



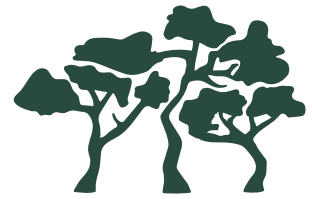
Jane Goodall Institute  
Belgium



# 2022 ANNUAL REPORT



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# ABOUT



## Jane Goodall Institute Belgium

The Jane Goodall Institute Belgium (JGI Be) is one of the 30 chapters of the Jane Goodall Institute across the globe, all coming together under the guidance of JGI Global (JGIG), acting as a conservation organization that advances the vision and work of founder Dr. Jane Goodall.

By protecting chimpanzees and inspiring people to conserve the natural world we share, we improve the lives of animals, people and the environment (APE).

*Today, 1 million out of the 8 million species that live on earth are threatened with immediate extinction while others may disappear within decades. (UN, 2019) Every species has a role to play in their ecosystem and if we do not protect biodiversity and continue over-consuming and wasting natural resources, the ecosystems on which humans depend for their survival will gradually deteriorate irreversibly. This, of course, is what scientists have been predicting for years and what Dr Jane Goodall has been speaking about in every lecture.*

“Everything is connected - everyone can make a difference.

*Jane Goodall*

Established in 2005, the Jane Goodall Institute Belgium has today a team of 4 and around 50 active volunteers who bring to life Jane’s dream of living in harmony with nature.

Find out more about JGI Global at [www.thejanegoodallinstitute.com](http://www.thejanegoodallinstitute.com) and about JGI Belgium at [www.janegoodall.be](http://www.janegoodall.be)



# OUR FOCUS



## The **Leaves**: Our global impact

Our impact is not just in Belgium, but we also work internationally through our projects in Africa and the connection with the global JGI network. We have a holistic approach that impacts animals, people and the environment (APE).



## The **Branches**: What we do

**Youth empowerment:** Roots & Shoots programs

**National impact:** Forest in One Day

**International impact:** Reforestation activities in Africa, habitat and chimpanzee protection

**Awareness raising:** planting trees to protect habitats and the chimpanzees.



## The **Trunk**: Tree Planting

Our main focus is on tree planting, creating forests through our afforestation and reforestation activities in Belgium and Africa.



## The **Roots**: Roots & Shoots / Jane's Legacy

Kids are the future and the roots of our organisation through our Roots & Shoots program.

Dr. Jane Goodall gives us inspiration and drives the core of our organisation. We want to keep highlighting this connection and grow through her work.



# MESSAGE FROM OUR CO-CHAIRS



Hege  
Hellstrom



Paul  
Maassen

We are delighted to present the 2022 annual report of JGI Belgium and express our gratitude for your continued support. Your donations, volunteering, and spreading of Jane's message of hope have allowed us to make significant progress in our mission.

Our absolute highlight of the year was Jane's visit to Belgium, where she shared her message of hope and inspired over a thousand people at her public lecture in Brussels. We had the honour of having Zakia Khattabi, the federal minister of the environment, open the Evening of Hope, during which Jane spoke on the subject of animal intelligence and the need to reconsider our unsustainable lifestyles. The event was a resounding success, and one of our favourite parts of the trip was when Jane honoured our volunteers on stage.

We also continued our important work on reforestation with our sponsor Luminus and in collaboration with De Bosgroepen, and Sylva Nova. Thanks to their support, we were able to plant nearly 15,000 trees in Belgium and over 1.2 million in Burundi, a remarkable achievement! We are proud to have welcomed Prime Minister De Croo and other dignitaries to plant trees with us, and we were thrilled to participate in the national tree planting event, Forest in One Day, where over 700 people planted 15,000 trees at two different locations in Belgium.

On the governance front, we welcomed three new team members to head up all R&S, communication, and administration work, a very welcome addition to our organization. For an organization that is financially dependent on donations, we are grateful to all our dedicated partners, sponsors, and donors, enabling us to close the year with a net result of € 12.766,45.

A final word of thanks goes to our executive director Anouska and our many volunteers - including our General Assembly and fellow Board members. Without their tireless volunteering, we would not have managed to make a success of 2023.

Jane says "everyone can make a difference," and we could not agree more. Thanks to all of you, we are in good shape to deliver on our ambitious strategy. Once again, thank you for your continued support.

