A detailed photograph of a rainforest floor. In the upper center, a snail with a brown and white shell is visible. Below it, several large, flat, brown and orange fungi are scattered. The ground is covered with various leaves in shades of red, yellow, and green, along with small blue berries and other forest debris. The overall scene is rich and textured, representing a diverse ecosystem.

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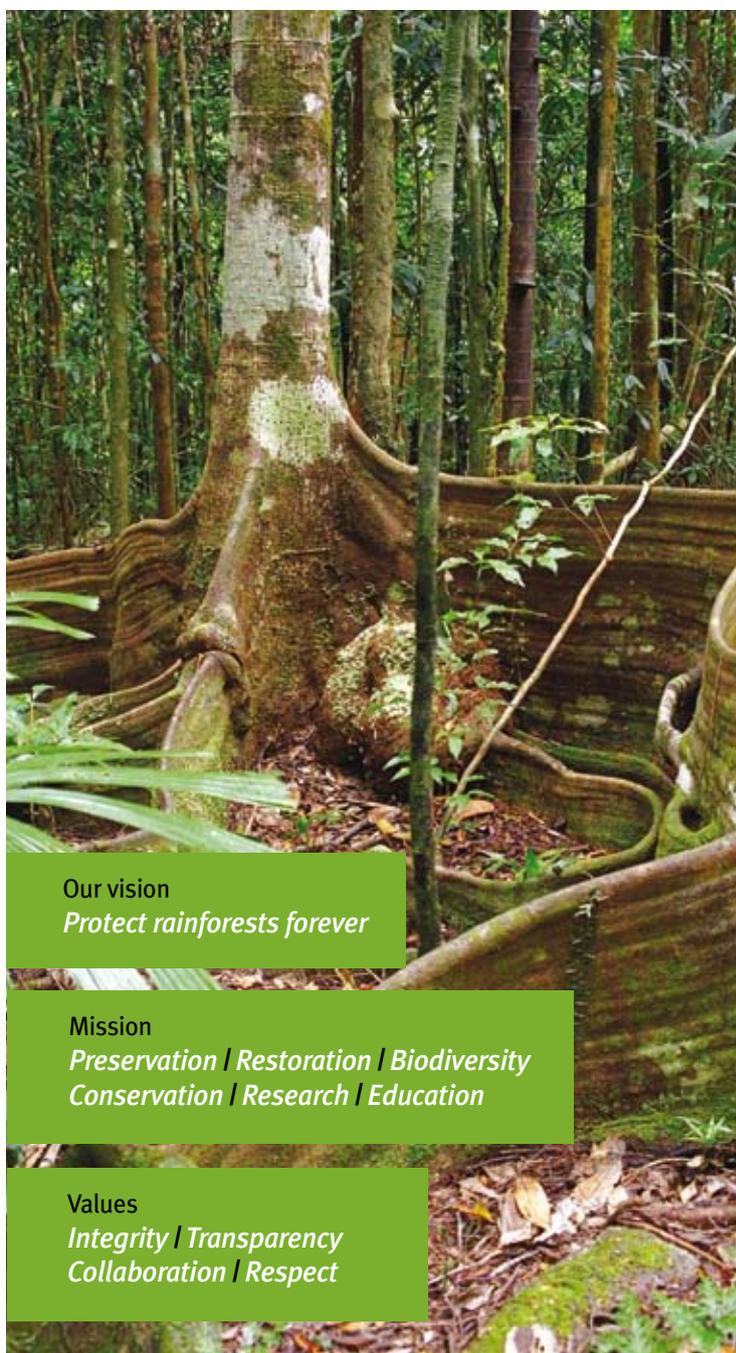
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Achievements for the rainforest

Rainforest Rescue has been protecting and restoring rainforests in Australia and internationally since 1998. We do this by purchasing properties with high conservation value rainforest and protecting their biodiversity. We also restore rainforest through planting, maintenance and weed removal.

Your support will last for generations!



Together in the last year we have...



Planted 18,099 trees on three of our properties in the Daintree

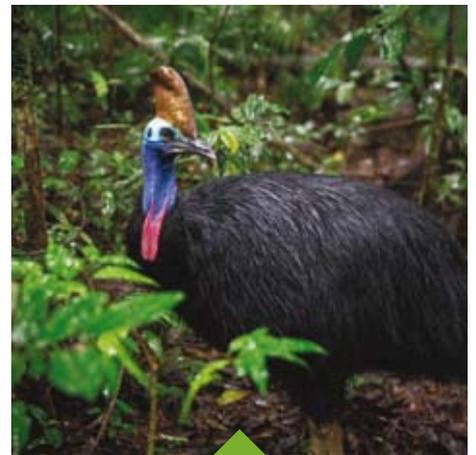


Installed 25 cameras at our Orangutan Habitat for Survival project site in Sumatra and 14 cameras on our Daintree properties to monitor wildlife

Signed an agreement with the Queensland Department of Environment, Heritage and Protection to co manage the Garners Beach Cassowary Rehabilitation Centre



Completed restoration of the Wongaling Wetland Cassowary Corridor with Giringun Aboriginal Corporation – the creek is now flowing for the first time in years



Launched our Save the Cassowary campaign across Australia – engaging 19 partner zoos in this important biodiversity conservation project

Contributed to replanting 154,000 seedlings on 140 hectares of degraded rainforest in the Gunung Leuser National Park, North Sumatra





*Madeleine Faught,
Chair Rainforest Rescue*

Chair's report

Welcome to Rainforest Rescue's 2014 overview report. I am pleased to present this insight into our commitment to ongoing rainforest conservation. All of our 'rainforest family' contributors should feel genuinely optimistic in regard to the positive outcomes we have achieved. Together we are effectively saving, protecting, growing and planting more rainforest everywhere we work.

The ongoing protection of high conservation value rainforest in the Daintree lowlands continues with 24 property purchases to date. The landscape connectivity we have created with these purchases adds to increasing habitat for species such as the southern cassowary, as well as improving the overall dynamics and resilience of the rainforest.

Our restoration of Lot 46 Cape Tribulation Road (Cassowary Conservation Reserve) is a genuine success story. Assisted by Federal biodiversity funding, this once seriously degraded property in the heart of the Daintree lowlands is now vibrant with growing rainforest. Close to 30,000 trees have been planted on this property, with a survival rate of 98%. We are proud of these outcomes, and attribute much of this success to the skills of our Daintree Nursery staff, Land Manager and Land Officer.

The threatened southern cassowary received a great deal of our focus this year with the launch of our 'Save the Cassowary' website, and partnerships in fundraising and education established with nineteen zoos across Australia. The creation of larger networks focused on the plight of the cassowary will hopefully reap rewards for this important member of the rainforest community.

Supporting scientific research continues to add to our knowledge base, which we are then able to share with you. Rainforest Rescue's expert advisors provide a wealth of expertise, and track innovations within the international research community. We also believe in supporting up and coming researchers as they are the advisors of the future!

Our planning for the year ahead excites us with its potential for further positive outcomes. Strategically, we will continue our strong focus in the Daintree. We have a long history of involvement in this region, and are committed to protecting its critically important ecological values.

If I had to use just one word to define Rainforest Rescue, its staff, Board of Directors, and Advisors, it would be 'passion'. All the hard work and commitment to secure positive outcomes for the rainforest emanates from this passion. Each conservation 'win' we secure builds our determination to achieve even more.

