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We are Nature - part of the interdependent web of life. When Nature thrives, we thrive. When Nature dies, we die. Our human right to life is underpinned by the rights of Nature because we are Nature. How can we say that we have a right to life if that which gives us life doesn’t have a corresponding right to life?
In October 2015 we embarked upon a journey to advocate for rights of Nature – legal personality and rights for ecosystems and species – in the European Union. We established Rights of Nature Europe (now Nature’s Rights1), a volunteer run non-profit organisation, in order to help transition the legal position of Nature from an object of law to a subject of law. We believe that mankind is part of Nature, the foundation of human and every other life on Earth. Thus, the modern legal system should represent Nature in a way that promotes respect towards other beings and allows humanity to flourish in harmony with Nature for generations to come in a society based on love and compassion for all beings.

We are now Europe’s largest exclusively volunteer led registered charity standing for the rights of Nature. Our team comprises 9 Trustees, over 200 Experts and over 200 Volunteers from Europe and abroad.

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1 We changed our name from Rights of Nature Europe to Nature’s Rights on 1 Feb 2017
OUR VISION

Humanity flourishes in harmony with Nature for generations to come and our laws and societal systems foster healthy relationships with all of life.

OUR MISSION

To establish legal personality and rights for ecosystems and species in law and policy within a holistic paradigm - and transform our inner and outer relationship with Nature.
WHY WE EXIST

We are pioneering the movement in Europe and internationally to create a paradigm shift in law and consciousness that reverses the ecological crisis, transforms the system that facilitates the destruction of Nature and heals our relationship with Nature.

We do this by bringing Nature into legal, economic, social and political decision-making as a powerful stakeholder with legal personality and rights - reversing the old paradigm based on outdated 15th century science that treats Nature as an object of the law - outside the system - and separate to us which is at the root of the multiple ecological crises that humanity faces today. The legal construction of Nature as an object of law rather than a subject of law with legal personality and rights is the reason why it is legal to have an economic system based on infinite growth on a finite planet, why it is legal to have agriculture that poisons the earth, why it is legal to get our energy in ways that destroy ecosystems and why it is legal to create what scientists call the “sixth mass extinction”, driving countless species to the edge of oblivion. It is the reason why it is legal to subsidise industries that accelerate the destruction of Nature rather than industries that meet our needs in harmony with Nature.

Nature’s rights will correct this root cause of the crisis in law by bringing law up to date with modern science. Integrated across all policy areas and enforced accordingly, it will ensure that economic activity operates to enhance rather than undermine the resilience of ecosystems so that humanity can thrive in harmony with Nature. It will give a legal imperative for the systems that facilitate destruction to evolve. It also counterbalances corporate and property rights, values Nature intrinsically and creates a legal relationship between humanity and the rest of Nature, bringing in a legal duty of care.

Nature’s rights strengthen all other environmental causes by bringing in an overarching legal framework that empowers and unites other already existing initiatives to protect Nature - by giving them a stronger basis in law. Environmental law deals with the externalities of the system rather than challenging the basis of the systemic root cause itself. This can only slow the ecological degradation - it cannot prevent or reverse it - our solution can.

Rights provide good leverage - a small change in law, when put into the system and followed through, changes everything.

This is a long term holistic solution that brings lasting, long-term prosperity for all beings rather than short term fixes. It sets in motion the systemic transformation and mindset shift needed for humanity to flourish in harmony with Nature for generations to come.

Nature’s Rights is a history making initiative - the next big rights movement. We offer a new vision for society based on love and compassion for all beings. With every expansion of rights came an expansion of consciousness: humanity is ready to take it to the next level - are you?
MESSAGE FROM THE FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

We have surpassed ourselves again - on a shoestring budget and exclusively volunteer led - we are unstoppable!

Our first accounting period was all about testing the waters and giving the mission wings. The second period has seen some of that same momentum continue whilst we took our work to the next level by organising a conference in the European Parliament to introduce our Draft EU Directive for the Rights of Nature and proposed a European Citizens’ Initiative2 to be launched in 2020 in order to facilitate the process of adopting the Directive on the EU level.

We co-hosted this conference together with MEPs Marco Affronte, Benedek Jávor and Pavel Poc, the latter two being Co-Vice Chairs of the European Parliament Environment Committee. We were joined by a high level panel of speakers which included a keynote address by Hans Bruyninckx (Executive Director of the European Environment Agency) and Luc Bas (European Regional Director of the IUCN) as well as a special message from Maria Mercedes Sanchez (Focal Point for the UN Harmony with Nature Programme). The conference was attended by over 120 Members of the European Parliament, policy makers and key stakeholders and the feedback was impressive, as you will see later in this report.

As a new organisation pioneering a novel and innovative approach to what must be the most challenging problem of our time - reversing the ecological crisis and creating new pathways to an ecologically sustainable and thriving - the road ahead has often looked daunting. However, we are undeterred by challenges and continue to steadily forge our path towards creating a future in harmony with Nature that is inspired by infinite possibility. This attitude has been the key to forming great partnerships that have assisted us greatly in our accomplishments during this period.

In Gratitude,

Mumta Ito -
Founder and President,
Nature’s Rights

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2 A participatory democracy instrument that allows citizens to suggest concrete legal changes in any field where the European Commission has power to propose legislation, such as the environment (link).
OUR IMPACT 2017
Accomplishments

WE...

Organised and co-hosted a conference on the rights of Nature at the European Parliament attended by over 120 key stakeholders and policy-makers.

Grew our pro-bono team to over 200 volunteers and over 200 experts in 14 countries. Opened 3 new chapters - Denmark, Greece and Gothenburg.

Advised on 5 legislative and policy initiatives, in EU Member States and internationally. Authored and published 5 articles and were featured in a further 6 publications, including by 3 media outlets.