Handwritten signature of Hege Hellstrom in black ink.

Handwritten signature of Paul Maassen in black ink.

# MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Anouska  
Plasmeijer



Tragic world events including the Russian invasion of Ukraine and widespread catastrophic heatwaves and flooding dominated the year 2022. It is challenging to maintain hope, as assessments from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change forecast that our climate is changing irreversibly. Yet, hope is what drives us at the Jane Goodall Institute. Inspired by our iconic founder, we strongly believe that every person can make a difference for animals, people, and the environment. One individual might accomplish a small impact, but by joining our efforts the results can be astonishing.

The energy of youth, the power of the human brain, the resilience of nature, and the unbreakable human spirit are Dr. Jane's main reasons for hope. But hope is not enough by itself; hope is about action! And this is just what we have been doing all year. This 2022 annual report demonstrates our level of activity. Efforts which would not have been possible without the crucial support of our many funders, sponsors, and supporters. I appreciate your kindness and faith in us, and I thank you for that.

My personal highlight for 2022 is that we quadrupled our staff! Our Roots & Shoots Coordinator, Céline, joined us in April with the goal of empowering young people in Belgium and motivating them to take action in their communities. Supported by the QiGreen Foundation, she has been expanding our R&S program from which we've already seen great results. Then, in October, two more colleagues joined us as a result of a project grant from the Government of Flanders; Lana assists us with many organisational and administrative issues and Uli is our communications coordinator, leading a group of volunteers to ensure our outreach on a variety of fronts. The cheerful spirit and tireless energy from our wonderful intern Iro were a blessing when the preparations for Jane's visit in December were in full swing. Together, we've been putting meaning to the term girl-power!

And yes, there was Jane... And yes, she is every bit as remarkable, sharp, witty, and inspirational as you might think. With her public and private appearances she moved so many hearts. It was a delight to see Jane in action for a few days as much as it is an honour to lead the organisation she founded in Belgium on a daily basis with the support of our amazing team, volunteers and board members.

Hopeful regards,

Anouska  
Plasmeijer

# 1. REFORESTATION & AFFORESTATION ACTIVITIES



Our annual tree planting activity creates ecosystems, attracts wildlife and brings the local community together. These are perfect examples of how our sponsors' and volunteers' work make Jane Goodall's dream come true: to live in harmony with nature. Our tree planting actions bring people of all ages and backgrounds together to plant forests – breaking down barriers between religions, cultures, old and young, rich and poor, and between us and the natural world.

Forest planting actions create new forests and highlight the vital role of trees not only when it comes to oxygenation, but also to reduce carbon sequestration and to optimize soil stabilization. Forests, and the trees in it, are heroes in enabling the life of wild species.

The Jane Goodall Institute, which has planted already more than 4.8 million trees in Burundi since 2006, is supporting reforestation efforts there with their tree-planting programs. In conjunction with Roots & Shoots Burundi and the local communities, a dozen trees are planted in Burundi for every tree planted in Belgium.





# FOREST IN ONE DAY

Our annual forest planting event, creating an ecosystem, attracting wildlife and bringing together the local community is the perfect example of how the Jane Goodall Belgium team of volunteers and sponsors work to bring to life Jane Goodall's dream to live in harmony with nature. It joins people of all ages and cultures to create a forest in one day.

Since starting this event in 2014, we have planted about 100.000 indigenous trees in Belgium to create forests. For every tree we plant, we plant 10 trees in one of our community conservation and reforestation projects in Africa.

All our Roots & Shoots groups are invited to this event.

On February 6th, over 700 people came together for "Forest in One Day," our tree planting event sponsored by Luminus, and in collaboration with De Bosgroepen and Sylva Nova. Together, we planted a whopping 15.000 trees at two different locations in Belgium.

The tree planting activities took place in Halen and Waasmunster on the 6th of February. The tree planting in Crisnée was postponed until February 13th because of the heavy weather conditions.

In Halen, volunteers planted 5.725 trees in just one day. This was no small feat, as the site had previously been a diseased coniferous forest that had been weakened by climate change. Despite having to clear-cut some of the area, the team transformed it into a mixed, climate-smart forest. They chose a healthy mix of tree species, which made the forest stronger, more biodiverse, and less sensitive to diseases and plagues. Plus, they planted indigenous species like pedunculate oak, sessile oak, hornbeam, and sycamore maple, as well as climate-smart species like swamp oak, mulberry, sweet chestnut, and tree hazel. This ensures that the forest will be even more resilient and able to absorb the maximum amount of CO2.

