

2019

# Annual Report

Earthwatch connects people with scientists worldwide to conduct environmental research and empowers them with the knowledge they need to conserve the planet.



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## A Message From Earthwatch's CEO



I am pleased to share with you our 2019 Annual Report, although I must admit, 2019 feels like ancient history in a world besieged by the coronavirus pandemic. A global shutdown for an international

experiential learning and service nonprofit like Earthwatch is disastrous. Every week that we are forced to cancel more teams we are dealt another devastating blow to our staff, our scientists, our mission, and the hard-fought gains we've made in volunteer participation, fiscal security, and research outcomes over the last few years.

I know I'm far from alone when I say that 'this was going to be our year.' In 2019, Earthwatch launched four new expeditions, expanded our air quality monitoring throughout greater Los Angeles, grew our Girls in Science student fellowship program into a national effort, more than doubled the number of student groups who were able to participate on an Earthwatch expedition, and ended the year with a small surplus for the 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive year. Building on this momentum, we headed into 2020 with several exciting new initiatives in the works, including plans to celebrate our "golden" 50th anniversary—an incredibly proud and humbling milestone for any charitable organization.

Today, Earthwatch has had to rapidly pivot to distance learning and online engagement. We launched a new website that is capable of reaching our followers no matter what device or platform they are on, and debuted a new logo and refreshed brand that better captures the spirit of our mission. Our new "Science Matters" webinar series gives sidelined volunteers and environmental science enthusiasts the chance to stay connected virtually until we can safely reunite in person.

Although the immediate future remains uncertain, there are three things I have no doubt about: the critical need for Earthwatch's unique model of conservation and connection will still be there when the pandemic ends, Earthwatch expeditions will return, and the incredible passion and dedication of our staff and donors will carry us through this. Whether you are a first-year contributor or a fortieth, thank you for your inspiring generosity and commitment. There is no Earthwatch without invested supporters like you.

*Scott Kania*

Scott Kania, CEO

## Your Contributions At Work

Since its founding in 1971, Earthwatch has been taking action to address global change through a time-tested model of citizen science and community engagement. By pairing citizen science volunteers from all sectors of society with researchers around the world, Earthwatch teams have helped to safeguard critical habitats, conserve biodiversity, and promote the sustainable use of natural resources.



109,440

**VOLUNTEER HOURS**



39

**EXPEDITIONS**



192

**SCIENTISTS & STAFF SUPPORTED**



57

**PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS**



2,126

**VOLUNTEERS**



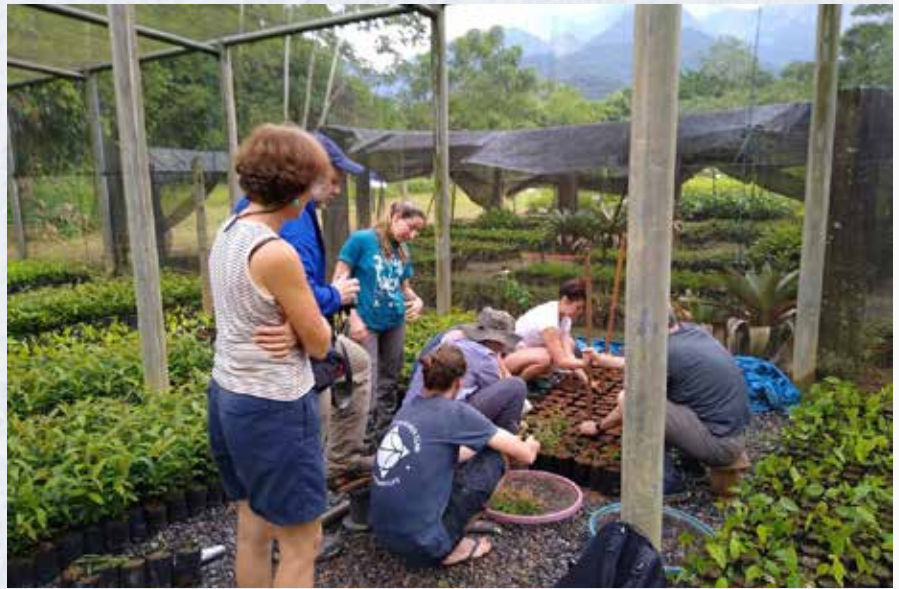
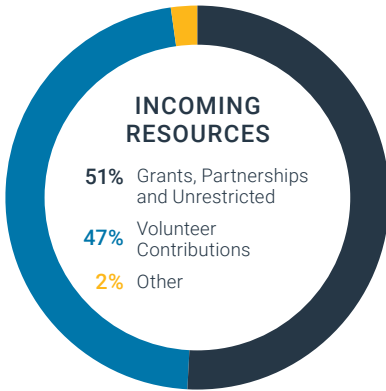
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# Financial Summary

This Annual Report contains the U.S.-based 2019 financial results of the 501(c)(3) Earthwatch Institute (Oct. 1, 2018–Sep. 30, 2019). In addition to the financials outlined here, Earthwatch has licensee operations in the U.K., Japan, and Australia, which report their financials according to local requirements. Affiliate annual reports may be viewed on our website at [earthwatch.org/about/annual-report](http://earthwatch.org/about/annual-report), along with U.S. Audited Financial Statements and U.S. Form 990.



Operating Revenue and Expenses for Earthwatch U.S.	FY 2019 (US\$)	FY 2018 (US\$)
<b>Incoming Resources</b>	7,817,605	7,831,986
<b>Resources Expended</b>	7,675,126	7,783,686
Program Expenses	6,422,748	6,425,097
General and Administrative	971,399	971,545
Fundraising	280,979	387,044
<b>Net (Incoming Resources)</b>	142,479	48,300
<b>End of Year Net Assets*</b>	3,281,014	4,427,692




\* 2019 net assets reduction due to the fulfillment of several multi-year grants that were received in prior years.




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