



EMBASSY OF THE EARTH

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YEAR REPORT



EMBASSY FELLOWSHIP GRADUATION

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2021 was a year of continued COVID-19 epidemic lockdowns and upheaval hitting different people at different times and scales, but in the end affecting everybody everywhere.

In the eye of multiple storms the Embassy applied itself to its core mission of community-led change and multiplying the problem solving capacity of communities. Finding each other, common ground, possible futures, clear strategies, attainable objectives.

To plan activities, brainstorm and inspire each other the Embassy of the Earth board met, together with Leo van der Vlist and Frank Heckman on a regular basis either physically or through Zoom. The board consists of Maryn Klomp, Gine Zwart, Peter de Koning, Theun Karelse and Diana van Aalst.

More specifically the following activities took place in 2021:

GREEN NEW DELTA - FUTURE OF THE NETHERLANDS

The year started with participation of Leo van der Vlist in the congress *Big Climate Solutions: How are we connecting the donut economy with the local energy transition?* The Embassy works as part of a taskforce *Future of the Netherlands* on redesigning the climate and energy transition of the Netherlands. Setting up regional dialogue sessions, starting from ceremonial grounding of the process and working towards building the social fabric that can rise to present and future challenges. As part of this we participated in Gaia meetings a Dutch think tank about Gaia-based solutions and we are organising meetings and ceremonies and excursions in Zeeland towards dialogue sessions for the Delta region. We supported the planninggroup Salland meeting in Olst-Wijhe for *Future of the Netherlands*. We participated in a constellation on the Soul of The Netherlands, which revealed an emerging desire to move with natural processes.

FELLOWSHIP

In 2021 the first group of fellows graduated within the Embassy of the Earth Fellowship journey, bringing fresh minds and hands to the practice of setting up communities of problem owners and stakeholders to solve challenges on landscape and livelihood levels simultaneously, faster and on a continuing basis. Multiplying the problem solving capacity of communities exponentially. With common ground, possible futures, clear strategies, attainable objectives and far enough horizons, communities and regions are radically transforming their current collective realities of threat, stagnation and destruction.

WHITE MOUNTAIN

Throughout 2021 we continued supporting the Maasai-led efforts to regenerate life and livelihood in the White Mountain Journey, including several meetings of the Community Based Organisations (CBOs). We contributed to *the White Mountain Movement: A Maasai Story* book-publication and gifted copies to partners and supporters of White Mountain. We supported the community garden of Namelok, with seeds and repairs to their water system. We also contributed with a bull for the cow-breeding program and veterinary care.

A bigger intervention was needed for the relocation of a part of Village 1, due to the ongoing land division. They set up a new boma and needed transportation and food aid. We also covered travel costs and catering to make several meetings of White Mountain CBO's possible.



(WHITE MOUNTAIN CONTINUED)

Spring saw two instances of critical health care for individuals in the White Mountain community, but also the passing away of two well respected White Mountain villager for which we made a contribution to their funerals. For the community gardens we provided the means to acquire organic pest control and significant support was provided for the maintenance of the tree nursery in Namelok, including repair of the nursery, soil, seeds, water and tubes for re-planting. This nursery which provides seedlings of a variety of trees to all White Mountain villages in Amboseli where they are planted and nurtured.

During summer, we participated in the online Global Landscape Forum Africa: Restoring Africa's Drylands - Accelerating Action on the Ground. This provided us insights in several initiatives and organizations interesting to engage with for the White Mountain journey. The Embassy made a down-payment for the White Mountain Land Trust. This secures 5 acres of land for the establishment of a White Mountain community learning center in the future. We provided support for the community food gardens in Village 7 and Village 1, including access to water.

In September, as soon as we considered it safe to travel in relation to the Covid 19 risks and restrictions, Frank and Leo visited White Mountain communities in both Kenya and Tanzania. We witnessed that our continued support during the pandemic is bearing fruit and kept the White Mountain vision and community, created in 2019, very much alive. In Kenya we visited the Mara Isinya, Maasai-led conservancy and held a community gathering in Amboseli where agreements were made to hold monthly CBO meetings to increase collaboration at community level, increase efforts to restore landscape and water cycles and work on establishing a White Mountain Association for fundraising and government engagement. In Tanzania we were also able to hold a large community gathering which created increased awareness about the role of cultural values, mountains, water and trees for their well-being, and elected planning group members to prepare the White Mountain Search Conference in Tanzania. Some initial action plans at community level were identified. Maasai documentary maker Majuka [edited a stunning video report](#) of these preparations. A full report of this visit can be found on the homepage of the [Embassy of the Earth website](#).

Towards the end of 2021, the Embassy provided support for a water borehole in Oloshaiki, which allows this White Mountain community to create their community center, tree nursery and food garden. The year concluded with a White Mountain CBO meeting in Kimana where a new chairman was elected and support for waterpipes for the community food garden in Village 7.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

The Embassy hosted two fire ceremonies for the *Expedition Leadership in Education* with Claire Boonstra. We joined Stichting Vuurplaats Welna, for which we are a keyholder (sleutelhouder) which makes us co-user of this meeting-workshop space in the forest of Welna.

NOTES

* Future Search Conference: a large group planning method, with its roots in social ecology. By finding common ground, communities and problemholders can develop visions for collective futures, develop clear strategies, and set attainable objectives towards regenerating livelihood for people, animals and land.



JAARREKENING

BALANS PER 31 DECEMBER 2021

Balans per 31 december 2021
(vóór resultaatbestemming)

ACTIVA

	31-12-2021	31-12-2020
Vlottende activa	€	€
Vorderingen		
Vorderingen op handelsdebiteuren	-	121
Belastingen en premies sociale verzekeringen	678	313
Overige rekening-courant	982	982
	1.660	1.416
Liquide middelen	6.524	7.964
	8.184	9.380



PASSIVA

	31-12-2021	31-12-2020
	€	€
STICHTINGSVERMOGEN		
Overige reserve	5.059	12.251
Resultaat boekjaar	44	-7.193
	5.103	5.058
KORTLOPENDE SCHULDEN		
Schulden ter zake van belastingen en premies sociale verzekeringen	56	1.296
Overige schulden	3.025	3.026
	3.081	4.322
	8.184	9.380



STAAT VAN BATEN EN LASTEN OVER 2021

BATEN	2021	2020
	€	€
Giften en baten uit fondsenwerving	51.304	91.358
Overige baten	<u>3.910</u>	<u>1.850</u>
	55.214	93.208
Kosten projecten	<u>-37.711</u>	<u>-82.322</u>
	17.503	10.886
LASTEN		
Inloopkosten algemeen	1.158	3.424
Lonen	9.600	9.600
Sociale lasten en pensioenlasten	672	636
Algemene kosten	<u>5.684</u>	<u>4.167</u>
Totaal van som der kosten	<u>17.114</u>	<u>17.827</u>
Totaal van bedrijfsresultaat	389	-6.941
Financiële baten en lasten	<u>-345</u>	<u>-252</u>
Totaal van netto resultaat	44	-7.193
RESULTAAT BESTEMMING		
onverdeeld resultaat	44	-7.193