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2003 Annual Report



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**L**ife on Earth is imperiled by human degradation of the biosphere. Earth Island Institute develops and supports projects that counteract threats to the biological and cultural diversity that sustain the environment. Through education and activism, these projects promote the conservation, preservation, and restoration of the Earth.



## Dear friend of Earth Island,

We are pleased to present the 2003 Annual Report for Earth Island Institute. We hope that it conveys a useful picture of our accomplishments.

Toward the end of 2003, the Board and Staff of Earth Island gathered to review our history and the trajectory of the work ahead. As we did so, it was gratifying to realize that our diverse efforts – people often observe that Earth Island certainly covers a wide range of issues and strategies! – take on common meaning when we talk about growing environmental leadership.

**Brower New Leaders Initiative.** With the presentation of six awards to outstanding youth leaders each fall, the Brower Youth Awards anchors our efforts for youth environmental leadership. Beyond simply recognizing the amazing achievements of young people “who just haven't learned what's not possible,” we help these emerging leaders to focus their efforts, to make connections within the environmental community, and to chart their futures. For the Award winners – as well as those who are inspired to action by their stories – we grow the environmental leadership called for by these challenging times.

**Publishing.** We reach out to the public with *Earth Island Journal*, our Web site, and *IslandWire* email newsletter. We aim to inform and inspire people to engage with the agenda for a sustainable planet, to find their own kind of action, and to do it. That's growing environmental leadership, starting with the individual citizen.

**Project Sponsorship.** For more than 20 years, we have served as a home base for more than 100 projects. We provide resources to empower organizations, we give leaders a great deal of latitude, and we coach and network for success within the Earth Island family. It's been very gratifying recently to be part of a foundation-funded study of fiscal sponsorship that articulates the value of providing an innovative organizational alternative to the many small, often isolat-

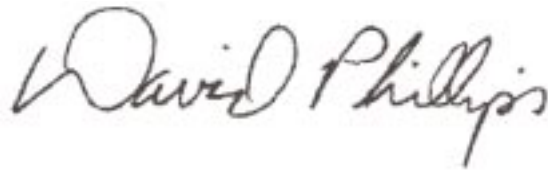
ed, and sometimes inefficient groups out there working on their own. Providing passionate activists and educators the chance to really pursue their dreams – with more than 35 projects currently under sponsorship – is a vital facet of growing environmental leadership at Earth Island.

The many supporters of Earth Island and its projects should be proud of the Earth Island Model. We have created an innovative, effective organization that supports leadership for environmental sustainability. Our strength is all the more clear in these challenging times for the public interest sector. A donor's dollar goes a long way at Earth Island.

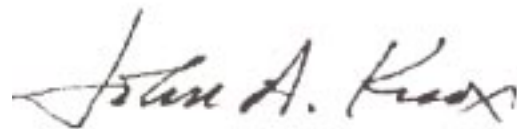
As always, we invite your further participation and ideas about how we can be still more effective.

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**Robert Wilkinson**  
**President, Earth Island Institute Board of Directors**

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**David Phillips**  
**Executive Director, Earth Island Institute**

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Earth Island Institute is a member of Earth Share of California, a non-profit federation of over 80 environmental groups that work to protect natural resources and promote livable communities through workplace giving and pay-roll deduction programs.



*There is but one ocean  
though its coves have many names;  
a single sea of atmosphere with  
no coves at all; the miracle of soil,  
alive and giving life, lying thin on the  
only Earth, for which there is no  
spare.*

*We seek a renewed stirring  
of love for the Earth. We plead that we  
are capable of doing to it often what  
we ought not to do. We urge that all  
people now determine that an  
untrammelled wildness shall remain  
here to testify that this generation had  
love for the next.*

*We would celebrate a new  
renaissance.*

*The old one found a way to exploit.  
The new one has discovered  
the Earth's limits. Knowing them, we  
may learn anew what compassion and  
beauty are, and pause to listen to the  
Earth's music.*

*We may see that progress  
is not the accelerating speed with which  
we multiply and subdue the Earth nor  
the growing number of things we  
possess and cling to. It is a way along  
which to search for truth, to find  
serenity and love and reverence for  
life, to be part of an enduring  
harmony, celebrating the wildness  
within us.*

— David R. Brower



The *Earth Island Journal* was first published in 1982 as a class project at Stanford University. A quarterly magazine since 1987, the recipient of numerous Alternative Press and Project Censored awards, *Earth Island Journal* has won acclaim for its groundbreaking coverage of environmental and social issues.

2003 held dramatic changes for *Earth Island Journal*. In response to increasing reader comment, the *Journal* underwent a significant redesign (performed by our colleagues at Public Media Center), beginning with the Winter 2003 issue. This redesign won immediate praise from our growing readership for its

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increased readability and aesthetic appeal. In conjunction with the redesign, the *Journal* began to publish more extensive features – allowing treatment of crucial environmental topics in greater detail – and ramped up its photojournalism.

The *Journal's* investigative journalism drew attention in 2003 as well. Our coverage of the abuse of science policy by the Bush administration preceded

**Editor:**

Chris Clarke

**Associate Publisher:**

Audrey Webb

**Intern:**

Adam Spangler





the *New York Times*' coverage by nearly a year. *Earth Island Journal* broke the stories of the pharmaceutical industry's complicity in the looming extinction of Indian vultures and the stunning die-off of North Atlantic seabirds due to overfishing, with work in 2003 hitting the newsstands in early 2004. Alone among major environmental publications, the *Journal* reported on the millions of migratory birds killed yearly in North America in collisions with lighted towers (an ecological disaster that could be stopped merely by changing light-bulbs), and on the connection between HIV and malnutrition in Africa.

