

The Ancient Woods Foundation Annual Report 2022

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Thank you for 2022!

The Ancient Woods Foundation is now three years old. The year 2022 was unusual, but it unified and clarified what is most important for us.

The commitment of the community - the support of a team of volunteers, regular donors and friends - has been essential to keeping things going.

Highlights of the year include a scientific discovery, the first steps in advocacy, the impact assessment, learning of the team itself, and the initiation of the purchase of a large forest parcel in Raigardas Valley.

The forests that we are preserving, one patch at a time, are full of creatures that sleep, feed or play in them. We are grateful to everyone who contributes to making this happen!

On behalf of the team, Mindaugas Survila Sengirės fondas The Ancient Woods Foundation



Key aspects of the 2022 Report

1. Public Institution "Sengirė fondas" is registered as a non-profit organisation on 24th of January, 2020. Registration address - A. Mickevičiaus g. 31, Juodšiliai, Vilnius district. Identification code -305433631.

2. The main activity of institution is the restoration and conservation of old-growth forests (primary forests) in Lithuania, i.e. a continuously growing, maturing and naturally regenerating, diverse forests with all its biodiversity, in an open-ended manner, naturally, without any human economic activity or other interference (European Forest Code 949900).

3. Shareholders of the institution: Mindaugas Survila, Simonas Bastys, Mindaugas Lapelė, Ainis Pivoras, Vilius Striužas. Each shareholder contributes EUR 10 each, for a total of EUR 50.

4. The funds received by institution in 2022, tangible and intangible assets acquired, operating expenses and other related information are detailed in the "Financial report" section of this report (page 55).

5. Number of employees in 2022: 1 employee at the beginning of the fiscal year, and 2 employees at the end.

6. The number of volunteers contributing to the Foundation's activities in 2022 is over 70, with over 4000 hours of time spent. For more details, see the "Community" section of this report (page 32).

The main objectives for 2022 were:

- To select and purchase another 20–30 hectares (49–74 acres) of the most valuable old-growth forests.
- Continue monitoring the forests already under protection and initiate biological research in them;
- · Continue public education;
- Seek cooperation with businesses, Lithuanian expats, and environmental organisations.

The work carried out is detailed in the following sections of this report.

The main objectives for 2023 are:

- To select and buy another 40-50 hectares (99-123 acres) of the most valuable old forests;
- Strengthen the monitoring of forests already under our protection, including detailed biological surveys of 5-6 forest parcels;
- · Continue public education;
- Continue cooperation with business and environmental organisations to maximise the impact of activities;
- . To grow the team.

Public Institution "Sengirės fondas" Manager Mindaugas Survila

Our mission: to preserve the most valuable old-growth forests and protect their biodiversity, to establish public forests in Lithuania, create long-lasting examples of sustainable nature that are essential for preserving biodiversity and mitigating the effects of climate change – old-growth forests that are open to the public.

Sengirė fondas

Our vision: Lithuania - where nature belongs to itself, and is allowed to develop without any human influence, where all organisms are equal, and no one is thought of as harmful.

Key activities:

Forests: preservation with all life in them

Education and Science

Impact through partnerships

Forests: Preservation with all life in them



How future old-growth forests are selected?

To preserve the most valuable fragments of old-growth forests that still remain, we use 50+ scientific criteria to select plots that have the greatest potential to develop into old-growth forests full of life and diversity.

Structural criteria

- diversity in age;
- mosaicism;
- recovery potential, craze, undergrowth;
- diversity of micro-habitats;
- relief;
- soil;
- hydrological regime;
- dead wood;
- ancient trees;
- forest sites;
- climaxicity.

Biodiversity criteria

- species composition of trees;
- number and abundance of old-growth forest species;
- species included in the list of protected animals, plants and fungi of the Republic of Lithuania;
- species and habitats protected under the EU Birds and Habitats Directives;
- indicative species of key woodland habitats & habitats of EU importance,
- indicator species;
- animal habitats (nests, roosts, caves, bathing sites, beaver habitats).



Territorial, legal criteria

- affiliation to a protected area;
- buffer zone;
- national location;
- anthropogenic criteria;
- forest management projects;
- historical development;
- price.

Search and selection of the forests

360 plots

In 2022, we worked with a database of 360 forest plots to find future old-growth forests. Negotiations are ongoing with 52 plot owners.

93 proposals

We've received plenty of valuable forest proposals from the public and foresters. A part of these contributions came from the active communication with the forestry sector staff.