In Crisnée, the mayor wanted to plant as many trees as there were inhabitants!

We were very grateful for everyone's support at this annual event. Whether you're planting trees or making other environmentally conscious choices, every little bit helps!





## How are our trees doing?

Through the help of sponsors, technical partners, volunteers, and individual donations, we were able to plant 20 forests in 4 different areas throughout Belgium by the end of 2022. Despite some challenges due to storms and other difficult weather conditions, our trees are thriving thanks to the expertise of our partners. We experienced some loss of saplings due to drought in recent years, but our partners regularly monitor the forests and replace dead trees.



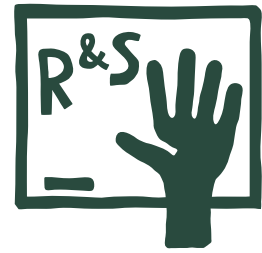
By planting trees on a large scale, we can really do something about climate change and biodiversity loss. Hopefully, in the future, this will lead to more forest expansion than net forest loss, both in Burundi and in Belgium. When Jane Goodall began her well-known research on chimpanzees, deforestation was not her primary concern. Now, 60 years later, it is central to achieving what she believes in.

*Anouska Plasmeijer*

## Collaboration with atlasGO

The users of the atlasGO app and their clients have been very active to turn hope into action, as jointly they have supported the planting of over 100.000 trees in Burundi in 2022! This collaboration allows us to expand the chimpanzees' habitats and to take precautionary measures to avoid erosion by planting on the hilly mountains in the Southern provinces of Burundi. Our teams in Burundi work in close collaboration with local communities, and provide workshops for youth and tree planting events at schools to increase local awareness about the values of healthy ecosystems and the animals living in forests. Thank you atlasGO and your sweaty change makers!

## 2. ROOTS & SHOOTS



In April 2022, our full time Roots & Shoots (R&S) coordinator Céline was employed with funds from the QiGreen foundation. The objective of this funding was to enable JGI Belgium to professionalize the R&S program in Belgium in order to increase the scale, quality and impact of this program.

### Specific objectives include:

- Increase awareness of- and support for the R&S program amongst Belgian youth and other stakeholders (volunteers, teachers, partners)
- Development of communication and workshop handouts and materials
- Translate and amend content from existing material from the R&S international programs into our local context
- Establish strong partnerships in Belgium to scale up the program and impact
- In a second phase: to share with the international members of R&S our learnings and results from Belgium, creating strong links between local and global young change makers.





## R&S content, workshops and activities

In 2022, 7 workshops have been given to youngsters, reaching more than 153 children in schools. Additionally, 175 youngsters took part in R&S activities during special events such as International Chimp Day (14th of July), Sonian Day (16th of October) and the Animal film projection (22nd of May). The aim of these activities was to educate them about nature and sustainability, in a playful way, with a focus on respect and care for nature, animals and the environment. A group of students and their teacher of De Kleurdoos were also invited to participate in the ceremonial tree planting with Dr. Jane Goodall in Genval on the 3rd of December.

To sum up, more than 320 Belgian children have been reached and sensibilised through our R&S program in 2022

**Workshop material and activities** have been developed in French, Dutch and English. The themes of workshops at schools and themes of info sessions at events that have been taught to children during these past months are the following:

- Chimpanzees + sustainability tips (workshop in Dutch, French and English)
- SDG's (workshop in Dutch)
- Reducing ecological footprint (activity in French, Dutch and English)
- Biodiversity (activity in French, Dutch and English)
- Forest (activity in French, Dutch and English)







## Communication & partnerships

In 2022, we collaborated with 6 schools/youth organizations, including the University of Liège. In 2023, several other schools will take part to our R&S workshops/activities and some even expressed their interest to become Roots & Shoots schools.

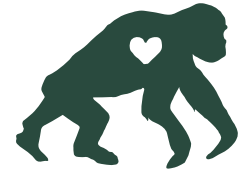
We also collaborated and established partnerships with different organisations such as Green office (ULG), GoodPlanet Belgium, Canal it Up, WWF, Museum of Natural sciences and TADA.