At least a quarter of each issue of *Earth Island Journal* is devoted to coverage of Earth Island and its projects. 2003 marked the beginning of the *Journal's* recurring "Everybody's Got a Story" feature, which profiles the work of individual activists.

The *Journal* continued its tradition of informative inserts in 2003. Special sections on ecotourism, GM food, and environmental education provided readers with valuable resources on those important topics. *Earth Island Journal* also reinvigorated its internship program in 2003. The success of our internship program allowed us to double our internships for 2004.

**E**arth Island established the Brower Youth Awards in 2000 to recognize a new generation of leaders who follow in the footsteps of Earth Island's founder David Brower. In his long career, Dave served as an inspiration and mentor to four generations of environmentalists, many of whom – such as Amory Lovins, Dave Foreman, Randy Hayes, and Julia Butterfly Hill – have become well-known in their own right. The Awards program is the core of Earth Island's Brower New Leaders Initiative, which helps past award winners develop their work and encourages others to take up David Brower's mantle of leadership.

The Brower Youth Awards are the only national environmental awards for youth activists that carry a substantial cash prize and ongoing leadership development.

Six outstanding young environmental leaders from across the United States were named recipients of the 2003 Brower Youth Awards, the nation's most prestigious recognition of environmental activists aged 13-22. Winners were

## Brower Youth Awards

chosen from applicants whose work on behalf of communities and the environment epitomizes the principles of Conservation, Preservation and Restoration, what Earth Island Institute founder David R. Brower called "CPR for the Earth."

The winners were honored at a ceremony hosted by Paul Hawken on September 25 in Berkeley, California. The recipients participated in a three-day "Wilderness Encounter" in Yosemite National Park, sponsored by Clif Bar, Inc., and led by Bay Area Wilderness Training, a project of Earth Island Institute.



## 2003 winners



**Rachel Ackoff, 18, of Claremont, California** directed the Fair Trade Campaign for the Sierra Student Coalition and organized a series of Fair Trade trainings around the country for local activists, giving them the tools to work for a global trade system in which the needs of the environment and workers are protected.



**Andrew Azman, 21, of Owings Mills, Maryland** founded CU Biodiesel at the University of Colorado, organizing alternative fuels education, and developing and building biodiesel processors. The group received ongoing funding to expand and sustain their pilot program of fueling University buses with biodiesel.



**Whitney Cushing, 16, of Homer, Alaska** founded the first youth environmental group on the Kenai Peninsula, which created the first recycling program in the region, lobbied to stop offshore oil and gas development, and helped impose limits on chain-store development in the city of Homer.



**Andrew Hunt, 21, of Bethesda, Maryland** formed a statewide network of student environmentalists to lobby for better environmental policy in Maryland. The group, 200 strong after just one year, successfully worked to save Chapman Forest and make public transit a priority in the state's request for Federal transportation funds.



**Illai Kenney, 14, of Jonesboro, Georgia** co-founded Georgia Kids Against Pollution in response to the growing numbers of local children with asthma. The group organizes protests and conferences and makes speeches to educate and encourage citizens to work for clean air and water, and help curb global warming.



**Thomas Nichols, 14, of Corrales, New Mexico** conceived and implemented a program to preserve the fragile Rio Grande ecosystem by wrapping cottonwood trees in chicken wire to protect them from beavers. The program replaced a policy of killing beavers to save the trees.





# Earth Island Projects

**A**t the heart of Earth Island Institute is our Project Network. This dynamic group of issue-focused grassroots projects is taking effective and innovative actions to counteract threats to the biological and cultural diversity that sustains our planet. Through education and activism, these projects promote the conservation, preservation, and restoration of the Earth.

As an alternative to dozens of separate nonprofits, each duplicating basic administrative functions, Earth Island centralizes certain administrative and organizational services. Each project is responsible for its own fundraising and campaign development, but receives a range of support services from Earth Island Institute.

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## Baikal Watch

[www.earthisland.org/baikal](http://www.earthisland.org/baikal)

**Director:** Gary Cook

**Advisory Board:** Boyd Norton, John Knox, Jeanny Wang, Karen Smallwood, Paul Robinson, Michele Boyd, Jeanne MacVey, Heather Carlisle, Erika Rosenthal, B.J. Chisholm, Tom Rainey, Vera Mischenko, Ariadna Reida, Olga Belskaya, Jennie Sutton, Galina Anosova, Andrei Suknev

**Project since:** 1990

**B**aikal Watch promotes international activities for the permanent protection of biologically rich areas around Lake Baikal and Siberia, while taking numerous conservation initiatives in other parts of Russian and northern Asia.

**2003 Major Accomplishments:**

- Helped build the first 60 miles of the Great Baikal Trail;
- Helped Russian partners complete environmental impact assessments on gold mines, uranium mines, and oil and gas pipelines in eastern Russia, with the net effect that none of these developments have yet been started;
- Connected colleagues within dozens of Russian environmental groups with many new international partners, including Earth Corps, the US Bureau of Land Management, the Tahoe Rim Trail Association, Southwest Research and Information Center, Earthjustice, Rotary International, GoAbroad Volunteers, Evergreen State University, the University of Nevada, and Ecojuris Institute;
- Brought about 350 international ecotourists to the Lake Baikal region – bringing over \$100,000 of profit in the region for local parks, local NGOs, and their partners;
- Hosted and provided training to about 65 Russian, Chinese, and other former Soviet bloc colleagues, sharing information about how a wide range of environmental problems are dealt with here in the US.

