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INTRODUCTION

The oceans cover 70% of the earth's surface and their essential role in the planet environmental balance, biodiversity and as providers of resources as well as basic services for the maintenance of human well-being is beyond doubt. It is not surprising that United Nations has proclaimed the period 2021-2030 the Decade of Ocean Sciences for Sustainable Development in order to bring fully support for countries in achieving the Development Goal Sustainable n° 14: «Marine life».

Oceanic temperature, chemical composition, currents and wildlife are the engine of global systems that make the Earth a habitat for uncountable species and the way we manage them will be decisive for counteracting the effects of climate change. That is why UNESCO is in charge of summoning the global ocean community to dedicate the next ten years to achieve the ocean we need for the future we want.

Our common goal is to protect and preserve biodiversity with the possibility of its sustainable use by current and future generations. In doing so, we intend to build on the message of the Right of Future Generations. Costa Rica's oceanic territory is rich in natural resources that deserve national and international attention from the general public, politicians and scientists, and the media, with a joint effort to protect it and use it fairly without illegal or extreme fishing without inequitable and ocean-destroying fishing methods. We fully agree with the OSN's vision, the Decade of Ocean Research for Sustainable Development, in which the Forest For Children - Justice for Nature intend to participate effectively. Our visions include the protection of marine biodiversity and its systematic monitoring, ocean cleaning, scientific research and environmental education for children and the general public. Our organization is using its experience and capabilities to strengthen the protection of ocean's natural heritage and resources, and will support a new generation of oceanographers and technicians by creating new research opportunities and technologies. We are open to cooperation and assistance to Central American countries, starting with Costa Rica, to achieve the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

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1. BRIEF DESCRIPTION AND VISION OF THE PROJECT

Eye of the Ocean is a unique global project that the NGO Forest for the Ocean - Justice for Nature has decided to bring to Costa Rica, inviting other NGOs, SINAC (National System of Protected Areas of Costa Rica), national marine parks, scientists, marine biologists or schools to work together to strengthen the protection of the ocean and its biodiversity not only in Costa Rica, but in the whole Pacific part of Central America.

The Eye of the Ocean project intends to address the conservation, education, media, research and monitoring links between the Osa Peninsula (Golfo Dulce), ACG Guanacaste and the Thermal Dome in Costa Rican waters. This Costa Rican Pacific Ocean territory abounds in incredible natural wealth with up to 5% representation of the world's ocean biodiversity. Because of its richness, this vast territory is also under pressure from illegal fishing or overfishing, which, particularly around Thermal Dome is devastating the unique ocean biodiversity and potential future food sources for generations to come.

The Eye of the Ocean project is thus proposing to control, protect, monitor and research through its own boat, all in collaboration with scientists and the Costa Rican state conservation agency SINAC, including media visibility of the problem of overfishing or illegal fishing in the areas. This mission includes beach and ocean cleanups or educational programs for children and youth, which will become part of Eye of the Ocean and its message to future generations. We intend to continue the work of such oceanographic greats as our role model, the legendary Jacques-Yves Cousteau, and to play our part in protecting the world's natural ocean heritage in the 21st century



2. DESCRIPTION OF AREAS OF INTEREST

2.1. AXIS PENINSULA

This is a peninsula located in southwestern Costa Rica in the province of Puntarenas. This peninsula is home to more than half of the animal species living in the country. The Corcovado National Park is located here. The Osa Peninsula includes the huge Golfo Dulce, a tropical bay with a maximum depth of 800 m. It is believed that female bronze hammerheads come here to give birth to their young from as far away as Cocos Island or the Galapagos Islands. It is from the Osa Peninsula that the ridge of seamounts, of which Cocos Island and the Galapagos Islands are a part, rises. The Drake Bay area and Caño Island and Uvita Islands on the western Pacific coast of Costa Rica are visited annually by northern and southern humpback whale populations that come here to mate and give birth to their young. A very important feature of this area is the continental break between the Cocos and Caribbean plates, which extends along the coast for 30 to 50 km. This zone is also extremely rich in underwater biodiversity, but is also a victim of illegal or excessive uncontrolled fishing.