Applied for UN ECOSOC Consultative Status. Presented our work at 10 events internationally and held 3 educational workshops. Organised and facilitated 2 festivals, a rights of Nature marathon with 400 runners, a systemic constellation workshop, a ceremony and workshop with Amazonian master shaman Kurikindi. Recorded and produced a healing CD for Nature reconnection. Redesigned our logo and branding.
In 2017 we had the privilege of partnering with the following organisations to deliver our activities:

- European Parliament
- Harmony with Nature
- IUCN
- Pachamama
- The Greens | European Free Alliance
- Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists & Democrats

Current indicators, focused on economic growth, don’t reveal how sustainable our development really is. Incorporating the value of natural capital in economic decision-making is one way to improve this. However, to prevent a commodification of Nature approaches such as rights of Nature need to be part of the debate.

Luc Bas, IUCN European Regional Director

To turn Nature from declining to thriving, we need fundamental changes to how Nature is recognised in our political decisions. We need a right to Nature and Nature needs a right to exist.

Adrian Bebb, Friends of the Earth Europe, Programme Coordinator
Transforming Law & Policy

European Citizens Initiative


On the 29 March 2017, we organised a conference at the European Parliament in Brussels to introduce our Draft EU Directive on the Rights of Nature and plans to launch a European Citizens’ Initiative. The conference was co-hosted by the 2 Vice Chairs of the Environment Committee of the European Parliament - MEPs Pavel Poc and Benedek Jávor and keynote speeches were presented by the Executive Director of the European Environment Agency Hans Bruyninckx and the European Director of the IUCN, Luc Bas. The conference was attended by over 120 Members of the European Parliament; top EU officials such as Stefan Leiner, Head of Unit Biodiversity, DG Environment, European Commission; representatives from key EU environmental institutions, NGOs and international experts. At the conference, we presented the rights of Nature as an innovative, timely and transformative solution to the systemic failures of European Union law to address the root cause of the ecological crises. The event was a resounding success. See 5 min MEPs video and the full conference report.
Nature’s Rights: The Missing Piece of the Puzzle

Wednesday 29 March 2017
13.00 -15.00
at The European Parliament - A3G2

Legal personality and rights of nature changes the game and transforms society systemically. Join us to find out why.

**MEP Co-Hosts:** Pavel Poc (S&D - Vice-Chair ENVI)
Benedek Jávor (Greens & EFA - Vice-Chair ENVI)
Marco Affronte (Greens & EFA - Member ENVI)

Organising NGO: Nature’s Rights (Proposing European Citizens Initiative)
Speakers: Hans Bruyninckx (Exec. Director of the European Environment Agency),
Luc Bas (European Regional Director, IUCN) and more

“The rights of nature must come first, because without nature, humans do not exist”

D. Korten, Economist

Lunch is provided - vegetarian, organic

**THE TIME IS NOW**

Nature’s Rights
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natures-rights.org
Close-up of panel:
There is a deep flaw in our system of law, which treats living beings as objects or property while treating corporations - a form of property - as subjects of the law with legal personality and rights. This fuels an economic paradigm that is coupled with the destruction of Nature. If we are to decouple our economies from the destruction of Nature, we need laws that recognise the intrinsic value of Nature. The way to achieve that is through legal personality, the recognition of rights of Nature and a legal framework that aligns with ecology to sustain life.

Mumta Ito - Lawyer and Founder of Nature’s Rights

MEPs Marco Affronte and Pavel Poc opened the conference by outlining the urgency of the situation, the need for a paradigm shift and for systemic change. Mumta Ito (Founder and President of Nature’s Rights) followed with a powerful introduction to rights of Nature. Hans Bruyninckx (Executive Director of the European Environment Agency) then gave an insightful keynote address, highlighting the need for systemic solutions to climate change and Nature protection so that we can “live well, within the planet’s ecological limits” in 2050. He highlighted that when trying to meet our 2030 climate change objectives we must do this by opening pathways to 2050 as there is a danger of a lock-in if we focus just on efficiency gains. He stressed that in order to do this we need major transformation in our energy, food and agricultural, transport and urban systems and that law can be a tool for achieving this systemic shift.

Our solutions, decisions, policies are trying to face each problem that the system created by staying in the system itself. We need new ideas, probably we need a new system, a new paradigm. One that focuses on Nature alongside an ecological approach. The rights of Nature can be a crucial first step in this direction.

Decades of insane worshipping of growth and making growth a measure of our progress brought us to the edge of the cliff, looking at wonderful horizons. I think it is time to look underfoot now and stand still, otherwise nothing follows but a deep, deep drop. Nature has its rights and will impose these rights without or with us. We are only starting to recognise the situation and introduce solutions. Rights of Nature can be part of the solution. One thing is clear, in any case: no matter how, we must succeed, we have to succeed... There is no plan B and there is no planet B.


If you look at the planetary boundaries discussion, where we are well above the limits are not primarily climate change but biodiversity and the nitrogen and phosphorus cycle which are very closely linked to our agricultural and food systems and thus to functions of biodiversity - so the two crucial ones are linked to the topic you are discussing today - the rights of Nature.

**Hans Bruyninckx** Executive Director of the European Environment Agency and international relations academic specialized in international and European environmental politics and policy.

**Luc Bas** (Director, IUCN European Regional Office) followed with a second keynote address, providing an overview of IUCN’s resolutions on rights of Nature and the inclusion of rights of Nature in IUCN’s Global Programme 2017-2020.