Share information

If you know that an old, biologically valuable forest is for sale - be sure to share the information with us here:

Forest proposal form

The proposal form is a major help to us. Thanks to everyone who actively responded to the call to nominate the valuable forests.

The form is available at the bottom of our website: <u>sengiresfondas.lt/misko-anketa</u>

Forests preserved by the Foundation.

By the year 2022, we have expanded the area of protected forests to 57.08 hectares / 141 acres, or 13 forest plots.

4 forest plots have been purchased and 1 donated:

- 2.95 ha / 7.3 ac plot in Širvintos district (donated)
- 0.5 ha / 1.2 ac plot in Ukmergė district
- 1.36 ha / 3.4 ac plot in Druskininkai district
- 5.08 ha / 12.6 ac plot in Druskininkai district
- 1ha / 2.5 ac plot in Prienai district

In December, the process of acquiring the largest forest parcel of 27.5 ha / 68 ac in Raigardas Valley was initiated. The acquisition will bring the area of forest under the Foundation's care to total 84.5 hectares / 209 acres.



Illustration by Gabrielė Grigorjevaitė

K. Kanišauskienė' forest, donated by M. Kanišauskas





| Location | Širvintai district, Špokiškis village | | | | |
|----------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Size | 2.95 ha / 7.3 ac | | | | |
| History | Mindaugas Kanišauskas transferred the forest to the Foundation's care as a gift to nature. The land on which the forest plot is located has been in his family for about one and a half hundred years. | | | | |
| | "I believe that this forest is already more valuable in a natural sense than in a material sense. If there is an organisation or a group of people who care about it and will try to keep the forest as it is now, and it will only get better, that is the most wonderful thing", says Mindaugas about his generous decision. | | | | |

Having nurtured a close relationship with nature since childhood, Mindaugas still finds peace and escape from the hustle and bustle in the woods. His great-great-grandfather also once worked the fields around the forest, and the plot is also dear to him as a link with his ancestral generation. Thinking about the future of this patch of forest, the donor wanted it to remain as it is: untouched, without human interference. This led him to donate the forest to the Foundation, trusting in its mission to preserve the forest untouched and undisturbed by human activity for future generations. The donated plot is named after his grandmother, Kazimira Kanišauskienė.

ForestThe donated forest area is a 70-year old oak woodland filled with white
alder, undergrowth covered with hazel and spruce, and has a designated
European Community Important Habitat - 91EO alluvial forests.

Over time, the site will become an undisturbed, hundreds-of-years-old ancient forest. Although the forest area is rich in deciduous trees, they are as important to the ecosystem as pine and spruce forests.

Tiny forest in Aukštuoliai





| | Location | Ukmergė district, Aukštuoliai, | | | | |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| | Taujėnai-Užulenis forest biosphere polygon | | | | | |
| | Size 0.5 ha / 1.2 ac | | | | | |
| | History | Although small, it is one of the most beautiful areas of this forest massif. As this plot is adjacent to many valuable neighbouring ones there is. a potential to form a larger forest massif in the future. | | | | |
| | Forest | It is a mixed deciduous forest, with a designated <u>ECI habitat 9020 -</u> <u>Broadleaved and mixed forests.</u> In the western part of the site, a potential core forest habitat B.1 Broadleaved forests have been identified. It is dominated by linden with an admixture of birch, aspen, white alder and oak. In the eastern part the age of the stands reaches 114 years, dominated by oaks with an admixture of ash-birch, aspen and linden | | | | |
| | | <image/> | | | | |

Žiogeliai forest (thanks to private and corporate donors)



Location Druskininkai district, Žiogeliai and Randamoniai villages

Size 1.36 ha / 3.4 ac and 5.08 ha / 12.6 ac

History This forest is located in the Dainava Forest of Dzūkija, next to the Nemunas River, near the ethnographic village of Žiogeliai, in one of the most valuable massifs.

It' a spectacular place – and although the terrain is challenging to walk in, the beauty and the abundance of biodiversity is the reason why. The part of the site slopes down to the Nemunas, the terrain rises and falls, there is a ravine and many springs winding through.

The preservation of this forest parcel #2 has been made possible by the generous support of philanthropist and doctor Mykolas Dumčius, and business donor Nordic Investment Bank.



Žiogeliai forest (thanks to private and corporate donors)





Forest The plots are adjacent to each other, belong to Dzūkija National Park, as well as PAST (Important Bird Areas), Natura 2000.

Part of the parcel is designated as <u>Core Forest Habitats - D.3</u> <u>Stream slope</u>, <u>F.2 Spring site</u>, <u>Habitats of European Community</u> <u>Importance - 9050 Herbaceous spruce forests</u> and <u>91E0 - Alluvial</u> <u>forests</u>, a priority habitat of importance for Lithuania.

