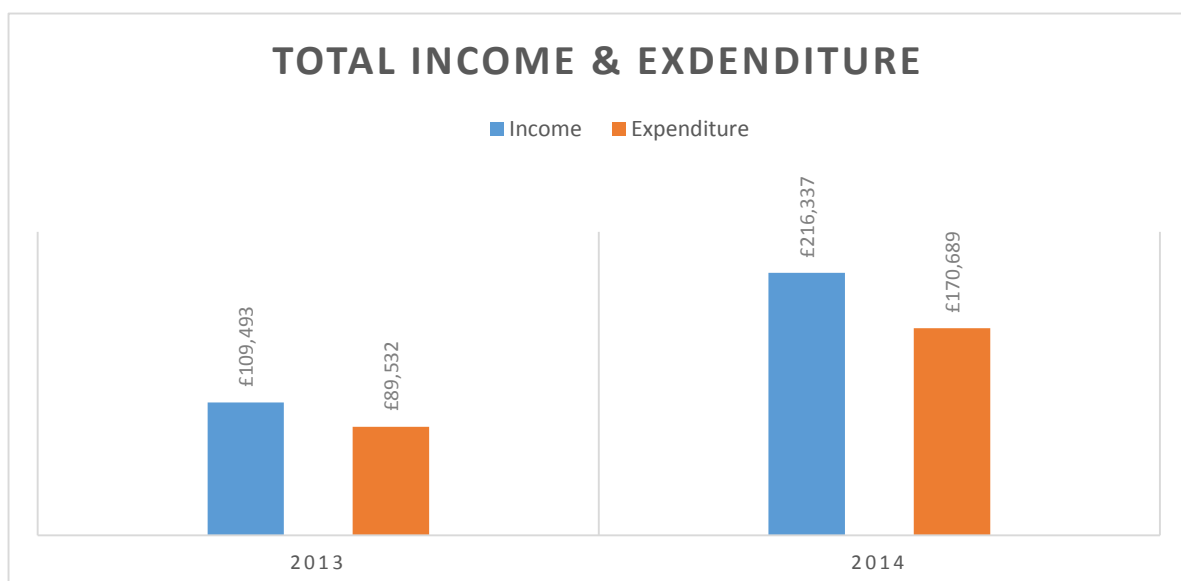
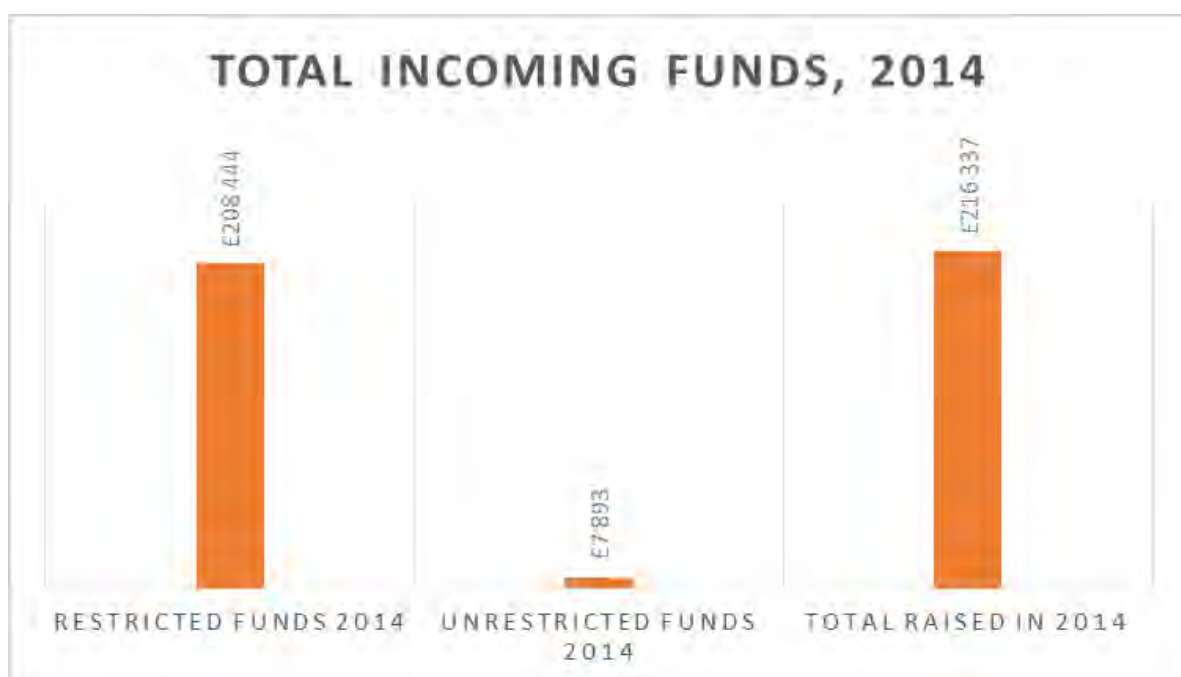
GVI CT projects support a wide range of critical sustainable development initiatives including education, conservation, disaster relief and the National Scholarship Program (NSP), which is our flagship initiative.