The ongoing commitment of our valued supporters allows us to collectively share in these positive achievements – to preserve and protect rainforest forever. Thank you!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Faught', written in a cursive style.

Madeleine Faught
Chair, Rainforest Rescue Board of Directors

Managing Director's report

It's been a year of growth for our organisation and its people. Growth is a positive for the rainforests, and I'd like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank our Board, donors, business partners, project partners, staff and volunteers. Together we are achieving impressive results.

In the past year we purchased another four Daintree properties (bringing the total to 24 properties) with staff and volunteers propagating and planting more trees than ever before. We spent more than 4,500 hours restoring our Daintree properties (an increase of 1,700 from last year). We held two community tree planting days in the Daintree, planting nearly 2,000 trees in the difficult conditions, and we removed more than 245 tonnes of debris from our Daintree properties. All achievements worthy of celebration!

In March, the southern cassowary took centre stage as we launched our Save the Cassowary campaign across Australia with the involvement of 19 partner zoos and organisations. We also signed an agreement with the Queensland Department of Environment, Heritage and Protection to co-manage the Garners Beach Cassowary Rehabilitation Centre; both significant steps forward for cassowary conservation.

Together with our colleagues from Giringun Aboriginal Corporation, we finished restoring the Wongaling Wetland Cassowary Corridor in Mission Beach, and the creek is now flowing for the first time in years!

Further afield, in North Sumatra, we contributed to the planting of 154,000 seedlings on 140 hectares of degraded rainforest and installed more camera traps at our Orangutan Habitat for Survival project site.

I also wish to acknowledge the changes and improvements we have made to the running of Rainforest Rescue. These place us in a position to continue to grow more efficiently, and to maximise what we can achieve.

We implemented a sophisticated fundraising database, along with cloud-based IT architecture. We established a headquarters with professional office facilities and recruited new skilled staff, both in our Mullumbimby office and in Sydney. Upgrades were made to our Daintree Nursery, and we finally afforded the investment of a 4WD utility for our Daintree operations.

We've kept tight control over costs, with the cost of fundraising reduced significantly compared to previous years.

It's been changes all round but we can confidently step into 2015 with a better equipped, better organised and modernised operation. We are ever ready to do as much as we possibly can with the help we receive from our rainforest supporters. We sincerely thank you for your gifts of time and effort, money, generosity, encouragement and trust.

There are so many achievements we are proud of, so please enjoy reading this 2014 report, and sharing in our success.



Grant Binns
Managing Director



Grant Binns,
Managing Director Rainforest Rescue

PRESERVATION

Rainforests are complex ecosystems comprised of a myriad of life forms. Rainforests are beautiful, dynamic and important to the survival of life on earth. They provide shelter and habitat for a host of animals and plants. Often referred to as the 'lungs of the world', rainforests are a critically important contributor to the overall balance of the world's climate and biodiversity.

Preservation is all about securing a future for the rainforests and is the core focus for Rainforest Rescue.

We are determined to save intact biodiverse rainforest systems. We achieve this through our Daintree Buy Back program and the Save a Hectare project in Ecuador. Rainforest Rescue sees land acquisition as critical for long term preservation.

Our preservation projects in the Daintree area of Australia and in the Cloud Forests of Ecuador are making significant headway in saving rainforest and engaging local communities in ongoing rainforest protection.



Impact to date in the Daintree

Twenty-four rainforest properties have been purchased by Rainforest Rescue since we initiated our Daintree Buy Back program in 2001. Many of the properties are connected, building on and extending existing habitat and nature corridors. All properties support an incredible array of rainforest plant and animal species. Had these rainforest properties not been purchased by Rainforest Rescue, they would likely have succumbed to development; their rainforest degraded, destroyed, or its integrity and biodiversity seriously compromised.

Purchasing these high conservation value rainforest properties slowly but surely contributes positively to our overall vision to protect rainforests forever. From a conservation perspective, there is nothing that can compare to the genuine sense of exhilaration at successfully saving more of this critically important rainforest ecosystem. Rainforest Rescue focuses on properties that add the greatest degree of species diversity and ecological value, building on the overall resilience of the Daintree tropical rainforest. We are currently in the process of consolidating official nature reserve status for all of these properties. This fully protects all properties against any future development, with their considerable biodiversity forever treated with the respect that the Daintree rainforest deserves.



Four more Daintree properties protected

Rainforest Rescue saves more Daintree rainforest habitat

Thanks to the generosity of our supporters this financial year, Rainforest Rescue was successful in purchasing four more rainforest properties earmarked for development.

One property is situated in Cow Bay, while the other three are in the Forest Creek area. All four purchases link directly to previously bought and secured Rainforest Rescue properties in both areas of the Daintree. Increasing the size of habitat for

both animal and plant species through the purchase of adjacent properties offers significant benefits to the multitude of species who live in, and depend upon, these rainforest habitats.

The purchase of these four Daintree properties was possible thanks to donations made to Rainforest Rescue. This support came from individuals, trusts and corporates.

Lot 76 Rosewood Road

The need to buy Lot 76 Rosewood Road in Cow Bay was obvious. Rainforest Rescue's evaluation of the property revealed rainforest in near-pristine condition, with only a small number of trees having been removed to create a driveway.

Our surveys revealed that the areas of intact rainforest support at least six threatened plant species, plus a mature pair of cassowaries has been present in this area for many years. Excellent reasons to secure this property in perpetuity. Lot 76 was also the only property along a one kilometre section of Rosewood Road 'not' to have been acquired and protected by either Rainforest Rescue, or the Queensland Government. We are now able to approach the Council to permanently close and revegetate this part of Rosewood Road; a very exciting prospect and outcome!



Lots 16, 17 and 18 Forest Close

When it comes to investing wisely in conservation in a way that maximises an investment's impact, position in the landscape is the 'key'. Our newly-acquired Forest Close properties (Lots 16, 17 and 18 Forest Close) sit side by side, close to four other Rainforest Rescue properties. They are also closely situated to the World Heritage listed Daintree National Park. Now that we have rescued all three blocks, they safeguard a critically important wildlife and biodiversity corridor. We hope you share our sense of satisfaction with this strategic and high-impact outcome.

All properties are classified as 'essential habitat' for the endangered southern cassowary (*Casuaris casuaris johnsonii*) and are also known habitat for the rare Bennett's tree-kangaroo (*Dendrolagus bennettianus*).



■ Rainforest Rescue properties ▨ National Park

Planning which properties to protect

Rainforest Rescue uses a balanced scorecard system to rank and prioritise properties for purchase. This ensures we focus our attention on acquiring property with high conservation values that provide habitat corridors for flora and fauna species, a number of which are officially listed as Endangered or Threatened.

Rainforest Rescue's volunteer Daintree advisors, Allen Sheather and Barbara Maslen, carry out detailed surveys and assess properties using a pro forma created for the task - our Daintree Land Acquisition Criteria Score Card. After onsite surveys, they assign each property scores between 0 and 5 for each of the ten criteria relevant to maximising the positive impacts of buy back.

"It is vital that we prioritise our order of purchase," says Allen. "By applying a ranking system to the different criteria values, we can be assured that we are purchasing wisely."