Part of the pine forest is 130-140 years old, the spruce forest is about 120 years old. A mature stand with vigorous timber will enrich the abundance and diversity of woodpeckers in the area. And as the property reaches the river Nemunas, it is important for otters, beavers and nesting sea eagles on the other bank.

The forest is rich in spore-forming vascular flora, and six species of fern were recorded during the survey: Athyrium filix-femina, Dryopteris filix-mas, Dryopteris carthusiana, Phegopteris connectilis, Gymnocarpium dryopteris and Polypodium vulgare.

Gametophytes of ferns have also been observed in the ravine. Coral tooth fungus (Hericium coralloides), Heller's pilewort (Anastrophyllum hellerianum) were recorded nearby.

The threat of logging here was imminent - the forest adjacent to these plots was recently clear-cut, in winter 2021-2022.

Balbieriškis Forest (4th plot in this massif)









Raigardas Valley forest (The largest continuous forest parcel)







| st | Location | Druskininkai district, Švendubrė forest massif |
|----|----------|---|
| | Size | 27.5 ha / 68 ac |
| | History | It is the largest single plot of land preserved to date in a culturally and naturally important place - the Raigardas Landscape Reserve. |
| | | The legendary Raigardas valley is surrounded on all sides by pine forests, in the centre of the valley lies a birch forest, and the Nemunas valley is full of old riverbeds and streams. Ornithologist Marius Karlonas has recorded about 120 species of breeding birds in the valley alone, and over 160 different winged birds in total. |
| | | The acquisition of the site was initiated in December 2022 and completed in 2023 with the help of environmentally conscious Foundation's community: income tax contributors, regular donors, business organisations, and those who actively responded to the invitation to preserve this unique place. In total, more than 1,230 people and 30 businesses. |
| | Forest | There are biologically particularly valuable stands of 161-year spruce and 150-year pine trees, and the stream running through the middle of the site is bordered by mature alder trees. Allowing the forest to continue to develop naturally will only increase the number of fungi, lichens and invertebrate species associated with living wood. The site has been designated as <u>Habitat H1 –</u> <u>Underground caves</u> , waters <u>and sinkholes</u> , <u>Habitat of European</u> <u>Community importance 9010 – Western taiga</u> . As it is a large contiguous parcel, such a forest will better support the stability of |

ecological conditions important for the survival of species.

Forest protection and research, 2022

- To ensure that there are no harmful human impacts on nature, the condition of the protected plots is monitored on a regular basis – each plot has a responsible person assigned to it – a ranger, who periodically visits and inspects the plot, assesses its condition, and records the data in a common system.
- During the scientific expeditions, scientists record indicator, rare and protected species.
- A map of acquired and potential parcels is created for publicity and internal organisation of the parcels.
- · Archives of photo and video material are collected.



Education and science



What was done in 2022?



Educational posts on social media.

Knowledge-building lectures for our own team at Sengirės fondas. **Skills development programmes**: Poveikio Laboratorija (Impact Lab) and Fundraising.lt.

Science project stages for assessing the value and ecosystem services of old-growth forests.

A scientific discovery in the Moniškis Forest – a rare and globally endangered fungi species.



At the end of the summer of 2022, mycologist Dr. Reda Iršėnaitė discovered a unique find in the Moniškis Forest – a very rare and rapidly declining fungal species in the world – Lavender Baeospora (*Baespora myriadophylla*).

This is a globally significant scientific discovery, as it is the only mushroom found in the whole country, and there are only 400 habitats found worldwide.

The fungus habitat requires the unique conditions of the forest - a large number of surviving old aspen trees and their snags and logs. Aspens, which are usually considered to be a low-value tree in the economic sense, are special in terms of biodiversity. Their wood is easily accessible to decomposers such as fungi, insects and animal species.

Educational content

As every year, educational posts about animals, birds, plants and the ethics of behaviour in the forest attracted the most interest on social media.











Educational trips to the old-growth forests

In 2022, we organised 16 educational trips to old-growth forests with scientists for the Foundation's community – team, donors and partners. In total, more than 270 people gained deep knowledge and experience.

The aim of the trips was to get to know the old-growth forests together, to spend time in them, to share the scientists' insights, and to discover and record rare, protected and indicator species of plants, fungi and animals from the keystone habitats. Also – to see the state of the protected forests, to enrich photo and video archives. As well as discuss the most frequent issues that arise.

