



RAINFOREST
CONSERVATION
FOUNDATION

Annual Impact Report

2021-2022

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Message from our Chairman

As the world begins to emerge from the restrictions and effects of the Global COVID-19 Pandemic, we also face the very real challenges of continued climate change.

England and much of Europe has been afflicted by new record high temperatures, whilst in Australia we face repeat flooding events, particularly on the Eastern seaboard, and sustained "La Nina" weather patterns.

The impact of these weather events has now brought the question of what are we doing about Climate Change into everyday mainstream media and dinner-table conversations.

Thankfully, despite a number of planned activities being placed "on hold" during COVID lockdowns and restrictions, the team at RCF has continued its crucial work unabated. Continuing to fulfil our conservation mission, to safeguard and preserve for posterity the critically endangered flora and fauna of our precious rainforests.

Between 1990 and 2020, more than 20 million acres of primary forest was lost to deforestation[^].

Whilst this number significantly halved from 2010 to 2020 globally, we still have a long way to go to ensure that rainforests around the world are not lost.

The Daintree Rainforest is the largest rainforest in Australia and home to our conservation headquarters, Benella Rainforest Reserve.

Here we have welcomed many students, volunteers and visitors through the year. Each providing valuable hands-on support by helping our team to collect seeds, replant seedlings and planting older trees, all of which has helped RCF to grow the Daintree's footprint. Ensuring its survival for the years to come.

We thank each and every one of our valued donors, volunteers and community supporters for your generous support and we pledge to continue working hard to achieve as much as possible to further conservation outcomes for the benefit of our planet and our future generations. Thank You!

Anthony Gellert, on behalf of the Board and Staff of Rainforest Conservation Foundation.
October 2022



Rainforest Conservation

Our Mission

Deforestation continues to impact rainforests around the world and ultimately, the world itself. If the current rate of deforestation continues, there could be up to 28,000 species lost to extinction and by 2030 there may be only 10% of today's rainforests left. ^

This is why Rainforest Conservation Foundation is **committed to saving and protecting** threatened tropical rainforests and the many critically endangered wildlife that live within them.

With the support of the community and our partners we are working toward our goal of saving and restoring the existing tropical rainforests and thereby achieving our vision to Preserve our precious rainforests for future generations.

The Challenge

Whilst rainforests are disappearing very quickly, the good news is there are people all around the world working hard to save them. Unfortunately though, saving rainforests is a challenge; it means humanity needs to shift away from business-as-usual practices and develop new policies and economic measures and creative incentives for preserving forests as healthy and productive ecosystems.

Over the past decade there has been considerable progress on several conservation fronts.

Policymakers and companies are increasingly valuing rainforests for the benefits afford, setting aside large blocks of forests in protected areas and setting up new financial mechanisms that compensate communities, state and local governments, and countries for conserving forests.

Meanwhile, forest-dependent people are gaining more management control over the forests they have long stewarded.

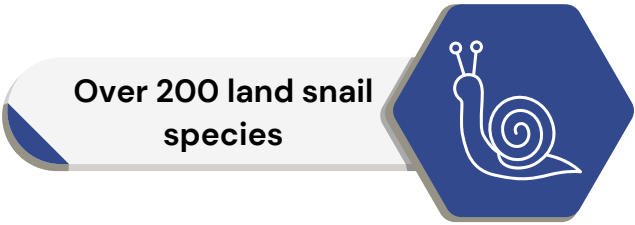
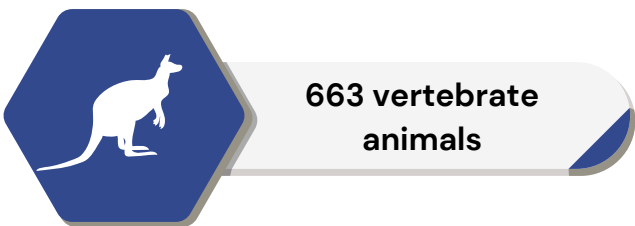
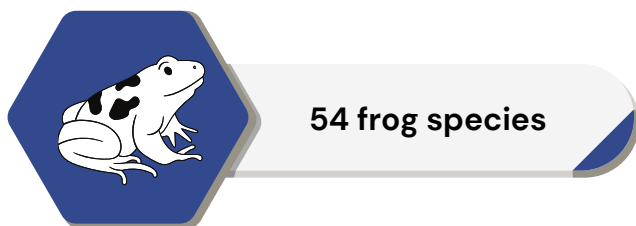
But the battle is far from over and that is why Rainforest Conservation Foundation will continue do the vital work to help achieve rainforest conservation around the world.

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Daintree Quick Facts

Located in far north Queensland, the World Heritage Daintree National Park is one of the largest rainforests in the world and the biggest in Australia at nearly 1200km².

It is home to...



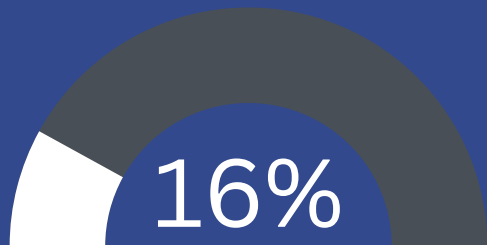
One of the many important things about the Daintree is its biodiversity, with it being home to more than **60% of Australian bat and butterfly species**, **30% of Australian marsupials and frog species** and **50% of Australian bird species**, it is indeed an ecological wonderland, a wonderland that Rainforest Conservation Foundation will endeavour to save and restore.

