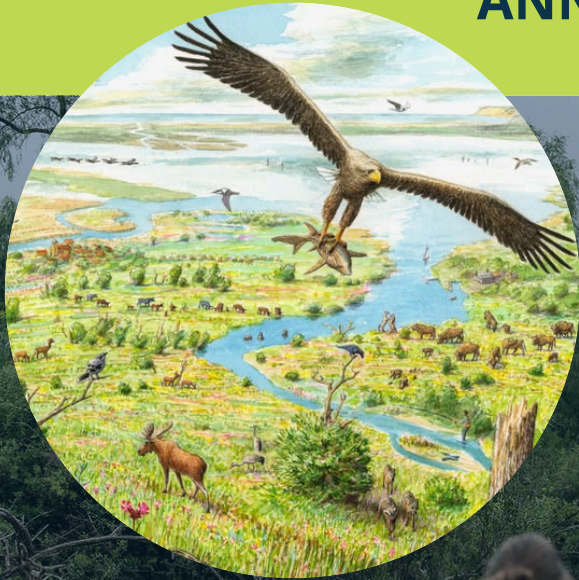




THE GLOBAL REWILDING ALLIANCE

ANNUAL REVIEW 2025



A YEAR OF SCALING



The return of wildlife through rewilding will help solve the climate crisis. This bold vision took a huge step this year as the world's first country - Bahrain - included 'wildlife climate heroes' in their official climate policies.

Combining dives in literally hot water with meetings with senior policymakers and members of the royal family of Bahrain, local researchers teamed up with us and our partners at Yale to show that Dugongs help the vast seagrass beds in the Arabian Gulf to draw down huge amounts of extra carbon compared to places where they have been extirpated.

This story embodies the essence of your Alliance - imagining a better world through nature recovery, connecting up key players, and coming up with creative solutions to the complex challenges the world faces. We fully intend to take this precedent set in Bahrain and spread this powerful idea to many other countries; progress in 2026 is already very promising.

The global rewilding movement is booming and the Global Rewilding Alliance is rapidly becoming a key catalyst for enabling the movement. The value of any good Alliance is to bring together organisations around a shared purpose, and to help them connect, learn and advocate together in ways that they would otherwise be unlikely to. We achieved all of this and more during this our fifth year, when scaling really became evident.

We thank you for all your support and greatly look forward to taking the exciting next steps with you.



Alister Scott
Executive Director, Global Rewilding Alliance



MILESTONES OF 2025

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JANUARY

An opening keynote address from Alister at the Citizen Zoo **Rewilding Futures** Conference



FEBRUARY

Taking Animals Into Account: research shows wild animals are central to the health of wetlands



MARCH

World Rewilding Day #5 with our network **Rewilding Together**



APRIL

Public art for climate action: **THE HERDS** start their 20,000km journey from the Congo Basin



MAY

Engaging Landowners in Rewilding: an event explores motivations for nature recovery



JUNE

Launch of the first **Global Rewilding Survey** with 100 respondents by Feb



JULY

Magnus & Chloe attend the Ramsar **Convention on Wetlands** COP15 in Zimbabwe



AUGUST

High Seas Treaty ratified: legally binding accord to protect marine life in international waters



SEPTEMBER

Alliance Team gather in-person at the Rewilding our World Conference in The Netherlands



OCTOBER

IUCN incorporates a motion on **Animating the Carbon Cycle** at World Conservation Congress



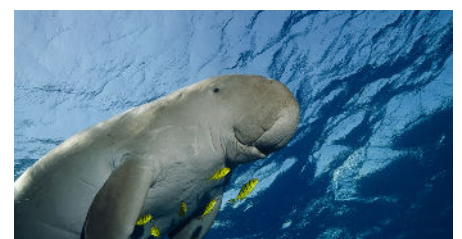
NOVEMBER

Wildlife for Climate Declaration backed by African governments, with the lead of Zimbabwe



DECEMBER

Rewilding language included in **Bahrain's latest NDC submission** (+Alliance mention!)



NETWORK DEVELOPMENT

GROWING THE MOVEMENT

The Alliance grew significantly in 2025, welcoming 65 new organisations working across Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, the Middle East, North America and Oceania — protecting and rewilding ecosystems on land, in freshwater, and along coasts and marine habitats. By December, our network had grown to 287 Alliance Partners in total.