**Project funders:** Foundation for Russian and American Cooperation; Global Greengrants Fund; Goldman Environmental Foundation; Trust for Mutual Understanding

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## Bay Area Wilderness Training

[www.bawt.org](http://www.bawt.org)

**Director:** Kyle Macdonald

**Advisory Board:** Robin Melrose Berman, Roger Miller, Linda Shih, Ross Schmidt, Nicole Whiting, Olugbala Akintunde, Andy Arnold, Christina Benz, Darby Davenport, Delton Johnson

**Project since:** 1999

**B**AWT provides Bay Area youth service organizations with professional leadership training and quality outdoor equipment so that these adult leaders may safely lead youth in exploring the power and beauty of California's wilderness.

**2003 Major Accomplishments:**

- Surpassed the "2000 youth served" mark;
- Redesigned website;
- Completed first Youth Wilderness Leadership Training;
- Completed Wilderness First Responder;
- Launched eNewsletter

**Funders:** Anonymous; The Ark Foundation; Dean Witter Foundation; The Fifth Season; Furthur Foundation; Giles Family Foundation; The David B. Gold Foundation; Lisa and Douglas Goldman Fund; Gould Family Foundation; Tony Hawk Foundation; Walter S. Johnson Foundation; Marmot Mountain Works; Potrero Nuevo Fund; Recreational Equipment Inc. (REI); Renaissance International; Sierra Club Foundation; Tides Foundation; VanLobenSels / RembeRock Foundation

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## Boreal Footprint Project

**Director:** Chanda Meek

**Project since:** 2000 (ended operations in 2003)

**B**oreal Footprint Project works for the protection and sustainable use of the world's boreal forests through action-oriented research and advocacy.

### **2003 Major Accomplishments:**

- Produced and translated into Russian a major background paper on Indigenous Peoples and Protected Areas for use in Russian policy hearings, which was distributed at the World Congress on Protected Areas in South Africa;
- Contributed to the US Forest Service's 2003 sustainability assessment of forests in America through participating in a policy roundtable in Washington DC;
- Won support for Grassy Narrows First Nation in Ontario through mobilizing hundreds of online activists.  
Boreal Footprint Project was closed in 2003.

**Funders:** Taiga Rescue Network

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## **Borneo Project**

**[www.borneoproject.org](http://www.borneoproject.org)**

**Directors:** Noriko Toyoda & Wick Pancoast

**Advisory Board:** Joe Lamb, Martha Belcher, Robert Kruger, Kevin Cadogan, Anushka Drescher, John Paisley, Judith Mayer, Hayes Morehouse, Dan Scollon

**Project since:** 1991

**B**orneo Project supports indigenous rights, rainforest protection and community development on the island of Borneo.

### **2003 Major Accomplishments:**

- \$40,000 in direct grants and allocations to groups and communities throughout Borneo;
- Started construction on a micro-hydro project in Sabah, scheduled to be completed in 2004;
- Expanded the team of local lawyers working on human rights and land rights cases in Sarawak, currently representing 42 cases in the courts, with many more to be filed;
- Conducted needs assessment in Penan communities;
- Hosted Jok Jau Evong's visit to the US, with lectures at the World Affairs Council in San Francisco, UC Berkeley, and Shasta College;

- Conducted inaugural eco-tour to Borneo with Global Exchange's Reality Tour program.

**Funders:** Brende and Lamb Tree and Shrub Care; Friends of Malaysia; Global Greengrants Fund; Goldman Environmental Foundation; Richard J. Kruger Foundation; The Revelle Fund of the New Horizon Foundation; Stichting Kateker; Sunflower Foundation

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## Brower Fund

**www.browerfund.org**

**Director:** Mikhail Davis

**Advisory Board:** Barbara Brower, Ken Brower, Robert Brower, John Brower, Chris Franklin, David Phillips

**Project since:** 1982

**T**he Brower Fund educates the public about David Brower's life and his message, while providing short-term organizational support and small seed grants to innovative new campaigns and projects.

### **2003 Major Accomplishments:**

- Helped bring Brower Youth Award winners to Public Interest Environmental Law Conference to speak on a Youth Activism Panel;
- Created an ongoing program to provide several small grants annually to past winners and finalists of the Brower Youth Awards for new environmental leadership projects;
- Created awareness in public and government officials of environmental short-cuts being taken by the California High Speed Rail Authority;
- Changed policy in Yosemite National Park to facilitate car-free enjoyment of the Park;
- Helped provide content for "Monumental," a new film on David Brower;
- Helped pass a San Francisco City Council measure in favor of placing a sculptural monument to Brower in the city.

**Funders:** Marsh Pitman; G. B. Randolph; The Estate of Leo Seren; Tides Foundation-River Runners Fund; Union Pacific Foundation



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## Campaign to Safeguard America's Waters (C-SAW)

[www.earthisland.org/c-saw](http://www.earthisland.org/c-saw)

**Director:** Gershon Cohen

**Advisory Board:** Robert Adler, Steve Kallick, Robert Marshall, Eric Jorgensen, Mike Wenig

**Project since:** 1998

C-SAW works to close the “mixing zone” loophole in state and federal water quality laws and regulations, force the federal and state governments to follow required “Antidegradation policies,” and stop pollution from cruise ships.

### **2003 Major Accomplishments:**

- Drafted Alaska ballot initiative to strengthen cruise ship pollution rules;
- Helped pass cruise ship pollution protection laws in California;
- Worked with cruise ship activists in Hawai'i and helped the people of Molokai turn back the cruise industry's invasion of their island;
- Drafted a white paper for the Alaska conservation community on proposed water quality standards changes by the Murkowski administration that would gut state protections for public waters.

**Funders:** Alaska Conservation Foundation; Endswell Foundation; Fred Gellert Family Foundation; Ken Leghorn; Norcross Wildlife Foundation Inc.; Patagonia; The Philanthropic Collaborative; Marty & Dorothy Silverman Foundation; Skaggs Foundation; WILMA



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## Center for Safe Energy

[www.earthisland.org/cse](http://www.earthisland.org/cse)

**Directors:** Fran Macy & Enid Schreibman

**Project since:** 1997

**C**SE fosters energy efficiency and the use of renewable energy resources in order to phase out reliance upon nuclear energy and fossil fuels in the United States, the former Soviet Union, and other countries.