2021/2022 Key Financials

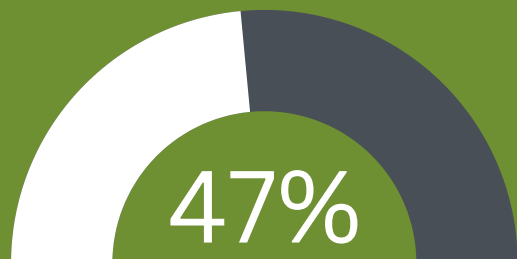
30 June 2022

11,224

No. Donations
Received



Cost of
Fundraising %

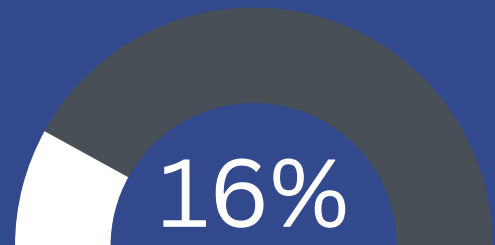


Funds Spent on
Conservation %

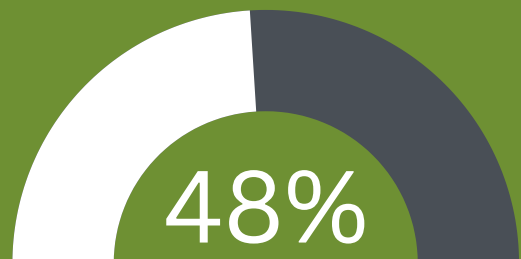
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15,244

No. Donations
Received



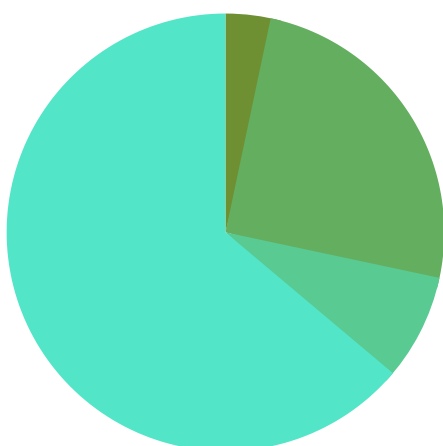
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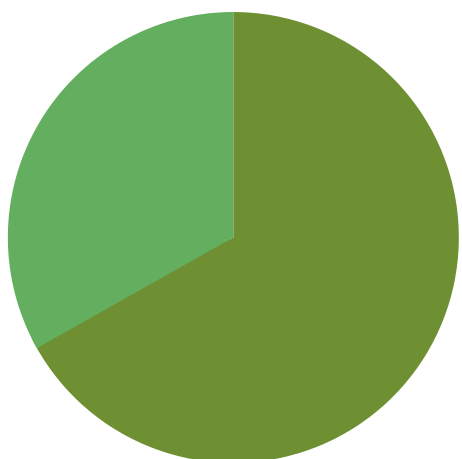
With the help of our amazing donors and supporters, Rainforest Conservation Foundation has continued to invest into conservation programs in the Daintree.

Conservation Program Expenditure



Domestic Detailed by Project

- Benella Rainforest Reserve Education Centre: \$12,192
- Tree Propagation and Planting: \$28,670
- Creating a Cassowary Corridor : \$92,072
- Community Education Expenditure: \$234,976



Expenditure

- Administration Expenditure: \$239,818
- Fundraising Expenditure: \$119,037

Gross Income From Fundraising Appeals

Supporters	\$23,961
Fundraising Agency	\$711,083
Major Gifts	\$0
Corporate Fundraising	\$17,121
Total Gross Proceeds from Fundraising Appeals	\$752,165

Other Income

Other Income	\$929
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Charitable Income and Fundraising

Total Charitable Income and Fundraising	\$753,094
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2021/2022 Key Milestones

The team has been hard at work throughout 2021/2022 and we're proud to share the following milestones with you as at 30 June 2022...

204
VISITORS

1,524
TREES
PLANTED

9,500
SEEDLINGS
IN THE
NURSERY

Benella Rainforest Reserve Update

Education

Each year, Rainforest Conservation Foundation opens the doors of our visitor centre to volunteers, donors and students from across the country.

This year, Conservation Officer, Golly Watson, welcomed more than 180 students to Benella Rainforest Reserve, our permanent headquarters across the Daintree River in Far North Queensland. These wonderful helpers assisted Golly with collecting seeds from the rainforest, nurtured, and transplanted nursery seedlings and helped with the planting of trees.

This hands-on experience allows the students to learn about the importance of conservation in the Daintree in a practical, fun, and engaging way. Golly's unique storytelling, describing the rainforests and all its mysteries and the impact rainforest conservation has on all mankind, is a much loved and appreciated element of working at Benella Rainforest Reserve.

Preservation

In line with our mission and vision, we are excited to share that 14 properties are in the final stages of being handed over to Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS) for permanent protection and preservation.

These properties, representing some 100 hectares, were either cleared land, for farming or other purposes, or deemed critically significant for ecological protection.

They have now been fully restored to native rainforest land and will be permanently preserved and provide vital connectivity within the Daintree Rainforest region.

Ecological improvements are also underway on three retained properties, preparing them for our permanent protection and care under Nature Refuge Covenants in the coming years.

Technology

Rainforest Conservation Foundation are always seeking new and inventive ways to operate and maximize the conservation efforts in the Daintree.

Partnering with drone technology providers, we are developing programs which will use drones, to significantly increase our restoration efforts in Daintree in the near future.

Whilst these are early days, we are excited to embrace this technology and the benefits it will have for the restoration and land connectivity throughout the Wet Tropics.

1,524

Tree planted in
2021/2022

\$367,910

Invested back into conservation projects



We thank you for your
ongoing support of
our conservation
programs



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