**Professor Massimiliano Montini** (Trustee of Nature’s Rights and Professor of EU Law at the University of Siena) gave cogent examples of the double failure of EU environmental law and discussed the opportunity presented by rights of Nature. He described how the development of environmental law has occurred through 2 opposing trends - regulatory and deregulatory. Both take an "externalities managing" approach and support the dominant economic paradigm of infinite growth on a finite planet. He suggested the way forward as being through ecological law and recommended the adoption of our Draft EU Directive for the Rights of Nature.
The main problem with the regulatory trend is the externalities managing emergency response approach, a lack of medium to long term vision and most of all support of the mainstream economic model of infinite growth which is ecologically impossible to sustain. The deregulatory approach tries to simplify and streamline environmental law but it doesn’t question the externalities managing approach resulting in a decrease in protection and continued support of the dominant economic model. To overcome this negative trend the proposed way out is in legal recognition of the substantive and procedural rights of Nature and the adoption of the Draft EU Directive for the Rights of Nature presented here today.

Prof. Massimiliano Montini, Professor of Environmental Law Sienna University; Cambridge University Fellow and Trustee of Nature’s Rights

MEP Sirpa Pietikäinen (member of the European People’s Party group in the European Parliament and former Environment Minister of Finland) expressed strong statements of support for ecological philosophy and a Nature-centric approach. She elaborated on the expansion of rights and the interconnection between human rights and the rights of Nature.

MEP Sirpa Pietikäinen - Member of the European People's Party group in the European Parliament and former Environment Minister of Finland.

Maria Mercedes Sanchez (Focal Point of the UN Harmony with Nature Programme, Division of Sustainable Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs) subsequently gave a video statement, in which she detailed the UN General Assembly resolutions adopted under the auspices of the UN Harmony with Nature Programme and provided an introduction to Earth Jurisprudence, the philosophy that underpins rights of Nature and provides a guide for the transition towards sustainability.

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**Jen Morgan** (Systems Change Consultant and Co-Founder of the Finance Innovation Lab) explored the process of how complex systems change, drawing on her experiences with founding the Finance Innovation Lab which seeks to transform the United Kingdom’s financial system. She stressed the importance in collaboration and creating a co-creative culture to foster resilience and harness the collective intelligence in moving us towards long term systemic change.

**MEP Benedek Jávor** (Member of the European Free Alliance and Green Party and Co-Vice Chair of the Environment Committee of the European Parliament) gave a powerful concluding speech that made a clarion call for the legal recognition of Nature’s rights and the integration into all of our societal systems. Drawing on his background as a professor of EU law he eloquently articulated the failings of the approach that we have taken with EU environmental law, the need to move beyond merely managing externalities whilst supporting the current economic paradigm and the expansion of rights to include future generations, ecosystems and non-human species as being the next step forward.

We are far beyond the limitations of the planet and we have to face the simple fact that the approach we had before, to set up specific environmental legal texts, is simply not working. It doesn’t deliver what we need and the destruction of Nature continues. We have to do something to go beyond our actual notion of rights, to extend it to include non-human beings, to include future generations and to include non-individualistic living beings like ecosystems and Nature as such. Such an enlargement of rights is not revolutionary, it has happened before... and what we are claiming now is the next step ahead... I believe that this is not day-dreaming, we are witnessing that it is happening in several countries across the world.


We were delighted by the overwhelming positive reception that we received at the European Parliament. The next steps are to form partnerships and raise sufficient funds to launch the European Citizens’ Initiative and collect at least 1m signatures across 7 member states to get rights of Nature onto the EU legislative agenda. We intend to launch the initiative in 2020. It is an ambitious project, but one that we believe with the right support will succeed.
Selected pictures from the corridor:

Mumta Ito and Massimiliano Montini; Luc Bas (Director of IUCN Europe), Mumta Ito and Massimiliano Montini; Mumta Ito and Stephan Leiner (European Commission Head of Unit Biodiversity Environment DG); Mumta; Hans Bruyninckx (Executive Director of European Environment Agency) and Massimiliano Montini; Massimiliano Montini and Marco Affronte; Nature’s Rights volunteers outside the EP.
OTHER INITIATIVES
In the UK, we are providing an on-going pro-active support and advice to the Town Council of Frome in their **application for a bye-law to recognise the rights of Nature** at a local level and provide legal defendable rights for the River Frome. To that end, we produced a [Draft River Frome and Rodden Meadow Bye-law](#) which democratises the protection of the river and encourages community ecological governance by pioneering non adversarial and co-creative methods of dispute resolution in the first instance. This is the first time in the UK that any town council has sought to do this and if approved by central government, it will become the first rights of Nature legal precedent in the geographical region of Europe.

**Peter MacFadyen**, Town Councillor and former Mayor of Frome

"We would like Frome to be a pioneer council by being the first in the UK to make an application for approval of a law which grants rights to a natural entity – our precious River Frome."

"Your work is both brilliant and timely. Your Ecologist article hits-the-nail-on-the-head: "our environmental laws - which see Nature as property - legitimise it. It starts with the premise that all of life isn’t protected"... The outdated mindset which enshrined those environmental laws imagines a ‘certain world’ and ignores the inherent unpredictability of the interactive natural systems, riddled with uncertainties and complexities. This is integral to the whole debate. This is why so many destructive human actions and their results are merely 'discounted costs', and - for me - why the Rights of Nature are imperative."

**Jon Cousins**, Town Councillor and former Mayor of Glastonbury, UK
At the European Union level, we are continuing our work on the Draft EU Directive for the Rights of Nature, in particular following discussions with top EU officials and international experts in conjunction with our landmark conference at the European Parliament in March 2017. A revised Draft EU Directive is expected in 2018.