This growth reflects our mission: to build and support the global rewilding movement, and to **mainstream rewilding in science, policy, and practice**.

The momentum is undeniable; these numbers are a symbol of the shared vision across the world to come together for nature recovery at scale.

280+

**Alliance
Partners**

151

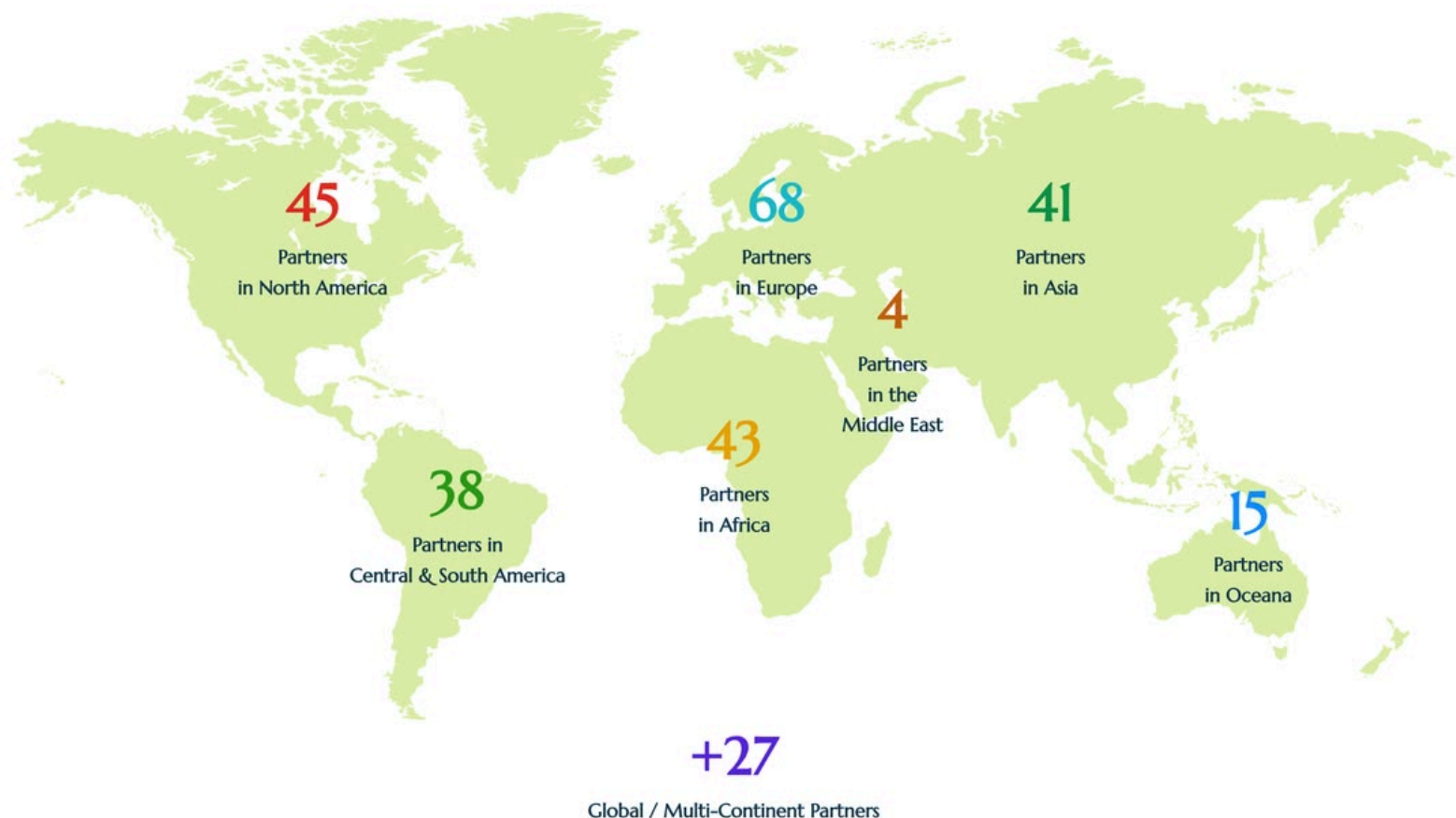
**Countries
involved**

2.1 million

**sq km of land
in rewilding**

6 million

**sq km of sea
in rewilding**



This year we launched the **Global Rewilding Survey**, with over 100 responses, helping us to deepen our understanding of our network and our role in scaling the rewilding movement.

