

Brazilian Atlantic Rainforest Trust

**Annual report and financial statements
for the year ended 31 March 2021**

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Legal and administrative information

Patron	Michael Palin
President	Professor Sir Gilleen Prance FRS
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Trustees	Lindsay Bury (Chairman) Frank Bury William Eccles Stuart Housden OBE Anastasios Paul Leventis Robert Locke Stephen Rumsey OBE Kim Stewart
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Brazilian Atlantic Rainforest Trust

Report of the Trustees For the year ended 31 March 2021.

The Trustees of the Brazilian Atlantic Rainforest Trust present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Trustees

Trustees are appointed by the Board of Trustees and the Trustees throughout the period were:

Lindsay Bury (Chairman)
Stuart Housden
Stephen Rumsey

Frank Bury
Anastasios Paul Leventis
Kim Stewart

William Eccles
Robert Locke

Constitution and Objects

The Brazilian Atlantic Rainforest Trust is constituted by a Deed of Trust dated 1 May 1999 and is a charity registered in England and Wales, number 1079038. The trustees shall hold the Trust Fund and its income upon trust to apply them for the following objectives in The Atlantic Rainforest region of south-east Brazil:

- to preserve and protect or assist in the protection and preservation of the world's rainforests, particularly but not exclusively in Brazil, for the public benefit; and
 - to advance the education of the public in all or any of the subjects concerning ecological sustainability and natural resource conservation.
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Review of developments, activities and achievements - Chairman's Report for the year ended 31 March 2021

The Brazilian Atlantic Rainforest Trust (BART) was established in May 1999 primarily to support the creation and running of the Reserva Ecológica de Guapiacu (REGUA), an exciting new conservation project in the critically endangered Atlantic forest of south-east Brazil. Since then, and with BART's continued annual support, REGUA has developed into one of the most successful projects in that area and now owns over 18,000 acres and protects a further 10,000 acres that are owned by partners, and has planted over 620,000 trees. With BART's help REGUA has also established a high quality 10 bedroom lodge where visitors from all over the world can stay to enjoy the incredible diversity of wildlife, and to learn about conservation in the tropics. This lodge has become a very important source of annual income and covers most of the operational project costs, and 2019 saw the highest ever visitor numbers with over 1,700 bed-nights. However in March 2020 the lodge was forced to close as the Covid-19 epidemic spread rapidly around the world, partly to protect its employees but also to reduce costs as almost every booking was cancelled. As at the end of March 2021 the outlook is still uncertain with Brazil having some of the highest recorded numbers of infections and deaths, and with many countries restricting international travel especially to the worst affected areas.

However the excellent financial performance in 2019, its rapid reaction to reducing costs and its cautious approach to financial reserves, left REGUA in a much better position to weather the covid storm than many other charitable organisations. Moreover a number of supporting organisations have rallied behind REGUA and provided relief funding and additional contract work to plant trees, and money for land purchase has continued to be forthcoming. BART has also continued to play an important role by contributing a total of £161,275 in the year, a significant increase on the £86,012 donated in the previous year. The BART governance costs remained low at only 1.5% of income, again less than in the previous year but largely because travel to visit REGUA became impractical.

The restrictions on travel also limited BART's ability to hold its Trustee meetings at its usual venue in London, but instead a Zoom meeting was held on the 24th November 2020 and another will be held in early April 2021. The improved internet connections in Brazil also enabled regular meetings to be held with the REGUA team, so the Secretary and Trustees stayed fully updated with progress and assisted in a number of major funding applications which allowed REGUA to expand its reserve by a further 924 acres in 2020, very close to the annual target of 1,000 acres set in the Conservation Strategy that was published in 2019. The plan is to purchase a further 1,116 acres in the 2021 calendar year, and funding has already been pledged for 90% of it.