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2.2. ACG GUANACASTE - SANTA ROSA NP

Although Santa Rosa NP has a total area of just over 815 km², the entire 425 km² of this area is a marine protected zone of particular importance. There are unique coastal areas with beaches where sea turtles lay their eggs in large numbers, places where the top predators of the American jaguar are known to feed on sea turtles, and important seabird habitats. Underwater life is very important, especially in the Murcielago Islands, where whitetip sharks, whale sharks, bronze hammerheads and Pacific manta rays are found. The area is also important economically in terms of tourism, particularly in the area of diving.

2.3. COSTA RICA'S THERMAL DOME

The Costa Rican Thermal Dome, is a 300 to 1000 km diameter marine hotspot whose dome of cold, nutrient-laden, deep-sea outlet current is located off the west coast of Central America in the tropical eastern Pacific. The core of the Costa Rican dome is located at approximately 9°N and 90°W off the coast of Costa Rica. The Costa Rican Thermal Dome is full of biodiversity and many forms of marine life. This living hotspot consists of all forms of animals, from zooplankton to giant whales. It is the habitat of sharks, dolphins, eels, tuna, olive ridleys and giant leatherbacks, rays, orcas and seabird colonies. There is also a unique year-round habitat for giant whales. The world's largest population of these whales, estimated at 3,000 individuals, resides in the area. Thermal Dome provides them with space and resources for feeding, mating, and raising their young. Through satellite tracking, it has been discovered that Thermal Dome is also a major migration corridor for other whale species, such as leatherback sea turtles.

Thermal Dome and its marine life provide economic benefits to neighboring countries such as Panama and Costa Rica. It is home to one of the largest tuna fisheries in the world and is criss-crossed by major shipping lanes to the Panama Canal. The fishing industry alone was able to extract USD 750 million from this place in 2009, and the sport fishing industry made USD 599 million the previous year. While the devastation of Costa Rica's Thermal Dome and the destruction of food resources for future generations is costing incredible sums of money, by contrast, tourism here earned a mere USD 2 million in 2004. However, Costa Ricans are very proud of the Thermal Dome and believe it is one of the reasons why their country abounds in natural wealth. At the 12th Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) in South Korea, Thermal Dome was designated as a marine zone of biological or ecological significance. An investigation by UNESCO World Heritage and the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) in 2016 decided it was desirable to declare Thermal Dome a World Heritage Site in the near future.