From starting meet-&-greet sessions for rewilders, to evolving our role in removing policy hurdles and securing sustained funding for the movement, **we have used these replies to inform our work:**

“

Would be great to have webinars for exchange of knowledge worldwide regarding (...) to get to know each other and the challenges that one is facing.

Everything GRA is excellent, keep doing what you are doing and more!

A regular networking event for community of practice in a time that works for Australia would be great

One of our biggest challenges is securing long-term funding. Most of the resources we receive are short-term grants (...)

Keep up the amazing work!

”

REWILDING SCIENCE

Rewilding Wetlands: Taking Animals into Account

Wild animals play an underestimated role in keeping wetlands functional and resilient. Reintroducing and protecting key species could be transformative for tackling climate change, biodiversity loss, invasive species, and water security — underscoring the urgent need to rewild both inland and coastal wetlands.



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Rewilding Rangelands: The Ecological Uplift

Built on three pillars — more wildlife, wilder working landscapes, and enhanced ecosystem services — healthy rangelands improve soil, water cycles, and productivity across grasslands, savannas, tundra, shrublands, woodlands and deserts worldwide.

Tigers Are Climate Heroes - *Global Change Biology*, 2025

New research strengthens the case for rewilding as climate action: the study found forests with healthy tiger populations store 1.5–2x more carbon than "empty forests". Researchers estimate tigers enhance CO₂ uptake by 160 million tonnes annually — evidence wildlife recovery is a powerful, underused climate solution.



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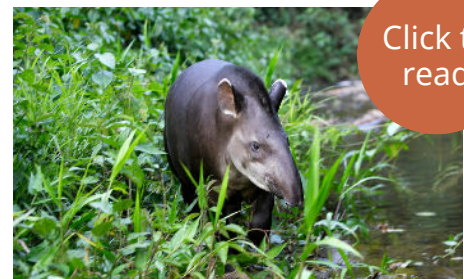
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New Scientist spotlights Animating the Carbon Cycle

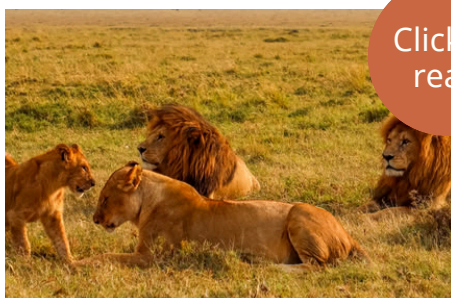
Mounting evidence shows that animals are powerful, overlooked drivers of carbon capture. The article explores how the Yale/GRA model is identifying "rewilding hotspots" — areas where wildlife recovery could deliver the greatest climate impact, building the case for rewilding.

Seed-Spreading Wildlife Powers Forest Carbon Storage - *Fricke et al. (2025)*

Research across over 3,000 tropical forest sites reveal that areas with seed-dispersing animals can store up to four times more carbon than those without — linking biodiversity directly to climate outcomes.



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Mapping Earth's Vegetation Potential - *Nature Communications (Bastin et al., 2025)*

A global model offers the first comprehensive map of its kind. The study provides tools for rewilders and policymakers to explore how fire and herbivores might affect trees, grasses and soils.



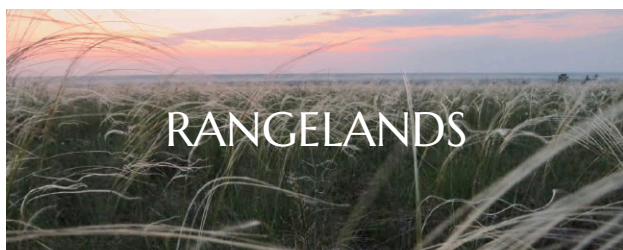
POLICY ADVOCACY

As an Alliance, we play a convening role bringing together scientists, practitioners, and policymakers to ensure that emerging evidence translates into enabling action.