Visited: the forests already under the care of the Foundation in Galiniškis, Moniškis, Balbieriškis, Žiogeliai and a mound in Aukštaitija, as well as the other old-growth forests worthy of attention - the Minča - Ažvinča, the Punios Silas, the forests in the Vilnius region, the Subartoniai Oak Forest and the Čepkelių Pine Forest in Dzūkija National Park.



Educational lectures, presentations, consulting

In 2022, over 14 lectures, presentations and consultations were held to share knowledge about the importance of old-growth forests and biodiversity, and the objectives of the film and the Foundation, from activities and lessons for children, to film screenings, lectures and presentations at various events, and scientific conferences.

- M. Survila "Does Society Need Old-Growth Forests?" at the scientific conference "Forests in the Context of Climate Change".
- Dr. M. Lapelė "Why do we need old-growth forests?", "Healing forests", education for children "How do trees travel?" at the festival "Mėnuo Juodaragis".
- Dr. M. Lapelė "Sengirė is a fairy tale" for the children of the virtual Lithuanian language school "Pasaka", and M. Survila's lecture for their parents about the film and the Foundation.
- M. Survila "Will we still have old-growth forests in Lithuania in 50 years?" and an interview at the EBIT business conference.





The value old-growth forest conservation

Project objective:

To identify and assess, in a scientific manner, the variety of values of old-growth forests, in order to raise public awareness of the importance of conservation and to increase involvement in conservation initiatives.

Stages in the development of initial models:

Socio-economic benefits of old-growth forests.
 Ecosystem services of old-growth forests.

Team:

Adomas Biveinis, Dr. Justinas Kilpys, Dr. Laura Malinauskaitė, Gabija Savickytė, Vilius Kaulinskas, Rimantė Paulauskaitė-Digaitienė.

Consultants: Kristina Simonaitytė, Dr. Ričardas Skorupskas, Dr. Ieva Misiūnienė.



Socio-economic benefits of old-growth forests

~1067 Eur

the monetary value of socio-economic benefits of 1 hectare of old-growth forests per 1 year. ~105 000 Eur

57 ha of old-growth forests have generated socio-economic benefits the area under the Foundation's care since their acquisition until the end of 2022.

Indicators analysed:

- Products and services (tea, spices, honey, recreational services, folklore).
- Mushrooms and berries.
- Preservation of natural sites for future generations.
- Visiting forests.
- Ensuring the quality of drinking water.
- Stopping soil erosion.
- Sequestering carbon dioxide.
- Regulating the water cycle, maintaining the stability of the hydrological regime.

Methodology and sources:

- Natura 2000 Socio-economic Benefit Assessment Study, LIFE Programme, 14 September 2020.
- Methodology for the calculation of conversion factors and the assessment of socio-economic impacts (benefits/costs), CVPA, 2 January 2019.
- Additional adjustments were made to assess the relevance of indicators and values and annual inflation. Some indicators have been dropped as not being in line with the mission of the Foundation(e.g. hunting).

Ecosystem services of old-growth forests

28

different ecosystem services ancient forests provide for humanity. Most of them are regulatory, supporting, cultural.

Provisioning:

Wild plants, berries, algae, fungi, their products; seeds, spores and other plant parts; single genes.

Regulatory and support:

Noise and visual pollution reduction; erosion prevention; stabilisation of material flows; regulation of the water cycle and maintenance of hydrological stability; protection against winds/ storms; pollination of plants; distribution of seeds; provision of habitats for animal and plant species, ensuring life cycle; pest control – prevention of harmful and invasive species and diseases; soil formation, weathering processes, maintenance of soil fertility; regulation of the chemistry of freshwater bodies; regulation of the chemistry of the atmosphere – climate regulation; regulation of temperature and relative humidity (microclimate).

Cultural:

Natural features related to health, recreation or enjoyment, whether active or passive; enabling research or traditional ecological knowledge; learning/education opportunities – education; cultural experiences, cultural heritage; aesthetic experiences – artistic inspiration; elements of living nature with symbolic meaning (source of cultural and national identity), as well as religious, spiritual meaning (spiritual inspiration, religious enrichment), used for entertainment related to nature exploration, with existential value and with legacy or choice value for future generations – knowing that future generations will also be able to experience the old-growth forests.

Methodology and sources:

- Common International Classification of Ecosystem Services CICES (V5.1, 18/03/2018).
- A list of ecosystem services selected by the team's researchers that are unique to old-growth forests and consistent with the Foundation's mission. Several that require further analysis and discussion are not yet included.