Unfortunately the annual Birdfair at Rutland Water was cancelled in 2020, but instead REGUA hosted a web page on the Virtual Birdfair website. REGUA also increased the frequency of news items on its own website (www.regua.org) to maintain its visibility to supporters and future visitors, and there are plans to make further improvements to the layout and add a facility for online donations in the first half of 2021. The closure of the lodge also provided the opportunity to carry out a major refurbishment which was long overdue.

It is unclear how long the current international travel restrictions will continue, but meanwhile REGUA will be even more dependent on its loyal supporters and friends, led by its oldest supporter, the Brazilian Atlantic Rainforest Trust.

Review of financial transactions

The financial statements as set out on pages 6 to 11 summarise the transactions of the charity during the year ended 31 March 2021, at which date there was a surplus for the year on the unrestricted fund of £11,980 (2020: a deficit 13,039), and a deficit of £3,590 for the year on the restricted fund (2020: a surplus of £3,189) which when added to the funds brought forward of £6,121 leaves total funds to be carried forward of £14,511.

Reserves policy

The trustees' policy is to maintain a level of reserves which will provide a stable base for its continuing activities while at the same time ensuring excessive funds are not accumulated. The trustees believe that the free reserves of £12,896 are sufficient for its current purposes and these are reviewed on a regular basis.

Risk Management

The trustees have examined the major strategic, business and operational risks which the charity faces and confirm that systems have been established to enable regular reports to be produced so that necessary steps can be taken to lessen these risks.

Public Benefit

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities and setting grant making policies. They will only provide grants which clearly demonstrate public benefit.

Lindsay Bury
Signed on behalf of the board of trustees

July 27 2021

**Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees
For the year ended 31 March 2021**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Brazilian Atlantic Rainforest Trust (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Respective Responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.


Cara Turtington FCA DChA

26 August 2021

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**Statement of financial activities
For the year ended 31 March 2021**

	Note	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
Income and endowments from					
Donations and legacies	4	103,089	69,232	172,321	79,528
Total income and expenditure		<u>103,089</u>	<u>69,232</u>	<u>172,321</u>	<u>79,528</u>
Expenditure on					
Charitable activities					
Costs in furtherance of the Charity's objects:-					
Donations to REGUA		78,000	72,822	150,822	84,000
Costs on behalf of REGUA		10,453	-	10,453	2,012
Running costs	5	2,656	-	2,656	3,366
Total expenditure		<u>91,109</u>	<u>72,822</u>	<u>163,931</u>	<u>89,378</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		11,980	(3,590)	8,390	(9,850)
Fund balances at 1 April 2020		916	5,205	6,121	15,971
Fund balances at 31 March 2021		<u>12,896</u>	<u>1,615</u>	<u>14,511</u>	<u>6,121</u>

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the period.

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 8 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

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**Balance sheet
As at 31 March 2021**

	Note	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		690	1	691	1,071
Debtors	2	13,356	1,614	14,970	6,428
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		14,046	1,615	15,661	7,499
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Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	3	(1,150)	-	(1,150)	(1,378)
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Net assets		12,896	1,615	14,511	6,121
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Fund balances	6	12,896	1,615	14,511	6,121
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Approved on behalf of the Board by



Lindsay Bury
Trustee

July 27 2021

The notes on pages 8 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

For the year ended 31 March 2021

1. Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historic cost convention. The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice.

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

Brazilian Atlantic Rainforest Trust constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The functional currency of the charity is £.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Trust has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Income

1.3.1 Donations and gifts

Income is recognised in the year in which the charity is entitled to receipt and the amount can be measured with reasonable certainty.

1.3.2 Investment income

Investment income is accounted for on a receivable basis.

1.4 Expenditure

Expenditure is included on an accruals basis including irrecoverable VAT.

1.5 Foreign currency translation

Foreign currency transactions are translated into pounds sterling at the exchange rate prevailing at the transaction date. Monetary assets and liabilities are retranslated at the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date.

Notes to the financial statements (continued)
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1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.6 Funds

Unrestricted funds represent the balance of income from all sources after deduction of grants made and other necessary expenditure.

Restricted funds are those funds where the donor has specified the use of their donation by the charity.

