

A Rocha South Africa

Annual Review and Financial Statements 2014



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Annual review and Chairman's report to the 10th Annual General Meeting of A Rocha South Africa, September 2015

Dear members of the Board, Board of Reference, Members of A Rocha and Friends

Thank you for being present at this 10th Annual General Meeting of A Rocha South Africa for review of the work during the 2014 calendar year.

A Pentecost Prayer series developed by the DRC family has as its theme: "The earth is the Lord's" and it reflects on the truth that God created us wonderfully, and in union with the rest of creation. The series also reflects on our vocation to care for the earth that has been entrusted to us and to preserve it, in the likeness of our Creator.

In the introduction a number of questions are raised: *While many of us have become sensitive to the great challenges we face today in general with respect to ecology, the question is how the Lord expects that we should deal with creation, more particularly with the earth and with our fellow creatures?*

To whom does creation and the earth actually belong? What is our place in it as humans? And if the creation is not ours, but God's, how should we think about it and how do we work with it? What attitude does the Lord require of his children who wish to live a sanctified life towards the work of his hands?

This series of 11 sermons is a bold and significant contribution that underlines to Christians that care for the environment should be central to our faith.

A Rocha South Africa is very grateful for the growing numbers of churches voicing their concern about the degradation of creation and for their commitment to play a part in nurturing and fostering the renewal of life in creation.

I would like to highlight the following activities during 2014:



Strategic planning

The ARZA board and a few guests met in Hilton in March 2014 under the guidance of Sarah French, the Director of Operations of ARI, to revisit the vision, mission and strategy and to realign our efforts accordingly.

The ARZA vision now reads: *A Rocha South Africa is a national Christian organization which equips and mobilizes people to restore God's creation and live sustainably.* And the mission is: *A Rocha South Africa catalyzes, leads and inspires conservation education, action and research.*

The core commitments of A Rocha are the well-known - 5 C's:

- **Christian** - Underlying all we do is our biblical faith in the living God, who made the world, loves it and entrusts it to the care of human society. In South Africa we aim to promote and stimulate biblical reflection on our calling as stewards of creation.
- **Conservation** - We carry out research for the conservation and restoration of the natural world and run environmental education programmes for people of all ages. In South Africa we aim to conduct practical sustainable conservation projects which address the challenges of climate change, diminishing biodiversity, water scarcity, unsustainable development and food security.
- **Community** - Through our commitment to God, each other and the wider creation, we aim to develop good relationships both within the A Rocha family and in our local communities. In the South African context of inequality we aim to demonstrate that conservation should benefit our poorest communities and that all communities can live in harmony with nature.
- **Cross-cultural** - We draw on the insights and skills of people from diverse cultures, both locally and around the world. In South Africa our conservation efforts aim to benefit from our rich cultural heritage and promote engagement and understanding between our diverse communities.
- **Cooperation** - We work in partnership with a wide variety of organizations and individuals who share our concerns for a sustainable world. In South Africa we will engage with churches to reconcile faith and environmental action.

Based on the strategic direction the pillars for the work are still firmly based on three areas of involvement: Scientific Research, Conservation Education and Community Based Projects.

During the course of the year an important decision was taken by the board that the work of A Rocha South Africa will be done by Regional Action Teams. These teams then report back to the board on the work being done locally. The first action teams will hopefully be located in Hilton/Pietermaritzburg, Cape Town and in Johannesburg.

CONSERVATION SCIENCE

Groot Marico Biosphere: Funding of \$39,000 US was received from UNDP Global Environment Facility Small Grants Programme for work in the Groot Marico area.

The objectives of the project were: Establishing an Ecology Field Education Centre, an Indigenous Nursery, Permaculture garden with rainwater harvesting and Bee-keeping groups; Expanding of the Beading and Sewing Groups; Developing environmentally sustainable ecotourism “slack packing” (hiking) routes in Groot-Marico.

During 2014 the project was implemented by the MRCA and the different goals set for the project were achieved.

Bird ringing: Dalton Gibbs, a keen supporter of A Rocha, has for many years ringed birds at the Rondevlei Nature Reserve. During the past year Colin Jackson supported Dalton in the ringing.



ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

Youth Camps (4) and Youth Clubs (3) were held at the Education Centre in Groot-Marico where children and youth were exposed to environmental education and had an opportunity to experience the bush and the pristine Marico river that runs through the site.

The former Theology and Citizenship portfolio held writer's workshops which culminated in an anthology called “Creation's Yes”. This collection of work of 5 poets was published during the course of the year.

ENGAGEMENT CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

Congregational groups: Two churches in the Cape Town area have A Rocha groups. These groups meet regularly and plan different events keeping the congregation involved. They speak in worship services and plan activities to coincide with national and international environmental days. Regular outings with an environmental focus and a sustainable supper (picture) are held.