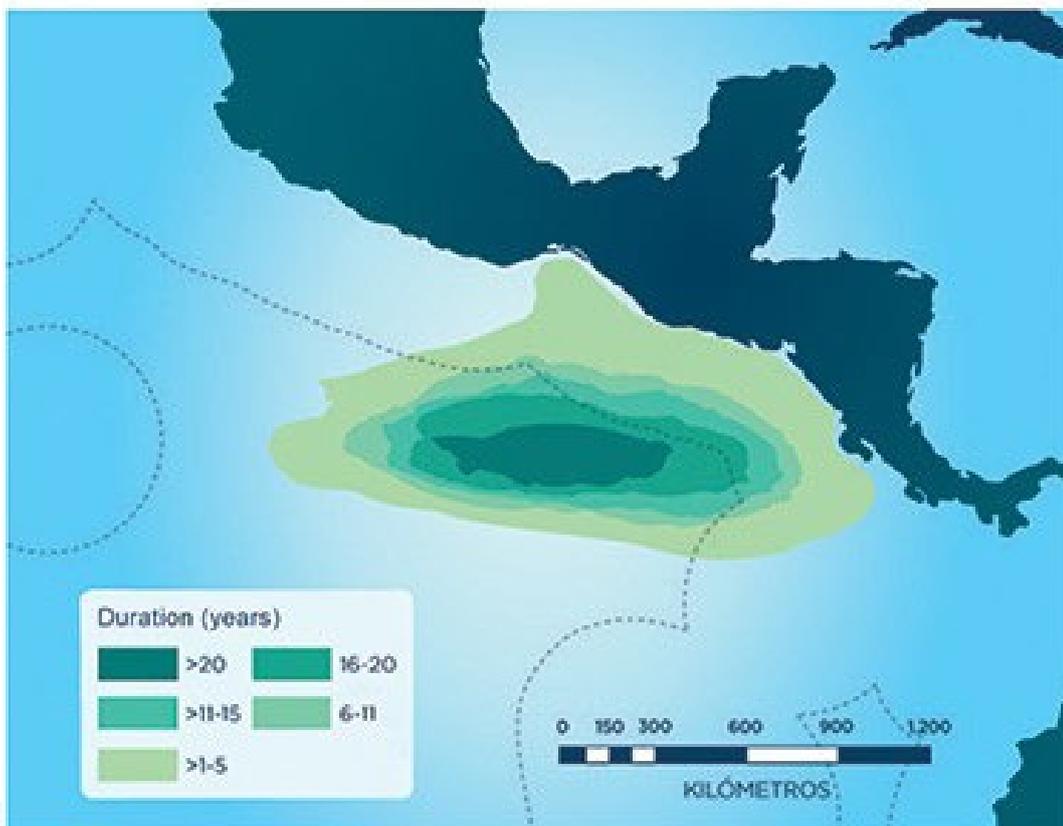




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Thermal Dome is the world's top oceanic hotspot, which should be under scrutiny and strict international and national protection and oversight.



Costa Rica Thermal Dome, October 1980-2009

Concentric contours represent the persistence in years of the 20°C isotherm at a depth of 35 m (average values calculated from the re-analysis of oceanographic data from SODA, GODAS, GECCO, ECMWF and ECDA).

Source : https://crdome.marviva.net/?page_id=2677&lang=en#
<http://gobi.org/>

3. PROGRAMMES OF THE EYE OF THE OCEAN PROJECT

3.1. PROGRAM I: „Thermal Dome“

Thermal Dome is proposed to be an international underwater park with restrictions on commercial fishing since 2016. In five years, these negotiations have made little progress and commercial, illegal or overfishing continues in this key and biologically unique area. The EotO Project intends to work with marine biologists, journalists and other NGOs in this area to monitor and bring new evidence of illegal activities and the richness of this ocean area, which deserves international protection, regular monitoring and patrol cruises. The NGO Forest for Children - Justice for Nature aims to achieve the designation of the Thermal Dome Protected Area and subsequently conduct patrol and research monitoring to detect illegal activities. This information will be passed on to the responsible governments in the region, or to the UN or UNESCO.

3.2. PROGRAM II: „Cooperation with ACG Guanacaste - Santa Rosa NP“

ACG Guanacaste - Santa Rosa NP is open to collaboration on monitoring, research and conservation of its marine protected zone, including educational programs and cruises in cooperation with their PEB education program and biologist Maria Marta Chavarriao. These educational programs will focus on learning about the ocean and its unique fauna. Children and youth will have the opportunity to monitor marine mammals, especially dolphins and whales, learn the role of sharks and other predators in the underwater ecosystem, or assist in monitoring sea turtles on educational cruises. The key to the educational programs is to understand in context the importance of the ocean to global climate stability, which is of immeasurable importance to all of human society. Monitoring of sea turtles and jaguars will be conducted in collaboration with the NGO NAMA. This area has problems with illegal fishing, poaching of turtle eggs and requires regular monitoring and collaboration with SINAC, national park rangers, NGOs, dive and tourist centres.



3.3 PROGRAMME III: „Peninsula - Coiba (Panama) Axis Monitoring and Research“

The Osa Peninsula and in particular the Golfo Dulce Bay is an extraordinary marine ecosystem that is a unique tropical bay. Scientists suspect unique biological processes here, such as the birth of hammerhead shark pups, which females come here from as far as Cocos Island and the Galapagos Islands to give birth. So far, however, these natural processes have not been realistically confirmed because marine biologists lack a functioning monitoring and research vessel capable of regular long-term operations in the ocean. Furthermore, there are important sea turtle rookeries, and the cooperating NGO NAMÁ operates here to research and protect them. It is in cooperation with NGO NAMÁ that we intend to create conditions here that would allow marine biologists and environmental scientists to operate in this area. The government's Marine Programme Osa Peninsula, headed by Mario Solis of SINAC, is also interested in cooperating.