From further afield, we were approached by a citizens' initiative in California - Cal Con Con - to review and strengthen their draft proposal for an amendment to the US Constitution at the upcoming Constitutional Convention which is anticipated to happen in the next 2 years. Their proposal includes, amongst other civil rights, the rights of Nature.
Our Trustees Mumta Ito, Massimiliano Montini and Vanessa Hasson are experts of the United Nations Harmony with Nature Knowledge Network. In that connection, they were invited to participate in the UN General Assembly’s first virtual dialogue on Harmony with Nature in 2016, and Mumta and Vanessa to act as continental level coordinator of experts from Europe and South America respectively for the resulting Expert’s Summary Report (UNGA Doc. A/71/266 of 1 August 2016). The contribution advised on the adoption of policies aligned with the rights of Nature and the philosophy of Earth Jurisprudence as a means to achieve the sustainable development goals outlined by the UN.

This year, we again contributed to what was the Seventh Interactive Dialogue of the General Assembly of the United Nations on Harmony with Nature on 21 April 2017 through the attendance of our Trustees Doris Ragettli and Dr Vanessa Hasson and to the resulting Report of the UN Secretary-General (UNGA Doc. A/72/175 of 19 July 2017). Subsequently, the UN General Assembly adopted its ninth resolution on Harmony with Nature (A/RES/72/223 of 20 December 2017), taking note of the work carried out by experts in the Knowledge Network to support awareness-raising and education about rights of Nature and living in harmony with Nature as a means to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

On the recommendation of Maria Mercedes Sanchez (Focal Point for the UN Harmony with Nature Programme), we also applied for UN ECOSOC Consultative Status during this period to enable closer collaboration.

Earth Jurisprudence represents the deeply interconnected nature of human and planetary well-being and so is an approach absolutely essential to ending the ongoing destruction of biodiversity.

Peter Thompson
UN President of the General Assembly

I would like to acknowledge Mumta Ito and Massimiliano Montini, both members of our knowledge network, for their contribution to the drafting of the Experts Summary Report submitted to the General Assembly.

Maria Mercedes Sanchez, Focal Point of the UN Harmony with Nature Programme, Division of Sustainable Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs.
TRANSFORMING OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH NATURE
We feel that one of the key drivers of the ecological crisis is our fundamental disconnection from Nature and from the source of life itself. This is supported and entrenched by structures of law that treat Nature as an object. Just as there is no relationship between humans and Nature in law, this is reflected in our societal attitude towards the rest of Nature. According to systems scientist Dr Joanna Macy, there are 3 dimensions to social change. The first is taking action to halt the destruction. The second is the creation of alternatives and the third is a shift in consciousness so that the alternatives can take root. To create a world in which Nature’s rights are respected, we need deepen our connection with Nature. This is why we also focus on activities that help to transform our relationship with Nature.

Events

Romania

The Green Life Bucharest Festival
During a weekend in mid-September 2016 and 2017, on the occasion of the European Mobility Week (16-22 September) and the World Ozone Day (16 September), our Romanian chapter leader Ana Daraban, together with Pachamama Romania, organized two editions of the cultural and community eco-event, **Sustainable Alternatives Festival “Green Life Bucharest”**. The events took place in two green parks of the Romanian capital in partnership with the Connections Association of Romania, the Children’s Forest Association, the Ecological University of Bucharest, the Ecological Green Tourism Association and the Professional Stuntmen Association of Romania, supported by the Bucharest City Hall and ALPAB (the Bucharest Parks and Lakes Administration). The main goal of the event was to promote Nature’s rights philosophy and culture in urban parks. Activities included creative workshops, urban ecology, crafts and arts exhibitions, recycling waste, plant installations and floral arrangements, sport activities, alternative therapies, public debates and scientific workshops, culture and education, as well as artistic and musical shows to create a relaxing, dynamic atmosphere and engage visitors.

The festival brought together many organisations, schools, universities and local people creating an eco-cultural green hub, promoting different local initiatives, fostering more responsible behaviour and increasing the consciousness of our relationship with Nature. See [video](#).
The Roșia Montană Marathon

Our Romanian team assisted once again in organisation of the Roșia Montană Marathon which took place between July 21 and 23. It was the 5th edition of this unique sport event, which is held in an area of an outstanding natural beauty and a high cultural and historical value, threatened by the gold mining industry. Although an ideal location to implement an eco-based economy, the area has been designated to become a mono-industrial zone for gold mining. During the marathon our team has been working to raise awareness about rights of Nature in order to prepare the ground for a prospective legislation initiative for the Carnic Mountain to be granted legal personality and rights.

Last year the number of participants increased to around 400 runners - 300 adults and 100 children.
10th International Marathon Bucharest

Our Romanian team participated in this event on October 13 both as runners and as hosts of an awareness raising stand with information about Nature’s rights and live music. At the accompanying press conference, during which the partaking NGOs had a chance to present their causes, we introduced the audience to the philosophy and application of the rights of Nature.

UK - Kurikindi workshop and ceremony

Fortunately, there are still people in this world who have grown up away from modern society and who have a profound experiential knowledge of, and connection to, the earth.
We feel it is important to learn from them and pass on their wisdom to all who will receive it before it is too late.

We feel it is important for our team to embody the principles that we are promoting. To this end we organised a special healing ceremony and a training for our team with our supporter Kurikindi, a Master Shaman from Ecuador, with over 30 years’ experience. The ceremony and training, which Kurikindi offered to us free of charge, were specifically designed to take our work for rights of Nature to the next level through empowering our energetic connection with Mother Earth, using traditional methods from the Amazon. We also did a studio recording of his special ‘Icaros’ healing songs, which he kindly donated to Nature’s Rights to further our Nature reconnection work.

