

# ANNUAL REPORT FINS AND LEAVES 2024





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## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

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### **BOARD MEMBERS**

1) Jonah van Beijnen (Chairman)

- 2) Kyra Hoevenaars (Secretary)
- 3) Natasha de Bats-Poposki (Board member)



#### **PROJECT ACTIVITIES**

#### **TECDI Kenya**

We are the new contact point for donors from Europe for the Tsavo East Community Development Initiative (TECDI) project and coordinate all donations and payments to the project. In the schoolyear 2023-2024 TECDI supported 21 beneficiaries. Out of 21 beneficiaries 14 are currently enrolled in degree courses (14); 2 in diploma collages, 2 in high school, and one in a leather-work apprenticeship course. Two students successfully completed their degree courses in 2024. About 85 % of the funding was used to support school fees for the beneficiaries. From 2005-2024 TECDI has successfully educated 42 beneficiaries.



#### **Byanyas Foundation**

Fins and Leaves supported the Byanyas Foundation in the Philippines with fundraising activities. We supported the founder Joel Lobsiger in applying for a grant with the Manila Direct Air program for a new solar system for the project. We have also reached out to other possible funders and research possibilities for future fund applications.

The Byanyas Foundation seeks to become a model for sustainable development in remote regions. It aims to balance environmental conservation with the preservation of cultural heritage and the creation of sustainable economic opportunities for indigenous communities. Combining traditional knowledge with modern solutions, the project supports the Tagbanua as they transition from their ancient hunter-gatherer lifestyle to a sustainable, modern way of living. The project started in 2017.



The team consists of 43 full-time members, mostly from the Tagbanua tribe. Many more find seasonal employment. Efforts have been focused establishing agricultural infrastructure and experimenting with sustainable farming methods. While constructing the project infrastructure using the most sustainable methods and locally available materials, they developed one of the island's most competent team in bamboo and stone construction. Ever since, sustainable tropical building is becoming one of our major sources of income. Achieving complete financial independence with an indigenous team in a competitive global market is a delicate challenge, requiring ongoing support and specialized training.



#### **Philippine Taxonomy Initiative**

In 2024 the PTI described several new species of plants in the Philippines:

- Aeschynanthus pentatrichomatus A new species of lipstick vine from the Banao Protected Landscape in Luzon. It is critically endangered (CR) as per the IUCN assessment (Malabrigo et al., 2024).
- Homalomena brachygyna A newly described species of Homalomena from San Vicente, Palawan. This species has been around for over 100 years since the last described Homalomena in the country. It is the second endemic species from Palawan (Collantes et al., 2024).
- **Bulbophyllum bokodense** An orchid species from Benguet, Luzon, distinct by its broader leaf, shorter inflorescence, and specific flower features (Tamayo et al., 2024).
- **Bulbophyllum barcelonae** & **Bulbophyllum pelseri** Two new orchid species from the Pantabangan-Carranglan Watershed Forest Reserve in Luzon, each with unique floral and vegetative characteristics (Garrino et al., 2024).
- **Psychotria pendens** A new species from Mt. Victoria, Palawan, identified by its leaf-like stipules and pendent inflorescence. It is critically endangered (Bautista et al., 2024).
- **Syzygium crystalliferum** A new tree species from Carranglan, Luzon, characterised by its pustulate leaves and unique flower features. It is critically endangered (CR) (Mansibang et al., 2024).
- Begonia jagori Rediscovered from Mt. Malinao, Albay, this cryptic species was redescribed and lectotypified, providing new insights into its affinity with related species (Dela Cruz et al., 2024)





These discoveries are more than just records - they emphasize the importance of fieldwork, collaboration, and taxonomic research in preserving the Philippines' flora.



Fins and Leaves is an annual donor of PTI. We also assist with proposal writing for new projects on reforestation. Both founders visited the Philippines in 2024 to catch up with the project partners and scout for new initiatives that can be supported.



# **FINANCES**

# **BALANCE SHEET**

	Dec 31, 2024	Dec 31, 2023
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
1110 · Petty cash	4.00	4.00
1200 · Bank	5,016.54	4,674.79
Total Checking/Savings	5,020.54	4,678.79
Total Current Assets	5,020.54	4,678.79
Fixed Assets		
Total Fixed Assets	0.00	0.00
TOTAL ASSETS	5,020.54	4,678.79
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Long Term Liabilities		_
Total Long Term Liabilities	0.00	0.00
Total Liabilities	0.00	0.00
Equity		
3100 · Retained Earnings	1,583.29	2,442.47
32000 · Unrestricted Net Assets	2,510.00	2,510.00
3600 · Owner s equity	585.00	585.00
Net Income	341.75	-859.18
Total Equity	5,020.04	4,678.29
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	5,020.04	4,678.29



# **PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT**

	Jan-Dec 2024	
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
4300 ⋅ Student fee	0.00	
4600 ⋅ Donations	2,862.87	
Total Income	2,862.87	
Gross Profit	2,862.87	
Expense		
6500 · Office		
6540 · Communication	0.00	
Total 6500 · Office	0.00	
9400 · Donations to projects	2,342.87	
Total Expense	2,342.87	
Net Ordinary Income	-2,342.87	
Other Income/Expense		
Other Income		
9100 · Miscellaneous income	0.00	
Total Other Income	0.00	
Other Expense		
9540 · Bank charges	178.25	
Total Other Expense	178.25	
Net Other Income	-178.25	
Net Income	341.75	