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## GENERAL INFORMATION

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## BOARD MEMBERS

- 1) Jonah van Beijnen (Chairman)
- 2) Kyra Hoevenaars (Secretary)
- 3) Dirk de Wit (Board member)



## PROJECT ACTIVITIES

### Sustainable fish farming in Suriname

Fins and Leaves has supported the Mulokot Foundation (<https://mulokot.com/>) in Suriname by writing a proposal 'Towards food sovereignty for the Wayana tribe in Suriname through sustainable fish farming'.

The Wayana are an ingenious tribe from the northern Amazon region. The life of the Wayana is still deeply intertwined with nature and their main source of livelihood comes from small-scale farming, while for their daily animal protein intake they fish the many rivers that cross these forests.

However, illegal miners are actively mining for gold in the same rivers. These gold miners use large amounts of poisonous mercury. Since mercury is a heavy metal, it accumulates from the river sediment, eventually reaching dangerously high levels in fish. Research shows that gold mining in this small South American country grew by 893 percent between 2000 and 2014 and that over 50 percent of investigated indigenous communities in Suriname are exceeding WHO safe thresholds in mercury levels in their blood samples, with children especially at risk of developing irreversible brain damage.

The Wayana in the remote community of Kawemhakan strongly believe that an alternative source of fish protein through sustainable small-scale fish farming is the key solution to this problem. One of their favorite fish is the Tambaqui, or Black bellied Pacu. This native fish is easy to farm and is already produced by a commercial hatchery in the capital. The proposed project will farm Tambaqui in a cooperative fashion with the community, and solely using sustainable protocols that will ensure environmental integrity and social responsibility to all community members.



The project will focus on training selected youth that are currently lacking any future perspective and give them the skills to farm and market Tambaqui. To improve local understanding on the dangers of mercury contamination and to improve the ability of the community to recognize symptoms and take appropriate actions to minimize further damage to their community, the project will also implement a mercury awareness program for all community members,

Once the project proves to be a success in this community, it has enormous potential as a blueprint for sustainable development and livelihood provision across different indigenous communities in the Amazon region. The main proponent behind this proposal is the Mulokot Foundation, founded by and



only consisting of members of the Wayana community in Suriname. For this project, Fins and Leaves, a Dutch organization specialized in sustainable fish farming, provides support with technical advice and project implementation.

The Mulokot Foundation intends to use the proposal developed by Fins and Leaves to apply for funding for the project.

An article was published on the Fish Site: <https://thefishsite.com/articles/how-aquaculture-can-protect-surinames-indigenous-people>

### **By Life Connected**

This year we continued to supported By Life Connected (<https://www.bylifeconnected.com>) with starting up their project in Zambia. Lars and Kellie, the founders of By Life Connected, have previously done their internship with our organization in Palawan the Philippines on the 'Safe the Almaciga' project.

### **TEDCI**

TSAVO EAST COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE (TEDCI) is a Community Based Organization in Kenya and is focused on educating orphans and other vulnerable children from the Kasaala area. Fins and Leaves has supported the founder of TEDCI, Simon Musila, with setting up his volunteer program. For more information see: <https://www.facebook.com/tecdi.weebly/>.

### **Women in Aquaculture**

In 2019, the founders of Fins and Leaves participated in the mentorship program by the Women in Aquaculture forum (<https://womeninaquaculture.org/mentor-program>). We were assigned a Mentee, Risha Alleyne, from Trinidad and Tobago, who is planning to start an aquaculture project in the Caribbean. The mentorship program lasted from January to November 2019 with sessions every 2 weeks. The goal of the program is to create networking and career opportunities for recent graduates.



## FINANCES

### BALANCE SHEET

	<u>Dec 31,18</u>	<u>Dec 31,19</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
<b>Checking/Savings</b>		
1110 - Petty cash	4.00	4.00
1200 - Bank	8,484.96	7,352.74
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<u>8,488.96</u>	<u>7,356.74</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	8,488.96	7,356.74
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><b>8,488.96</b></u>	<u><b>7,356.74</b></u>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>		
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Long Term Liabilities</b>		
<b>Total Long Term Liabilities</b>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	0.00	0.00
<b>Equity</b>		
3100 - Retained Earnings	6,516.81	5,393.96
32000 - Unrestricted Net Assets	2,510.00	2,510.00
3600 - Owner s equity	585.00	585.00
<b>Net Income</b>	<u>-1,122.85</u>	<u>-1,132.22</u>
<b>Total Equity</b>	<u>8,488.96</u>	<u>7,356.74</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u><b>8,488.96</b></u>	<u><b>7,356.74</b></u>



## PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT

	Jan-Dec 18	Jan-Dec 19
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>		
<b>Income</b>		
4300 · Student fee	0.00	0.00
4600 · Donations	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	0.00	0.00
<b>Expense</b>		
6500 · Office		
6540 · Communication	1,000.00	0.00
<b>Total 6500 · Office</b>	1,000.00	0.00
9400 · Donations to projects	0.00	1,000.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	-1,000.00	-1,000.00
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>		
<b>Other Income</b>		
9100 · Miscellaneous income	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Other Income</b>	0.00	0.00
<b>Other Expense</b>		
9540 · Bank charges	122.85	132.22
<b>Total Other Expense</b>	<u>122.85</u>	<u>132.22</u>
<b>Net Other Income</b>	<u>-122.85</u>	<u>-132.22</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	-1,122.85	-1,132.22