The ten criteria include: forest structural integrity, regional significance, degree of plant endemism, plant species conservation status, connectivity to other protected properties, corridor function, strategic location, existing degradation, settlement threat potential, and value for money.

Allen and Barbara present the results and their informed advice to the Rainforest Rescue Board of Directors. The scorecard system provides a systematic tool in which to preserve intact rainforest that is of the greatest significance, and therefore the most important to protect immediately. We value the expertise and insights of Allen and Barbara and thank them for volunteering their time on such a critical project.



High hopes for Daintree's future

We have the big picture in mind

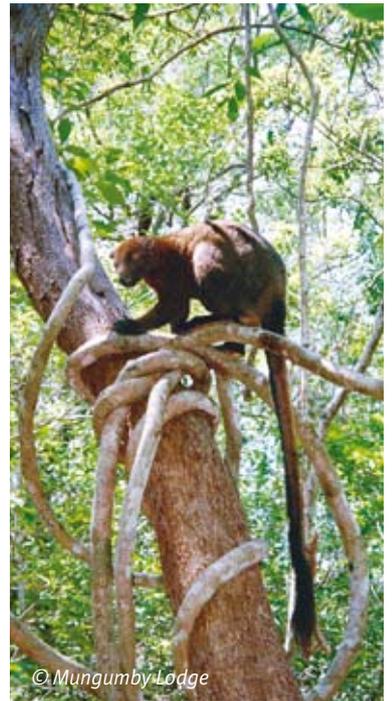
Our vision is to buy back and protect all remaining high conservation rainforest properties that are on the market in the lowland Daintree by 2030. Rainforest Rescue's Daintree Buy Back and Protect Forever Project has focused on the unprotected lowland rainforest since 2001. We will continue these efforts until every remaining high conservation value block has been purchased and protected.

As properties come on the market, we assess each property against a core set of criteria. These include risk of development and clearing, ecological values, location in relation to existing Rainforest Rescue properties and the Daintree National Park World Heritage Area, and value for money. Wherever possible, the focus is

on connectivity to our existing properties. (read more about our detailed Daintree Land Acquisition Scorecard above).

Rainforest Rescue has strong support in the local and broader North Queensland community for our conservation initiatives. We are proud of our reputation and the support this attracts in the region, and for our conservation achievements to date.

Achieving this vision is all about securing support and adequate funding. We estimate that we need to raise \$15 million to reach our 2030 rainforest preservation vision. While we understand the challenge inherent in this vision, we feel it is attainable.



See the difference for yourself...

Many of the rescued properties are sign-posted so if you are planning a trip to the Daintree, consider doing our Daintree Self Drive Tour. The drive is an inspiring way to experience the lowland Daintree. Many visitors appreciate the opportunity to

see the rainforest that their donations have helped to save. Directions, maps and information are provided on the Rainforest Rescue website at www.rainforestrescue.org.au/daintree-self-drive-tour



The Cloud Forests of Ecuador are well named and thrive in this moist tropical environment. At one time dense rainforest covered the entire Andean highlands of Ecuador. The clouds obscure a landscape of distant hills and still intact rainforest, all of which needs protection.

Forest preservation in the clouds

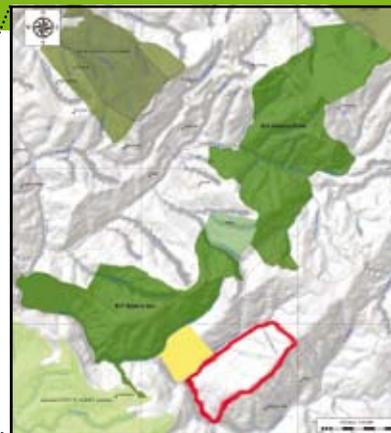
Ecuador Save a Hectare Project

Ecuador's cloud forests are home to a complex and rich concentration of animal and plant species. Located on the slopes of the tropical Andean mountains, these forests are recognised as one of the world's top 25 biodiversity 'hotspots'. Ongoing threats from illegal logging, mining, and clearing for agriculture highlight the critical need to protect and preserve these extraordinary forests and their biodiversity.

Since 2003, Rainforest Rescue has worked in partnership with UK-based Rainforest Concern to purchase strategically important rainforest properties within the Choco-Andean Corridor in the northwest of Ecuador. This corridor provides a vital link between two of Ecuador's biological hotspots - the Choco-Darien Rainforest

and the Tropical Andes, ensuring continuity of the rainforest and habitat for its species.

Rainforest Rescue contributions assist in property purchases that contribute towards extending an ever-growing corridor of protected forest – the Neblina Reserve. Recent funding has supported the purchase of the 80 hectare Ponce property that adjoins the southern section of the Neblina Reserve. Once this purchase is finalised, funding support will focus on the nearby 260 hectare Cárdenas property. The addition of this substantial primary rainforest will add significant high conservation value forest and connectivity to the existing Neblina Reserve (1761 ha), and to the overall Choco-Andean Corridor.



Restoring rainforest is about much more than just planting trees. It is an attempt to re-create the structure and function of a rainforest. We focus on removing factors that could inhibit the natural regeneration. These include a variety of weeds and feral animals. Rainforest Rescue makes every effort to enhance the

capacity of the forest to naturally regenerate, only planting in situations where the natural processes are inhibited or constrained. When we do plant, we use local plant species grown from local seed sources and work carefully around existing rainforest plants and wildlings to secure the best natural regeneration.

More Daintree rainforest reclaimed



Two rescued properties now free from weeds and debris

Rainforest Rescue purchased Lots 82 and 83 Rosewood Road, Cow Bay because our scorecard revealed that they were largely dominated by near-pristine rainforest. Also present was the *Rhaphidophora hayi* vine, a plant with a very limited distribution in the Daintree. However, both properties posed a number of challenges in relation to the legacy of partial clearing, abandoned building infrastructure and massive rubbish accumulations.

Several thousand tyres were removed, along with large quantities of building materials, including concrete slabs. The land previously cleared for house construction needed to be planted to encourage and assist rainforest natural regeneration.

The restoration of the properties was supported by several groups.

The North Queensland Wildlife Trust funded the removal of over 1500 tyres. The tyres have since been recycled into 'soft-fall' material destined for use beneath playground equipment.

Restoration work was also supported by a two-year Queensland Government Everyone's Environment grant. This support enabled us to address a number of problems. Weeds were controlled and 65 tonnes of rubbish and debris were removed. This included everything from cement slabs to old caravans. Everything that could be recycled, was.

Rainforest Rescue Daintree Land Manager Joe Reichl implemented and oversaw the clean-up and restoration with the help of co-worker Adrian Watson, other part time workers and volunteers. The team



worked for two and half years on reclaiming the land in order to focus on its natural regenerative processes.

This year, the cleared area was planted with over 1763 trees grown in Rainforest Rescue's Daintree Nursery. Earlier weed control had encouraged some natural regeneration, with the planting complimenting this.