Outreach to congregations and church leaders: Various discussions and meetings took place between A Rocha SA and interested congregations and church leaders.

Pastors' training: In collaboration with Endangered Wildlife Trust 65 pastors participated in 2 training events on creation care and the prevention of rhino poaching. Sermons on creation care developed by delegates were published for broader use.

Earth Keeper's Forum: Two forum meetings were held. The topics discussed included: *Starting to recycle, why, what and where*; and *Energy and climate change development in Cape Town with a focus on transport and active mobility*. This Forum is a

collaboration between ARZA, Safcei and the Eco ministry of the Anglican church.



Distribution of A Rocha resource material: 350 CD's with A Rocha resource material were distributed at the synod of the Uniting Reformed Church and 75 CD's to pastors and other groups.

The material can be used in worship services, Sunday School and at other events. Each congregation (+/- 350) received a spekboom (elephant trees) to plant at home.

Community Based projects

Groot-Marico: The funding received from the UNDP for the work in conjunction with MRCA (see above at Conservation Science) also has a community based focus to empower disadvantaged persons in business skills and on running entrepreneurial ventures like the indigenous nursery, beading and sewing projects and bee-keeping.

River clean-up: A Cape Town congregation started cleaning and restoring the Kuils River, one of the largest river in the city. Three clean-up events were held during the year. To involve other congregations A Rocha offered to adopt the project.



African Enterprise: A relationship has been established with AE to see how ARZA can assist in developing and implementing an environmental impact study for the AE property, arranging a bio-blitz at AE and looking at jointly developing training material that focuses on creation care.



Visits by A Rocha International

Sarah French visited South Africa early in 2014 to assist with the strategic planning. During the stay she also spent time visiting a variety of individuals and projects in Hilton/Pietermaritzburg, Cape Town and Stellenbosch.

We were very fortunate that **Peter and Miranda Harris**, co-founders of A Rocha,

Carl Swart, Rachel Mash,
and Miranda and Peter
Harris at Intaka Island.



could spend time with us.
They visited Johannesburg,
Pietermaritzburg and Cape
Town where they ad-
dressed gatherings on
What has Faith got to do

with the Environment. Both Peter and Miranda spoke at the 9th AGM at Intaka Is-
land, Cape Town. Peter preached at the URCSA Sarepta congregation and they par-
ticipated in a Kuils River clean-up.

Statistics

In 2014 ARZA had no staff but 15 dedicated volunteers for which we are very grate-
ful. During the course of the year 25 persons were donors to ARZA. There were 523
individuals on the database and we had 200 followers on the Facebook.

Closing

I close with a prayer written by bishop Geoff Davies in Save our Future.

*We praise you, Our Lord and God, for the variety of your creation
And for the sanctity you have bestowed on all life through creation.*

*May we know the sanctity of life and foster conservation
And the preservation of the variety of God-given life.*

*May we never - knowingly or otherwise - be responsible
For the extinction of a plant or an animal.*

*God may new life fill us all, through the gift of your Holy Spirit
To know your wonder, your love and the abundant life you give.*

I thank you.

Carl Swart

Rev. CJ Swart, Chairman A Rocha South Africa, 12 September 2015

A Rocha South Africa
(Registration number: 038 193 NPO)

Annual financial statements
31 December 2014



ASH, HELLBERG & VAN ROOYEN

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Audited financial statements
in compliance with the Non-Profit Organisations Act, 1997
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Independent auditor's report to the members of A ROCHA SOUTH AFRICA

Report on the financial statements

We have audited the financial statements of A Rocha South Africa, which comprise the statement of financial position at 31 December 2014, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and the notes, comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information set out on pages 5 to 9.

Trustees' responsibility for the financial statements

The organisation's trustees are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the accounting policies specific to the entity as disclosed in Note 1 and the requirements of the Non-profit Organisations Act, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements fairly present, in all material aspects, the financial position of A Rocha South Africa at 31 December 2014, and its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies specific to the entity as disclosed in Note 1 and the requirements of the Non-profit Organisations Act.

Restriction of use

These financial statements have not been prepared using International Financial Reporting Standards or International Financial Reporting Standards for Small and Medium-sized Entities. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 for the purposes of providing financial information to the trustees. The financial statements and our auditor's report may not be suitable for any other purpose.

Partners: Bryan S. Ash B.Com CA (SA), Martin C. Hellberg B.Com CA (SA), Jacques van Rooyen B.Com Burs CA (SA)

Supplementary information

We draw attention to the fact that the supplementary schedules set out on pages 10 - 13 do not form part of the annual financial statements and are presented as additional information. We have not audited these schedules and accordingly do not express an opinion on them.