**Funders:** Sophia and Mark Abramson; Compton Foundation; Harriet Crosby; Goldman Environmental Foundation; Carol Kusmierski; Adele Simmons; Trust for Mutual Understanding; United States Department of State / Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs

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## City Talk

[www.city-talk.org](http://www.city-talk.org)

**Director:** Nicola Swinburne

**Advisory Board:** Gloria Upchurch, Scott Parris, Emmanuel Obel, Ronald Musoke, Nick Lederer, Tadish Durbin, Alison Quaid, Sarah Dotlich

**Project since:** 2001

**C**ity Talk helps people from different cultures communicate about ways of life and their impacts on the environment. We are currently connecting people in Entebbe, Uganda with people in the San Francisco Bay Area through school partnerships and e-mail pen pal links.

**2003 Major Accomplishments:**

- Trained over 100 Ugandans to communicate and learn through the Internet;
- Produced curricular materials for high schools being used in sixth-, eighth-, and tenth-grade social studies.

**Funders:** Ark Foundation; Salam Sudan Foundation

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## Climate Solutions

[www.climatesolutions.org](http://www.climatesolutions.org)

**Directors:** Paul Horton & Rhys Roth

**Advisory Board:** Gloria Upchurch, Scott Parris, Emmanuel Obel, Ronald Musoke, Nick Lederer, Tadish Durbin, Alison Quaid, Sarah Dotlich

**Project since:** 1992

**C**limate Solutions' mission is to stop global warming at the earliest point possible by helping the Pacific Northwest and British Columbia become world leaders in practical and profitable solutions. Our regional organizing approach is transforming the global warming debate in the region and laying the groundwork for a successful, multi-stakeholder climate action agenda. We're generating fresh political momentum for energy and transportation solutions that benefit the region's economy and quality of life.

**2003 Major Accomplishments:**

- Climate Solutions became a fully independent organization in March 2003.

**Funders:** Calvert Foundation; State of Washington; Surdna Foundation

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## EcoVillage Farm Learning Center

**Director:** Shyaam Shabaka

**Advisory Board:** Arnold Perkins, Jeff Romm, Harvey Smith, Michael Smith, Hoover Liddell, Patricia Pitre, Tom Bresland, Tom Branca, Cassie Scott

**Project since:** 2001

**E**coVillage Farm Learning Center is a 5.5-acre urban oasis where school-aged youth and other urban residents learn through hands-on activities how to protect the earth's ecological systems and biodiversity, and work together to create a healthy environment and just society.

**2003 Major Accomplishments:**

- Secured over \$300,000 in in-kind support from volunteers, local businesses, East Bay Conservation Corps, etc.;

- Received grant from Ford Foundation to establish the Environmental Education and Horticulture Institute;
- Secured grant approval to operate a mobile fresh produce stand in three West Contra Costa County neighborhoods;
- Secured a two year commitment of technical assistance from the Natural Resources Service Program (a Ford Foundation funded program);
- Implemented a successful volunteer program through the efforts of a volunteer Executive Director/Farm Manager

**Funders:** Ford Foundation; James Irvine Foundation

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## Faultline Media Project

**www.faultline.org**

**Director: Chris Clarke**

**Project since: 2001**

**F**aultline's intent is to bring Californians accurate and compelling environmental news and information on subjects ranging from environmental justice to wilderness protection.

### **2003 Major Accomplishments:**

- First publication to report on environmental effects of West Nile Virus in California;
- Photographically documented threat to Southern California's largest privately owned wildland at Tejon Ranch, and made photos available to local groups working to preserve this important wildlife corridor;
- Consistent reporting on fire danger, bark beetle infestation, and misguided federal response to threat anticipating disastrous fire season of October 2003;
- Groundbreaking reporting on condor recovery progress, Salton Sea issues, Klamath Basin water politics, Algodones Dunes protection, endangered species issues throughout the state, and perchlorate contamination of California's groundwater.

**Funders:** Tides Foundation

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## Ethical Traveler

[www.ethicaltraveler.com](http://www.ethicaltraveler.com)

**Directors:** Jeff Greenwald & Kirstin Williams

**Advisory Board:** Ellen Bruno, David Cohen, Julian Cook, V. Carroll Dunham, Nancy Lindborg, Dr. Elliot Marseille

**Project since:** 2003

**E**thical Traveler is a global community through which tourists and travelers – members of the world’s largest and fastest-growing industry – can understand their economic and political power, and use it to benefit both the human family and planetary environment.

**2003 Major Accomplishments:**

- Built and revised initial website;
- Built an initial membership base and community;
- Launched Nepal campaign in June 2003, which created much media attention and contributed to restoring the humane treatment of Tibetan refugees by Nepali officials;
- Developed additional program content with the launch of two additional campaigns, one launched in October 2003 and the other to break in early 2004.
- Secured substantial private donations, which funded the printing of promotional postcards for placement in bookstores, travel events, and retail outlets.

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## Global Service Corps

[www.globalservicecorps.org](http://www.globalservicecorps.org)

**Director:** Rick Lathrop

**Project since:** 1995

**G**lobal Service Corps provides opportunities for adult volunteer participants to live and work on environmental and social justice projects in developing countries.



**2003 Major Accomplishments:**

- GSC Thailand received prestigious NGO status from the Thai government;
- International recognition at three major conferences: International Conference on Aids and Sexually Transmitted Diseases in Africa, Global Health Council, and the American Public Health Association;
- Launch of Buddhist Immersion Program with GSC Thailand;
- Hiring of full-time, local In-Country-Coordinator in Tanzania.