1.7 Taxation

The Trust is a registered charity and is not liable to United Kingdom income tax or corporation tax on charitable activities.

2. Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
Tax recoverable	14,970	6,428
Other debtors and prepayments	-	-
	<u>14,970</u>	<u>6,428</u>

3. Creditors

	2021 £	2020 £
Accruals	1,150	1,304
Held on behalf of REGUA	-	74
	<u>1,150</u>	<u>1,378</u>

Fees are collected in the UK on behalf of REGUA by the Trust. These fees are not the income of the charity and are held in cash pending transfer. Movements in respect of these fees are as follows:

	2021 £	2020 £
Monies held brought forward	74	524
Received in the year	5,103	96,550
Paid across in year	(5,177)	(97,000)
	<u>-</u>	<u>74</u>

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

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4. Donations and legacies

Current year	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
Includes the following amounts with a value in excess of £2,000:			
The Millichope Foundation	20,000	-	20,000
Lindsay Bury	15,000	-	15,000
The Tasso Leventis Foundation	14,983	-	14,983
Frank Bury	30,000	-	30,000
Hylton Murray-Philipson	5,000	-	5,000
J P Boden & Co Ltd	-	50,000	50,000
Foundation Franklinia	-	6,823	6,823
Meta Hunt	-	3,592	3,592
Angelica Green	-	6,455	6,455

Included in total unrestricted donations are aggregate donations from trustees and foundations controlled by trustees, of £80,535 (2020: £48,084).

Comparative year	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
Includes the following amounts with a value in excess of £2,000:			
The Millichope Foundation	25,000	-	25,000
The Tasso Leventis Foundation	15,571	-	15,571
Miranda Trust (formerly Eccles Family Trust)	5,000	-	5,000
Sue Healey	-	10,000	10,000
Angelica Green	-	8,918	8,918

5. Running costs

	2021 £	2020 £
Bank and other charges	1,540	2,212
Independent examination and accountancy	1,116	1,154
	2,656	3,366

Running costs of the charity include governance costs and general administration. The trustees, who are considered to be key management personnel, received no remuneration or expenses during the year (2020: £Nil).

6. Funds

Unrestricted Funds comprise those funds which the trustees are free to use in accordance with the charitable objects.

Restricted Funds are funds which have been given for particular purposes and projects. The Trust supports the Reserva Ecologica de Guapiacu (REGUA) project to conserve one of the most critical examples of Atlantic Rainforest remaining in south-east Brazil. Income specifically received in respect of this project is accounted for separately as a Restricted Fund, along with the associated expenditure.

7. Related party transactions

Apart from where set out in note 4, there have been no transactions with related parties during the year (2020: none).

8. Comparative information**8.1 Comparative statement of financial activities**

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2020 Total £
Income and endowments from:			
Donations and legacies	53,839	25,689	79,528
Total income and endowments	<u>53,839</u>	<u>25,689</u>	<u>79,528</u>
Expenditure on:			
Charitable expenditure			
Costs in furtherance of the Charity's objects:-			
Donations to REGUA	61,500	22,500	84,000
Costs on behalf of REGUA	2,012	-	2,012
Running costs	3,366	-	3,366
Total expenditure	<u>66,878</u>	<u>22,500</u>	<u>89,378</u>
Net income/(expenditure)	(13,039)	3,189	(9,850)
Fund balances at 1 April 2019	13,955	2,016	15,971
Fund balances at 31 March 2020	<u>916</u>	<u>5,205</u>	<u>6,121</u>

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8.2 Comparative balance sheet

		Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	2020 Total £
Current assets				
Cash at bank and in hand		522	549	1,071
Debtors	2	1,698	4,730	6,428
		<u>2,220</u>	<u>5,279</u>	<u>7,499</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	3	(1,304)	(74)	(1,378)
Net assets		<u>916</u>	<u>5,205</u>	<u>6,121</u>
Fund balances	6	<u>916</u>	<u>5,205</u>	<u>6,121</u>