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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman's Letter – YAKUM 2025 Annual Report

2025 was a year of significant growth for Yakum – both in the scale of our work and in our understanding of how forest restoration can strengthen Amazonian food systems, livelihoods and culture on a regional scale.

Across the Ecuadorian Amazon, our team continued restoring forests through tree-planting projects in cattle fields and local forest garden "chakras" with highly diverse plots useful, mostly native species. Through our Bos+-funded programme alone "Tamia Añangu", now in its 4th year, 10,986 trees were planted in 2025, bringing the total trees planted by the project together with Kichwa communities in Napo province to more than 83,000. In Siekopai territory, in Sucumbíos province, a further 3,168 trees were established across five hectares in an extension to the Land Invasion reforestation project which begun in 2024.

Yakum ´s work in Ecuador also increasingly connected forest restoration and conservation with forest livelihoods. Together with Siekopai communities Remolino and Sewaya, two community food-processing laboratories were established with training in team-organisation, accounting and production, moretal palm swamp forests (the source of fruits for Morete oil) and Suní nut trees were mapped in territory, and 33 community members were trained in safe climbing and harvesting by climbing group Kenapü ´tiyo. In Napo, a women-led initiative worked across 10 communities to identify, obtain and grow 61 species of Amazonian vegetables, strengthening the diversity of traditional foods available in local community gardens funded by the Eileen and Fred Schoellkopf Family Foundation. In Sinangoe, work with the Kofán Shame'cco women's association in Sucumbíos province established a community garden and nursery incorporating food, medicinal and culturally important plants together with The Nature Conservancy.

2025 was also an important year for Yakum as an organisation. Fundación Yakum Ecuador generated approximately US$324,000 during the year and managed around US$382,000 in available project resources, while securing a large grant from Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund for $164,000, to implement a landscape-scale indigenous connectivity corridor – as well as continuing proposal development and negotiation with Conservation International to include Yakum as a partner in their two large landscape corridors – to work with the Siona and Siekopai in the Yasuní-Limoncocha-Cuyabeno corridor and with the Shuar and Achuar in the Sangay-Achuar corridor. These are demanding funders which require Yakum to crank up its internal management structures and safeguards. increased prior consultation and coordination with Indigenous leadership, and successfully delivered several substantial projects without project overspends.

Growth also brought challenges. We entered the year carrying an administrative overspend from 2024 which we are still recovering, some projects were under-budgeted, and Yakum ´s coordinators managing multiple projects. These experiences have led us to strengthen financial

controls, distribute responsibilities better and carry out more detailed and realistic planning. By the end of 2025, most of the previous overspend had been recovered.

Most importantly, the year helped clarify Yakum's direction. Our work is increasingly centred around indigenous food systems as a template to restore and conserve forests: protecting and exchanging Amazonian plant diversity, strengthening seed networks and community nurseries, investigating, planting and promoting culturally and nutritionally important species, and supporting sustainable harvesting, processing and livelihoods from standing forests and chakras.

We are enormously grateful to Yakum's team, our Indigenous community partners and leaders, and the funders, volunteers and friends who made this work possible. We enter 2026 with stronger partnerships, greater experience and an increasingly clear vision for the future.

Chairman, YAKUM

Objects and Activities

Summary of objects of the charity set out in its governing document.

The mission and objectives of the CIO are:

Mission - Regenerating Amazonian rainforests, foods and cultures with indigenous communities.

Objectives:

- Food Sovereignty – Understanding local food systems through literature review and field time spent with local communities to build a collaborative idea for restoration projects
- Amazon Seed Network – Building a network where local communities, local businesses and authorities, NGOs and permaculture farmers can come together to exchange seeds and knowledge
- Cultural Food Forests – Restoring soil through composting, bokashi and biochar and replanting forests with fruit, nut and medicinal trees corresponding to community cultural objectives
- Forest Harvests & Finance – Harvesting wild and forest-garden-grown forest food and medicines and processing these products for commercialisation and community consumption. Finance mechanisms to incentivise conservation and reforestation

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.

Policy on Social Investment.

We do not make cash investments, although we consider our field work to be a considerable investment in community development and forest conservation.

Contribution made by volunteers.

Volunteers in Ecuador attending work "minga" days to help bagging up saplings and planting trees in Napo province. Volunteers in Indigenous communities helping to conduct and monitor reforestation in their territory, support from them to accommodate our staff during visits. Volunteer support in communications and artwork from UK and Spanish friends. Some in-person medium-term volunteers have participated in diverse activities. YAKUM has an Ambassador team in the UK and abroad which sets up events and fundraisers to support YAKUM which has been set up this year (December) and will be active in 2025.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	YAKUM
Registered charity number	1186064
Charity's principal address	2 BARKER CLOSE RICHMOND TW9 4ET
Bank	The Co-operative Bank 6th Floor, 1 Balloon Street, Manchester M60 4EP
Independent Examiner	Best4Business 44-45 Beaufort Court Admirals Way London E14 9XL

Trustees

Alexander McFarlane-Watts

Georgina White

Zygmunt de Goris Jedrzejowski

Corporate trustees

Director name:

Nicholas Ovenden

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:	Foundation Charitable Incorporated Organisation ("CIO")
Type of governing document:	Constitution of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation who's only voting members are its Charity Trustees
Charity constitution:	CIO
Trustee selection methods:	Personal search and recommendation

Trustee selection policies and procedures.