**Funders:** Global Greengrants Fund; Greenwich World Hunger Association

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## Hydro Nova

[www.earthisland.org/hydronova](http://www.earthisland.org/hydronova)

**Director:** Bob Feinbaum

**Project since:** 2000

**H**ydro Nova seeks to establish distributed treatment systems as viable, cost effective, environmentally friendly options for dealing with wastewater generated by homes and small communities. Through education, research, and advocacy Hydro Nova intends to foster thinking about wastewater as a resource rather than an expensive liability that has to be moved “out of sight and out of mind.”

**2003 Major Accomplishments:**

- Participated in the stakeholder group for revising the on-site wastewater regulations in the state of California;
- Networked with groups interested in wastewater issues, including the Environmental Justice Coalition for Water;
- Published articles in *Small Flows* (the journal of the on-site industry) as well as in other magazines, including *Earth Island Journal*;
- Organized and moderated workshops and made presentations related to wastewater issues for BioCycle and other groups;
- Developed the framework for a training program for personnel in the wastewater industry.

**Funders:** San Francisco Foundation

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# International Marine Mammal Project

[www.earthisland.org/immp](http://www.earthisland.org/immp)

**Director:** Dave Phillips

**Advisory Board:** Dr. Paul Spong, Dr. Roger Payne, Craig Van Note, Josh Floum, Ann Moss

**Project since:** 1982

**I**MMP is leading the global effort to stop the slaughter of dolphins, to end commercial whaling, to end the use of drift nets and other destructive fishing practices, and to protect key whale and dolphin habitats.

## **2003 Major Accomplishments:**

- Maintained worldwide Dolphin Safe tuna label;
- Successfully sued the Bush administration, preventing the weakening of the standards for the Dolphin Safe tuna label;
- Added several new locations to its successful dolphin safe tuna monitoring program around the world;
- Achieved first ever re-integration of a captive orca whale to his native habitat and followed release of Keiko to North Atlantic;
- Participated in 2003 International Whaling Commission, posting the daily conservation newsletter ECO on Earth Island's Web site;
- Launched campaign to oppose Iceland's new whaling industry;
- Worked in opposition to US Navy's Low-Frequency Active Sonar program and other noise pollution issues;
- Provided \$294,000 in low interest loans to fishermen and guides in Baja California for four-stroke outboard motors;
- Fought to prevent Navy gaining exemption from the Marine Mammal Protection Act;
- Won lawsuit for endangered species listing for the Northwest Pacific Orca population.

**Funders:** Calvert Foundation; Richard and Rhoda Goldman Fund; Haskell Fund; Hawley Family Foundation; H.J. Heinz Corporate Foundation; Homeland Foundation; Wendy P. McCaw Foundation; Moss Foundation; Pond Foundation; Summerlee Foundation

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## Industrial Shrimp Action Network

[www.shrimpaction.com](http://www.shrimpaction.com)

**Director:** Isabel de la Torre

**Project since:** 1998

**I**SA Net is a global network of environmental and grassroots organizations that address the social and environmental impacts of the production, trade and consumption of farmed shrimp.

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## John Muir Project

[www.johnmuirproject.org](http://www.johnmuirproject.org)

**Director:** Chad Hanson

**Project since:** 1997

**T**he immediate goals of the John Muir Project are to end all timber sales on national forests, to ensure that management of public lands is science-based, and to redirect timber subsidies into worker retraining and ecological restoration.

### **2003 Major Accomplishments:**

- Affected change in Sierra Nevada forest policy with regard to fire salvage timber sales, through litigation and persistent media visibility;
- Won Ninth Circuit Appeal of denial of preliminary injunction on post-fire salvage sale (logging of green trees): Obtained ruling clarifying the burden Plaintiffs bear in demonstrating probability of irreparable harm;
- Won a temporary restraining order against a timber salvage sale (logging of dead trees) in the Red Star Roadless Area on the Tahoe National Forest;
- Educated the public and the courts on the importance (and rarity) of severely burned forest ecosystems throughout the Sierra Nevada. Helped other conservation organizations incorporate arguments against salvage timber harvesting in their respective states.
- Highlighted the problem of logging slash debris and its contribution to the threat of severe wildfires, in both litigation and the media.

**Funders:** William C. Bannerman Foundation; Deer Creek Foundation; Environment Now Foundation; Fidelity Charitable Gift Fund; Foundation for Deep Ecology; The Fund for Wild Nature; The Lemmon Foundation; The Max and Anna Levinson Foundation; Norcross Wildlife Foundation, Inc.; Orchard Foundation; Patagonia; The Strong Foundation for Environmental Values; Sunflower Foundation

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## Kids for the Bay

**www.kidsforthebay.org**

**Director:** Mandi Billinge

**Advisory Board:** Leilane Alo, Karin Foust, Steve Manning, Brenda Salgado

**Project since:** 1995

**K**ids for the Bay collaborates with teachers to inspire environmental consciousness in children and cultivate a love of learning.

### **2003 Major Accomplishments:**

- Expanded our organizational capacity by hiring four additional Program Directors;
- Created a new county-wide Watershed Action Program in Contra Costa County;
- Created a new county wide Four Rs Action Program in Alameda County;
- Partnered with 140 teachers and 3,500 students to deliver environmental education through action programs.

