Stichting Bergplaas Van Lippe-Biesterfeld

Condensed financial statements for the year 2021

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Report from the board

General

Stichting Bergplaas Van Lippe-Biesterfeld (hereafter the foundation) was founded on 19 December 2016. The object of the foundation is collecting and spending resources on behalf of the Spirit of the Wild Trust, organizing training courses, training guides, preserving Bergplaas Nature reserve and promoting nature conservation in general.

The board

The members of the board during 2021 and 2022:

G. Taylor
Chairman as from 19 December 2016
J.A.J.W. Nieuwenhuys
Secretary/Treasurer as from 1 August 2020
T.B. Guttmann
Member as from 1 March 2021
P.K. van der Vlis
Member as from 1 November 2021
E.F. van Galen
Member as from 12 December 2021

Report of activities



Nine Spirit of the Wild training weeks were held in 2021, for a total of 90 participants, including employees and interns from South African National Parks (SANPARKS), Cape Nature, Tracker Academy, the Private Land Conservation Network (PLC), BioWise and Knysna Tourism Association.

The Spirit of the Wild continues to be supported by key organisations including SANPARKS, Cape Nature and Nelson Mandela University (NMU).

Bergplaas' impact within the South African National Parks also continues to grow and now includes participants from Addo, Camdeboo, Garden Route and Mountain Zebra National Parks.

Bergplaas has partnered with the Organisation for Noetic Ecology and the Centre for Complex Systems in Transition (University of Stellenbosch) to design an online survey which participants can complete in order for it to better monitor the impact of the Spirit of the Wild programme. A follow up survey has now also been developed and is sent to participants 3 months after the completion of their training on the Nature Reserve.

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Two bursaries for Nature Conservation were awarded to students at NMU who are in their final year of studies. Furthermore, one student has been offered a one-year internship to complete his training on the reserve in 2022.

The negative impact on Covid 19 on tourism in general is an on-going challenge, as is the continuing drought and political and economic uncertainty.

A site visit was done in Golden Gate National Park in September and we hope that Bergplaas will hold its first Spirit of the Wild training week in the park in February/March 2022 with participants from the local community and employees of the park (i.e. SANPARKS).

Bergplaas has been approached by the Endangered Wildlife Trust to participate in a carbon sequestration initiative by conserving grasslands. Initial discussions are underway.

During 2021 the foundation ended the year with EUR 87.683 surplus. This surplus is temporary and will be payed out in 2022 as is in line with the ANBI ruling.

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Balance sheet as at 31 December 2021

(after appropriation of the result)

	31 December 2021		31 December 2020	
	EUR	EUR	EUR	EUR
Assets				
Current assets				
Cash		100.979		112.132
		100.979		112.132
Liabilities				
Equity				
Reserves		97.188		9.505
Current liabilities		3.791		102.627
		100.979		112.132

Statement of income and expenses for the year 2021

	2021		2020	
	EUR	EUR	EUR	EUR
Income				
Donations received	91.932		154.137	
Interest	-		9.430	
		91.932		163.567
Expenditure				
Donations provided	-		442.430	
Other expenses	4.249		6.224	
		4.249		448.654
Result		87.683		-285.087
Appropriation of the result				
Result		87.683		-285.087
Balance to be added to/ deducted from the reserves		87.683		-285.087

Notes to the financial statements for the year 2021

General

Stichting Bergplaas Van Lippe-Biesterfeld (hereafter the foundation) having its legal address in The Hague, is a foundation under Dutch law and is listed under number 67514294 in the Trade Register. The office of the foundation is located in Muiden.

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As of 1 January 2019, the foundation has been designated as a Algemeen Nut Beogende Instelling (ANBI).

The financial year is equal to the calendar year.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with RJk C1 Kleine organisaties zonder winststreven. In the financial statements no budget has been included because of the function of the budget for the foundation including the budget is not usefull.

The financial statements are denominated in euros.

Continuity

The accounting principles applied to the valuation of assets and liabilities and the determination of results in these financial statements are based on the assumption of continuity of the foundation.

Staffing level

During the financial years 2021 and 2020 no employees were employed.

Principles of valuation and result determination

Financial fixed assets

Loans are valued at their face value taking into account a possible provision for bad debts.

Receivables

Receivables are valued at nominal value. Provisions for bad debts are deducted from the carrying amount of the receivable.

Cash

Cash and cash equivalents are valued at nominal value.

Other assets and liabilities

The other assets and liabilities are recognized at their face value.

Income and expenses

Income and expenses are recognized in the year to which they relate.

The result is calculated as the difference between operating income and the costs attributable to it during the year under review.

Donations provided

Donations provided are accounted for in the year in which they are committed.

Income estimates

In applying the principles and policies for drawing up the financial statements, the board make different estimates and judgments that may be essential to the amounts disclosed in the financial statements. If it is necessary in order to provide the transparency required the nature of these estimates and judgments, including related assumptions, is disclosed in the Notes to the relevant financial statement item.

Appropriation of the result

In the articles of association no provision has been included concerning the appropriation of the result.

The result for the year 2021 amounts to EUR 87.683 positive. Ahead of the decision of the board of the foundation the result has been added to the reserves.

Fundraising and -appropriation

The funds of the Foundation shall be formed by gifts and donations, subsidies, bequests and legacies. The equity of the Foundation shall be formed by an approximately 8%-10% retention of the funds received in order to be able to cover operational expenses. The board will review periodically whether this retention is still appropriate in view of the actual operational expenses and will adjust the percentage / amount withheld accordingly. The expenses of the Foundation will be in reasonable proportions to the grants made in accordance with the purpose of the Foundation.

The Foundation has the intention to ultimately spend all gifts received but at least for 90%.

Balance sheet as at 31 December 2021

Reserves

	2021 EUR	2020 EUR
Balance as at 1 January Result for the year	9.505 87.683	294.592 -285.087
Balance as at 31 December	97.188	9.505

Muiden, 20 July 2022

Members of the board:

G. Taylor Chairman

J.A.J.W. Nieuwenhuys Secretary/treasurer

T. B. Guttman

P.K. van der Vlis

E.F. van Galen