## OUR PERFORMANCE IN 2014

In 2014 the GVI-CT raised a total of £216 337. The following section is an analysis of these funds and how they have been disbursed.

The graph below shows the breakdown of total incoming funds in 2014 comparing restricted and unrestricted funds. Restricted funds are funds that can only be used for the projects that they were donated to. Unrestricted funds can be used for anything that the GVI-CT identifies is in line with our mission and objectives.

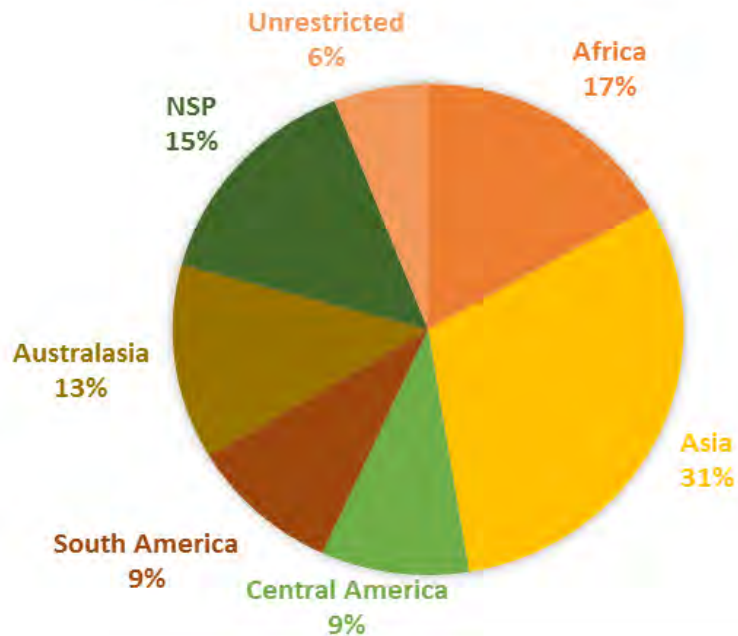
The graph below is a comparison between income and expenditure in 2013 and 2014. As you can see the GVI-CT doubled total incoming funds in 2014 and as a result was able to spend more in the field.



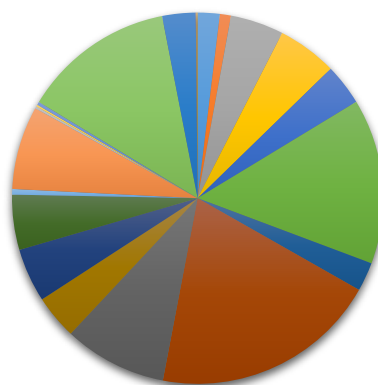


The pie charts below show the breakdown of where funds were allocated for, first by region and then on a more micro level according to country and project. In 2014 the majority of the funds raised by the GVI-CT were ear-marked for our projects in Asia.

## FUNDS RAISED PER REGION



## FUNDS RAISED BY PROJECT



- |                     |                     |                   |                 |                |               |
|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|
| ■ Seychelles        | ■ Gift Aid Claimed  | ■ GVI-CT          | ■ Costa Rica    | ■ Mexico       | ■ Kenya       |
| ■ Laos              | ■ India             | ■ Brazil          | ■ Thailand      | ■ South Africa | ■ Desert2Surf |
| ■ Carbon Offsetting | ■ Fiji              | ■ GVI CT NSP      | ■ NSP UK        | ■ NSP US       | ■ NSP Aus     |
| ■ Nepal             | ■ Global Initiative | ■ Sing Me A Story | ■ Zimbabwe Food | ■ USA Mustangs |               |

## OUR IMPACT IN 2014

GVI measures its global impact using a number of metrics. Below is a summary of the impact that we had in 2014.

### Staff

During the course of 2014 GVI worked with 112 local partner organisations to achieve our global aims and objectives. We had 2128 volunteers working on our projects, staffed by 218 GVI staff members and 9994 local community members working locally. We have offered full time employment to 73 local people and 635 others are receiving an income from GVI for services such as cleaning, driving and cooking on the projects.