**Sweden**

During the Earth Rights Conference in Sigtuna, Sweden, Mumta facilitated a systemic constellation workshop and promoted Nature’s Rights. The constellation workshop was attended by lawyers and activists working on rights of Nature issues and the exercise helped them to deepen insight and understanding of the matter as well as to overcome personal issues in the context of achieving our greater vision.
THOUGHT LEADERSHIP
In birthing a new paradigm and transforming entrenched mindsets, thought leadership is essential. We do this through advocacy, working with organisations to include rights of Nature in their policies and writing articles. So far a lot of the advocacy and writing on rights of Nature has happened within indigenous cultural perspectives. We have developed and reframed this thinking for a modern audience, demonstrating through legal innovations such as our Draft EU Directive that rights of Nature is a game changing approach, capable of bringing about systemic transformation and relevant to everyone.

Raising awareness for Nature’s rights and the underlying holistic philosophy of Earth Jurisprudence is a key prerequisite to achieving our mission. We believe that rights of Nature is the next big rights movement and that we are just at the beginning of the curve.

Advocacy

We promoted our proposal for a Draft EU Directive on the Rights of Nature at the following events in Europe:

1. **European Parliament** (see previous discussion)
   - Our conference at the European Parliament attracted key stakeholders and experts, and offered an opportunity to discuss our proposal for a Draft EU Directive on the Rights of Nature in detail, also after the event.

2. **European Ideas Lab**
   - We were invited as Changemakers to participate in the first European Ideas Lab (“Greens Meet Changemakers”) held in Brussels on 7-8 February 2017. The event was organised by the Greens/European Free Alliance Group in the European Parliament and by the European Green Party. The idea was to provide a forum for “Green” Members of the European Parliament and Green politicians from across the European Union to meet “Changemakers”, innovators such as ourselves, working on the ground to bring about a transformative socio-ecological change. The aim of the meeting was to establish closer links and dialogue, exchange ideas and know-how, and to foster partnerships and collaboration.
- We also facilitated a workshop to promote rights of Nature and our proposal for a Draft EU Directive on the Rights of Nature.

- We had the pleasure of meeting Rajgopal, an inspiring and profound visionary who has dedicated his life’s work to the plight of India’s tribal people. Rajgopal was the invited keynote speaker at the European Ideas Lab where he shared stories of mobilising large masses of previously disempowered groups in India, and achieving legal and policy results. Rajgopal instantly recognised the value of our work on the rights of Nature and offered his support. Subsequently, we have set up a partnership with his organisation Ekta Parishad in connection with the which is preparing a march from Delhi, India, to the United Nations Headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland to represent all those excluded by globalisation and now also the Nature’s rights.
In April 2017 we were invited to Gothenburg, Sweden, to present our work and our proposal for a rights of Nature framework in the European Union at the oldest national green NGO, The Swedish Society for Nature Conservation (SSNC, or Naturskyddsföreningen) and at another local venue. The meetings led to the opening of a new Nature’s Rights chapter in Sweden. From Gothenburg we travelled to Sigtuna, where we promoted Nature’s Rights and our Draft Directive at the Earth Rights Conference.

Above: Mumta with Gothenburg Chapter members.

Right: Earth Rights Conference, Sweden - Peter Westman (WWF Sweden), Jan Terstad (Naturskyddsförengen), Pella Thiel (Lodyn), Femke Wijdekop (IUCN), Mari Margil (CELDF)
Our volunteer and PhD law student Katarina Hovden gave a very well received speech on rights of Nature at the launch of the The Earth Issue that took place in February 2016 in London. The Earth Issue is a unique publication managed by a collective of artists and creative professionals working at the intersection of fine art and environmentalism.

UK Public Interest Environmental Lawyers Conference

Our lawyer volunteer Harry Wright ran a stand and presented our ideas and work to young lawyers at the UK Public Interest Environmental Lawyers (PIEL) Conference in London in April 2017.
Mumta Ito (Founder and President of Nature’s Rights) and Professor Massimiliano Montini (Trustee of Nature’s Rights) presented our project in Frome at the 2017 Annual Conference of the United Kingdom Environmental Law Association (UKELA), held at the University of Nottingham on the theme “Cities of the Future - legal challenges & opportunities for more sustainable living”.

International Rights of Nature Tribunal, Bonn, Germany

We also gave an intervention at the 2016 International Rights of Nature Tribunal, held in Bonn, Germany, parallel to the 23rd Conference of the Parties (COP) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change which took place in the same city.

Glarisegg EDE Course Module 2017, Switzerland

Mumta was invited back to teach a module on rights of Nature to students on the Gaia Education Ecovillage Design Education Course. Many students were unaware about rights of Nature and found the interactive session very eye-opening and informative.
Publications

We published the following articles:

- **Ecohustler**, *Breakthrough Legal Framework could Save the Biosphere* (Mumta Ito)
- **The Ecologist**, *Nature’s Rights: A New paradigm for Environmental Protection* (Mumta Ito)
- **Ecohustler**, *UK Could See New Law Giving Rights to Nature* (Mumta Ito)
- **The Ecological Citizen**, *Towards a new paradigm for Nature in the EU: A report on a meeting in Belgium* (Mumta Ito)
- **The Conscious Lawyer**, *A New Paradigm for Climate Protection in the EU* (Mumta Ito)
- **Nomos + Physis Journal**, The first article on rights of Nature in Greek, with an English version also available (Nicoletta Piceramenou)

And the following articles were written about us:

- 2017 (29 March) - Globalnyt. NGO: *Nu skal naturen også have rettigheder i Europa*
- 2017 (30 March) - *La Libre*, p. 26
- 2017 (31 March) - IUCN Europe, *Envisioning a world that considers Nature’s rights: An introductory discussion in Europe*
- 2017 (April) - *Newsweek Latin America*

Branding

We worked with award-winning international brand consultant **Margit Mulder** to re-design our branding around the new name Nature’s Rights which came into effect on 1 February 2017. She also created publicity materials such as leaflets, posters, business cards, a landing page, t-shirts and bags, pop up banners, boards etc.
On-line Communications and Social Media

Our new chapters launched Danish and Greek Facebook pages. In addition to our main English page, we are now visible in French, Bulgarian, Swedish, Italian, Finnish, Dutch, Romanian.