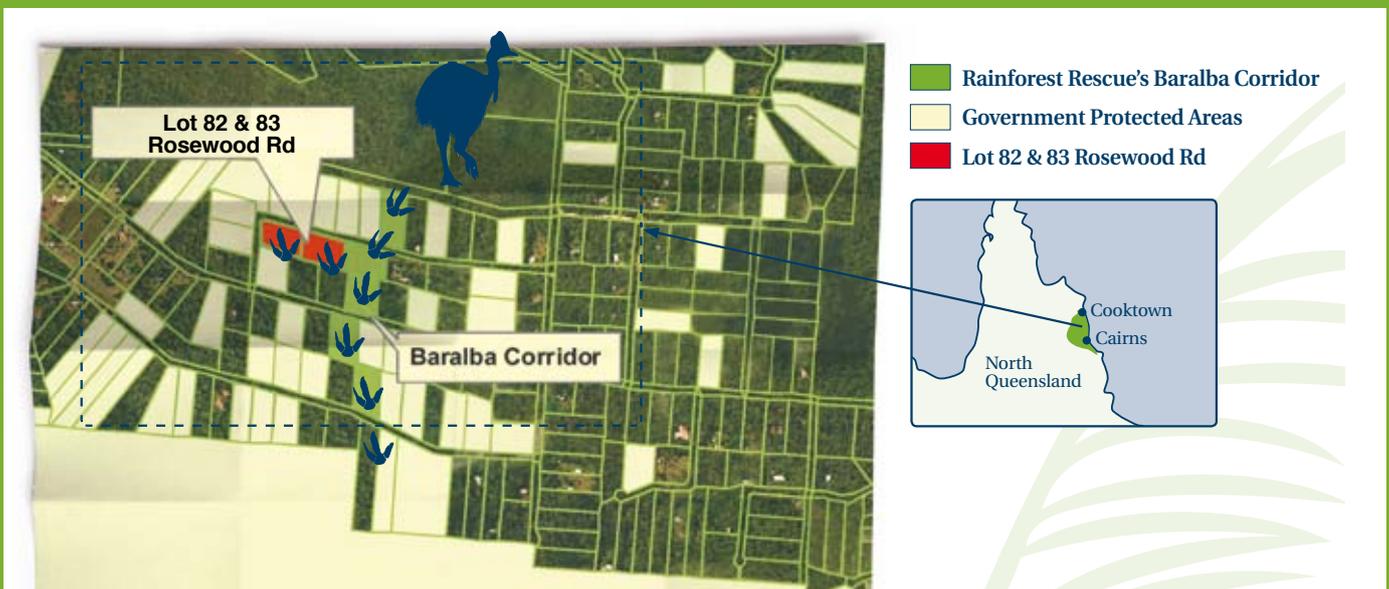
Restoration workers have been rewarded with the occasional sighting of a cassowary, an encouraging sign that the rainforest on Lot 82 and 83 is returning.

We wish to acknowledge and thank support from the grants, and the many volunteers that made this important restoration project possible.



Extending the Baralba Corridor Nature Reserve

Purchased in 2012, the two rescued properties connect with other Rainforest Rescue owned blocks in the Cow Bay area. We have now saved eight Cow Bay properties which form the Baralba Corridor Nature Refuge. This valuable wildlife corridor links two isolated areas of the Daintree National Park World Heritage area and is vital for the endangered southern cassowary. It also protects three vulnerable and 11 rare plants including the only known location of a species of fern previously thought to be extinct.



Volunteer planting days a growing success

Rainforest Rescue's annual Daintree Plant a Rainforest event, held in June, followed an extreme wet season. Four and a half metres of rain made conditions extremely muddy and challenging for tree planters.

Nearly 70 volunteers participated in the two-day event, some travelling from as far away as Sydney. All were keen to help finish off the planting of Lot 83 Rosewood Road (Baralba Corridor Nature Refuge) as well as plant some of the 5000 plus trees targeted for Lot 46 Cape Tribulation Road.

Rainforest Rescue wishes to sincerely thank everyone who helped out at the event.



Cassowary habitat on the mend

Our restoration team makes great progress on Lot 46

The restoration of Lot 46 Cape Tribulation Road continued with the removal of the final rubbish from the site, extensive tree planting, and ongoing growth monitoring.

Nine semi-trailer loads of rubbish were removed, including 13 car bodies, a shed, tank stand, a 24-foot boat trailer and rotting caravans. An additional five tonnes had to be carted by hand to not interfere with sensitive regeneration areas.

Restoration of the rainforest continued with an additional 16,235 trees planted in the remaining two now cleared areas. A week's worth of measuring and monitoring previously planted seedling trees confirmed the success of our planting designs and restoration methods. The four-year-old plantings are eight metres tall and have already formed a closed canopy, and are producing fruits which are an important source of food for the local native fauna. Leaf litter from the young trees is now blanketing the previously bare ground; assisting the essential process of creating a healthy ecosystem. New 'volunteer' seedlings are now sprouting throughout the plantings, adding diversity and complexity to the rainforest.

Different planting designs were used to establish the best methods to restore rainforest on the property, with care taken to protect and enhance natural regeneration.

Since restoration began in 2010, Joe and his team of workers and volunteers have eradicated all of the introduced mature oil palms (known to be an environmental and aggressive weed species), and have made significant inroads towards eradicating the hundreds of oil palm seedlings.

Making Lot 46 a Cassowary Conservation Reserve

Located in the heart of the Daintree lowlands, Lot 46 was purchased in 2010 to protect it from further destruction. The property was cleared in the 1960s for cattle grazing and agriculture, and later for growing exotic oil palms. Rubbish and impenetrable weeds had taken over much of the property.

Of the 24 properties that Rainforest Rescue has saved, Lot 46 is the only one not purchased through fundraising. The bank currently holds the title of Lot 46 and until the loan is repaid, we are unable to protect the property in perpetuity.

Rainforest Rescue is currently fundraising to ensure Lot 46 is protected forever and turned into the Cassowary Conservation Reserve.

Learn more at www.rainforestrescue.org.au/ProtectLot46



Cassowaries have been sighted on the property on numerous occasions, feeding on the available fruits of the new plantings. They are known to nest at the back of the property where it adjoins the National Park.

We are planning guided walking tours of Lot 46 during the dry season to demonstrate what can be achieved when rainforest is re-established, protected and properly managed.

After a lot of hard work, made possible by an Australian Government Biodiversity Grant and help from volunteers, Lot 46 is beginning to return to its rainforest past.





Plant a rainforest

Our productive Daintree Nursery

Four years ago, our Daintree Nursery was capable of propagating and growing 3000 plants per year. This year, the Nursery team propagated and grew over 20,000 plants; a figure set to continue.

This increase in nursery capacity was made possible by support from the Australian Government Biodiversity Grant; with the nursery forming a critical aspect of the restoration process for Lot 46. The funding provided the means for Daintree Nursery Manager Edie Beitzel and Land Manager Joe Reichl to streamline potting and growing processes to meet the scale of the revegetation needed on Lot 46. The nursery was able to install steel framed benches to hold all the seedling trays, additional planting materials, plus supplementary irrigation equipment, all which have contributed to more effective outcomes.

At any given time, there are approximately 6000 potted plants within the nursery shade house, and around 4000 in the sun hardening area. Propagation requires the collection of local seeds which are then sorted and catalogued prior to them being sown for the germination process. The nursery has propagated 204 rainforest species. This is definitely a 'success story' as not all rainforest seeds germinate easily, and many seeds are available only intermittently.