Public interest defence and the impact of foundation activities



Public interest defence. Social impact.

Comments on draft laws

20 December 2022 The Foundation has submitted suggestions to the Ministry of Environment on the draft amendment to the Law on Protected Areas of the Republic of Lithuania, published for consultation on 2 December 2022.

Proposed revisions for the changes in legislative acts:

- Extend the definition of a private protected area;
- Extend the provisions on the areas where private protected areas can be established;
- Proposal to allow the establishment of private protected areas only for an indefinite period.

This is the first step in advocacy in partnership with the Environmental Coalition (Aplinkosaugos koalicija).



Ecological impact on biodiversity



The age of protected forests ranges from 60 to 160 years.

There are 30 habitats of European Community importance and Key Forest Habitats, 1 potential habitat and several adjacent habitats.

These forests are home to rare, protected, Red Listed species of animals, plants, lichens, fungi, and abundant natural dead (living) wood, which is essential for sustaining life, and which is home, food, and fertiliser for thousands of different organisms.



Ecological impact on climate

~655 t CO2 the amount of CO2 absorbed by 57 ha of old-growth forests since acquisition.

~22800 t C the amount of carbon that 57 hectares of old-growth forests store in vegetation and soil.

A third of climate change mitigation targets can be achieved by halting deforestation, preserving, restoring and reforesting forests.

Forests are one of the main GHG sinks. In our region, 1 ha of old-growth forests absorbs about 6.25 tCO2e per year*.

They are also one of the most important sources of locked carbon (C), with >400 tonnes of carbon locked up in their vegetation, and especially in their soils, per hectare**.

* Harris, N.L., Gibbs, D.A., Baccini, A. et al. Global maps of twenty-first century forest carbon fluxes. Nat. Clim. Chang. 11, 234-240 (2021). https://doi.org/10.1038/s41558-020-00976-6

** IPPC, NASA data.



Education. Social impact.



Our educational messages have also reached thousands of participants in business events and employees of business organisations, schoolchildren, attendees of various events, news portals, TV and radio audiences.



Socio-economic impact

Every $\notin 1$ donation* has contributed to: 2.68 m2 of old-growth forests, 0.49 \notin of socio-economic value, 3.07 kg of CO2 absorption, 107 kg of carbon locked.

* - calculating the impact generated by the donations used, from the establishment of the Foundation until the end of 2022.



Our Community: Team, supporters, friends and partners



Our Community

Diverse and growing, united by the common goal of restoring Lithuania's ancient forests and the belief that only by working together can great things be achieved, the Foundation's community is at the heart of its work. Thank you to everyone who contributes in their own way!



Scientists, biologists Philanthropists, benefactors Nature photographers

Team of professionals, volunteers

Business donors, partners

Lithuanian Expats

Management Board

Patron and Ambassadors

Friends, followers, subscribers

Active citizens and organisations

Children, schools

International partners

Protecting forests with financial support

Individual donors

Over 1,092 people financially contributed to the Foundation's mission in 2022. Of these, 679 contributed part of their income tax and 131 made a regular contribution. 4 kindergartens and school communities also contributed.

Philanthropists

Donated his forest -Mindaugas Kanišauskas. Very generous contributions: Mykolas Dumčius, Aras Pranckevičius, S. Pošiūnaitė, R. Salters, F. Abrukauskas, L. Liutkienė M.V. Ramoška, G. Valeikaitė and many others.

Business donors

20 business organisations have contributed financially to the Foundation's activities,
7 of them - continuously.
5 business organisations provided services pro bono.
4 partner business organisations assist the Foundation.

Thank you to our 2022 individual donors.

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Business donors





UAB "Avea Holding"

MB "Pelninga Investicija"

WIKILOC OUTDOOR, SL UAB "Advantes Technologies" UAB "Oxylabs" UAB "Šeimyniškių verslo centras" UAB "Optimum Lignum"

MB "Miško šviesos" UAB "Novialis" UAB "Cargo 24" MB "Marticap" UAB "Euromonitor International - Eastern Europe"

UAB "Rubineta"

UAB "Biomika" MB "Flumens" UAB "Ornitostogos" MB "Kilo mintis"/Gyva Kakava Va ir va kaip / vairvakaip.lt

In 2022, long-term support agreements have been signed with UAB "AMK"/Audioteka, UAB "Kvapų namai", MB "Tarp vandenynų"/Jausmų medis, as well as support agreements with UAB "Gelos"/Surink Lithuania, VšĮ "idrama", UAB "Bio Circle Balticum".
Business donors providing services

JCDecaux

Flexprc



PIXELMATOR TEAM

UAB "JCDecaux Lietuva" Outdoor advertising UAB "Flexpro" Outdoor advertising printing UAB "Pixelmator Team" Project management and organisation





Blue Oceans PR, MB Communication

UAB "Mailerlite" Email marketing platform

Long-term business support



Žalia giria,the largest business donor, is continuing their initiative "Susitarę su gamta" ("In agreement with nature").