OUR WORKING GROUPS

We bring Alliance Partners together around core themes at the global level to influence global awareness, policies, and decisions that ultimately shape national and local rewilding agendas.

Working together with a united vision.



In 2025, we witnessed a milestone year for global policy in support for rewilding.

New IUCN Guidelines for Rewilding

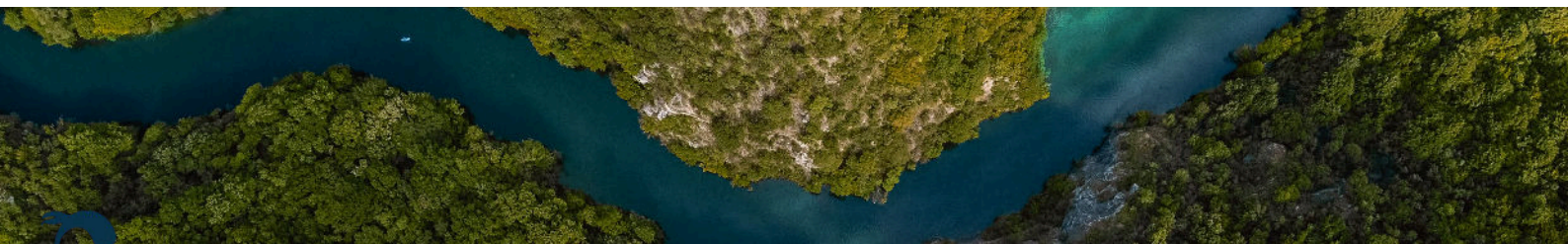
The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) launched a landmark global framework with ten guiding principles and practical tools for implementation; a call for governments, institutions, and practitioners worldwide to scale rewilding. The Alliance contributed directly to the editorial process, alongside our Director of Science-Policy-Practice, Magnus Sylvén, and Senior Advisor, Alastair Driver. [Read on.](#)

Bringing Wildlife into Wetland Policy: Ramsar COP15

At the Convention on Wetlands in Zimbabwe, the Alliance advocated for a rewilding perspective that puts wild animals at the heart of wetland policy. Building on the official handover of *Taking Animals Into Account* to the Ramsar Secretariat, at COP15, we went further, launching the *Africa Special Report* in partnership with IFAW, Zimbabwe's Ministry of Environment, Climate and Wildlife, and ZimParks. [Read on.](#)

Wildlife for Climate

African governments supported a new Wildlife for Climate Declaration ahead of COP31, led by the Government of Zimbabwe.



WORLD REWILDING DAY

Every year on March 20th, the solar equinox, the rewilding community celebrates **World Rewilding Day** – a moment to come together from all continents, create a wild thunderclap in awareness and on-ground action, and build further momentum to mainstream rewilding.

In 2025, the campaign—**Rewilding Together**—was our most impactful yet. A surge in global participation, meaningful announcements, and local-to-global storytelling resonated far beyond our usual circles. It marked a powerful moment of global unity, celebration, and momentum-building for the rewilding movement. Watch our campaign video (1.2 min):



Click to watch!

Click to read!



Stories from the Field compiles voices from our movement. Local farmers and fishers to the CEOs of rewilding organisations and artists all report the return of abundance in their lands and waters. We are stronger when we come together.

“We raise a glass to the bat and the blossom, and to the interconnectedness of our lives.”

Osvaldo Coronado,
from his ranch in the Sonoran Desert
in Northwestern Mexico



REWILDING IN ACTION



Our network is having a global impact, **planting seeds of Rewilding Hope** – here are some inspiring examples from around the world in 2025.



SOUTH AMERICA

Our partners Rewilding Argentina and Rewilding Chile, have brought fifteen Darwin's Rheas across the Andes from Argentina to Chile in the first international translocation of wild species for release in the Southern Cone.

A family of Giant River Otters - thought to be extinct locally - was released into the Iberá National Park by Rewilding Argentina, included a breeding pair named Coco and Nima, and their offspring, named Pirú and Kyra.

Red Howler Monkeys are brought back to Santa Catarina island 250 years after their local extinction carefully coordinated rewilding effort led by Instituto Fauna Brasil.