The decision about what seeds to collect and propagate is based on the needs of the restoration site. Local fruits are collected from within the Daintree Lowlands; their seeds retrieved and readied for propagation.

Daintree restoration proves a success

Measuring the performance of rainforest restoration on Lot 46 Cape Tribulation Road reveals exciting results

Project monitoring undertaken in September 2013 and again in June 2014 provided results that were analysed by botanist and evolutionary ecologist Dr Robert Kooyman. The results indicated remarkable restoration progress over the past two years.

The monitoring team measured key indicators of forest development such as growth rate, canopy cover, species numbers and diversity, plant density, and litter development. Regular measurements were taken in both planted and naturally regenerating areas. Seven 50 x 20m monitoring plots were established across the property. The team also set up twelve permanent photographic points to monitor and record rainforest redevelopment through time.

“The results really are impressive. Growth rates are spectacular, and canopy development is well underway,” says Dr Kooyman. “This is a property that was largely cleared and had suffered some serious soil degradation from poor agricultural practices. The photographic record and our measurements show an incredible transformation.”

The results recorded trees up to ten metres tall in the three-year old plantings, and up to six metres tall in the two year old plantings, with healthy growth in seedlings planted this year. “At times it is hard to believe this is the same property”, said Dr Kooyman. “The results provide proof of the benefits of restoration. Habitat values for plants and animals are building quickly, with increasing numbers of wildlife using the site”.

Dr Kooyman says it is about getting the balance right. “We wanted to maximise natural regeneration while using tree planting to accelerate the whole process”.

Monitoring has been supported by an Australian Government Biodiversity grant received to restore the property.

Rainforest Rescue has installed 14 ‘motion sensitive’ cameras on the Daintree properties to monitor wildlife. We plan to continue monitoring progress at our Daintree restoration sites into the future to track the return of wildlife.



Orangutan habitat for survival



Restoration efforts thrive; monitoring camera installed

Indonesian restoration workers and volunteers have made excellent progress this year in Gunung Leuser National Park, North Sumatra. With Rainforest Rescue's support, 154,000 seedlings have been planted on 140 hectares of illegally cleared rainforest land.

We also supported the installation of 25 cameras in Sumatra to monitor wildlife. Five camera traps and GPS equipment were installed in Gunung Leuser National Park, providing valuable feedback to our project partner in northern Sumatra, the Orangutan Information Centre (OIC). The other 20 cameras were installed in Way Kambas National Park in southern Sumatra. The OIC has been restoring illegally-cleared areas of old growth rainforest in the national park for the past six years. Analyses of all camera findings, in conjunction with other indications of animal activity, suggest key

species are already returning to the regenerated sites. (Read about the return of endangered wildlife on page 19).

Several years ago, Rainforest Rescue initiated and supported two OIC managers to travel to Australia to learn more about proven restoration methods. Dealing with skilled bush regenerators and various experts in the field, the OIC have integrated these methods with local knowledge to great success. There are still challenges. Like the ongoing removal of illegally planted oil palms, but the OIC are experiencing continuing positive outcomes and Rainforest Rescue support translates into local people being employed to not only work the nursery and propagation processes, but also to patrol the national park for all illegal activities.

Lending a hand since 2008

Indonesia once supported vast areas of wilderness and incredible biodiversity. It now has a large human population (250 million), and as a result, the country's forests have suffered large-scale impacts in recent times. In 1950, 162 million hectares of forest still existed across Indonesia. By 2000, 40% of this had been cleared, the majority for export timber and agriculture. By 2010, only 42 million hectares of primary, largely undisturbed, rainforest remained.

Through fundraising, Rainforest Rescue has helped contribute to restoring and protecting critical habitat in Gunung Leuser National Park as part of our Orangutan Habitat for Survival Project. These funds are channelled towards removing oil palms and replanting rainforest on cleared land. Funding also contributes to alternative and sustainable rainforest restoration employment for the local community.



BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION

Conserving biodiversity means protecting rainforest landscapes, species populations, genes, and interactions into the future. Rainforests support an incredible range of plants and animals. Species interactions contribute significantly to the health of the rainforest ecosystem and its resilience. Protecting species and their habitats protects biodiversity.

By focussing on biodiversity protection, Rainforest Rescue contributes directly to improved conservation outcomes. Rainforests are the most complex terrestrial ecosystems on the planet. This complexity reflects the myriad life forms and multiple layers and habitats that create the structure of the forest. Within the global rainforests there are recognised biodiversity 'hot spots'. Rainforest Rescue focuses on these areas as a priority.

Joining hands to help cassowaries

Rainforest Rescue's partnerships address the plight of the cassowary

In 2014, Rainforest Rescue chose the endangered southern cassowary to be its flagship species. Current estimates indicate that there could be fewer than 1000 of these birds left in the wild. Two of the significant remaining cassowary populations are situated at Mission Beach, and in the Daintree Lowlands. The combined impacts of habitat loss, road kills, and dog attacks continue to threaten its survival. Numerous scientists agree that the cassowary plays an important role in the health and well-being of the rainforest because it is a key seed disperser, or 'gardener' of the rainforest.

At our Save the Cassowary Campaign launch, we announced Rainforest Rescue's partnership with the Queensland Government Department of Environment and Heritage Protection to manage the Garners Beach Cassowary Rehabilitation Centre. Located at Mission Beach, far north Queensland, the centre receives and rehabilitates sick and injured wild Cassowaries and orphaned chicks.

All costs associated with the rearing and rehabilitation of birds taken into care at the Centre are funded by Rainforest Rescue – this

includes food, veterinary bills, carer costs and Centre maintenance.

We are a member of the Queensland Cassowary Recovery Team (CRT), providing 'on the ground' insights to Cassowary habitat protection and rehabilitation.

Rainforest Rescue respects the significant role Cassowaries hold within the culture and traditions of Indigenous people.

Save the Cassowary launch

Rainforest Rescue launched our Save the Cassowary Campaign at Sydney Wildlife Zoo in March. Partner zoos and wildlife sanctuaries across Australia have subsequently erected 'Save the Cassowary' signs on their cassowary enclosures.

'Save the Cassowary' is a unique partnership between government departments, businesses, and more than 19 zoos and non-government organisations. The campaign aims to raise local, national and international awareness about the plight of the cassowary and educate the public about its importance in rainforest conservation.

To date, media coverage of the campaign has reached more than three million Australians with the simple message to 'Save the Cassowary'. To learn more, visit www.savethecassowary.org.au.

We particularly want to extend our thanks to Sydney Wildlife Zoo, Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary and Cairns Tropical Zoos for their fundraising efforts.



Return of wildlife caught on camera

Endangered wildlife using restoration plantings in Sumatra



Elephant dung and orangutan nests are a welcome sight for restoration workers at Sei Betung Besitang in North Sumatra. These are clear indicators that key species are returning to areas because of restoration efforts.

Located within Gunung Leuser National Park, this section of forest was planted out with rainforest seedlings just three years ago with support from Rainforest Rescue.

As is true for all forest ecosystems, the presence of fauna is a positive sign, indicating that the forest is providing connectivity, food resources and habitat.

To realistically, and scientifically, record the return of wildlife to restored habitats, we invested in camera traps. Our friends at Cranbrook School in Sydney fundraised in order to purchase and then distribute five camera traps and GPS equipment to Gunung Leuser National Park, and 20 cameras to Way Kambas National Park (southern Sumatra).