Videos

We have started editing a backlog of the video footage from our appearances at conferences and workshops to be launched on social media with our new website which we plan to create in 2018. Some examples of videos that were created during this period are:

Promo Video
Team Video
Rodrique’s video
MEPs European Parliament Conference Video
I joined Natures Rights in 2013 whilst pursuing my degree in filmmaking with the aspiration to create impactful documentaries. I was inspired by the NGO's innovative approach to tackle the extensive environmental issues we face today by addressing the root cause in law.

As part of the UK media team my contribution as a filmmaker is to shoot, edit and direct a variety of videos to spread the message of the organisation. I got involved in filming events and conferences around the UK, Scotland and Belgium, where I interviewed our founder, other members and attendees. This includes assisting experienced documentary filmmaker Raul Alvarez in creating content for the organisation as well. The first interview I held with Mumta Ito about Rights of Nature and Wholistic Law helped generate over 1.4K views on YouTube.

The highlight for me was filming the conference we held at the EU Parliament in Brussels in 2017, where I had to coordinate the coverage of the entire event. It involved shooting the panel talks with multicam in collaboration with an assistant, taking stills as well as interviewing key members of the EU parliament and Nature’s Rights members.

Another key project I worked on was the creation of the organisation’s main promo video which would play as a powerful call to action to a large range of audiences. Since the purpose of the cause is to both drive policy as well as cultural change we had to differentiate ourselves from other causes and NGO’s with our image and modes of communications. It involved me repurposing an existing video called “She’s Alive”, with the makers’ permission, to our own call to action.

Having a media team for the organisation is utterly important to not only show its identity and spread its message but also to help fortify a pan-European team which
connects primarily through digital platforms. Creating a team video was the perfect solution to show our audiences who we are - our passions and motives, dedications and actions - but it was also a valuable exercise to bring everyone closer together. In collaboration with our social media strategist Akhshy Thiagarajan we had to make sure that the quality of output coming from many different locations, devices and varying filming skills from the numerous members was at a good standard to create a shareable video.

It has been a profoundly educational journey as it has opened my eyes to many of the current environmental challenges and the ineffectiveness of the systems put in place but it has also given me hope that we can collaboratively drive change even with a radical solution. Being part of a broad community of activists who care deeply about our planet has inspired and encouraged me to contribute with all efforts possible within as well as outside of the organisation.

Vania with Nature’s Rights volunteers Kent and Katarina outside the European Parliament
I’d been interested in wild law or Earth jurisprudence for several years before I discovered Nature’s Rights and heard about their campaigns. I was immediately impressed there was an organisation dedicated to implementing wild law in practice. This is a very difficult task given that our legal system does not recognise any such rights; however that did not deter me from getting involved in the Frome project.

I’ve now been to Frome almost a dozen times, to meet various groups and individuals and also to speak at local council meetings. The most common response was: wow, what a fantastic idea! People asked good questions about how it might work and I’ve had to think things through, whilst also admitting that I haven’t got all the answers. No one has! What seems certain to me is that new ways of relating to Nature are going to be vital if people are to establish a really sustainable and long-term relationship with the nonhuman aspects of our planet, on whom we depend in every way. Nature’s rights is not about turning the whole world into a Nature reserve. It’s about recognising that natural phenomena like rivers bring life to everyone, and that our current law and management methods have serious shortcomings.

Most of the people I’ve met in Frome love the prospect of being able to defend their local environment by giving the River Frome legal personality, which would allow them to speak up for the River. Giving the River the right to flow and be free from major pollution is the most effective way of making sure the river is there for the benefit of walkers, fishermen, canoe clubs, farmers, wildlife and anyone who fancies a dip in the River after a long, hard day. That would be me.
I’m a UK lawyer with experience in commercial and environmental law. I’ve noticed paradoxically that lawyers are often the ones who get the most worried by ideas which might change the law. What I’ve learnt from the Frome campaign is that if you believe something is a good idea you have to stand behind it and be willing for people to disagree with you. You have to develop a longer term perspective.

Working with Mumta has been brilliant because she has a rare mix of qualities, being someone down-to-earth and practical and yet who upholds a higher vision for what could be.
Impact Story 3 -

Ana Daraban -
Volunteer Romanian Chapter Leader

I started to collaborate with the Nature’s Rights movement for the first time in 2014 after participating in events organised by their partner organisation Pachamama Romania. I supported the Rights of Nature Bike Ride in Europe with Alexandru Beldiman and Irina Turcu in 2016. After COP 21 - Paris, I was inspired to organise a Festival of Sustainable Alternatives - Green Life Bucharest and we continued in 2017 with the second edition with the support of volunteers and friends.

The Green Life Bucharest festival combines sustainable citizenship activities by promoting Nature’s Rights culture across 5 sections with the following specific objectives:

- **Creative workshops** - working with natural materials to manifest the human creative spirit;
- **Ecological projects** - informing citizens about projects with ecological background (products, concepts, procedures, programs and initiatives of groups, NGOs and institutions);
- **Urban community hubs** - promoting and evaluating the choices and benefits of spending time in a creative and relaxing way that can add vivacity and optimism to the urban environment;
- **Movement and Complementary therapies** - helping people overcome boundaries on many levels and fostering the development of a conscious lifestyle;

- **Science, culture and education for the future** - Presentation and facilitation of scientific initiatives, discoveries, innovations, debates, workshops and conferences by teachers and experts for orientation and development of attractive educational directions by expressing the human potential in harmony with Nature.