During 2021-2022, with the help of this project, Žalia giria has allocated more than €115,000 for the conservation of old-growth forests. Donation from 2021 was used to purchase and protect a 12.53 ha forest plot in Galiniškis. A plot of similar value will be purchased using the donation of 2022 too.

Žalia giria has also embarked on sustainable innovations in production - reducing the amount of plastic, increasing the share of recycled plastics, and switching to more sustainable technologies throughout the production chain.

Together with Zalia giria staff, a preserved forest plot was visited in 2022 and the film "Ancient Woods" by M. Survila was screened.







Long-term business support



Thanks to partners JCDecaux & FlexPro, the outdoor advertising campaign "Protect the old forests" continues for the second year in a row.

Nuotraukos: Denis Vėjas





Giving Tuesday

On 29 November 2022, we joined the international Giving Tuesday initiative and invited the Foundation's community and followers to join the "Dovana gamtai" ("Gift to Nature") campaign and together preserve another patch of Lithuania's old-growth forests.

Thanks to the active community, on this one day – Giving Tuesday – we managed to raise the amount needed to finance the acquisition of another plot of land in the Balbieriškis Oak Botanical Reserve.

This is a small plot of 1 hectare, with 85-130 year old oak trees, a very diverse forest and a European Community Important Habitat (ECI).

This oak woodland is the fourth in the Balbieriškis massif and is therefore important because it helps us to create a larger area that is protected from negative human activity.



Children contribute: kindergartens and schools

Children's contribution is always special - every patch of old-growth forest they preserve is like a huge forest.

As part of Climate Week 2022, Klaipėda Kindergarten "Ąžuoliukas" organised a book fair. The proceeds from the books were donated to the fund. The whole community of "Ąžuoliukas" was involved in this beautiful initiative, as well as Mažeikiai Kindergarten "Gintarėlis" and Klaipėda Kindergarten "Nykštukas".

Christmas donation initiatives were also organised by the primary school children of Saulės Gojus School in Vilnius – the 1st graders of the Earth class, and the 4th graders of Mercury class.



Partners









1% for the Planet - is an international network of businesses, environmental organisations and individual members focused on the planet's most important environmental issues. <u>Our profile on this platform.</u>

Benevity Causes Portal – an international platform that mediates between NGOs and business organisations, helping to manage and implement business support initiatives, donation matching. <u>Our profile on this platform.</u>

benme – a personalised employee benefits management platform, a Lithuanian startup that in 2022 enabled employees of business organisations to contribute to the activities of NGOs. <u>www.benme.io.</u>

Aplinkosaugos koalicija / Environmental Coalition – partner in environmental public interest defence related to forest policy and biodiversity protection. <u>www.akoalicija.lt.</u>

The team is the strength



More than 70 active people from different parts of Lithuania and the world – from forests in Aukštaitija and Dzūkija, to Indonesia, Iceland and Hawaii – have contributed their professional knowledge and experience, their time and energy, scientific insights, works, ideas and their voice to the preservation of old-growth forests and to the Foundation's activities in 2022.

The time volunteered to the Foundation in 2022 is over 4000 hours (based on the results of a team survey and the average time spent by one person per year on the Foundation).



Board members, shareholders



Mindaugas Survila

Author and main initiator of the foundation, documentary filmmaker



Dr. Mindaugas Lapelė Botanist, dedicated his life to nature conservation and public education



Kristina Skindelytė Public relations expert, Blue Oceans PR



Rimantė Paulauskaitė-Digaitienė Coordinator



Ainis Pivoras Biologist, working in botany, forest ecophysiology



Simonas Bastys Technology solutions



Aurelija Urbonavičiūtė Organisation design and development strategist



Vilius Striužas Lawyer, legal issues



Dr. Biruté Galdikas

The Patron of the Foundation.