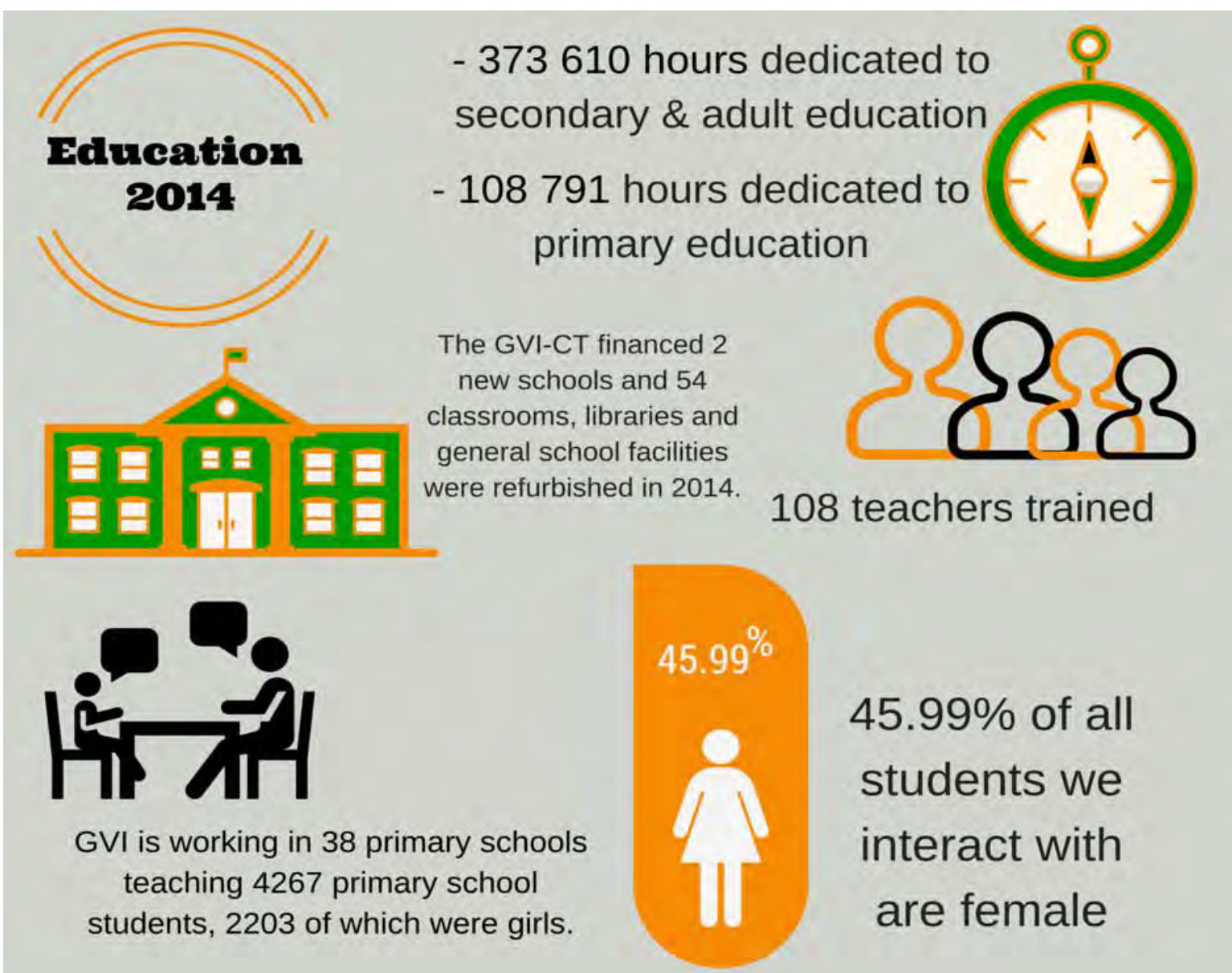


# Education

Teaching and education projects at the GVI-CT continue to grow in scope and impact.

Our base in Laos is primarily focused on education and through the GVI-CT supports a number of schools with rent and provides scholarships for students to attend. Our staff run English lessons, and this year have added science and mathematics classes.

Our project in Fiji completed the construction of a new library which also allowed the school to qualify for additional funding. The library is a great place for quiet reading, one on one lessons and a space for children to complete projects and homework.