- **Green office** (ULG): Projection of the Animal movie and organise biodiversity challenges with university students based on the movie
- **WWF**: Workshop on plastic pollution (escape game)
- **TADA**: (short for ToekomstATELIERdelAvenir) is a network that works on the integration and emancipation of Brussels' socially most vulnerable teenagers and their entourage → planning on organising several workshops there.
- **Canal It up**: Clean Brussel's canal with a class on the International Water Day and possible long term collaboration on plastic pollution
- **Museum of natural sciences**: Projection of the Animal movie to celebrate World Biodiversity Day





# 3. ANIMAL PROTECTION



At least 3.000 endangered great apes, including orangutans, gorillas, bonobos and chimpanzees are lost from the wild every year. It is estimated that more than 22.000 apes were killed or captured to be sold between 2005 and 2011. About two thirds of the apes lost are chimpanzees. The figures the Jane Goodall Institute has on this crime are drawn from seizures made by authorities, but sadly, many more apes are likely stolen beyond those discovered.

It is estimated that by 2050 all great apes may become extinct – this would be an invaluable loss. Chimpanzees are our closest relative in the animal world, sharing 98% of our DNA. Moreover, we now know thanks to the discoveries of Dr. Jane Goodall, that chimpanzees are sentient beings with different characters and personalities.

To save and protect great apes and chimpanzees, the Jane Goodall Institute globally has a threefold approach: raising awareness, law enforcements and creating and supporting sanctuaries. JGI Belgium supports and organizes fundraising activities for this approach.





## Chimpanzee Protection

One of our objectives is to raise funds for JGI's projects that focus on the protection of chimpanzees and their well-being in Africa. Through the year, but particularly with Jane's visit, our fundraising activities took full flight.

Situated within a 1.000 hectare, Umhloti Nature Reserve, Chimp Eden or the South Africa Chimpanzee Sanctuary are the home to chimps that have been displaced from their natural habitats in Africa. Chimp Eden was established in 2006 and is the first and only chimpanzee sanctuary in South Africa. This chimpanzee sanctuary brings the world of chimpanzees closer to civilization through education and eco-tourism.

In Senegal, the Dindéfélo Community Nature Reserve and the activities of JGI in Senegal, an ecotourism model has been created to contribute to the sustainable development of the community as well as to the conservation of the chimpanzee and their environment.



In what terms should we think of these beings, nonhuman yet possessing so very many human-like characteristics? How should we treat them? Surely we should treat them with the same consideration and kindness as we show to other humans; and as we recognize human rights, so too should we recognize the rights of the great apes? Yes.

*Jane Goodall*





## Chimp Eden

It was a tumultuous year at Chimp Eden. The sanctuary is still feeling the repercussions of the Covid Crisis and decrease of their income that comes from ecotourism. But because they remain committed to their goals and the chimpanzees, all the animals at the sanctuary can continue to live healthy lives. One large setback they experienced, was when Amari broke her leg shortly after her fourth birthday. However, the employees and local vets all worked together to give her the best possible care and in 2022, the leg successfully healed. She is now back to her playful self. In 2022, Chimp Eden also took several measures to ensure the continued safety of their employees, visitors and chimpanzees, like building new tunnels or strengthening their protective fences.

## Dindefelo

At the Dindefelo Community Nature Reserve, they have put a lot of effort into the study of wild chimpanzees. A big scientific paper was published the year before, describing innovative methods of examining the health of the animals without disturbing them, using faeces. They continue this constant monitoring of chimpanzee health with their large, biannual studies. They also performed these in 2022 and concluded that the chimpanzees in the sanctuary remain happy and healthy. The study allowed the employees and researchers to examine their behavioural differences in the wet and dry season. Thanks to the support of the Jane Goodall Institute, these large monitoring events remain possible, which is the only way to ensure that the chimpanzees in Dindefelo are doing well.



# 4. ADVOCACY



JGI Belgium works on advocacy efforts where it aligns with our JGI values, joining key campaigns and supporting like-minded organisations to further our beliefs and goals.

## EU Deforestation

This year, JGI highlighted the urgent need to act against deforestation, a problem that has worsened over the years, especially with the EU's increasing demand for food and foodstuff. The EU is responsible for 16% of the world's forest destruction, and the recent forest fires in Europe further highlight the need for immediate action. In September, the European Parliament voted on a regulation on deforestation-free products, and JGI is urged its members to engage with their national MEPs in the lead-up to the vote. JGI was also part of the WWF-EU led Together4Forests Campaign, which aims to protect forests, natural ecosystems, and human rights worldwide. JGI encouraged its members to support the campaign and contact their MEPs to urge them to vote in favour of the proposed law.