**Funders:** Alameda County Waste Management Authority; CALFED, Ecosystem Restoration Program; California Coastal Commission; California Coastal Conservancy, City of Richmond, California; City of San Pablo, California; Contra Costa County Clean Water Program; Dean Witter Foundation; Giant Steps Foundation; Bernard Osher Foundation; Rose Foundation; J. Vance Huckins Fund / Tides Foundation

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# Mangrove Action Project

[www.earthisland.org/map](http://www.earthisland.org/map)

**Director:** Alfredo Quarto

**Advisory Board:** Ian Baird, Dr. Robin Lewis, Dr. Ellen Hines, Dr. Perry Gayaldo, Pisit Charnsnoh, Khushi Kabir, Maurizio Farhan Ferrari, Dr. Conner Bailey, Nalini Nayak, Jorge Varela, P. Balan, Abdoulaye Diame, James Gitundu Kairo, Peter Riggs, Dr. Jacob Raj, Dr. Ricardo Carrere

**Project since:** 1992

**M**angrove Action Project works on mangrove forest conservation and coastal community empowerment issues.

## **2003 Major Accomplishments:**

- Opened first regional office in Thailand and second regional office in Bali, Indonesia;
- Adapted and translated *Marvelous Mangroves – A Curriculum Based Teacher’s Resource Guide* into Spanish, Sinhalese and Tamil for use in Honduras, Colombia, and Sri Lanka;
- Built newest Coastal Community Resource Center, jointly operated with Indonesian NGO Yayasan Kelola;
- Co-founder Pisit Charnsnoh won the Goldman Environmental Prize;
- Steering committee member Meity Mongdong won the Seacology Award

**Funders:** Conservation Food and Health Foundation; Cottonwood Foundation; Coral Reef Alliance; Global Catalyst; Richard and Rhoda Goldman Fund; Homeland Foundation; ICCO: Interchurch Organization for Development Cooperation; IUCN Netherlands Committee; New England Biolabs Foundation; Open Society Institute; Ramsar; Seacology; Margy and Barbara Stewart; United Nations Environment Programme



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# Ma'at Youth Academy

[www.maatyouthacademy.org](http://www.maatyouthacademy.org)

**Director:** Sharon Fuller

**Advisory Board:** Jeff Romm, David Romain, Whitney Dotson, Rita Ruderman, Betty Soskin

**Project since:** 1998

**M**YA improves public and environmental health in urban areas by developing and modeling multicultural environmental education, promoting economic opportunities for youth and increasing community involvement in environmental protection.

**2003 Major Accomplishments:**

- Educated over 600 students from low-income urban schools in Richmond, Pinole, and Oakland;
- Initiated summer program in collaboration with Contra Costa College;
- Conducted teacher training workshops;
- Conducted after-school program for 200 West Contra Costa Unified School District K-8 students;
- Initiated UCB College Shadowing day for high school students;
- Initiated design of Fish Consumption Study for Women and Children;
- Distributed culturally relevant educational material to over 3,500 people on the risks of consuming fish from San Francisco Bay.

**Funders:** California Endowment; The California Wellness Foundation; East Bay Community Foundation; Environmental Protection Agency Region IX; Richard and Rhoda Goldman Fund; Rose Foundation; San Francisco Foundation

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# ReThink Paper

[www.rethinkpaper.org](http://www.rethinkpaper.org)

**Director:** Nancy Hurwitz

**Advisory Board:** Andy Kerr, Jeanne Trombly, Susan Kinsella, Dan Imhoff, Aaron Lehmer

**Project since:** 1995

**R**eThink Paper's mission is to convince paper producers, consumers, suppliers, distributors, and others to replace current paper production and consumption practices with more ecologically sound alternatives.

**2003 Major Accomplishments:**

- Convinced Staples, the world's largest office supply store, to announce a commitment to phase out paper products originating from endangered forests and dramatically increase its sale of recycled paper products;
- Successfully convinced several universities to cancel contracts with Boise Cascade for their university paper products as part of a national Tree-Free Campus Campaign and worked with these universities to implement university-wide ecological paper policies;
- Continued collaboration with participants in a landmark Paper Summit, which brought environmental groups together to maximize the effectiveness of efforts to reform the paper industry;
- Continued to develop a comprehensive internet-based tool to provide information on ecologically sound paper products available nationwide.

**Funders:** The Giles W. Mead Family Foundation

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## SAVE-International

[www.earthisland.org/save](http://www.earthisland.org/save)

**Director:** Wenling Tu

**Advisory Board:** Yuan-Tze Lee, John Byrne, Shenglin Chang, Li-Yang Chang, Malcolm Coulter, Randolph Hester, Chu-Joe Hsia, Keelong Hong, Jeff Hou, Mathias Kondolf, John Liu, Marcia McNally, Deborah Savage

**Project since:** 1998

SAVE seeks to prevent the extinction of the endangered black-faced spoonbill, to protect critical habitat throughout the spoonbill's range, and to propose alternative plans to support local economies.

### **2003 Major Accomplishments:**

- Continued to promote the black-faced spoonbill conservation plan to include the spoonbill in the planning process and to increase cooperation within the larger Asian conservation network;
- Advocated preservation of Taiwan Salt Land for managing spoonbill habitat;
- Published environmental impact analysis of Chiku International Airport proposal;
- Seventh annual Last Great Spoonbill Migration;
- Sixth year of consecutive publication of *Spoonbills Speak*, SAVE's quarterly newsletter;
- Worked on National Scenic Area Plan with NTU, Tainan County government, and local groups in Yunlin, Chiayi, and Tainan;
- Shared ideas on ecotourism and environmental impacts of Chiku International Airport Proposal with local governments, scholars, and grassroots activists.

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# Sacred Land Film Project

[www.sacredland.org](http://www.sacredland.org)

**Director:** Toby McLeod

**Advisory Board:** Winona LaDuke, Chris Peters, Walter Echo-Hawk, Gerald Vizenor, Jose Lucero, Donna House, Richard Clemmer, Peter Nabokov, Peter Matthiessen, Joan Halifax

**Project since:** 1984

**O**ur mission is to use journalism, organizing, and activism to rekindle reverence for the land and respect for cultural diversity, stimulate dialogue about connection between nature and culture, and protect sacred places and diverse spiritual practices.

