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Bear the Original Intention in Mind, Walk Hand in Hand

2022 is a year full of gratitude as we successfully completed the handover of the 9th and 10th board of directors in July. I would like to thank the outgoing directors for their contribution to the smooth operation of Society of Wilderness (SOW) in the past three years, as well as their selfless dedication. I would like to take this opportunity to express my most sincere gratitude to these board members for their contribution and courage for undertaking the important roles.

This year is still a moving and fruitful year for all SOW's fellows. Although various activities were restricted to a certain extent in the first half year due to the pandemic, but SOW fellows' passion for the environment remained undiminished. Under the leadership of the ninth chairlady of the board, Ms. Liu, Yue-mei, the endeavors of habitat protection, environmental education and other fields were able to continue and obtain many remarkable achievements. We often say: "One person alone can go fast, but a group of people can go far." SOW has a group of cordial volunteers who are willing to dedicate wholeheartedly to protect the environment together, regardless of the cost. Although the journey is full of challenges, our persistent belief has driven us to strive for 27 years consecutively. Here, I would also like to express my greatest gratitude to all the volunteers who worked hard together with us.

In 2022, we persisted in the SOW's spirit to collaborate with volunteers and staff to promote and complete various environmental actions and plans, and received many recognitions. Among them, the most memorable moment

is that at the award ceremony of the National Environmental Education Award, just before the announcement of the winners of organization category, the presenter Ms. Li, Jun-ru said: "This year's winner has a very important meaning. My dear, please don't forget your original intention, believe in what you have done and strive towards a better us. All frustration will be transformed into the fuel to drive us forward, and bring us the glory. The winner is the Society of Wilderness!". There are a lot of obstacles on the journey to protect Taiwan's environment, it is inevitable to encounter setbacks, feel lost or powerless. Professor Li Jun-ru's kind words gave us a clear guidance - "Never forget your original intention".

In the future, there will still be many challenges waiting for us. As long as we look back the moment when we firstly dedicated ourselves to the SOW. By keeping up pure intention and passion, we can march hand in hand toward the goal.



Chairman



Introduction of SOW

Society of Wilderness (SOW) was founded on June 25, 1995 with the purpose of conserving Taiwan's natural ecology and environment through education and habitat protection. Headquartered in Taipei, we have eleven chapters across Taiwan, one chapter preparatory office, nine liaison offices, five SOW partners overseas, and more than 20,000 current civilian members who are committed to environmental protection.

Purpose of SOW

SOW acquires legal guardianship and management rights of waste lands through purchases, leases, commissions or donations, with the intent of protecting habitats and letting Mother Nature repair damaged lands while restoring the vitality within them. By doing so, future generations will have the opportunity to explore the mystery of nature as well as the meaning of life.

Mission of SOW

- ★ Preserve natural species in Taiwan.
- ★ Allow natural succession in the wilderness.
- ★ Promote ecological conservation.
- ★ Provide opportunities of ecological education for the public.
- ★ Assist the government with water/soil preservation and natural resources protection.
- ★ Develop talent in ecological conservation.

Committees and Task Forces

- ☆ Interpreter Education Committee
- ☆ Promotion Education Committee
- ☆ Family Education Committee
- ☆ Children's Education Committee
- ☆ Habitat Work Committee
- ☆ Research & Development Committee
- ☆ International Affairs Committee
- ☆ Local Care and Guardian Committee
- ☆ Climate Change Education Committee
- ☆ Green Life Map Development Task Force
- ☆ Special Education Task Force
- ☆ Nature Center Development Task Force
- ☆ Aboriginal Task Force



Earth Sustainability lies on the Daily Life of You and Me

"Earth Sustainability lies on the Daily Life of You and Me – Gathering Collective Power, Reducing Carbon Footprint, Protecting Habitats" is the theme of environmental protection fundraising campaign promoted by SOW through public welfare fundraising and 7-ELEVEN change donation platform. This campaign call on all people to collaboratively create a healthy interaction between humans and nature. And the theme, "Earth Sustainability lies on the Daily Life of You and Me " is the goal followed by SOW's fellows to achieve through various environmental education programs and advocacy activities, hoping to influence more people to adopt sustainable life style. Thanks to the step-by-step efforts of all volunteer cadres, staff, as well as the members who participate in the one-day volunteer experiential activity, we have gradually gained the trust and recognition from the public.



The 10th Board of Directors and Supervisors was re-elected in the member representative meeting on June 25, 2022, and the consolidation workshop from October 30 to 31 was successfully completed. The new board of directors and supervisors continue to abide the core value, "Sustainable Mountain and Forest, Ecological City, Plastic-free Ocean" and move towards the sustainable goal of the earth through the endeavors of environmental education and habitat protection. Looking back over the past year, we have indeed obtained many remarkable achievements.

In terms of advocacy campaigns, the Earth Initiative in the first half year continued the theme of "Leaving a Bit of Green for the Earth", includes "City Nature Challenge" and "The Mysterious Neighbor is You", allow people to embrace nature during day and night; "Taiwan

Urban Park Ecological Initiative" and the "River Waste Survey Project" were promoted by the sponsorship of public welfare fundraising and corporates. The Ocean Initiative in the second half year launched "No Plastic Waste from Me in the Sea", and participated in "Ocean Cleanup" actions for the first time!