Orangutans and Eurasian wild pigs were recorded for Gunung Leuser, while Way Kambas recorded 17 important species. Among these were: the Sumatran elephant, large spotted civet, Sumatran porcupine, leopard cat, and the citred langur.



Setting up camera traps, and some of the animals photographed returning to the restored sites.



Our supporters make Protecting Rainforest Forever possible

Through the support of generous individuals, organisations, schools and volunteers, Rainforest Rescue is able to continue its work to protect rainforests forever. We would like to thank every person and every organisation that makes it possible to continue our work.

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BioPak
BioSolar
Byron Bay Coffee Company
Koskela
Readsoft Pty Ltd
Green: tree frog
Converga

Volunteer support

Allen Sheather and Barbara Maslen
Dave Hickson
Dr Robert Kooyman
Jimmy Malecki
James Morrissey
Phil Smith
Rudi Steimets
All the people who attended our
community tree planting days

At BioPak we are committed to reducing the environmental impact of single use disposable packaging, one of the ways we do this is by replacing packaging made from fossil resources with products made from rapidly renewable plant based resources.

Supporting Rainforest Rescue provides us with an opportunity to contribute to the healing of the planet. If we want our children, and our children's children to enjoy the world's rainforests, then we need to find ways to conserve what we have now. We recognise the value of rainforests and unlike some of our other sustainability initiatives, with Rainforest Rescue we are able to actually see in real time, the positive change on the ground.

We are grateful for the opportunity to help the forests recover their biodiversity, carbon storage and other ecological functions — what is being demonstrated by Rainforest Rescue is an excellent testimony that restoration of tropical forests is feasible.

Richard Fine
Founder Director – BioPak Pty Ltd



What a very special donor said

"We have seen some terrible environmental outcomes from bad government planning decisions. When we heard that Rainforest Rescue could identify high conservation value land that could be acquired to create corridors and secure habitat for endangered species and other plants and animals in north Queensland, we realised this was an opportunity to help achieve tangible outcomes. Instead of our donations going into a big 'bucket' where you never know what really happens with it, it is satisfying to see the acquisitions as they happen. Rainforest Rescue does all the hard work by identifying key sites and negotiating with land owners to achieve maximum 'bang for the bucks'. Their process of gifting properties to increase the Daintree National Park ensures the land is returned to community ownership

with the State responsible for ongoing costs. They are not building a property empire that will require further donations just to maintain them.

Many of us would love to buy the whole of a vital area to give back to wildlife but by combining all contributions, no matter how small, Rainforest Rescue can secure and rehabilitate vital habitat for the future. There is also the opportunity to visit the land you helped protect and by contributing to the work of rehabilitation, you have the opportunity to meet like-minded people and to be part of a group achieving significant environmental outcomes.

Donor "P" from Queensland has been supporting Rainforest Rescue since 2012.

Board of Directors

Rainforest Rescue is fortunate to receive direction from a talented, committed Board of Directors. This diverse group of people brings a great mix of personalities, skills and experience. All share a passion for rainforest conservation, and volunteer their time, energy and ideas with fantastic enthusiasm and generosity.

Madeleine Faught

Madeleine Faught (Chair) is a social scientist and educator with a long history of securing enhanced outcomes in community, cultural, and environmental spheres. She has a professional arts background and has been an environmental campaigner, community leader and promoter of community cohesion. She works in environmental consulting with a focus on linking social and ecological systems to improve conservation outcomes. Madeleine has a management history in both institutional and project management within the education, environment and arts sectors. With her partner Dr Robert Kooyman, she has been actively involved in rainforest conservation and native vegetation advocacy for over 35 years.

Tony Gilding

Byron Hinterland tourism operator Tony Gilding brings a suite of experiences to the Rainforest Rescue team: Ex-CEO of an ASX-listed gift company, social campaigner and palm oil activist, President of the Borneo Orangutan Survival, a founding member of the UN-sponsored Great Ape Survival Project, and years as a Director with Ecos Corporation.

Frank Volckmar

Frank Volckmar is the Managing Director of ReadSoft Australia. After early work as a consulting engineer, Frank spent 20 years in various software sales, development, and marketing roles in Canada, the US, UK and Australia. As an employee incentive, Frank directly involves his staff in Rainforest Rescue's work in the Daintree.

Grant Binns

Grant Binns' role as Managing Director allows him to combine his business expertise with his passion for saving rainforest. Grant is a Certified Practising Accountant. After working in merchant banking and stockbroking in Sydney and London, he turned his skills to community benefit and worked with the National Breast Cancer Centre and the Pathways Foundation. Grant loves that Rainforest Rescue takes direct action and feels privileged to be part of the solution to rainforest loss and climate change.

Sue Higginson

Sue Higginson is the Principal Solicitor at EDO NSW (formally the Environmental Defender's Office). EDO NSW is a community legal centre specialising in public interest environment law. Sue is responsible for the strategic litigation and advice program of EDO NSW. Sue is an expert in assisting communities to use the law to protect the environment. She has a particular interest in biodiversity law and working to protect threatened species. Sue has lectured and taught environmental law at a number of universities in NSW. Before becoming a lawyer, she worked in the environment movement for a number of years, particularly in forest conservation in north-east New South Wales.

Leonie Gale

Originally a successful interior designer and textile company manager, Leonie Gale recently retired after 13 years involvement and a CEO position with the Foundation for National Parks and Wildlife. She is experienced in the purchase of land for conservation, threatened species recovery, community engagement and environmental philanthropy.



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RAINFOREST RESCUE
ABN 61 086 885 154
REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR
ON THE SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014

To the members of Rainforest Rescue

The accompanying summary financial statements, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2014, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, are derived from the audited financial report of Rainforest Rescue for the year ended 30 June 2014. We expressed a qualified audit opinion on that financial report in our report dated 18 September 2014 (see below). That financial report, and the summary financial statements, do not reflect the effects of events that occurred subsequent to the date of our report on that financial report.

The summary financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by the *Corporations Act 2001*. Reading the summary financial statements, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited financial report of Rainforest Rescue.

Directors' Responsibility for the Summary Financial Statements

The directors' are responsible for the preparation of a summary of the audited financial report on the basis described in Note 1.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the summary financial statements based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with Auditing Standard ASA 810 *Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements*.

Qualified Opinion

In our opinion, the summary financial statements derived from the audited financial report of Rainforest Rescue for the year ended 30 June 2014 are consistent, in all material respects, with that audited financial report, on the basis described in Note 1. However, we express a qualified audit opinion on the summary financial statements to the equivalent extent as the audited financial report of Rainforest Rescue for the year ended 30 June 2014.

The details of our qualification on the audited financial report are described in our qualified audit opinion in our report dated 18 September 2014. Our qualified audit opinion is based on the fact that it is not practicable for the Rainforest Rescue to establish proper accounting controls over all charitable income and fundraising and accordingly it is not possible for our examination to include audit procedures which allow us to conclude that all such income has been recorded in the accounting records of Rainforest Rescue. In our opinion all transactions recorded have been properly accounted for by Rainforest Rescue.