**2003 Major Accomplishments:**

- Distributed a Teacher's Guide to over 300 Native American Studies Departments at universities nationwide;
- Compiled a 92-page *Sacred Land Reader*, with essays by noted writers, academics, land managers, and Native American intellectuals;
- Screened *In the Light of Reverence* at the EPA Region 8 office in Denver with a team of ten people, who are working to develop a training seminar which will be used by government agencies to sensitize federal land managers to cultural resource and environmental justice issues;
- Screened *In the Light of Reverence* at the World Parks Congress in Durban, South Africa;
- Completed a strategic plan for our new Corporate Responsibility Initiative.

**Funders:** Pauline and Richard Abbe; Frank T. Black Family Foundation; The Christensen Fund; Arie and Ida Crown Memorial; Nathan Cummings Foundation; John Eastman and The Lucius and Eva Eastman Fund; Ford Foundation; Robert Friede; Grousbeck Family Foundation; William H. and Mattie Wattis Harris Foundation; W.H. Hurt Foundation; Institute of International Education; Paula R. and William McCleod; Newman's Own, Inc.; Ted Tietge

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## Safe Food and Fertilizer

[www.safefoodandfertilizer.org](http://www.safefoodandfertilizer.org)

**Director:** Patricia Martin

**Project since:** 2003

**S**afe Food and Fertilizer is working to raise awareness about the disposal of hazardous and other solid wastes as fertilizer, soil amendments and animal feeds, and effects they have on human health and the environment.

**2003 Major Accomplishments:**

- Filed a petition for review in the DC Circuit Court of Appeals over an EPA rule excluding zinc-containing hazardous wastes from the definition of solid waste when used in fertilizer;
- Testified before Nebraska's Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee sharing information on state and federal laws, hazards associated with this method of disposal, and caution over adopting industry standards

**Funders:** The Brico Fund, Inc.; Bullitt Foundation; Saul Z. and Amy Scheuer Cohen Family Foundation; Indiana Certified Organics; Glenna Matson; Erika Naigle; Stephen G. Naigle; Lin Nelson and Peter Kardas; Mr. and Mrs. Daniel T. O'Donnell; Erling D. Rosholdt; Lewis Seiler

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## Sustainable World Coalition (formerly World Sustainability Hearings)

[www.swcoalition.org](http://www.swcoalition.org)

**Director:** Vinit Allen

**Advisory Board:** Eric Traub, Yvonne Burgess, Kim Weichel

**Project since:** 2003

**M**ain 2003 focus: production of the Sustainable World Symposium, taking place June 19, 2004, at St. Mary's Cathedral Conference Center in San Francisco. The Symposium is an intensive one-day conference for the general public on solutions to critical global issues and action that we can take to achieve a peaceful, prosperous, and healthy world for all.



**2003 Major Accomplishments:**

- Produced four successful local evening presentations on sustainability issues.
- Lead article in the Association of Humanistic Psychology journal published in Jan. 2004.

**Funders:** Shirley and David Allen Foundation

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## Tibetan Plateau Project

[www.earthisland.org/tpp](http://www.earthisland.org/tpp)

**Director:** Justin Lowe

**Project since:** 1993

**T**PP promotes the conservation of biodiversity and the sustainable development of local communities in the Tibetan Plateau region.

**2003 Major Accomplishments:**

- Continued Tibetan Antelope Conservation Campaign, a grassroots activist and education campaign to promote conservation of the Tibetan antelope and halt the international trade in its fur, known as “shahtoosh”;
- Obtained Endangered species candidate status for the Tibetan antelope under the ESA;
- Continued logistical and fundraising support for the Community Medicinal and Aromatic Plant Cultivation Program with in-country NGO partner (Nepal);
- Continued lawsuit against US Department of the Interior/U.S. and Fish and Wildlife Service to extend regulations to protect the argali, the world’s largest wild sheep, native to Asia;
- Research and networking

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## Tomales Bay Institute

**www.Tomales.org**

**Director:** Jonathan Rowe

**Advisory Board:** Peter Barnes, Harriet Barlow, Mark Dowie, David Bollier

**Project since:** 2001

**T**omales Bay Institute seeks to reinvent the concept of the commons in its many forms, and propose new ways to protect it.

**2003 Major Accomplishments:**

- Developed a commons-based civics curriculum for the New York City public schools.
- Published numerous articles and a State of the Commons report.

**Funders:** CS Fund; HKH Foundation; Schalkenbach Foundation; Tides Foundation

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## West Africa Rainforest Network

**Director:** Stephanie Alston

**Advisory Board:** Oronto Douglas, Odigha Odigha, Laura Livoti, Randy Hayes, Tunde Morakinyo, Simon Counsel, Gary Cook, John O'Niles, PhD

**Project since:** 1998

**W**ARN works in solidarity with local forest communities for the protection and sustainable management of their forest resources through local capacity building and mobilizing international support.

**2003 Major Accomplishments:**

- helped local groups raise \$49,000 USD for forest protection and community empowerment efforts;
- supported legal defense of largest and most pristine community forest in West Africa;
- local partner and Board member, Odigha Odigha, won 2003 Goldman Environmental Prize for Africa;

**Funders:** Anonymous; The Funding Exchange; Global Greengrants Fund; John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation

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## WildFutures

[www.earthisland.org/wildfutures](http://www.earthisland.org/wildfutures)

**Director:** Sharon Negri

**Project since:** 2000

**M**ore than 5,000 US conservation organizations work for wildlife and habitat protection. Thousands of conservation biologists advance the science of healthy ecosystems. WildFutures helps bridge the gap between science and conservation, and helps identify effective and cost-efficient ways of reaching conservation goals. By providing tools and trainings, WildFutures strives to combine the power of networking, the power of people and the power of research and information to strengthen local, state and national efforts to preserve and restore our wild natural heritage.