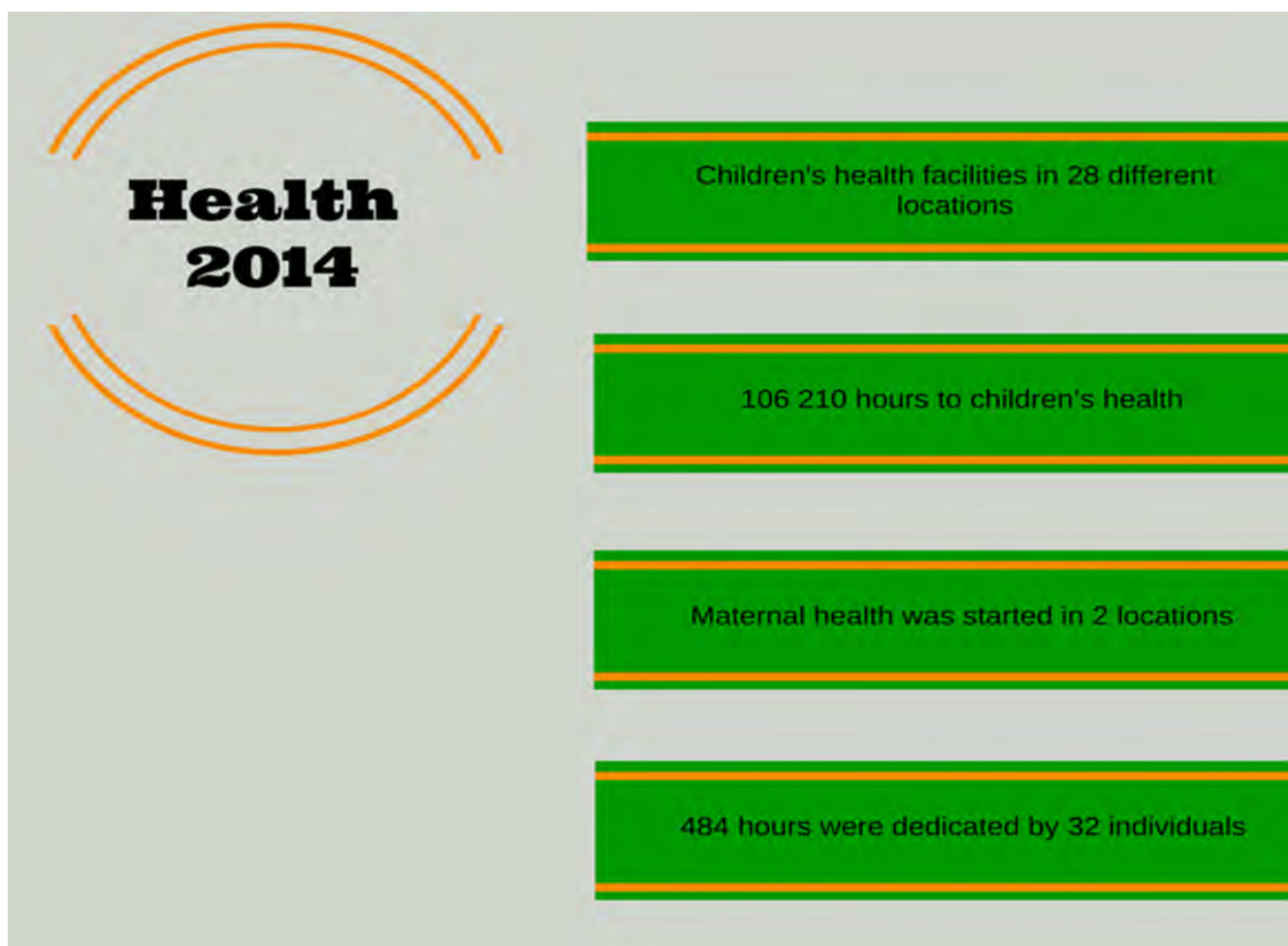


# Health

The health projects that we are involved with are varied and offer a wide range of benefits to the communities that we work in. GVI has healthcare projects in Thailand, South Africa, Nepal, India and Mexico, all of which are supported through the GVI-CT.

The main focus of all of the healthcare projects that we run are special needs assistance for people, mainly children, living with an array of needs both mental and physical.

Funding from the GVI-CT goes towards funding provisions and equipment to the health care facilities, helping with the high costs of ongoing therapies as well as support of the staff at the centres.





# Environment

The environmental projects that are run by GVI cover marine and terrestrial conservation as well as domestic animal support.

Projects cover a wide range of conservation and preservation needs from protecting endangered White Rhinos to supporting elephants so that they can live in their natural environment rather than tourist camps to data collection in marine parks. We also support a number of animal welfares around the world and provide financial support for sterilisation of animals, vaccination and adoption of domestic animals.

Our recycling projects have seen huge success in Mexico and Fiji and we look forward to seeing them go from strength to strength.



## CHALLENGES OF 2014

All of our projects are responsible for arranging and hosting their own charity challenges to bring in money for their projects. These funds are sent directly to the field for maintenance, repairs, supplies, and any other essential resources as identified by the staff and partners on the ground. There was an assortment of one day and multi-day challenges- Amazing Races, Scavenger Hunts, marathons, epic rafting trips and endurance activities, all in the name of raising money.

Here are some of the highlights:

The most successful challenges of 2014 were the Cape Town *Table Mountain Challenge*, the Chiang Mai *48 hour Wilderness Challenge* and the Laos *5am for 5 days* challenge.

The *Cape Town Table Mountain Challenge* raised just over £5200 to contribute towards the ongoing running costs of IkhayaIthemba Village. The challenge saw volunteers and staff embarking on an epic 3 day hike on the Hoerikwaggo trail, starting at Cape Point and hiking all the way to the top of Table Mountain. These funds were able to contribute towards food, clothing, ongoing upkeep and maintenance as well as staff training.

The Chiang Mai *48 hour Wilderness Challenge* raised over £3200 to keep 3 elephants where they belong in their natural habitat in the forest and out of tourist camps. The staff and volunteers loved getting out of their comfort zones a little bit more and fending for themselves in the wilderness- building shelter and fire and taking part in a series of other survival games. The money also helps to cover the medical expenses of the elephants and general maintenance at the base.