### JANE'S ADVOCACY AT THE BIODIVERSITY COP15

We must get together and take action, now, to restore biodiversity to places we have destroyed and to protect the wilderness areas we have left. Only then can we hope for the survival of people, animals, and the environment of the planet which we call home.

*Jane Goodall*



## New Year's message from Jane Goodall to Minister Ben Weyts: "Stop keeping dolphins in captivity"



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Passionate about improving the welfare of all animals, Jane Goodall sent a New Year's message to Minister Ben Weyts, Flemish Minister for Animal. In collaboration with GAIA, she made a direct appeal for the closing of the dolphinarium in Bruges. Flanders is the only region in Belgium that still allows dolphins to be kept and bred in captivity. Dolphins are highly intelligent animals and sentient beings who deserve to lead a more natural life. The dolphins in Belgium would be best off to be moved to a marine sanctuary and not to be kept for human entertainment. "Dolphins, with their big brains, deserve nothing less," Jane Goodall concluded her video message.

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The least I can do is speak out for the hundreds of chimpanzees who, right now, sit hunched, miserable and without hope, staring out with dead eyes from their metal prisons. They cannot speak for themselves.

*Jane Goodall*

# 5. GRANTS



The Jane Goodall Institute received two project grants in 2022 to expand our activities and capacity. They were granted by both QiGreen and the Government of Flanders. Thanks to these project grants, we have been able to expand the team with a Roots & Shoots coordinator, a Communications coordinator, and an Administration & Volunteers coordinator.

## Qi Green

The QiGreen Foundation is supporting the development of the Roots & Shoots program in Belgium. For the first time, we have a full-time R&S coordinator, which allows us to develop more thematic workshops on topics related to sustainable development such as biodiversity, forests, reduction of plastics, chimpanzees, and swifts. Teaching materials are being developed in three languages, focusing on activities for young people during our events in schools and tree planting activities.

The aim of the project is also to exchange experiences with other Roots & Shoots groups and programs in Europe as well as in the global South.

We would be nowhere without our volunteers, and the project grant allows us to recruit and train volunteers to increase our reach.

## Flemish government

Both the Roots & Shoots program as well as our tree planting activities are the focus of the project 'Contributing to a healthier planet with actions for animals, people, and the environment', for which we received a grant from the Flemish government.

More specifically, the project is about the realisation and planting of 14.000–21.000 trees per year to realise roughly 28–42 ha of forest per in Flanders during this project. To realise this, we count on the active support of JGI's partners, local populations, and schoolchildren. Through education and awareness raising, we aim to increase the understanding of forests and trees among a wider audience. The 'Roots & Shoots' emphasis is on providing a large number of young people with opportunities to interact with nature, and to educate them about nature. Young people who are in need and who are underprivileged are given special consideration.

# 6. PARTNERS



We are very appreciative of the ongoing assistance from our private members and donors, as well as the corporations and organizations listed below for being our partners in action, their donations, and their other forms of support to JGI Belgium.



# 7. ACTIVITIES

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We want to reach a large audience and motivate people to take action, either by contributing to our programs or joining our volunteers in helping us plant thousands of trees. In this section you can read more details of the kind of activities JGI Be has been undertaking in 2022.





# GENERAL ACTIVITIES



## Pakawi Park

Our presence at Pakawi Park in Olmen was the highlight of July 2022! To mark World Chimpanzee Day, we had a stand in this beautiful zoo which is home to 5 chimpanzees: Sammeke, Bieke, Con-Khi, Izzy and Jimmy. The purpose of our presence was not only to celebrate our closest relatives and raise funds but also to create awareness for Jane Goodall's work. Our Roots & Shoots team and volunteers organised fun activities for children, with facts about chimpanzees. Our games and tombola were a great success and put big smiles on the faces of the winners!

We are also following up on the planning of a new home for the apes and monkeys of the park. Pakawi Park wishes to improve their welfare and is fundraising for the construction of Monkey Island: a larger, more elaborate enclosure where the animals will have more freedom of movement and which is more in tune with their natural habitat.

Thank you Pakawi Park, visitors, volunteers, and donors!







