



SONG SAA
FOUNDATION

ANNUAL REPORT 2017

LAND. WATER. PEOPLE.





MISSION:

With a focus on protecting marine life, the Song Saa Foundation is committed to the rehabilitation, preservation, and continued growth of ocean habitats in the coastal and marine zone of Cambodia.

VISION:

A flourishing ecosystem of marine life that contributes stabilization and healthy habitats to the natural development of Cambodia.



GOALS:

Provide leadership and innovation in protecting Cambodia's coastal marine environment.

Enhance the regenerative, resilient, and restorative powers of natural marine eco-systems and communities.

Build awareness of marine conservation, environmental protection and sustainable community development.



ACHIEVEMENT



SSF completed the “Koh Rong Climate Change Adaptation Initiative” Plan International Cambodia / Asian Development Bank Grant - \$49,900 USD



1700 mangroves seedlings planted (in 5 years), during our 5th community based ‘World Ocean Day’ Celebrations



5th successful International Medical Relief Mission on the Archipelago



18 Boat of Hope missions conducted; 562 school children reached



390 packs of school supplies given out across the archipelago



Almost 2 tons of trash removed from the ocean



14 Marine Conservation Education workshops; reaching 664 community members



Acquired additional funding to build a secondary school in Prek Svay Village

A person wearing a wide-brimmed straw hat and a patterned scarf stands against a blue wooden wall. The person is wearing a white long-sleeved shirt and light-colored trousers. Their hands are clasped in front of them. The background is a wall made of vertical blue wooden planks.

FROM THE FOUNDERS

2017 has been a big year for the foundation. Our operations, distribution and success would not have been possible without the invaluable support of our donors and partners. Throughout this year the foundation developed new ways to refine its operational and technical platforms to reduce costs and therefore ensure an increment in donations available to support our activities. With time, evidence continues to compound the reality that our surrounding eco-system is under threat. Both under-water and on terra-firma, the Song Saa Foundation must remain astute and resolute to its mission and goals. Education and provision of necessary support to local populace ensure that a long-term foundation is laid to ensure an awareness of surrounding and human impact to the archipelago. Further support and action is needed in face of this consistent threat to our beautiful corner of the world. We will continue to lead by example in Cambodia. We look forward to succeeding, together, in the pursuit of our goals in the coming years and envision further scaling of operations and initiatives.

Kind regards,
Melita & Rory



GOVERNANCE & TRANSPARENCY

KEY FIGURES:

- Income in 2017: \$108,393
 - Expenditure in 2017: \$123,296
(Program \$61,322, General and Administrative \$61,974)
 - Deficit over expenditure: (\$14,903)
 - Pending Prior years reserve adjustment: \$36,201 *
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- Adjusted Surplus of income over expenditure: \$21,298

2017 saw Major project expenditure through engagement in:

- Marine conservation activities, including:
 - establishment of a volunteer expedition programme
 - coral reef survey initiative, a marine sedimentation module, completion and publication of marine research, and continuation of community fisheries marine patrols
- Mangrove and sea-grass conservation initiatives
- Health and wellbeing initiatives
 - Annual medical outreach with International Medical Relief
- Outreach activities based around the 'Boat of Hope'
- Solid waste management, livelihood support and underwater cultural heritage projects. The creation and coordination of a dedicated youth education programme, the Song Saa Sea Turtles, with a special focus on environmental education
- Trial of marine sedimentation module: Scuba diving survey to assess marine sedimentation rate in the Koh Rong archipelago
- Volunteer expedition programme: incorporates the 'Tropical Marine Conservation Programme', including sustainability centre rent, research boat rent, local staff training workshops, technical assistance fees, and expedition running costs
- Development of permanent survey transects: the development and pilot study of deploying permanent survey transects at selected marine survey sites, to facilitate ongoing data collection of marine health

* Due to status of Foundation registration at time of audit, this amount is omitted by auditing party. This reserve amount will be reflected in a reduced salary expenditure in 2018.

INITIATIVES



Boat of Hope:

- 18 Missions completed
- 562 Children attending workshops
- 90 Library of Hope books distributed
- 86 Health and hygiene packs delivered
- 390 School supplies distributed
- All 5 communities along the Koh Rong archipelago participated.

Plan International Cambodia / Asian Development Bank (Water harvesting/ Climate change)

- Construction of two rain water catchments in Prek Svay village; 60,000 L rain water reserved to distribution to the villagers during peak dry season February - April. Supply clean drinking and cooking water.
- Distributing 245 "hydrologic Enterprise" ceramic water filters to Prek Svay and Daem Thkov Village. The water filters eliminate 99.9% of all microbes in the water, this intervention greatly lowers the risk of water borne diseases.
- Publication of a Climate Change knowledge sharing photo storybook – "More Storms, No Water", a documentation of the effects and challenges of climate change, on rural coastal communities.
- Installation of a water filtration system at Prek Svay Primary School. Giving 175 students direct access to clean drinking water while studying.

Greater Opportunities Scholarship



"I have been at the Cambodian Children's Fund for 11 months and have never had any problems with other children and staff. CCF now feels like living at home too. Sometimes really miss my family on Koh Rong [but] I am so happy to live in CCF because I can study many subjects, including English. I actually feel more comfortable at CCF than living on the island."

Srey Oun,
Great Opportunities
Scholarship Recipient



Solid Waste Management

- 7250 trash bags collected in the community
- 18,125 kg (almost 2 tons);
- 115 USD Revenue through cost sharing with the community;
- 18 waste transfers to the mainland



International Medical Relief

Six clinics over 5 days, focusing on eye health,

- 33 members joined from the US (including 5 non-medical support)
- 12 Khmer medical interns
- 606 Patients seen over the 6 day clinics
- 900 eye glasses/ sun glasses distributed
- 150 children attending the community health workshops

In the last 4 years IMR/SSF in total have treated 3,241 patients with 204 volunteers, the value up through 2016 was nearly \$6.4million USD.

A person wearing a white long-sleeved shirt and a wide-brimmed straw hat with a black ribbon is rowing a wooden boat. The person is seen from the side, holding a long wooden oar. The background shows a body of water with a bright sunset or sunrise, creating a warm, golden glow. The boat's interior is visible, showing wooden planks and a red structure.

STAFF

"Working for Song Saa Foundation has been a very rewarding experience. The Founders' continual dedication to supporting the vulnerable communities along the KRA is nothing sort of inspiring. Specifically, their impact on Prek Svay Village; having lived on coastal Cambodia for two years, I have never seen a fishing village so clean of marine pollution. The 'Solid Waste Management Programme', the longest standing SSF project, proves what can be accomplished with determination, education and continuous support."

Laurel Mackinnon
Environment Manager

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