**2003 Major Accomplishments:**

- Brought 13 top cougar biologists and wildlife managers together for the first time to develop research, management, and conservation guidelines for cougars in the US and Canada;
- Developed a 2003 press packet for 200 PBS stations for “On Nature’s Terms – People and Predators Co-Existing in Harmony”;
- Developed B-Roll tape for NGOs that allows them access to hard-to find film footage. The tape enables wildlife and habitat groups to expand media coverage on important wildlife and habitat conservation issues.
- Funded research of cougar management policies throughout the western United States.

**Funders:** The William H. & Mattie Wattis Harris Foundation; Luster Family Foundation; McCune Charitable Foundation; Margaret T. Morris Foundation; Norcross Wildlife Foundation, Inc.; The Summerlee Foundation; Wilburforce Foundation

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# UniversitÁrea Protegida Nicaragua

[www.earthisland.org/uap](http://www.earthisland.org/uap)

**Director:** Olin Cohan

**Project since:** 1998

**U**niversitÁrea Protegida provides scholarships, training, and support to Nicaraguan University students to conduct scientific research and participate in community-based observation projects and environmental education programs with local NGOs managing natural reserves

## **2003 Major Accomplishments:**

- Contract of cooperation with UNAN Leon, a well-established and respected university in Leon, Nicaragua;
- Thesis work on migratory bird species in the natural reserve “Estero Padre Ramos” conducted by UAP sponsored students;
- Environmental education program brought to rural schools in the reserve “Estero Padre Ramos” by UAP students;
- Teacher training workshop on the environmental education program (November, 2003) given to 30+ teachers and school principles working within the natural reserve “Estero Padre Ramos”;
- Project presentation to 50+ interested students from UNAN Leon to begin student selection process for the year 2004;
- Formation of the student selection commission made up of UAP director and project volunteers, vice-dean of UNAN Leon, and two faculty representatives.
- Project presentations to six local NGOs managing natural reserves to develop research topics and work plans for the year.
- Formation of UAP advisory committee.
- Acceptance as a project of Earth Island Institute.
- Creation of project outreach brochures and web page.

**Funders:** Elvera Bragg; Christine and Matt Davis; Dexter Estate Landscapes; Norman W. Harmon; Susan Pezullo and Bill Johnston; Thomas and Shirley Sutliff

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## Yggdrasil Institute

[www.earthisland.org/yggdrasil](http://www.earthisland.org/yggdrasil)

**Director:** Mary Davis

**Advisory Board:** Bruno Barrillot, John R. Davis, Marlene O'Connor

**Project since:** 1998

**Y**ggdrasil Institute works to further global sustainability. Eastern old-growth forests and the French and US nuclear industries are areas of current work.

### **2003 Major Accomplishments:**

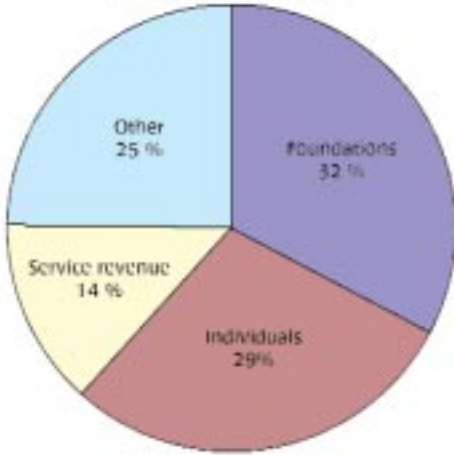
- Publication of a revision of “Old Growth in the East: A Survey.” (Yggdrasil Institute and through it Earth Island Institute has always been one of the sponsors of the Eastern Old-Growth Clearinghouse. Late in 2003 Yggdrasil and Earth Island became the sole sponsor.)
- Maintenance of the eastern old growth web site, including posting a Site of the Month each month.
- Completion of updating of a book on the nuclear industry for Appalachia-Science in the Public Interest.





## Financial information for the year ending 12/31/2003

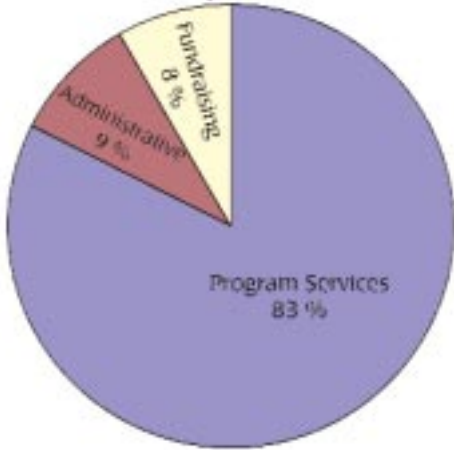
### 2003 Income



### Income

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|-----------------|--------|----------------|
| Foundations     | 32.9%  | \$1,251,548.00 |
| Individuals     | 28.7%  | \$1,092,272.00 |
| Service Revenue | 13.9%  | \$528,344.00   |
| Other           | 24.6%  | \$936,464.00   |
| Total           | 100.0% | \$3,808,628.00 |

### 2003 Expenditures



### Expenditures

|                  |        |                |
|------------------|--------|----------------|
| Program Services | 82.6%  | \$3,369,249.00 |
| Administrative   | 9.0%   | \$368,776.00   |
| Fundraising      | 8.3%   | \$340,515.00   |
| Total            | 100.0% | \$4,078,540.00 |

Earth Island Institute's net assets as of 12/31/03: \$2,298,028

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