## Animal Screening

The award-winning documentary ANIMAL of director Cyril Dion was the highlight of two screenings of the movie in Brussels. We organised these events in collaboration with the Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences. The film explores our relationship with animals and the environment through the eyes of two youngsters. Amongst others, they interviewed Dr. Jane Goodall to get her view on how we treat animals these days and what young people can do to make much needed changes.

For the occasion of World Biodiversity Day, we organised a screening for JGI's supporters, partners and other professionals followed by a public screening a few days later. Museum visitors were invited to spend the day at the Museum of the Royal Belgium Institute of Natural Sciences and watch the documentary as well. Through the screening, we aimed to highlight the importance of biodiversity and encourage viewers to appreciate the natural world.

## Nerland Festival

In June, attendees at the Nerland festival had the opportunity to learn about chimpanzees and other apes from behavioural biologist and former JGI Global President Patrick van Veen. Among the many fascinating behaviours discussed was the well-known grooming behaviour in chimpanzees, which involves searching for parasites in each other's fur. Van Veen shared that this behaviour not only provides health benefits, but is also a key part of their socialisation and relaxation. A well attended and insightful event!



## Sonian Forest Day



In October 2022, we set up shop in the UNESCO World Heritage Site of the Sonian Forest to spread the word about our mission to protect and restore forests in Belgium and Africa. We invited people passing by to join in on some fun nature activities while learning about our cause. Our JGI even turned some kids into little chimps and sold cool stuff to support our African projects. It was a fun and educational day out in nature for everyone involved!



We are not asking for charity to help save the wildlife - and ultimately the people - of African forests. We are asking for a collective investment in the future and in a legacy that we can be proud of. We do not have much time left. We must act now.

*Jane Goodall*

## Water Days

The Brussels Water Days in March are an annual event to highlight the importance of water to people, but also for the animals living in and around the waters in our capital. During this event, JGI Belgium organised Roots & Shoots activities near the Mellaert ponds in Woluwe Saint Pierre. Visitors, mainly children, were encouraged to study water samples from the pond with magnifying glasses and microscopes.

Young and old alike displayed awe at all the tiny life in the pond's water! And each time, this provided a justification for highlighting how crucial it is to maintain the cleanliness of the ponds and the area around them in order to protect even the life in the water that is frequently not immediately apparent.





# JANE'S VISIT



On December 2nd, 2022, Dr. Jane Goodall visited Belgium for a two-day trip that left a lasting impact on the hearts and souls of thousands of attendees at The Square Brussels. The evening event, "An Evening of Hope," was opened by the federal minister of environment, Zakia Khattabi, who promised to do her best to keep high ambitions for the protection of global biodiversity in preparation for the upcoming COP15.

Throughout the evening, attendees were filled with inspiration, admiration, laughter, and hope as Jane shared her story, including examples of animal intelligence and the long road it took for animals to be considered sentient beings. She emphasized the need to rethink unsustainable lifestyles and the reality that "most of us have so much more than we need. We are stealing young people's future." This fact inspired her to initiate the Roots & Shoots program, which has encouraged hundreds of thousands of young people all over the world to take action to save the planet.



Jane also described the resilience of our planet to recover if given a chance, stating that "the window is closing. We need to take action now." The message was reinforced by the Roots & Shoots group of high school students from the Campus Caputsteen in Mechelen, who performed an empowering song on stage.



Anouska Plasmeijer, the director of Jane Goodall Institute Belgium, thanked Jane for coming to Belgium after a three-year wait, as the previous visit planned for early 2020 was canceled due to the COVID situation. Anouska also highlighted the crucial role that volunteers play within the organisation's work, and called for urgent support for the Chimp Eden sanctuary which still suffers from reduced numbers of visitors after the pandemic.



The unforgettable evening was moderated by the environmentalist Ignace Schops and hosted in collaboration with Humanistisch Verbond and Forest Fwd. The event received sponsorship from Barbie in honour of the Dr Jane Goodall Barbie which was launched earlier this year. The event received extensive media coverage, with Flemish and Walloon press and television present. Overall, Dr. Jane Goodall's visit left a profound impact on attendees and served as a reminder of the power of small local actions to make a difference.

We would like to thank all of the volunteers who helped make our event successful, especially those who traveled all the way from Germany and the Netherlands.