In the near future we would like to generate a debate in the Romanian society on the concept of Nature’s rights and to start a legislative project aimed at protecting the Carnic Mountain (Rosia Montana – controversial gold mining project – UNESCO proposal for historical sites) through the rights of Nature.

In 2017 we also created a series of educational events in a local library **~March inspire us by Nature vitality~** that brought collaborative people together around the topic of Nature’s rights.

Being passionate about Nature and living a beautiful life, through my volunteer work I discovered the pleasure of helping people to connect over distance and to overcome cultural differences and also at a deeper level to reveal our shared manifestation of consciousness in harmony with the whole universe. Since I am an environmental engineer and researcher, I noticed that the majority of environmental problems arise from within - concerns, doubts, troubles of every human chasing after a better life – and yet we continue to generate and overlook many diverse conflicts at a small and medium scale and now even globally. After becoming a mother, the question how to educate my son and re-educate myself for that purpose arose in me. I realised that I can sense and manage my life though intuition rather than external expectations, meaning I am more aware and effective being connected with Nature.
Accounts and Financial Management
Summary

In this accounting period 1 Oct 2016 - 30 Sept 2017, our receipts from donations and Gift Aid were £2,109 and our payments towards fulfilment of our charitable objectives were £4235. Our reserves carried over from the last accounting period ensured that we were able to meet our obligations. Again, like in the past accounting period, our success is largely due to the huge amount of in-kind professional services and volunteer time that we were able to attract to our cause. These amounted to **in-kind professional services of £261,100, in kind donations of £357 and volunteer time of £16,100 - a total of £280,777.** This is excluding more complex running costs of power, office supplies, travel costs and so on that were donated during the course of providing the in-kind and volunteer services. Due to the generosity of our trustees and volunteers covering their own costs privately, the only administrative costs that the charity has incurred during this period are bank charges of £82. Our net **surplus of £4802** is carried into the next period as working capital. Our charity currently owns no assets and has incurred no liabilities.

For further details see our [Accounts](#).
## Breakdown of In-Kind Professional Services

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Governance
Our governance structure is set out in our [Constitution](#). 6 new Trustees were recruited during this accounting period and 2 Trustees retired.

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Diana Cocoru retired on 8 February 2017 and Shona Kriss on 1 September 2017.
Trustee Bios

**Founder and President:**
**Mumta Ito**
Nature’s Rights Expert and Advocate, Lawyer, Zoologist

A former structured finance lawyer in the City of London, advising governments, multinational corporations and investment banks - turned public interest environmental lawyer - Mumta set up an NGO in the Caribbean to create a people’s movement to successfully save an ecosystem of global ecological importance and bring about legislative change. She is one of Europe’s leading experts and advocates for Nature’s rights, European facilitator of the UN Harmony with Nature Knowledge Network, lead author of a Draft EU Directive for The Rights of Nature and initiator of a European Citizens’ Initiative to include the rights of Nature on the EU legislative agenda. Additionally, she holds a BSc in Zoology, is an award winning public speaker and a qualified systemic constellations practitioner who has facilitated workshops around the world.

**Chair of Board of Trustees:**
**Caroline Hunt-Matthes**
Human Rights Advocate and Academic

Caroline is an Associate Professor at Webster University Geneva, where she focuses on whistle-blower protection. She is also a member of faculty at Grenoble Business School, France, where she teaches Law, Corporate Governance, CSR, Ethics and Diversity. She was appointed to the panel of experts established by the Canadian Standards Authority to develop an international guideline on Whistleblowing Systems. A human rights lawyer and investigator with years of expertise, Caroline has served as peacekeeper and United Nations staff member, including WHO, WFP, UNHCR, UNAIDS, DPKO and OHCHR. She is a trustee/advisor to think tanks on staff and management issues, litigation, policy and compliance issues and advisor to the Global Geneva magazine.
Executive Director of the NGO MAPAS has successfully advanced municipal laws and policies to increase enforcement of rights of Nature in Brazil. Vanessa holds a PhD in Environmental Law with a concentration in Rights of Nature and a Master degree with a concentration in Water Policies, from the PUC/SP – Catholic University of São Paulo. She is a professor at the Estácio University in Brazil and a specialist lawyer at the University of São Paulo at the School of Public Health. As a lawyer and consultant of many NGOs, she has been active to enforce the rights of Nature in many sustainability programs. Vanessa successfully introduced the rights of Nature into law in Sao Paolo and is working on introducing it to 4 other municipalities in Brazil.

Massimiliano Montini is a lawyer and an Associate Professor of European Union Law at the University of Siena (Italy). His main research areas cover Environmental Law as well as Climate Change and Sustainable Development Law. He is Founder and Director of the Environmental Legal Team (ELT), a university-based consultancy team of lawyers at the University of Siena. Moreover, he is Founder and Co-Director of the R4S (Regulation for Sustainability), an interdisciplinary research group focused on legal and economic regulation for the promotion of sustainability. He has been a consultant to the Italian Ministry for the Environment on Environmental and Climate Change Law from 2004 to 2014. He is a Fellow of the C-EENRG Research Centre of the University of Cambridge, a Member of the TEN Centre of the Venice International University, of the Avosetta Group (an association of distinguished European environmental lawyers) and of Climate Strategies, a think tank on climate change.
Alexandra Postelnicu —
NGO Leader and Expert in Healing

Alexandra has always been interested in the process of healing. She studied biology and after a pre-med program at Boston University, she followed a program in Clinical Psychology at the Californian Institute for Integral Studies. Her first Pachamama Alliance Symposium made her realize that all of today’s crises (ecological, social, psycho-emotional and spiritual) have as main cause the illusion that people are separate from each other and from Nature. In 2011 Alexandra founded Pachamama Romania, an NGO which promotes the Pachamama Alliance educational programs and works to establish Rights of Nature in law. She is also the initiator of a national initiative in Romania to procure legal personality and rights for the Carnic Mountain in Rosia Montana.