NORTH AMERICA

Through Northeast Wilderness Trust's Forever Wild initiative, over 100,000 acres of land were permanently protected for ecosystems to thrive, wildlife to roam, and future generations to experience.



REWILDING IN ACTION



AFRICA
Ten critically endangered Black Rhinos were successfully translocated from South Africa to Zinave National Park in Mozambique to secure the first founder population that had gone locally extinct five decades ago.

Four critically endangered Eastern Lowland Gorilla return to the wild in Congo, in the largest translocation of the species ever, culminating over five years of work led by GRACE, Virunga National Park and local communities, with support from Gorilla Doctors and our partner Re:wild.

ASIA
For the first time in 200 years, wild Przewalski Horses roam freely on Kazakhstan Golden Steppe. Another milestone from the ambitious Altyn Dala Conservation Initiative, contributing to the restoration of Central Asia's steppe ecosystems.

In China, endangered species - like Milu Deer and Red-Crowned Crane - are supported, thanks to the efforts of the Yellow Sea Wetland Institute.



REWILDING IN ACTION



MIDDLE EAST
Saudi reserves welcomed new born Sand Gazelles, joining nearly a hundred born since 2022. Native to Saudi Arabia, the species is one of 23 being reintroduced as part of the PMBSRR's Rewild Arabia program.

Nuwat published the first paper on the Bahrain's oyster bed ecology in 20 years, strengthening evidence to support informed management decisions.

OCEANIA
Researchers at the University of Adelaide in collaboration with Bush Heritage Australia uncovered a population of more than 250 Plains-Wanderers thriving in habitat nobody expected the species to use – a groundbreaking discovery of Australia's most endangered birds.

The Bunyas to Border project is rewilding a Koala climate corridor with LUCI funded through a partnership between the Great Eastern Ranges and IFAW as part of a broader effort to create climate corridors to support wildlife adaptation and build resilience.



REWILDING IN ACTION



EUROPE

Four Bonelli's Eagles were released in Sardinia to re-establish a thriving population of these iconic birds. A partnership between Rewilding Europe, European Wildlife Comeback Fund and Life Abilas Initiative.

Thirty seven European Hamsters were set free on the steppe grasslands of southern Ukraine, the largest release since reintroductions began in 2022, as part of broader effort by Rewilding Europe and Rewilding Danube Delta.

Cairngorms National Park welcomed five Beaver kits supported by the Beaver Trust, Nature Scot and WildLand.

Conservation Carpathia initiated preparations alongside local communities for the future return of Griffon Vultures to the Făgăraș Mountains.

ANTARCTICA

Launch of the Antarctic Alliance: a global coalition to implement the Antarctica Declaration and develop systems ensuring decisions that affect Antarctica prioritise its ecological health.



REWILDING COMMUNICATION

Rewilding is about changing minds and hearts as much as it about the on-ground nature recovery efforts. In 2025, our Alliance had the joy of working together with inspiring rewilding communicators.



Watch
it here

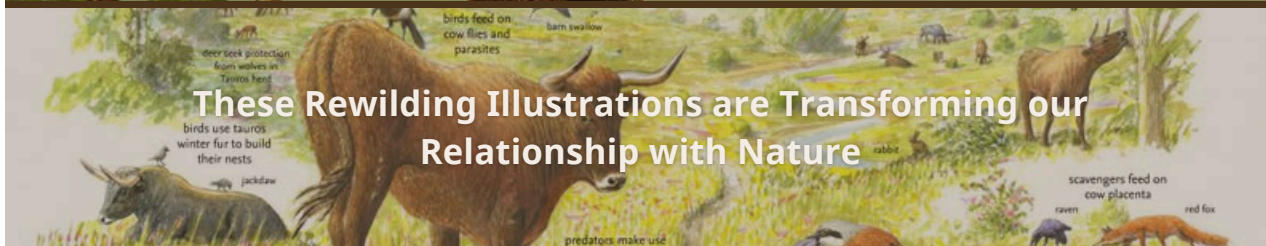


Shifting Baseline Syndrome animation: a surprise success.