3.4 PROGRAMME IV: „Cocos Island - Galapagos Islands - Research and Monitoring Expeditions“

If requested by SINAC, governments or marine biologists and scientific institutions, the EotO project will be able to collaborate on research and monitoring expeditions also in the seamount system that stretches from the Osa Peninsula to Cocos Island and on to the Galapagos Islands. However, these would be research and monitoring expeditions only, for which we would be approached as partners and providers of a ship whose operating costs would be covered by organisations, scientific institutions or governments that invite us to cooperate.

4. EYE OF THE OCEAN PROJECT COVERAGE NEEDS AND REQUIREMENTS

We find it necessary to work with scientists and marine biologists, park rangers, and other non-profit organizations to physically and technically protect national marine parks against domestic and foreign threats from illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing, and to provide technology and advanced solutions to enhance and integrate existing security strategies required by this project:

4.1. SHIP, ITS EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES

In order to fulfil the vision of the Eye of the Ocean project, a boat with a capacity of 3-5 permanent crew and sufficient capacity for a group of trained volunteers and rangers will be required. The estimated number of people on the boat is approximately 15 to 30 people. The boat should include a crane for hauling boats, the necessary navigational equipment (radio, GPS, high-performance radar, binoculars, maps), kitchen and bedroom facilities, a fully equipped audio-visual room (computers, photo and video equipment, audio, etc.), facilities for educational and research programs, a screening room, two ZODIAC inflatable boats for a total of 6 crew members, including motors, and diving equipment for at least 8 people. The boat shall include a drone with day and night imaging, including a loudspeaker for external communication. The drone may be used for monitoring, filming, evidence recovery, or in rescue operations to search for persons at sea or to assist in shipwrecks if necessary.



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It should be a ship that meets the modern concept and needs of this world, i.e. it should be partly environmentally sustainable. Although it is not possible for such a ship to sail without diesel internal combustion engines, our effort will be to tune the ship to be as energy independent as possible and therefore fuel efficient, which will translate not only ecologically but also economically. The ship should use solar and wind technology to generate energy for the ship's operational needs.

The ship should be able to operate for a minimum of 21 to a maximum of 30 days at sea without contact with land.



Examples of intended type of ships. Source: <https://www.yachtworld.com/yacht/1972-custom-halter-conversion-motor-yacht-6685655/>

4.2. BRUS drone or similar (DJI and etc.)

Thanks to new technologies, we can monitor remote and often inaccessible areas. Data can be evaluated directly on the ship and the crew can take appropriate and effective action in real time.

Thanks to the incomparable speed of getting to a target by drone compared to direct boat travel, we are thus able to monitor protected areas for long periods of time and efficiently to avoid illegal raids by uncontrolled fishing, save time due to false alarms, not burn fuel unnecessarily or keep a safe distance from boats while being able to monitor and document them. The drone will be used to control and protect, but also to monitor whale and other animal populations, including „red tide“, natural and environmental disasters.

The BRUS drone is an unmanned rotor universal system of Czech manufacture and has been developed for searching for people, monitoring from the air and to control natural disasters. It is used, for example, by firefighters or police officers. The BRUS drone is controlled by one pilot, has a range of up to 10 km, maximum flight height of 1 km, is not noisy, weighs 10 kg, has a 3-axis camera system, day HD and night IR camera or radiation sensor DRONES G. It has a suspension for equipment up to 3 kg (BRUS) or 8 kg (BRUS H). It has six actuators and a rescue parachute. It is highly resistant to the environment. This type of drone meets the requirements for monitoring for protection and filming EotO. In addition, its operation is not financially or servicing prohibitively expensive. Its span is 1.2 m, thus it is easily storable on the ship.

USE OF THE BRUS DRONE FOR EOTO PURPOSES:

- Documentation of maritime accidents and natural disasters
- Inspection and documentation of fishing boats from the air
- Air pollution control, natural disaster control, oil spills
- Filming
- Cetacean monitoring and documentation
- Red tide monitoring
- Coastal monitoring for control and protection
- Monitoring of forest fires



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4.3. TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT

Professional equipment will be necessary to carry out the activities related to Eye of the Ocean activities, which will allow to carry out high quality guarding, monitoring, research and educational activities. It will be necessary to equip the ship at a semi-professional to professional level with the following equipment: computers, drones, audio and video equipment, including facilities for film editing, photo editing and audio work. Satellite connectivity will be essential for contact with the mainland and for online media and educational transmissions directly from the ocean.