A similar qualification was expressed in the 30 June 2013 audit opinion and thus, the comparative financial information and opening equity amount carried forward should be read in conjunction with the same qualified audit opinion.

Our qualified audit opinion states that, except for the effects of the described matter, the financial report gives a true and fair view of the financial position of Rainforest Rescue as at 30 June 2014, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards.

Dated at Lismore this 17th day of November 2014.

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Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income

For the year ended 30 June 2014

	\$	\$
	2014	2013
REVENUE	428,181	366,934
Other income	749,654	868,743
Employee benefits expense	(15,998)	(24,945)
Doubtful debt expense	(28,188)	(6,858)
Depreciation and amortisation expense	(27,903)	(17,169)
Fundraising expenses	(232,672)	(401,902)
Project expense	(458,164)	(251,186)
Rental expense	(23,732)	(13,063)
Audit, legal and consultancy expense	(99,125)	(51,328)
Repairs, maintenance and vehicle running expense	(3,275)	(3,965)
Training expense	(2,759)	(8,006)
Administration expense	(110,761)	(150,524)
Finance costs	(8,350)	(8,903)
Profit before income tax	166,908	297,828
Income tax expense	-	-
Profit from continuing operations	166,908	297,828
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME, NET OF INCOME TAX		
Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss		
Net gain / (loss) on revaluation of non-current assets	2,000	(89,500)
Other comprehensive income for the year, net of tax	2,000	(89,500)
Total comprehensive income for the year	168,908	208,328

Statement of financial position

30 June 2014

	\$	\$
	2014	2013
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	44,495	45,535
Trade and other receivables	11,238	27,740
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	55,733	73,275
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Property, plant and equipment	1,799,065	1,604,969
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	1,799,065	1,604,969
TOTAL ASSETS	1,854,798	1,678,244
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Trade and other payables	149,467	219,553
Borrowings	82,020	36,744
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	231,487	256,297
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Borrowings	32,456	-
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	32,456	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES	263,943	256,297
NET ASSETS	1,590,855	1,421,947
EQUITY		
Reserves	123,030	121,030
Retained earnings	1,467,825	1,300,917
TOTAL EQUITY	1,590,855	1,421,947

Statement of changes in equity

30 June 2014

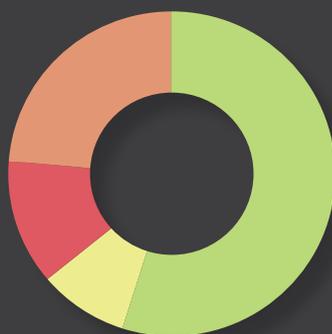
	Retained Earnings \$	Asset Revaluation Surplus \$	Total \$
BALANCE AT 1 JULY 2013	1,300,917	121,030	1,421,947
2014 Profit attributable to members of the entity	166,908	-	166,908
Net profit on revaluation of assets	-	2,000	2,000
Balance at 30 June 2014	1,467,825	123,030	1,590,855
BALANCE AT 1 JULY 2012	1,003,089	210,530	1,213,619
2013 Profit attributable to members of the entity	297,828	-	297,828
Net loss on revaluation of assets	-	(89,500)	(89,500)
Balance at 30 June 2013	1,300,917	121,030	1,421,947

Statement of cash flow

30 June 2014

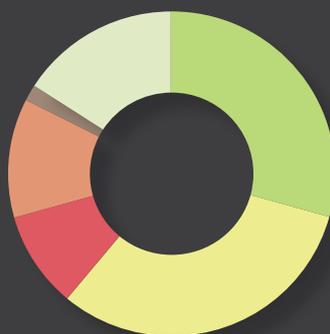
	\$	\$
	2014	2013
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Receipts from customers	1,217,772	1,208,603
Payments to suppliers and employees	(1,068,692)	(897,466)
Interest received	497	2,148
Finance costs	(8,350)	(8,903)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	141,227	304,383
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Proceeds from sale of plant and equipment	-	8,182
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(176,906)	(485,340)
Net cash used by investing activities	(176,906)	(477,158)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Repayment of borrowings	-	(292,996)
Repayment of finance lease liabilities	(4,871)	-
Net cash used by financing activities	(4,871)	(292,996)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents held	(40,550)	(465,771)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	8,791	474,562
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	(31,759)	8,791

Where our support came from



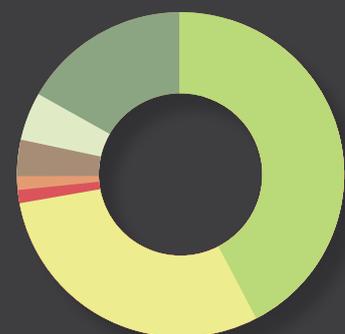
- Donations 55%
- Corporate partners 8%
- Trusts and Foundations 14%
- Government grants 23%

How we invested our money*



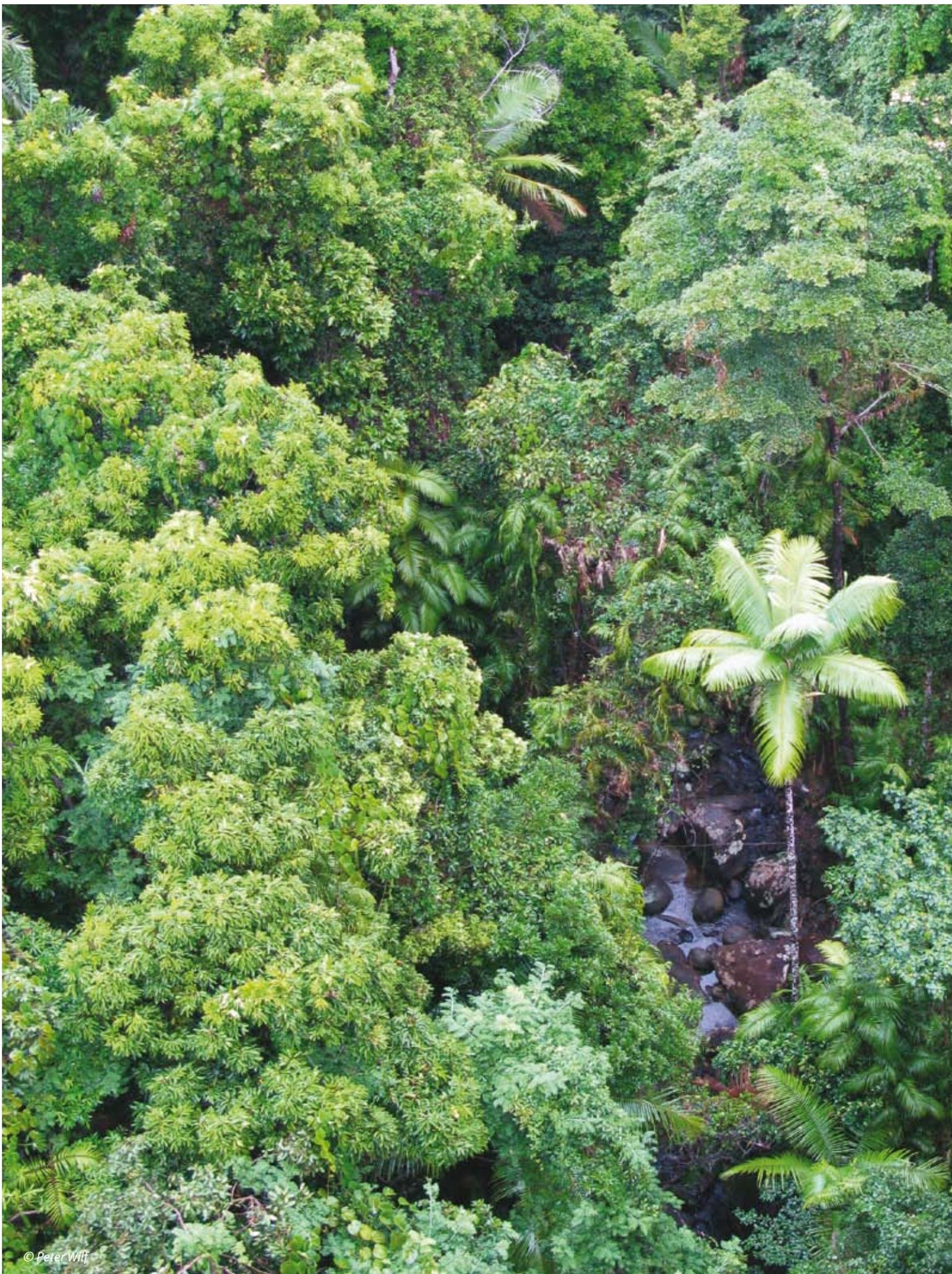
- Conservation activities 28%
- Restoration activities 31%
- Conservation events, education and supporter relations 8%
- Fundraising activities 12%
- Investment in new supporters 1%
- Organisational support 26%

