



2022
EMBASSY OF THE EARTH

YEAR REPORT



TOEKOMST VAN NEDERLAND, PHOTO 'HET NIEUWE COMPAS' MARIA KOLOSSA

ANNUAL REPORT EMBASSY OF THE EARTH 2022

2022 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 welcomes Arjan Elst as our new chairperson taking over from Gine Zwart who leaves the board, which has the following members: Maryan Klomp, Theun Karelse, Diana van Aalst and Peter de Koning.

More specifically the following activities took place in 2022:

APRIL - PLANNING GROUP MEETING

Leo van der Vlist and Frank Heckman travelled to Morogoro district in Tanzania for a White Mountain community meeting in preparation to the White Mountain Future Design Basecamp to be held in 2023. In dialogue sessions under the trees in the forest a planning group was assembled by the Maasai community, to plan everything needed for a succesful Future Design Basecamp*. The different Maasai representatives tell about the White Mountain journey so far to bring everyone on the same page. The main role of the planning group is to determine the purpose, time and location of the meeting, but most importantly the people to invite for the Search Conference. These need to be people from all the relevant parties in the landscape, because the challenges are so complex that these can only be resolved by unprecedented collaboration of all these parties involved, with the purpose to: "Revive Maa culture and work in collaboration to restore the ecosystems of Mt. Kilimanjaro." Two nations, one mountain: all districts are in favor of holding one Search Conference for participants from two countries, Tanzania and Kenya at the En'doinyo O ILMoruak in between Mt Kilimanjaro and Mt Meru, the sacred 'elder mountain' shared by Maasai form both countries.

MAY/JUNE - DAHN FOUNDATION SUMMER SCHOOL

A visit by Frank to India to hold masterclasses for some 30 participants from the Dahn Foundation, with some returning participants aimed at deepening their practice as social engineers. Also a MoU was written as agreed upon as a first step towards intensified partnership between Dahn Foundation and Embassy of the Earth.

JUNE - OJIBWAY CEREMONY

Frank and Leo paid a visit to Ojibway elders Bruce Hardwick , Duane Kinnart and Van Archiquette in the US, co-founders and spiritual keepers of the Embassy, who had been struggling with their health.

JUNE - TOEKOMST VAN NEDERLAND

A two day session, and a ceremony and Systemic Constellation for the Westerschelde River. The Toekomst van Nederland is a program commissioned by the ministry of economic affairs with the aim to address the energy transition in a broader societal context, from an area innovative perspective.



PERMACULTURE AGROECOLOGY DESIGN COURSE

WHITE MOUNTAIN EDUCATION FUND

Mainly Nursery education for young adult Juliet Mutui and school fees for some younger Maasai kids to attend primary school.

JUNE - PERMACULTURE COURSE (WHITE MOUNTAIN)

Participation of 4 Maasai in a Permaculture crash course of 3 weeks getting to know eco-agricultural practices. This Permaculture/Agroecology Design Course was held in Kenya, from 7th – 21st of June as a certified course with teachers from the US, Australia and Kenya.

JULY/DECEMBER - WHITE MOUNTAIN FOOD RELIEF

The Embassy supported the White Mountain initiated food relief efforts, needed in response to the unprecedented drought hitting the communities and land. Bringing food for 800 households in 10 villages, including water pump repair at village 7 and surveys for a water borehole at village 1. In addition, there was a meeting of Amboseli CBO's on their collective food garden project, to address these immediate needs in a longer-term perspective. Important to note here is that the White Mountain community is now seeing itself as a central body that can take these initiatives and coordinate action.

AUGUST - KNOWLEDGE SHARING MEETING (WHITE MOUNTAIN)

A Knowledge Sharing Meeting on Regenerating the Ecosystems of Mt Kilimanjaro was held in Kenya as a preparation for the 2023 Design Basecamp in Tanzania. Participants included 15 knowledge holders from five different Maasai regions, Kajiado and Narok in Kenya and Siki-rary, Parakuiyo and Simanjaro in Tanzania. Besides, we had participation from the Kenya Forestry Research Institute and WWF and some people from the community Entonet, where the meeting was held in upperbelt of Mt Kilimanjaro. Resulting in mapping exercises and new initiatives, as input for the Future Design Basecamp in 2023.