The media room must include a projector for educational and training activities. For underwater activities the following will be required: 15x 15 l dive tanks, 8x BCD, 8x pulmonary regulator with manometer and octopus (backup automatic), 8x dive computer, 8x 3 mm and 5 mm wetsuits, 10x fins, 10x neoprene boots, 10x neoprene gloves, 10x diving mask, 10x snorkel, 10x diving knife, 10x signal buoy, 6x surface buoy, 2x underwater scooter, 1x high pressure el. 1x compressor (air), 10x retrieval bags of different sizes, one-man barochamber (decompression chamber), first aid - oxygen, spare parts for repair of lung regulators, BCD and high pressure compressor.



5. ESTIMATE OF THE INVESTMENT BUDGET FOR START-UP EQUIPMENT AND ONE YEAR OF OPERATION

Issue	Description	Estimated budget
Vessel, speedboats, etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project boat for 15 to 30 people - estimated cost includes arranging the purchase of a second-hand boat, comprehensive general servicing and docking, travel to Costa Rica, land travel and crew training costs, boat insurance, tax, boat equipment, conversion of interior spaces for project purposes, including a boat ambulance, meals and crew accommodation until start of operations 	USD 1,200,000
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2x speed boat approx. 6 m with outboard motor 	USD 100,000
Diving equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> diving bottles, BCD jackets, regulators with manometer and octopus, diving computers, neopren suits 3 mm a 5 mm, fins, gloves, neopren shoes, masks, snorkels, diving knives, 	USD 45,000
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> signal buoys, surface buoys, underwater scooters, high pressure compressor (air), collection bags of various sizes, decompression chamber, 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> firs aid – air, spare parts - regulators, BCD, high-pressure compressor 	
Electronic and documentary equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PC, hadware, software, sound, projector, 	USD 30,000
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a photo and video cameras with lenses, 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a drones with HD video camera for documentation / night vision 	
Operation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> crew paid positions: Captain and Chief Engineer (4 volunteer crew members) 	USD 580,000
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> food / clothing / basic safety (life jacket - first aid kit) 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> insurance for crew and equipment per year 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> fuels, lubricants, spare parts, maintenance for boats 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> management and back-office (12 months) - Annual estimate 	
Shore support + complementary satellite surveillance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> radar and coastal hut 	USD 80,000
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> annual satellite connection 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> electronics 	
BRUS DRON OR SIMILAR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> drone with HD video camera for documentation/night vision 	USD 90,000
Preliminary total investment (first year)		Aprox: USD 2,125,000
	<i>The First year Budget is the highest.</i>	

The future financial sustainability of the EotO project is realistically built on international volunteer and scientific programs, public support and grants.

6. FILLING AND WIDER USE OF THE SHIP IN THE EYE OF THE OCEAN PROJECT

6.1. LIVE EVENTS

Through satellite connectivity and transmission, we will be able to provide real-time information not only to the coastguard and national park rangers, but there will also be an online broadcast from the ship to the public in collaboration with the media. Online lectures will be given from the ship to schools in Costa Rica and around the world as part of educational cooperation and outreach. The Eye of the Ocean ship will also be a floating media studio and will be open to collaboration with the media for online inputs to television and internet broadcasts. In this way, the public and the responsible authorities will learn what is happening in ocean protected areas and evidence will be gathered for further legal action if violations of national and international laws to protect natural resources, natural resources and critically endangered species, etc. are found.

6.2. QUALITY CONDITIONS FOR UNDERWATER RESEARCH AND THE SEARCH FOR ILLEGAL FISHING

Eye of the Ocean activities will include quality equipment and facilities for diving research and monitoring activities. The ship will be equipped with two Zodiac boats, 8 diving gears, 16 diving tanks, a high pressure compressor, underwater scooters and underwater filming equipment. The acquisition of a single-man barochamber for decompression accidents or a research mini-submarine is also under consideration for the future.