Across the border in Laos, the *5am for 5 days* challenge raised £2400 by coaxing the GVI volunteers out of bed to be ready and offering alms to the monks at 5am for 5 days. The other challenge was a competitive temple scavenger hunt. Great fun was had by all and Laos managed to reach their fundraising target in 2014 with these two challenges. The money went towards the running of the education programs in Luang Prabang to support and sponsor Lao students.

Nepal hosted a multi-day trek, a scavenger hunt and a rice planting challenge. While India embarked on a 7 day cycling challenge from Fort Kochi to Kerala, a distance of over 300km, so that they could raise funds to build a house in the Santhom Colony. The construction of a single house costs £3000 and the aim is to have 24 houses built in 2015.

Things got active in Central America. Mexico hosted a beach clean, an Amazing Race and a Brave Race. Over in Costa Rica we raised funds locally by hosting a local body boarding tournament to support a local partner, El Cocal to raise awareness about the sport. The team also challenged themselves to convert an old kitchen, which was being used as a classroom, into a fully-fledged classroom.

GVI-Seychelles participated in the annual Eco-Friendly Marathon to raise money for the local partner, The President's Village. There was a snorkelling scavenger race and a fancy dress marathon swimming challenge.

Overall the challenges that are hosted in each hub are a fun way for GVI staff and volunteers to bring in extra funding for their projects and programs that benefit the communities in which they live. It is also a great way to maintain relationships with local partners and create a greater sense of awareness about the work that we do with the locals.





# ASIA

## India

### Women's empowerment

In 2014 we identified the need for a women's empowerment program in India. According to the United Nation's Development Program, India ranked poorly on the gender inequality index for 2012. Female participation in the labour force was 29% in 2011 and only 65% of women were literate. India is also considered to be the fourth most unsafe country in the world for women. For these reasons GVI India began the process to establish a women's empowerment group.

After extensive local research we have established two small women's empowerment groups in a slum in Fort Cochin. They have started slowly and there are many hurdles, but we have already been able to provide sewing lessons and vocational training to some women from the slum.

### Santhom Slum construction project

For our construction projects, we identified the Santhom Colony as the area to focus our efforts on going forward into 2015. We have spent much time in 2014 mapping out the area and surveying the over 200 households in the slum to establish the priority points. We are raising funds to build 24 homes and a playground in 2015.

GVI- India has also been working very hard to build closer and stronger ties with all facets of local government- from the mayor to councillors. This allows us to help our local partners get quicker, and better access, to government funds when necessary. This means that the dependence on GVI is minimised, which is our long term objective.





# Nepal

## Help disadvantaged children

In Nepal we partner up with the *Street Children's Rehabilitation Centre*. Our main fundraising efforts go towards paying the annual rent so that a home can be secured for the 11 children who live there. We also assist with the food and nutrition needs of the children and staff. In 2014 we held an additional fundraising challenge to raise funds so that we could provide bunk beds for all of the children. With extra funds, we were able to build a covered outdoor area equipped with desks and chairs. This space is utilised as an area for homework and GVI art classes because the lighting indoors is very dim. This has made a huge difference to afterschool activities.

## Help improve the lives of animals

For the animal project that we run, we partner with the Himalayan Animal Rescue Trust (HART). In 2014 we raised funds a much needed surgical table. HART uses plastic tables for operating on the dogs and cats. This is most effective because the tables are light and easy to transport for the mobile clinics that HART hosts. However, now that HART have moved into a new premises, a new permanent table is required to help aid their work. The new stainless steel surgical table will be a great addition to improving the work for the vets and for all the animals that pass through.



# Thailand

## PHANG NGA

### Shark conservation

In 2014, GVI Thailand's Phang Nga hub took a big step forward for shark conservation in southern Thailand. After a couple of intense months of research, and draft after revised draft, our team was able to publish the *Whale Shark Diving Code of Conduct* in partnership with Shark Guardian. The code of conduct sets out simple guidelines to follow in order to allow diver/whale shark interaction to remain natural and positive, and to minimise the impact of tourism on these sharks. When we interfere with these gentle giants, by feeding them to lure them closer to the tourists, we begin to alter their behaviour and interfere with the fragile eco-systems.

30 sets of posters were printed in November 2014. By the end of the year, after only one overall week of campaigning, there were 7 sets of spectacular posters hanging in shop windows, dive boat notice boards and even on the boats that take tourists out to see the whale sharks.



## CHIANG MAI

### Alternative livelihoods and elephant rescue

The elephant program in Chiang Mai is going from strength to strength. 2014 saw the continued support for our growing elephant herd in the forest. The group of 8 elephants has had a happy year roaming freely in the forest. Our group now consists of five adult females, two juvenile males and one juvenile female.