ASH, HELLBERG & VAN ROOYEN

Per J VAN ROOYEN
REGISTERED AUDITOR

DATE: _____

A ROCHA SOUTH AFRICA

TRUSTEES' REPORT

for the year ended 31 December 2014

The trustees have pleasure in submitting their report together with the audited annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2014.

General review

A Rocha South Africa is a non-profit organisation incorporated in the Republic of South Africa. The principal activities of the organisation demonstration of the healing, restoring and reconciling the love of God for all creation through programmes of community based conservation, interpretation and education through scientific research and publication and spiritual formation retreats. To foster awareness of the sanctity of all life and the interdependence of humanity and biodiversity within the Creation. To work towards environmental justice and provide community-based opportunities for human development which upholds the integrity of ecology and biodiversity. To be involved actively in local and national initiatives of environmental advocacy.

Statements of responsibility

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance of adequate accounting records and the preparation and integrity of the financial statements and related information.

The auditors are responsible to report on the fair presentation of the financial statements. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting policies specific to the entity as disclosed in Note 1, and in the manner required by the Non-profit Organisations Act.

The trustees are also responsible for the organisation's system of internal financial controls. This is designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance as to the reliability of the financial statements, and to adequately safeguard, verify and maintain accountability of assets, and to prevent and detect misstatement and loss. Nothing has come to the attention of the Trustees to indicate that any material breakdown in the functioning of these controls, procedures and systems has occurred during the year under review.

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis, since the trustees have every reason to believe that the organisation has adequate resources in place to continue in operation for the foreseeable future.

These financial statements will be presented at the organisations annual general meeting for the approval of members. It is possible that amendments may be required prior to members approval being given.

Financial results

The results of the organisation for the year under review are fully set out in the attached financial statements and require no further comment.

Subsequent events

No material fact or circumstance, which requires comment, has occurred between the accounting date and the date of this report.

Board of trustees

The trustees of the organisation during the accounting period and up to the date of this report were as follows:

Carl Swart (Chairman)
Myles Sinclair (Finance)
Sue Viljoen
Samuel Njenga

Auditors

Ash, Heilberg & van Rooyen Chartered Accountants (SA) will continue in office for the next financial year.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
at 31 December 2014

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2014</u> <u>R</u>	<u>2013</u> <u>R</u>
Assets			
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	2	6	6
Current assets		281 919	330 311
Trade and other receivables		19 957	24 056
Cash and cash equivalents	3	261 962	306 255
Total assets		281 925	330 317
Equity and liabilities			
Equity		261 715	323 681
ARI Grant: National Director		120 545	120 545
UNDP Grant		57 508	197 500
Retained earnings		83 662	5 636
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables		20 210	6 636
Total equity and liabilities		281 925	330 317

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STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
for the year ended 31 December 2014

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Notes	R	R
Revenue	449 006	475 245
Administration	121 170	138 594
Governance	3 120	15 500
Living waters - Msunduzi	4 200	4 320
Vuye Endaweni	-	11 174
Conservation and Science	317 600	61 750
Theology and citizenship	-	226 326
Created for life	-	-
Writers workshop	2 916	550
Theological conference	-	3 271
Hilton quarry custodianship	-	13 760
Other income	12 787	14 219
Administration	12 787	9 241
Theology and citizenship	-	4 978
Total income	461 793	489 464
Operating expenses	(383 767)	(512 340)
Administration	(44 326)	(133 732)
Governance	(18 109)	(8 647)
Living waters - Msunduzi	(3 780)	(3 888)
Creation Alive	-	(343)
Vuye Endaweni	-	(10 056)
Conservation and Science	(313 296)	(52 775)
Theology and citizenship	-	(275 093)
Writers workshop	(4 256)	(8 843)
Theological conference	-	(1 002)
Hilton quarry custodianship	-	(17 761)
Net profit / (loss) after taxation	78 026	(22 876)
Other comprehensive income		
Exchange gain in ARI Grant: Conservation and Science	-	29 644
Total comprehensive income	78 026	6 768

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
for the year ended 31 December 2014

	<u>UNDP Grant</u>	<u>ARI Grant: National Director</u>	<u>ARI Grant: Conservation and Science</u>	<u>Retained earnings</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>R</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>R</u>
Balance at 31 December 2012	-	231 645	80 144	(1 132)	310 657
Total comprehensive income	-	-	(29 644)	6 768	(22 876)
Transferred to income	-	(111 100)	(50 500)	-	(161 600)
Receipts directly to reserves	197 500	-	-	-	197 500
Balance at 31 December 2013	197 500	120 545	-	5 636	323 681
Total comprehensive income	-	-	-	78 026	78 026
Transferred to income	(310 000)	-	-	-	(310 000)
Receipts directly to reserves	170 008	-	-	-	170 008
Balance at 31 December 2014	57 508	120 545	-	83 662	261 715



Pastors' training 2014



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