## GALA evening & Charity auction

An exclusive gala dinner was held on 3 December, in Martin's Château du Lac hotel in Genval. The evening was all about raising funds for two of JGI's chimpanzee protection projects in Africa; the Chimp Eden Sanctuary in South Africa and the Dindéfelo Community Nature Reserve in Senegal. (see page for more info)

After a warm welcome by John Martin, founder of the venue, our guests enjoyed a delicious vegan dinner.



The Gala evening, Jane's attendance, and our distinguished guests gave us a wonderful opportunity to thank some exceptional people. Tanya Pérez was praised for her outstanding dedication to our institute. Tanya was JGI Belgium's president for several years and helped JGI Belgium get through a period of change, which helped us become the organization we are today. She was given a special gift by Jane.

Koen Margodt was also highlighted by us. He founded JGI Belgium and is currently co-chair of the JGI Ethics Committee. He was also instrumental in establishing an international cooperation between JGI and Allen & Overy, which provides pro bono legal assistance to numerous JGI chapters.

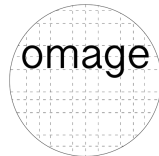


Finally, Jane publicly honored the director of Goodplanet, Jo Van Cauwenberge, for his commitment to safeguard biodiversity at GoodPlanet for more than 25 years.



Amongst the top moments at the gala were the Auction during which several fine art paintings and photographs, and other fine goods were auctioned to our generous guests. Also the tombola items were cheerfully received by the guests with winning tickets. We were very pleased and proud to have been able to raise €34.260 through our charity auction at Martin's hotel.

A special thanks to all our sponsors of the auction and tombola:







The Martin's hotel opened the grounds for the event and Jane's convenience so that we could plant some symbolic trees there with our tree-planting partners, R&S groups and Minister Demir.



# 8. FINANCIAL RESULTS



Income	2022	2021
Donations (private)	30.224,34	16.802,97
Donations (legacy)		108.972,53
Donations (corporate)	50.464,30	99.632,66
Forest in One Day event	18.000,00	32.075,36
Subsidies	16.917,00	
Grants	40.729,00	
Merchandising	4.458,00	1.852,50
Lectures	5.000,00	5.000,00
Silent Auction		3.408,00
Lecture and Gala	99.769,00	-
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>265.561,64</b>	<b>267.744,02</b>

Expenses	2022	2021
Staff related costs	66.487,46	43.431,11
Lecture and Gala	59.198,10	
Roots and Shoots	47.367,47	
Event costs	4.214,89	3.506,04
Animal welfare programs in Africa	38.772,50	106.950,00
Tree planting in African programs	32.500,00	60.821,00
Tree planting in Belgium	16.517,84	10.397,56
Cost of materials	6.022,96	2.405,15
JGI Global contribution	2.492,79	2.114,00
Telecom, internet, banking costs and audit fee	4.754,09	4.065,06
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>278.328,09</b>	<b>233.689,92</b>

Net Result	(12.766,45)	34.054,10

Net assets	2022	2021
Cash and cash equivalents	319.805,46	223.400,15
Stock	1.854,98	4.524,00
Receivables	27.990,92	6.287,35
Payables	(226.413,27)	(98.206,96)
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>123.238,10</b>	<b>136.004,54</b>



# FINANCIAL STATEMENT



At JGI, accountability and transparency are crucial. Through our annual reports and financial statements, we have the chance to share highlights from our programmes, the impact they are having, and how we use the funding from our donors to make this work possible.

To make sure that as much money as possible supports our programs, we keep an eye on every expenditure. We aim to provide genuine, transformative results while maximising the impact of our donors' contribution because we cherish their trust and dedication.

The profits of the charity auction in December allowed us to send a significant donation to our African chimpanzee projects, and we also managed to continue our support for the Burundian reforestation activities thanks to our corporate partners and private donors. Two new grants made it possible to expand the team and increase our activities in the field of Roots and Shoots as well as our Forest in One Day reforestation events. This made up for the drop in corporate donations received. All in all, 32% of our total expenditures including funds and expenses were provided to animal welfare and conservation programs. An additional 17% of our total outflows were spent on Roots & Shoots activities, a significant increase compared to previous years.

We ended the financial year 2022 with a net result of EUR -12.766 which has decreased our net assets to EUR 123.238. We maintain a comfortable reserve for the next financial year and for future funding initiatives.

Our accounts are audited by Aelvoet, Saman & Partners represented by Wendy Saman.