Anthropologist, Environmentalist, Primatologist, worldfamous scientist

Scientists & biologists



Dr. Jurga Motiejūnaitė Mycologist



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Dr. Bronius Šablevičius Ornithologist







Doc. Dr. Ričardas Skorupskas Geographer

Scientists, biologists, nature photographers



Vytautas Knyva

Biologist, Nature photographer



Renatas Jakaitis

Biologist, Nature photographer



Darius Babelis

Biologist, Nature photographer



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Biologist, Nature photographer



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and many more



Dr. Radvilė Rimgailė-Voicik

Botanist



Dr. Paulo Pereira Geographer, environmentalist

Team of professionals



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Agnė Stirnė Designer, Social Media



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Educational trips and events coordinator



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Team of professionals



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Gedvilė Baniulienė Photographer





Rimvydas Markevičius Forest information specialist



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Diana Vaitkevičienė Photographer



Gabija Savickytė

Project coordinator

Adomas Biveinis Denis Vėjas Rapolas Ručinskas Povilas Poderskis leva Kaknevičiūtė Ignas Šalnaitis and many more.



Gabija Jurevičiūtė Project coordinator



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Austė Lukšaitė

Data analyst



Edgaras Baltrušaitis Project coordinator



Ugnius Narutis

Content creator



Vilius Kaulinskas Data analyst

Lina Kukytė

Ambassadors







World-famous swimmer

Kamilė Gudmonaitė

Theater director,

musician

Berta Tilmantaitė

Multimedia journalist, photographer



Neringa Rekašiūtė



Activist, Creator, Photographer





Vaiva Rykštaitė

Writer, Social Activist





Rugilė Barzdžiukaitė Lina Lapelytė

Social activist, musician

Filmmaker,

Theatre director



Andrius **Mamontovas**

Musician

Theatre director

Artist, Performer,

Composer



Giedrius Širka

Social activist, musician





Kotryna Stankutė-Jaščemskienė





Daiva Vaitkevičienė



educator

Mycology enthusiast,



Aurelija Plūkė



Vaiva Grainytė

Writer, playwright and poet



Gediminas Žilys

Musician

Vykintas Vaitkevičius

Historian









Social activist, networker



Historian



Honours received in 2022

February 16. The team and community of the Ancient Woods Foundation is awarded the nomination "Unique Country" for the preservation of the Lithuanian old-growth forests and the noble concern for the survival of the natural environment.

June 8. The co-founder of the Foundation, Dr. Mindaugas Lapelė, was awarded the Protected Territories Bird Award (State Service for Protected Territories) for his long-standing contribution to nature conservation and education.

July 6. On State Day, Mindaugas Survila, cofounder of the Foundation, was awarded the State Medal of the Order of Merit for Lithuania.

November 30. The Ancient Woods Foundation became a finalist in Social Impact Social Initiatives category of the Baltic Sustainability Awards.







Communication

Public communications and media



Unique stories

Media visibility

Social media visibility

Participation in TV, radio

Participation in events

International media coverage

Education for foreign journalists

Dissemination via partners

Thanks to the communications team:

Blue Oceans PR agency, scientists, biologists, photographers, designers and everyone who helped spread the message.



Thanks to the media channels, journalists and partners:

LRT (Radijas, Vienkartinė planeta, Stambiu planu, Tuzinas, Minties eksperimentai ir kt.), Delfi, 15min, Bernardinai, BNS, Elta, Lrytas, We Love Lithuania, Vadovų konferencija EBIT, Vilniaus universitetas, LR Aplinkos ministerija, Keliauk Lietuvoje, Made in Vilnius, Kauno diena, Klaipėdos diena, Diena.lt, Utenis.lt, Jūsų Panevėžys, Alytaus laikas, Druskonis, Jonavos žinios, Gargždai.lt, Širvintų kraštas, Adamkus Library, Žaliasis pasaulis Gamtos tyrimai, Budas.lt, Atspindžiai, Voruta.lt, Alkas.lt, Kvitrina.lt, Vakarų ekspresas, žurnalas "Moteris", Valstietis, Etaplius, L24.lt, Rinkos aikštė, Miesto naujienos, Man.lt, Udiena, Šeimos gidas, Vilniaus galerija, Filaretai, Klimato muziejus, Romuva, Kritikos atlasas, Švietimo naujienos, Laida "Misija – vasara", BEF, Lietuvos geografijos mokytojų asociacija, Mėnuo juodaragis, Grybų pasaulis, Klaipėdos lopšelis-darželis Ąžuoliukas, Pasaulis be sienų, Pasaulio lietuvis, Klimato kaita, Gyvas miškas, Aplinkosaugos koalicija, rėmėjams Žalia giria, Nordic Investment Bank, Flexpro, Kvapų namai, Audioteka, Va ir va kaip, Biopapa and many more.