This year saw the addition of our first adult male elephant, Bookah, into the forest area. Bookah meaning Golden Male in Thai is the village's largest elephant. Bookah has been working in tourism camps and logging his whole life and now has come back to the forest to take a break and spend time with his mahout. In addition the village has requested to bring Bookah back to the forest so that he can mate with our adult females Mana, Sah Jah and Tong Dee. Within the tourism industry elephants are often not able to breed successfully due to the stress and unnatural conditions.



We were also able to support the construction of the elephant clinic. The clinic offers a better and more controlled environment to treat the elephants more quickly and effectively. As well as building the clinic, we were also able to offer training to mahouts in modern medical care methods.



## Laos

### **Sponsorships, scholarships and support for Lao students**

In 2014, GVI Laos began experimenting with teaching English through maths, science and even sign language. For 6 months volunteers taught English while learning Lao sign language with the students at the School for the Deaf. The innovation of these classes was an immediate success, allowing GVI volunteers to structure their teaching in a manner that tailored the curriculum to the specific needs of the students; an important step in bringing modern and inclusive teaching techniques to a community where education for people with disabilities is still in its infancy.

Another exciting new edition to our program was the creation of our first mathematics and science classes. These classes have allowed volunteers to broaden GVI's educational impact beyond English teaching, while enabling GVI to utilise a new skill set identified within our volunteer team.





# CENTRAL AMERICA

## Costa Rica

### JALOVA

#### Protect Caribbean rainforest

The GVI Jalova base is continuing to work in collaboration with the Sea Turtle Conservancy, the longest running turtle conservation organisation in the world, on extensive research on the Tortuguero Turtle Conservation and Monitoring Program. GVI Jalova is also working in collaboration with the *Conservacion del Jaguar en el Noreste Caribeno de Costa Rica*, collecting long term data on jaguar populations and feeding trends within the Tortuguero National Park (TNP).

Money that is donated to the TNP provides rangers with much needed equipment and supplies for their patrols as well as going towards ongoing maintenance costs. The park is 76 000 hectares and the rangers are responsible for protection, education and conservation of this vital area which is home to one of the most important green turtle nesting areas in the world.

We are constantly seeing annual publications of scientific articles and reports relating to our conservation efforts within the TNP, promoting global education and understanding of conservation efforts in Costa Rica.



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## QUEPOS

### Community development and education

Charitable Trust donations to GVI Manuel Antonio programs were used to host the 2nd Annual Corona Cocaleña bodyboarding tournament in support of sports practice and healthy activity for local youth, particularly those from the community of El Cocal. In 2013 a student from Cocal won the World Bodyboarding Championship in the youth category, sparking huge interest in the sport from his classmates, and inspiring the GVI-sponsored tournament. In 2014 the second annual formal tournament was held with judges, an MC and meals provided for all participants, as well as prizes of gear for winners in each category and participant prizes for all competitors.

GVI-CT donations were also used, in combination with donations from Bancroft's School in the UK, to fund the building of an entire new classroom at Damas Elementary School. This classroom was designed as a permanent English classroom because English is a required part of the national curriculum in Costa Rica, as well as a designated space for GVI workshop & enrichment activities to encourage student learning. The classroom was built in just two weeks with the help of GVI volunteers from Bancroft's School and was dedicated in a ribbon-cutting ceremony in front of the student body.





## MAL PAIS

### Educational support

We continue to support the community in Mal Pais and Santa Teresa in 2014. In January 2014 we opened the doors of our new kindergarten classrooms- the construction for this started in October 2013. In 2014 we were able to sponsor three of our graduates to study at the local non-profit bilingual school. We will also continue our own sponsorship program with the Mal Pais Education Project Kinder where we had 10 students enrolled for 2014.



## Mexico

### Supporting children's development

The community project that GVI-CT supports in Playa del Carmen continues in partnership with *Save The Children*. These centres are called *Ludotecas* or 'toy libraries' in English and are set up as a safe recreational and educational space for local children. The children come here to learn through games, talks and workshops. There is an average of 50 children who attend every day.

In 2014 we trained and certified 16 staff members from *Save the Children* and the special needs school in Emergency First Response (EFR), an international first aid certification. This is invaluable for the staff who work with children, and especially special needs children. We continue to supply safe drinking water for the children as many of them suffer from dehydration. Other supplies that we were able to provide were cleaning products, toys, books and a projector.

The Integral Care centre was formed in 2008 to help children and young people with physical injuries, motor, mental and sensorial disorders. The special needs centre is very small and has between 8-10 children living there. In 2014 we provided funds for scholarships for two girls living here to get the therapies that they need.



We were also able to support therapists so that they could attend courses to learn more about equine therapy.

### Coco's Animal Welfare

Another partner that we support under our community initiative is *Coco's Animal Welfare*. They are dedicated to reducing and controlling cat and dog populations in Playa del Carmen and the Riviera Maya. This is achieved through a permanent clinic facility as well as a mobile spay and neuter clinic that travels throughout the region. Low cost or free sterilization is provided for pets, street dogs and cats, and animals rescued by local rescue groups. GVI-CT funds have been used to donate surgery utensils to continue spaying and neutering stray animals. In 2014 we were able to supply them with surgery equipment and hygiene products for their free clinics.