A collaboration with nature Illustrator Sasha Frost became our most successful social media publication to date, showing the power of collaborating with talented artists to make complex topics accessible to a growing, global audience.

A year of the Global Rewilding Communicators Network

As part of our quarterly meeting with nature communicators to reflect on how to effectively spread the rewilding message, we spotlighted inspiring speakers and themes. Relive these inspiring sessions:



FINANCIAL OVERVIEW



2025 saw substantial growth in our financial support, building on the support from our Champions and Re:wild. Four philanthropic donors committed to us, including the Oak Foundation and three generous donors who wish to remain anonymous. Only one of these commenced in 2025, hence the growth reflected in the numbers below; all have now commenced during 2026.

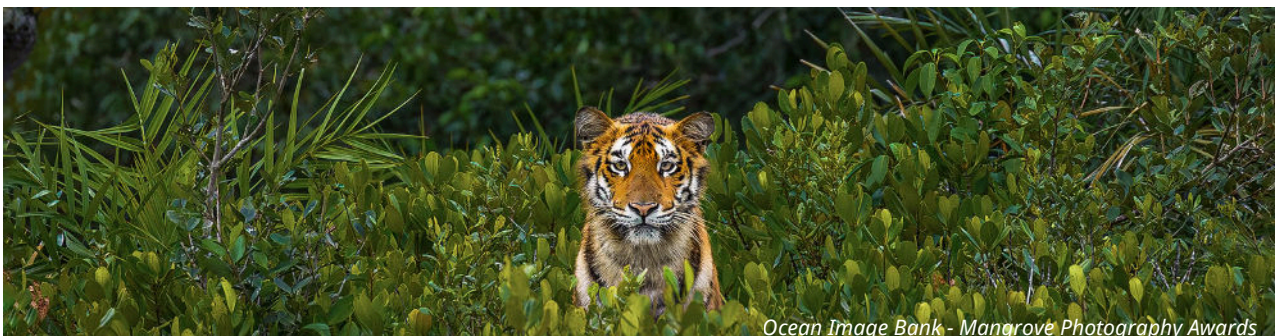
The Wild Foundation kindly agreed to continue managing the financials for US-based donor income as well as expenditure. We received income of \$386,000 in the US and expenditure was \$149,052 plus a transfer of \$230,000 to the Alliance USD account in Switzerland.

Our Rewilding Champions – Re:wild, Rewilding Europe, Rewilding Chile, the Biophilia Foundation, IFAW, Ben Goldsmith, and André Hoffmann were joined by our first corporate supporter, Earthly Insight.

Our work with Yale School of the Environment continued to grow, with our Yale/GRA Carbon Capture Framework Model offering the opportunity to make assessments of role of wild animal species in accelerating carbon sequestration in recovering ecosystems. The WILD Foundation provided the granting facility, connecting the local organisations with the Yale School of Environment, who undertook the assessments.

The table on the following pages provides an overview of the income/expenditure in 2025.

The accounts show a line for taxes; during 2026 we have secured tax-exempt status from the relevant authorities in the country where we are incorporated - Switzerland.



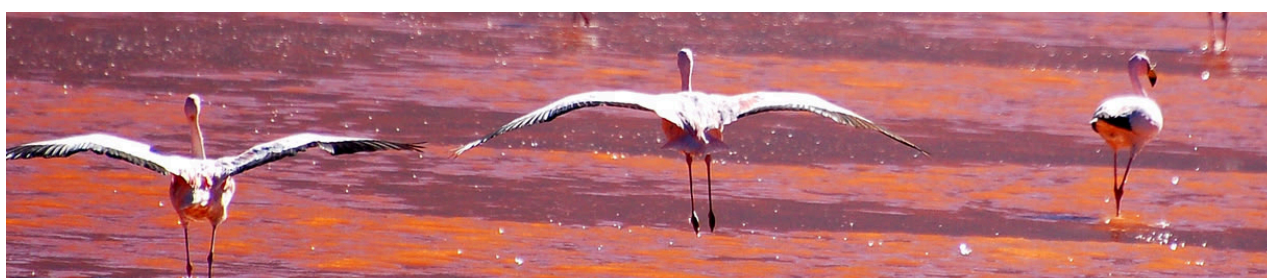
INCOME & EXPENDITURE OVERVIEW



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Balance-sheet as of December, 31