6.3. VOLUNTEERING

Eye of the Ocean is open to volunteers to form the backbone of research, monitoring and educational cruises. The ship would accommodate 10 to 20 volunteers who would become an important part of research, monitoring and conservation, including active work on the ship.

6.4. EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS, SCHOOL PROGRAMMES AND PUBLIC OUTREACH

Based on the collaboration with Guanacaste Conservation Area and their PEB education program and schools, we will conduct regular national and international educational programs on the ship. Cruises will be along the Pacific coast of Costa Rica from Guanacaste to the Osa Peninsula. Educational programs will also target children from poorer social backgrounds and fishing communities whose experience of the ocean is primarily related to fishing and not a real understanding of life in the sea. The workshops will also be open to companies and their employees or government officials, who will have the opportunity to learn more about ocean conservation and the underwater world first-hand. While the ship is docked in ports, the ship will be open to the public on certain days with opportunities to see the background of ocean conservationists, scientists and marine biologists. Public lectures will be organized on the ship.



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7. SUMMARY/CONCLUSION

The collaboration of the Forest for Children - Justice for Nature and other non-profit organizations or environmental scientific institutions on the Eye of the Ocean project brings not only hope to Costa Rica, but to all of Central America and the world, but above all, new solutions and a world example of on-the-ground conservation of the ocean and its biodiversity in conjunction with governments, United Nations, UNESCO, scientists, enlightened philanthropists, Costa Rica's national conservation organization SINAC, the International Ranger Federation, the IRF Ranger Association for Central America, national parks, rangers, non-profit organizations, media, universities, schools and the general public. The goal of this collaboration is to save the ocean hotspot Thermal Dome, the literal heart of the Pacific, which beats for approximately 5% of the world's ocean biodiversity, including the largest populations of sharks and whales on Earth. By creating a conservation, monitoring, research, media and education vessel, we can grasp the protection of the Osa Peninsula - ACG Guanacaste - Thermal Dome area and in the future expand this unique model not only with a larger number of ships, but also internationally (to Panama to Coiba Island or to Ecuador to the Galapagos Islands, thus involving other Central American countries in the collaboration). This is a unique and the only possible way to achieve ocean protection based on sound science and cooperation with governments and their national conservation authorities, including the involvement of educational institutions and the general public.



8. ABOUT US

Forest For Children Association

Forest for Children is a Czech non-profit organization, which was established in 2009. Its main tasks are protection of the world's natural heritage on the international level, support of anti-poaching activities, purchasing rainforest land, education and global monitoring of animals in order to protect them and to create educational programs for children on five continents. We are members of the International Ranger Federation. The current critical state of the environment lead us to the creation of the international initiative Justice for Nature, which opens the way for the general public to take responsibility and actively participate in the conservation of nature and endangered species on planet Earth through several projects.

Green & Blue Life project – Sumatra (from 2009)

- purchasing of the rainforest land in the Leuser ecosystem in cooperation with the partner Indonesian non-profit organization Yayasan Hutan Untuk Anak - Green Life Reserve (175 ha)
- protection, monitoring, guarding and information activities in the protection zone of the Gunung Leuser National Park in the Bohorok district
- protection of endangered species with focus on the Sumatran tiger
- anti-poaching patrol, monitoring and tiger anti-conflict team Green Patrol
- anti-poaching patrol in the Pulau Banyak archipelago Blue Patrol
- protection of sea turtles from poaching with the Blue Patrol
- cleaning beaches from washed-up plastic garbage
- waste programs in villages
- education of children and enlightenment of local people
- international volunteer programs

Green Life – Costa Rica (from 2021)

- purchasing of the rainforest land on the border with NP Tapanti - reservation (73 ha)
- protection of endangered species with focus on the American jaguar
- cooperation with national parks and rangers
- cooperation with universities on science and research
- educational programs for children and youth
- international volunteer programs

Eye of the Earth - a global monitoring project using photo traps (2014)