Media

112

articles and mentions in the press

+86% compared to 2021

The most popular stories:

• A scientific discovery in the Moniškis Forest – a rare and globally endangered fungi species.



- A unique cultural heritage site, a protected nest of a bird and a rare fungi species in the forest, purchased by the Foundation.
- The Foundation has been able to preserve its largest forest area of 19 hectares thanks to the support of private donors.
- How do old-growth forests contribute to resilience to climate change?
- A woodlot as a gift to nature philanthropy with an impact for centuries into come.

Information dissemination abroad



Article that has received the most coverage: Rare globally endangered fungus discovered by Lithuanian forest preservation foundation.

Interview of Prof. Biruté Galdikas with one of the biggest Polish daily newspapers Gazeta Wyborcza and Pismo.

Trip for international journalists to Moniškis Forest with scientists. The result was published articles in Far Out and other publications.

The article on the channels of business donor Nordic Investment Bank.

Cooperation with the Children's Forest Pavilion team -18th International Architecture Exhibition "La Biennale Architettura 2023" Venice.

International media channels for communication dissemination: Gazeta Wyborcza, Pismo, The Scotfree, All Inclusive, LRT EN, Lithuania Posts English, RTE, The Baltic Times, Jauns.lv, Mushroom News, GEO, GN Nouvelle, Ocean of Games News, Swiat Oze, Litouwscc, Gourmandgazette, Seniorennet.

Social Media

More than 658,000 people were reached.

Facebook

- Number of followers 13 291
- Audience reached 167 674

Instagram

- Number of followers 1656
- Audience reached 1951

Linkedin

- Number of followers 200
- Audience reached 9500

Most popular posts (non-educational)





Metinė ataskaita



Gyvastinga mediena yra namai tūkstančiams miške gyvenančių...

CARBON ROCK STARS: LARGE, OLDER TREES AND FORESTS ow many oak trees does it take to store 8 tons of carb Canony Tr 12 m tall 0.15 m dia. 7.5 m tall 0.1 m dia, 12 years 30 m tall 1.4 m dia. 15 m tail 0.3 m dia.







EKOFIZIOLOGIJOS SRITYSI

Grybas, turintis gabumų švytėti tamsoje

PROJEKTAS, TAVO LAUKINIS HEROJUS"



Financial report



In 2022, donations worth EUR 254,580.91 has been received for the Foundation's activities.

In 2022, the Foundation's activities were strongly supported financially by regular donors – individuals and businesses. In total, over 1,092 individuals and 20 legal entities.

Contributions also included forest donations and donations of services.

The support from individuals accounted for 39% of the total, while from legal entities - 61%.



Personal Income Tax – a crucial part of the support.

The 1.2% of Personal Income Tax donated by residents is growing every year.

In 2022, 677 residents made donations worth €36,825.81.

In 2021, this kind of donations contributed to the preservation of an old oak forest in Moniškis.

In 2022, it has contributed as a third of the amount needed for the acquisition of the 27.5 hectares unique forest in the Raigardas Valley, the largest under the Foundation's care to date.

Thanks to the contributions via Personal Income Tax, together we preserve around 9 hectares of old-growth forests every year.



2022 donations in detail

Support from businesses:

- Support trough services €58,073
- Financial support- €94,338
- Fin. support from abroad €2,000



Support from individuals:

- Personal income tax €36,826
- Financial support- €59,228
- Donated forests €4,116

Costs and purchases in 2022

Donations used to pursue the goals determined by the statutes of the foundation:

- Purchases of forest plots- €66,020
- Outdoor advertising costs (support in services)- €35,664
- Project coordination (support in services) €20,968
- Salary €9,904
- Outdoor printing costs (support in services) €1,442
- Notary services (for purchase of forest plots)- €951
- Accounting services €720
- Bank commission- €376
- Social insurance tax €245
- NLS fee (consents to purchase forest plots)- €148
- Costs at the Registry Centre (owner search)- €49
- Land tax €15
- Other costs €2



Goals for 2023 Key activities



Goals for 2023

- 1. Select and purchase another 40-50 hectares of the most valuable old-growth forests.
- 2. Strengthen the monitoring of forests already under Foundation's protection, including detailed biological research in 5-6 plots.
- 3. Continue public education.
- 4. Continue cooperation with business and conservation organisations to maximise the impact of activities.
- 5. Grow the team.



Future old-growth forests

~100 ha to be protected (at the end of 2023)

57,08 ha

46,19 ha

1,58 ha (2020)

Everyone can contribute



Thanks to each and every one of you.

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