### Protect marine ecosystems

The Yucatan peninsula has a rich biodiversity that is threatened by the development of the tourist industry. The Charitable Trust is working alongside *Amigos de Sian Ka'an* and focusing on integrative management strategies and strategies on how to influence environmental regulation.

The majority of the funds that we collected in 2014 are allocated to be spent with our marine turtle partners. We are providing them with resources so that they can continue to monitor the beaches and collect important data. We will also buy equipment for *Amigos de Sian Ka'an* that they need to carry out the work that they do. We also donated funds to *Flora, Fauna y Cultura de Mexico* to assist the conservation work that they are engaged with on the Yucatan peninsula.



# AFRICA

## Seychelles

### Education for abused, neglected and orphaned children

One of the biggest achievements in 2014 at the President's Village Home (PVH) was the purchase of a large solar panel. This sustainable energy system will be able to provide clean energy and save the PVH on the high electricity costs. We are continuing to fundraise so we are able to support ongoing maintenance costs that the solar panels may have over the coming years.

Donations from the GVI-CT have continued to allow us to purchase snorkel and water equipment which is used for the weekly excursion to the beach with the PVH children. Swimming lessons are offered as well as snorkelling out to the reef to teach the older children more about the marine eco-systems that surrounds them.



### Help abused and neglected animals

Animal welfare and stray animal control is a pertinent issue in the Seychelles. We support the local SSPCA who are currently the only organization attempting to deal with the stray population of dogs and cats; animals that roam the beaches and streets of the Seychelles. They are committed to providing medical care and treatment as well as education about preventative measures to the communities.



# South Africa

## LIMPOPO

### Support a pre-school

In 2014 we set up a new Charitable Trust project at our local pre-school, the Mmakadi Creche. The crèche houses around 40-50 pre-schoolers in what can only be described as extremely basic facilities. Over the course of 2014 GVI-Limpopo have contributed to the construction of two new classrooms equipped with educational resources. An ablution block has also been constructed, so now the children have flushing toilets for the first time. We also fundraised for money to construct a jungle gym in the playground, work on which is due to get underway in 2015.

### Protect the threatened White Rhino in South Africa

Rhino poaching continues to be an ever increasing threat in South Africa, with Karongwe suffering the loss of its first rhinos to poachers in 2014. Fundraising has continued, with a big push in the 2014 Global Giving End of Year Campaign when several thousand dollars were donated. We were also included in the top ten Global Giving projects for 2014. Funds have purchased strobe lights for fence patrol vehicles, camera traps that are used along the fence lines to capture break-ins and a UHF receiver that was used to track rhino that had been implanted with special tracking devices to keep track of their locations. Remaining funds will be used in 2015 to buy quad bikes to make the team more mobile.



## CAPE TOWN

### Support for disadvantaged and special needs children

One of our ongoing objectives is to support local centres to achieve full registration with the local government so that they can get benefits. One of the criteria is that there must be adequate space for the children to learn. Our 2013 Charity Challenge 3 Day hike raised funds for improvements to centres in 2014. This funded local



tradesmen to build an extension onto the existing building. GVI volunteers provided support along the way by making bag hooks, painting and recycling furniture. The classroom is now fully operational and the children and local staff are enjoying the fantastic working environment.

Snack time is also an integral part of the children's learning programme. They learn about food, food groups and healthy eating as well as table manners and cleaning up after themselves. We introduce new foods that the children may not have tried before. The children with special needs also learn about different foods and learn to adapt to different tastes and textures.



## Kenya

### Food program

Donations help to fund the ongoing feeding programme at Nyota Ing'arayo Primary School. It covers food purchases, transport to the market, cooking materials and monthly wages for two cooks to provide lunch to 225 children, Monday to Friday throughout the school term and to around 100 students throughout holiday programmes. Lack of adequate meals are thought to be the number one cause of primary school drop-out in Kenya. The feeding scheme is vital for the children's academic success and provides children with a daily nutritious meal.

### Teachers' wages and training

We continue to assist with the wages for one full-time teacher at Olives Rehabilitation Centre's primary department and six full time teachers in Precious Vision Care Centre's kindergarten and primary departments. The schools cannot afford to pay their teachers the standard Kenyan minimum wage. The local teachers are one of the school's greatest resources and are invaluable in terms of the schools on-going success. They provide stability and continuity for the children, and have a deep understanding of the backgrounds of the students, and often the individual family backgrounds.

## OCEANIA

### Australia

#### Inspire and empower indigenous youth

Since 2011, we have partnered with an organisation in Australia called Desert2Surf, whose mission is to build capacity in indigenous youth from remote and disadvantaged communities through outdoor experiences such as surfing. Donations received through the GVI-CT help fund recreational activities to promote physical and mental health plus empower youths in leadership roles.