- Apart from the first Charity Trustees, every Trustee must be appointed by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the Charity Trustees.
- In selecting individuals for appointment as Charity Trustees, the Charity Trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

Risk Management

The Trustees updated the risk assessment during the year and continue to monitor identified risks and seek appropriate mitigations. The Trustees believe that systems are in place to mitigate the most significant risks.

Policy for Induction and Training of Trustees

New Trustees are taken through an induction process by the Chairman or another Trustee. Information for new Trustees is contained in an Induction Pack containing relevant policy documents. Trustees have access to courses and seminars relevant to their positions and have peer support through regular meetings.

Trustees' Responsibilities in Relation to the Financial Statements

The charity Trustees are responsible for preparing a Trustees' annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards.

Company law requires the charity Trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company 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 UK 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 company 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 Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Statement as to disclosure to our Independent Examiners

As far as the Trustees are aware at the time of approving our Trustees' annual report:

- there is no relevant information, being information needed by the auditor in connection with preparing their report, of which the company's external examiner is unaware, and

- The Trustees, having made enquiries of fellow Trustees, have each taken all steps that he/she is obliged to take as a Trustee to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the examiner is aware of that information.

By Order or the Board of Trustees

Alexander McFarlane-Watts Chair Dated 30 June 2026

There is no legal requirement for Charities to have an independent examination if their gross income is below £25,000 in the year

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Thanks to our partners we generated over £246,574 to fund projects through grants and donations. YAKUM UK generated £3,107, transferring £4,000 to Ecuador.

In 2025 we are looking to maintain our highest level of fundraising ever to allow us to plan to scale our impact.

Income

To avoid double currency conversions and costs donations received in currencies other than GBP are routed directly to Ecuador where possible. Funds transferred directly to Ecuador are not included in Income in the UK accounts.

Income received in the year	**GBP**		**USD**	
	2025	**2024**	**2025**	**2024**
1. UK	£3,107	£7,608	$4,098	$9,722
Ecuador				
2. Ecuador Income excl. UK transfers	£239,467	£181,607	$319,498	$232,058
3. Funds transferred to Ecuador from UK were recognized as	£4,000	£4,745	$5,337	$5,931
Total funds in Ecuador	£243,466	£186,352	£324,835	$237,989
Total Yakum Income (1 + 2)	**£245,371**	**£189,215**	**£323,596**	**£241,780**

Reserves

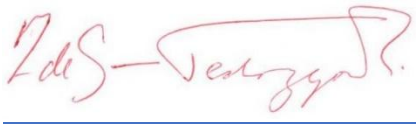
UK reserves at the end of 2025 were £3,354

Ecuador reserves were $45,771 (£57,287).

Income and expenditure

		2025			2024		
	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Funds Total	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Funds Total
Incoming Resources		£	£	£	£	£	£
Donations	1	3,107		3,107	7,608		7,608
Total income		**3,107**		**3,107**	**7,608**		**7,608**
Expenditure							
Donation to Yakum Ecuador	2	4,000		4,000	2,500		2,500
Donated Equipment and Supplies	3			0	2,245		2,245
Release of Restricted funds				0			0
Cost of charitable activities				0			0
Annual report		-800		-800	300		300
Events		611					0
Professional fees		44		44	576		576
Travel		632		632	1,259		1,259
Service Fees		148		148	758		758
Fundraising				0			0
Insurance				0			0
Licenses and Internet		4,176		4,176	3,547		3,547
Total expenditure		**8,810**		**8,810**	**11,185**		**11,185**
Net movement in funds for the year		**-5,703**		**-5,703**	**-3,577**		**-3,577**
Funds brought forward 1st January		9,577		9,577	13,154		13,154
Funds carried forward 31st December		**3,874**		**3,874**	**9,577**	-	**9,577**

Balance Sheet	Note	2025 £	2025 £	2024 £	2024 £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	5	0		0	
Cash at Bank	6	4,380		11,136	
Total Current Assets		4,380		11,136	
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Creditors- amounts falling due within 1 year	7	476		209	
Accruals	8	0		1,350	
		476		1,559	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			**3,904**		**9,577**
TOTAL NET ASSETS			**3,904**		**9,577**
Represented by:					
ACCUMULATED FUNDS					
Unrestricted funds			**3,904**		**9,577**
Restricted funds			0		
			3,904		**9,577**



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Treasurer

1. Donations received in the year.

Donor	Unrestricted	Restricted
Itzhak Beery	1200	
Eventbrite	525	
Natural Symphony SYMPHONY	441	
Lina Wang	320	
HMRC Gift Aid	282	
Other	339	
	3,107	

2. Donations Made

Donations were transferred to Fundación Yakum timed to maximize exchange rates where possible.

3. Donated Equipment and Supplies

Zero

4. Cash at Bank

Cash at bank and in hand		Currency	GBP
Bank	Currency	amount	amount
Cooperative	GBP	3,438.31	3,438.31
Cashplus	GBP	84.14	84.14
Equals	USD	0.00	0.00
PayPal	GBP	857.77	857.77
Total Cash at bank and in hand			**4,380.22**

5. Accruals

n/a

6. Trustee Remuneration and benefits.

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from employment with the charity or a related entity.