		2025	2024
		CHF	CHF
ASSETS	<i>Notes</i>		
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	2.1	110 454	43 807
Contributions to receive		0	0
Total of current assets		110 454	43 807
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LIABILITIES	<i>Notes</i>		
Current liabilities			
Current interest-bearing liabilities		0	16
Taxes provision		14 484	0
Deferred income and accrued expenses	2.2	7 000	43 790
Total of current liabilities		21 484	43 807
Total of liabilities		21 484	43 807
EQUITIES			
Founding capital		0	0
Carried forward available funds		0	0
Surplus / (deficit) funds of the year		88 970	0
Total Equities		88 970	0
TOTAL OF LIABILITIES & EQUITIES		110 454	43 807



Operations statement	2025	2024
	CHF	CHF
Donations	295 383	33 455
Total of Income	295 383	33 455
Consultancy services fees	95 829	16 000
Accounting and management fees	8 520	3 287
Travel and subsistence	28 777	11 133
Marketing and Membership fees	55 835	2 702
Administration expenses	1 500	0
Earnings before interests, taxes, depreciation and amortization	104 921	333
Depreciation on tangible fixed assets	0	0
Earnings before interests and taxes	104 921	333
Exchange result	487	0
Financial expenses	980	211
Result before taxes	103 454	121
Direct taxes	14 484	121
Result of the period	88 970	0

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Notes to the financial report as of December 31, 2025

INFORMATION ON BALANCE SHEET POSITIONS

2.1 Cash and cash equivalents	CHF 31.12.2025	CHF 31.12.2024
Bank accounts in CHF	95 966	32 194
Bank accounts in EUR	13 402	11 612
Bank accounts in USD	1 085	0
Total	110 454	43 807

2.2 Deferred income and accrued expenses	CHF 31.12.2025	CHF 31.12.2024
Accruals of accounting and audit expenses	7 000	0
Deferred income to be recognized on next financial year	0	43 790
Total	7 000	43 790

2.3 Income taxes

The Association filed a request for tax exemption (0% taxation as a non-profit organization) with the Swiss tax authorities on December 15, 2025. As of the closing date of the financial year under review, the decision had not yet been received.

As a prudential measure, a tax provision has therefore been recognized based on an estimated tax rate of 14%.

2.4 Significant events occurring after the balance sheet date

There is no significant events occurred after the balance sheet date to be mentioned in the notes of the present financial statements.

THE TEAM

Our team brings together diverse talents, experience, and commitment to the vision of a wilder, more resilient world.



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Director Science-Policy-Practice



Karl Wagner
Director of Campaigns



Prof Alastair Driver
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Coordinator



Meriel Reeve
Diary Coordination
& Events



OUR BOARD

As of 2023, the Global Rewilding Alliance is constituted as a non-profit Association in Geneva, Switzerland, our board members are:



Mark Halle
Chairman



Carolina Morgado



Frans Schepers



Reem AlMealla



Nelson Mhlanga



Gregor Pipan



Alex McLean

TEAM GROWTH



The Alliance team welcomes **Swathi & Bianca** to our Partnerships & Engagement team, and **Nich** to our Communications team.



Prof Alastair Driver joins as our Senior Advisor, bringing almost fifty years of rewilding and conservation experience to our team.

Alex McLean joins our board, bringing thirty years of experience in some of the largest law firms in Ireland and Australia, as well as his current role as a wildlife photographer and nature guide.





A YEAR OF SCALING

Thank you to rewilders and supporters far and wide that have helped this year of scaling the rewilding movement.

JOIN US AS WE BUILD THE HOPEFUL, GROWING GLOBAL REWILDING MOVEMENT

The Global Rewilding Alliance brings together over 300 organisations across every continent to catalyse a worldwide movement for nature's recovery.

We accelerate learning, convene evidence, share the successes and benefits of rewilding, inspire more organisations to rewild, and unlock new resources for rewilding.

Our mission is to mainstream rewilding in science, policy and practice.

WE ARE INCREDIBLY GRATEFUL TO OUR CHAMPIONS
FOR THEIR CORE SUPPORT FOR OUR WORK



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