SEPTEMBER - WHITE MOUNTAIN SUMMER SCHOOL

16 Maasai from five regions in Kenya and Tanzania came together in Terrat, Simanjaro District to master their skills to plan, design and manage Large Group Gatherings such as the Future Design Basecamp. They learned how to enable people to create a plan for the most desirable future of their community, a plan they carry out themselves. Many will later participate and assist in the Future Design Basecamp in Tanzania.

NOVEMBER - THIKA RIVER BASIN PLANNING GROUP

Peter de Koning and Frank Heckman hosted this meeting to assemble a planning group to prepare the 2023 Thika River Basin Future Design Basecamp. All participants agreed to 'Bring Njururi back to the river'. The Njururi is a water beetle that usually swims on the surface of a water body. Their presence serves as an indicator of a balanced and healthy river ecosystem. This Basecamp is a collaboration between the Kenyan Water Resources Authority and Water-net to restore the health of the river basin.



PREPARATORY MEETING UNDER ORETETI TREE

DECEMBER - WM PREPARATORY MEETING

This meeting aimed to further prepare with the planning group for the planned White Mountain Future Search Conference (FSC) and its opening ceremony in Tanzania. We succeeded to visit three communities and determine the locations for the FSC and the opening ceremony (to be held under the sacred Oreteti tree), select the preferred participants, appoint a logistical team and engage with important stakeholders.

ALL YEAR - WHITE MOUNTAIN ACTION PLANNING

- Support tree nursery
- Emergency relief village 1
- Water survey village 6
- Namelok CBO meeting
- Pipes and food garden support 3 villages
- Food relief, watertank and water
- Support registration Maasai Mara Isinya Conservancy
- Repair pump village 7
- Water for village 1
- Land title deed for White Mountain Land Trust for Learning Centre
- Fodder bulls, water village 1
- Water and seedlings
- Medical support
- Meeting White Mountain CBO's Amboseli on collective food garden

NOTES

* Future Design Basecamp: a large group planning gathering, 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.



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JAARREKENING

BALANS PER 31 DECEMBER 2021

Balans per 31 december 2021
(vóór resultaatbestemming)

ACTIVA

	31-12-2022	31-12-2021
	€	€
Vlottende activa		
Vorderingen		
Vorderingen op handelsdebiteuren	-	-
Belastingen en premies sociale verzekeringen	-	678
Overige rekening-courant	-	982
	-	1.660
Liquide middelen	95.636	6.524
	95.636	8.184



PASSIVA

	31-12-2022	31-12-2021
	€	€
STICHTINGSVERMOGEN		
Bestemmingsreserve White Mountain	84.056	
Overige reserve	5.103	5.059
Resultaat boekjaar	-	44
	90.033	5.103
KORTLOPENDE SCHULDEN		
Schulden ter zake van belastingen en premies sociale verzekeringen	1.259	56
Overige schulden	4.344	3.025
	5.603	3.081
	95.636	8.184



STAAT VAN BATEN EN LASTEN OVER 2021

BATEN	2022	2021
	€	€
Giften en baten uit fondsenwerving	204.747	51.304
Overige baten	-	3.910
	<u>204.747</u>	<u>55.214</u>
Kosten projecten	<u>-104.326</u>	<u>-38.010</u>
	100.148	17.204
LASTEN		
Inloopkosten algemeen	1.404	1.158
Lonen	9.600	9.600
Sociale lasten en pensioenlasten	648	636
Kantoorkosten	1.417	4.707
Algemene kosten	<u>1.870</u>	<u>678</u>
Totaal van som der kosten	<u>14.939</u>	<u>16.815</u>
Totaal van bedrijfsresultaat	85.209	389
Financiële baten en lasten	<u>-279</u>	<u>-345</u>
Totaal van netto resultaat	84.930	44
RESULTAAT BESTEMMING		
Bestemmingsreserve WM Noodhulp	13.493	
Bestemmingsreserve WM FSC	70.563	
Overige reserve	<u>874</u>	
	84.930	44

TOELICHTING OP DE BALANS**VLOTTENDE ACTIVA**

	31-12-2022	31-12-2021
Vorderingen	<u>€</u>	<u>€</u>
Belastingen en premies sociale verzekeringen		
Omzetbelasting	-	678
Overige rekening-courant		
Rekening-courant Frank Heckman	-	982
	<u>€</u>	<u>€</u>
Liquide middelen		
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