In 2014 the GVI-CT helped fund two surfing trips, called The Trip South for 4 students. They were both a huge success. The first trip was for two 12 year old boys and one adult, acting as their chaperone, from a remote indigenous community in the Northern Territory. The second trip in December was for two young girls. The surfing built the children's self-confidence, self-esteem and self-belief. The trips also involved other cultural exchange activities. The boys got to visit and participate at a mainstream school in Melbourne and the girls went on a tour of Melbourne.



## Fiji

#### Education for underprivileged children

GVI has now been working at Navunisea District School (NDS) for since April 2013. Our key focus at the school is improving English Literacy among pupils at the school. English is the language of instruction in spite of being a second or third language in Fiji and poor attainment in English has a hugely detrimental effect on all areas of pupil's education.



In 2014, the building of the NDS library, funded by the GVI Charitable Trust, marked a huge contribution to the school and the education project. The addition of the library has provided a quiet space where volunteers can offer children the focused one to one input they need in order to overcome gaps in their learning. The library has been resourced with donations of books and materials from volunteers and supporters from around the world. This has vastly increased the access that children at the school have to quality and appropriate reading materials. In addition, the presence of the library at NDS qualifies the school for additional funding which can be invested in teaching and learning materials to improve provision in the classroom.

### Fresh drinking water

In 2013 the GVI-CT forged a partnership with MWH Global with the goal of addressing the water security issues that many people in Fiji's rural and remote communities face on a daily basis. Over 207,900 litres of rainwater collection capacity were made available through the combination of new system installations and efficiency improvements and major repairs to existing infrastructure.

In 2014 we began the WASH- water, sanitation and hygiene- initiative. This involved the installation of new hand washing stations and the delivery of basic hygiene education. We have installed 7 hand washing stations, called *tippy taps*, within Yageta village to address the issue of lack of hygiene facilities. This equates to 175litres of water available for hand washing alone. Hygiene awareness has also been included in the curriculum for primary school students. Many members of the community showed an interest in handling the maintenance of the rain water tanks, so we have hosted a number of workshops to provide training on upkeep and water security.





## NON-GVI PARTNER PROGRAMS

### Grandmother Clara's

In Brazil, we have been supporting the *Educandário Creche Comunitária Sonho Vovó Clara*, or *Grandmother Clara's Educational Community Crèche*, for several years. They currently care for 75 children but their doors are always open to new students. The school aim is to improve nutrition by providing students with 3 balanced meals per day as well as weekend and holiday food/fruit packages whenever possible. As such, donations through us are used to provide a feeding program and school materials as well as employing a local cook to prepare the meals.

### Wild Horse Rescue Centre

The GVI-CT supports the Wild Horse Rescue Centre (WHRC) by gathering donations. The WHRC is based in Florida takes in mustangs that are in need of rescue. Once at WHRC the mustangs are nursed back to health. The team works tirelessly to heal the emotional and physical trauma the horses have suffered. They are then socialised and trained to be ridden and then adopted out to new, loving homes.

### Sing me a Story

Sing me a Story aims to give everyday children, regardless of circumstance, the opportunity to use the one thing they all have- imagination. By providing children with the opportunity to express themselves through story writing, we instil in them the knowledge that their voices matter to many.

### ePap Feeding Scheme

In Zimbabwe the GVI-CT offers support to a school in Bulawayo who provide lunches to students every day during the school term. In 2014 there were on average 243 student attending the school each day.



## NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

GVI runs a National Scholarship Program (NSP) to enable and fund local nationals to participate in our programmes and receive all relevant training. We look for candidates who demonstrate a real interest in the relevant training opportunities of the programme and those that can explain how this opportunity will enrich their current interests and future pursuits. As an organization we hope to be able to use our resources to enrich local capacities and provide unique opportunities for local youths.

During the course of 2014 the GVI-CT saw a number of National Scholars joining our programs all around the world. The scholars usually, but not always, join the program for 6 months and are exposed to the same training that the GVI volunteers receive as well as Health and Safety, leadership and management training as well as site specific training.

In Costa Rica, Walter Blandon Gonzalez joined the team in Jalova from January- June 2014. Walter grew up in Tortuguero and came to the project right after finishing high school. He demonstrated a keen interest in marine and terrestrial conservation and even had prior experience helping with research at the Sea Turtle Conservancy (STC).

In Seychelles the NSP is free to any Seychellois aged 18 years or over with a background/interest in marine or terrestrial conservation. It allows individuals to gain valuable practical experience in marine and terrestrial research monitoring techniques. Abel Sorry and Andrew Souffre both stayed for 1 month to assist and learn on our marine base. They both earned their PADI Advanced Open Water certification. The focus is on training the scholars in species identification, survey methodology and emergency responder training. They are also allocated a mentor to help and guide them in their management and leadership skills. They are both now enrolled at University.



## TRUSTEE DECLARATION

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

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Signature

Richard Walton

Trustee