Conservation and restoration project expenditure



- Daintree plant a rainforest 42.5%
- Daintree buy back 30%
- Ecuador 1.5%
- Tasmania 1%
- Mission Beach plant a rainforest 4%
- Indonesia plant a rainforest 5%
- Save the Cassowary campaign 16%

* Conservation activities includes purchase of properties for conservation purposes (excluded from profit and loss).



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Looking forward

In the Daintree

- Settle Lot 13 Forest Creek Road October 2014.
- Settle Lot 38 Cape Tribulation Road June 2015.
- Gift Lot 76 Rosewood Road to be included within the boundaries of the Daintree National Park.
- Invasive species management on 26 Daintree properties.
- Plant 20,000 trees.
- Complete BDF and Everyone's Environment Grant projects.
- Fundraise to protect Lot 46 in perpetuity culminating in a community tree planting event and celebration of the project being completed on Saturday 23rd May 2015.
- Fundraise to purchase at least two additional Daintree properties with high conservation rating.
- Guided walking tours of our showpiece lot 46 Cape Tribulation Road.

Mission Beach and Daintree

- Save The Cassowary campaign, co-manage Garners Beach Cassowary Rehabilitation Centre including fundraising for 3 orphan chicks currently residing in the centre.
- Habitat restoration work in Mission Beach in partnership with Giringun Aboriginal Corporation and in the Daintree via our Daintree team and community nursery.

Big Scrub

- Sponsor Big Scrub Rainforest Day.
- Contribute to restoration projects in partnership with the Big Scrub Landcare Group.

Indonesia

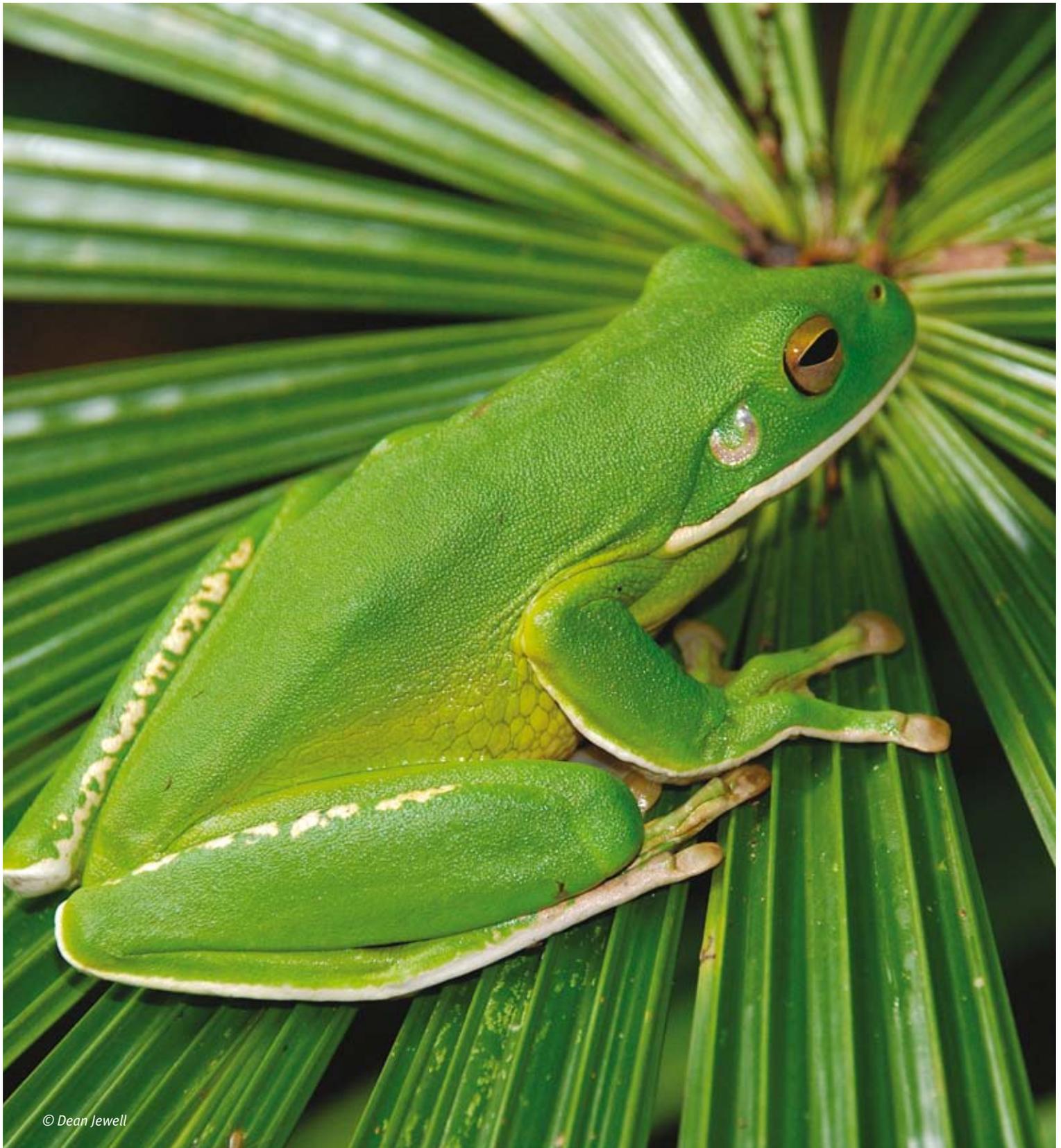
- Contribute to the Sei Betung restoration project in the Gunung Leuser national park with OIC.

Ecuador

- Contribute to the Cardenas property purchase in the Cloud Forest.

Our focus will remain the Asia Pacific region.

Majority of project funds to be invested within Australia, particularly in the Daintree region.



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