The world monitoring project Eye of the Earth was launched in Sumatra in 2014 together with the Eye of the Tiger program and continued with the Eye of the Bear program in Slovakia, where we have been monitoring the life of large carnivores since 2017. Since 2020, we have had official cooperation with the State Nature Protection of Slovakia (ŠOP SR) and we monitor large carnivores in the Low Tatras National Park and in The Kremnica Mountains. From 2021, we anticipate expanding our scope to the The Štiavnica Mountains Protected Landscape Area. In 2021, the Forest for Children Association initiates the organization and signing of the Central European Memorandum on Nature Protection in Slovakia, which concerns the ban on trophy hunting in national parks, cooperation on the protection of brown

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bears and wolves and the creation of the 10th National Park in Slovakia Kremnica Mountains NP. In 2021, the Eye of the Jaguar monitoring program was established in cooperation with NP Corcovado, NP Santa Rosa, NP Guanacaste and NGO NAMÁ Conservation.

The goal of the world monitoring project Eye of the Earth is to develop an international educational program Ethics of the Earth, which will introduce to schools and children of five continents subjects such as wildlife, life of wild animals in their natural habitat, the need of the wilderness protection and the principles of sustainable living of human civilization on Earth. Ethics of the Earth will be presented at the 10th International Ranger Federation in the Azores in 2023, and in 2026 the complete educational program will be donated by the International Ranger Federation to more than 70 countries at the 11th IRF World Congress in Peru.



MILAN JEGLÍK

in his youth devoted himself to top sports (ice hockey, football, sport shooting and boxing), graduated from the forestry school in Trutnov and from the police school in Brno, worked for the police for 10 years, of which 7 years for the criminal police. In 1996 he completed a diving course CMAS *, in 2001 he passed the UDI instructor exams, later SSI and EDS. From 2002 he lived in Indonesia and worked as a diving instructor, in 2006 he founded his own diving center and in 2008–2012 he lived, commanded and sailed on the expedition diving ship Sea Lady. He has more than 5,000 dives in the Indo-Pacific. He organized exploratory expeditions to discover unknown diving sites from Bali to West Papua. Between 2005–2010 he documented the lives of whales and other toothed cetaceans in Lamalera on Lembata Island and by this he completely changed his view of animal hunting, whether at sea or on land. He took a big step and became the protector of endangered animal species on the international level. In 2009, he founded the Green Life Project in Sumatra and the non-profit organization Forest For Children. In 2013, he became the chairman of the organization. Since the same year, he has been involved in educating children and youth in schools with the NEPZ project and has given hundreds of public lectures. In 2017, he presented the activities of the Forest for Children association at the 4th ERF European Ranger Congress in the Czech Republic. A year later, he attended the 9th IRF World Ranger Congress in Nepal, where he presented the Eye of the Earth monitoring project.

In 2020, he received an international award for his lifelong work in nature protection and became the winner of the Eko-TopFilm 2020 award in Slovakia. He has extensive experience in appearing in the media, is an amateur filmmaker, cameraman and writer. In 2021, he became one of the initiators of the Central European Memorandum on Nature Protection in Slovakia. Since the same year, he has been expanding the activities of the Forest For Children association and its Bosque para los Niños branch in Costa Rica.

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**ZUZANA
KOLOUŠKOVÁ**

was devoted to basketball, studied garden and landscape architecture at Mendel University in Brno. She traveled for several years. In 2011 she went to Indonesia as a volunteer, where she met Milan Jeglík. Since 2012, she lived on the expedition ship Sea Lady, and since 2013 she has been fully dedicated to the activities of the Forest for Children Association, in which she works as a vice-president. She is actively involved in diving, has an AOWD qualification with more than 500 dives. She is also involved in freediving. She photographs, films, makes audio and graphics, pilots a small film drone. Together with Milan, she creates amateur documentaries and has had several photographic exhibitions. Together they participate in international congresses of the International Ranger Federation, Eye of the Earth monitoring programs and public lectures. Since 2012, she has been the director of the NEPZ educational project in Czech schools, which has been attended by more than 100,000 children. She photographs and films the wildlife of Indonesia (2011 to present), Iceland (2014), Alaska (2017), Slovakia (since 2017), Russia (2018), Uganda (2018/2019), Romania (2019), Nepal (2019) and in Costa Rica (2021).



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