Doris Ragettli —
Campaigner and Founder of Rights of Mother Earth

Doris is a co-Founder of Rights of Mother Earth, an NGO which initiated a global signature campaign asking the UN to adopt the Universal Declaration of Rights of Mother Earth. The movement delivered an account of 117 000 signatures to the UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon at the Earth Summit Rio+20 followed by 828 000 signatures at the COP21 in Paris and is now active to complete 1 million signatures. Since 2013 Doris is also a member of the organisation Scientific International, which organizes the annual Geneva Forum for Rights of Nature at the UN in Geneva. From 1991-2004 she was co-accountable for The Hunger Project Switzerland. Doris holds degrees in retail business management and environmental consulting.
Morena Cristina Rizzo -
Project Manager and Fundraising Expert

Morena graduated with Honours in Political Science and is a Senior Project Manager and grants advisor. She worked at the EU Projects Office at Roma Tre University supporting university departments in accessing and managing EU and international funding for R&D, networking and development projects. She also worked as a project manager and grants consultant for P.N.O Group, a Pan-European consultancy, focused on EU and International funded research projects as well as on technology transfer actions. In addition to the whole project lifecycle management, her duties encompassed project dissemination and awareness raising actions, arranging face to face and online international events to create SMEs-Academia research partnerships and reporting. She has managed different funded projects in a variety of areas such as renewable energies, eco-innovation and sustainable development.

Izabela Skawinska-Luther –
Communication and Wildlife-Human-Conflict Expert

Izabela started volunteering in Nature protection in her mid-teens. She soon realised that the root cause of environmental issues was the detachment of humans from Nature. Consequently, she specialised in Human-Wildlife-Conflict, an area of conservation devoted to species with low social acceptance. Izabela worked for WWF Germany, where she managed projects in Central and Eastern Europe and for Friends of the Earth Germany, where she managed international media and public relations in species conservation. She also co-ordinated media and communication across continental Europe in an international climate change NGO, CDP. Izabela has worked with governmental bodies, PR agencies, companies and other organisations and is now advising environmental projects and initiatives. She graduated in Marketing and in Communication Management.
Diana Cocoru – Digital Transformation Expert

Diana is an ICT strategist, passionate about human development and community empowerment, dedicated to international networking and peer multicultural learning. She has professional experience in public policy (European Parliament), international NGO sector (OpenForum Europe; Kabissa – Space for Change in Africa) and private business (Bolloré Africa Logistics). Diana holds Bachelor degrees in Economics and Law as well as a Master degree in EU International Relations and Diplomacy and works as a Digital Transformation Consultant, helping organisations and businesses to accelerate transformation of their activities, processes, competencies and models to fully leverage the changes and opportunities of digital technologies. Diana is a keen supporter of Nature’s Rights and served as Trustee until February 2017.

Shona Kriss – Global Sales Manager and Marketing Expert

Shona has professional background in Sales, Marketing, Business Development and Fundraising. She worked as a project manager in different areas of sustainability, from projects supporting small-scale farmers producing organic-cotton to supply chain integration projects for global manufacturers and retailers to ensure transparency in business ethics, social, and environmental performance data. As a Global Sales Manager in a botanical remedies company, she looks after trade and practitioner clients, and supports them in helping heal as many people as possible. Shona moved from London to Findhorn Ecovillage, Scotland, to bring her son up in connection to Nature and as part of a conscious community. This is also where she started to support Nature’s Rights and served as Trustee until September 2017.
LOOKING FORWARD
to the incredible support of those who made it happen, we have managed to achieve the impossible yet again! During the next period we intend to build on this success as we continue to strengthen our network of organisational partners and experts, consolidate our work, further our Draft EU Directive and develop other legislative proposals, continue to prepare the ground for launching our European Citizens' Initiative for Rights of Nature and other initiatives, build our communications tools, refine our strategy and intensify our fundraising efforts. In this second period, we have accomplished our goals through in-kind professional services and volunteer time and with no paid staff - which is testimony to the huge dedication and support that exists for our organisation. However, with our rapid organisational growth, hiring a core team to coordinate partner and volunteer activities and to deliver our main activities is becoming increasingly necessary in order to ensure continued and sustainable success.

We need your help...

As the only registered charity in Europe with this mission, you can rest assured that the money that we receive will be used directly to establish rights of Nature in law and policy, raise awareness and to provide workshops that transform our inner and outer relationship with Nature. Make our in-kind services and volunteer time go further with your donation. Every organisation needs not just goodwill but also money in order to operate. Fund our work today and become part of our growing international movement.

DONATION LINK: givey.com/naturesrights

If you make your donation a monthly recurring payment, it will help us to plan ahead. If you are a UK tax-payer, Gift Aid increases the value of your charity donations by 25%, because as a charity we can reclaim the basic rate of tax on your gift at no extra cost to you.

"For me rights of Nature are fundamental to a sustainable life. I believe that the passion the team has will bring about significant positive change.

Roger Ross - Lots Road Auction House Owner and Nature’s Rights Donor"
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1. Please take a few minutes to subscribe to our mailing list and Facebook page and spread news of our work in your network and among friends:
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2. Do you have specific skills & time to dedicate to supporting Nature’s Rights?
   Get in touch with us at contact@natures-rights.org to find out about volunteering opportunities and in-kind professional services donations.

3. Join our network of organisations and experts by e-mailing us at contact@natures-rights.org
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to all of those who provided:

- in-kind professional services and donations
- volunteer time
- monetary donations

Without you this work would not be possible!

WE ARE NATURE - AND TOGETHER WE ARE THE CHANGE.


"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has. -

Margaret Mead