In terms of environmental education, aside from regular speeches, seminars, experiential activities and volunteer trainings to convey the concept of a friendly environment, we have established and completed two community renewable energy systems, "Yunlin Oyster School" and "Pingtung Liangshan Tribe" this year. The green power purchased from Sunnyfounder in 2018 was finally converted and started to supply on August 01, 2022. These are practical actions to support the energy transition policies. In addition, SOW also won the honor of "Excellence Award in Organization Category" in the 8th National Environmental Education Award this year.

On the aspect of habitat protection, aside from the SOW's continuous conservation

actions such as land-lease conservation, friendly farming, habitat restoration, species conservation, etc., we have acquired "SOW No. 2 Land" in Dajianshan, Xizhi, New Taipei City, a donation by Nanya Plastics Corporation. There is also great progress on private land trust cases. A volunteer from Yilan entrusted his land in Sanxing Township to the SOW for 10 years without any compensation, and Mr. Chen, a volunteer of Hsinchu chapter, entrusted his citrus garden in Hengshan to SOW for 5 years. Moreover, SOW has also actively applied for adoption and management of state-owned non-public marginal land in Daqidong in Hsinchu and Qigu in Tainan, as well as the east area of Kaohsiung Yuanjhong Wetland Park, etc.

Whether it is in advocacy activities, environmental education or habitat protection, the message that SOW wants to convey is very simple, hoping that as a global citizen, we can consciously review all the choices we make in life and exert our own power to fulfill the responsibility to protect the environment.



Recognition of National Environmental Education Award for Excellence

June 28, 2022 is the day when the National Environmental Education Award was presented, and the last day of the term of the eighth and ninth chairlady Liu, Yuemei, who attended the ceremony together with the new chairman Li, Qiting, executive director Ke, Dianyi, supervisor Song, Jiayuan and deputy secretary-general Xie, Zhendong. Wearing a mask was required in the event due to the pandemic. Although only the facial expressions above the nose can be seen, we can still feel the warmth and care from each other. Perhaps this is the lovely qualities of the fellows in the environmental education field which convey the love from people to people, and people to the land. There is seemingly a competitive vibe among contestants to win over the National Environmental Education Award, but it also provided the opportunity to allow everyone to learn about environmental protection actions and initiatives across Taiwan. Knowing that there are so many passionate people working hard for Taiwan is also an important drive for environmental educators.

The awards were presented in order, winners came up to the stage to accept the praise one by one, and all the audience gave the winners the greatest applause and cheers. When presenting the awards for



the organization category, Ms. Li, Junru took the sealed envelope, opened it gently, and delivered a touching speech: "This year's winner has a very important meaning. My dear, please don't forget your original intention, believe in what you have done and strive towards a better us, the frustration in the past will be transformed into the fuel to drive us forward, and bring us glory. The winner is the Society of Wilderness!" Hearing this, tears rolled in my eyes involuntarily, and stood up to pay tribute to everyone. This award belongs to all volunteers in Taiwan.

The Society of Wilderness was also one of the group candidates in the 2016 National Environmental Education Award, we finally won the exceptional honor this year. That is why Prof. Lee, Jun Ru said: "The frustration in the past will be transformed into the fuel to drive us forward." Regardless of special or excellent award, "Don't forget the original intention, strive towards a better us" is Prof. Lee's affirmation to us. In the days to come, SOW will continue to strive for Taiwan's environmental education, and with everyone's efforts, Taiwan will be better and more outstanding.

Initiative



Diversity and Collaborations Are Keys to Actions

"I like baseball, I love baseball, I can't eat, I can't sleep, I can't live without baseball.

Baseball fanatics, fans and friends, hello everyone! Hello everyone (in Taiwanese)! Hello everyone (in Hakka)! I am Zhanyuan Xu." This is the famous opening line of the baseball Anchor, Mr. Zhanyuan Xu.

Baseball is a sport with a high technical demand. There are many rules to follow and different defensive positions taken by nine players. The pitcher is the most important player who requires superb pitching skills and keeping calm in difficult situations, and his performance can determine the results of games. The second player – catcher – requires arm strength to throw the ball to second base to putout runners, good observation and memory to anticipate opposing hitters' moves to distribute the ball accordingly and adjust the defensive position of the players as the commander on the field. The thirdly important player is the first baseman who requires good flexibility to catch the ball and great hitting skills...etc.

Each position has its own duty and importance, and no one is indispensable. Don't envy the great hitters who hit lots of home runs or feel ashamed by the short body shape, everyone can find their own position on the field as long as they don't give up.

It is also true when it comes to care for the environment. The "River-Stream team", which has been expanding and thriving in recent years, is a perfect example. During the monthly visit to wild streams, the fellows equipped with computer expertise assist in pre-investigation planning and use free software to keep records; photograph lovers are responsible for shooting images; those who have aerial cameras support aerial shooting; people who like to observe share what they see and hear in the visit; the fellows with legal and public affairs expertise are the best representatives to communicate with the government.

As long as you want, everyone can find their own exclusive position! As it is in baseball, so it is in SOW.

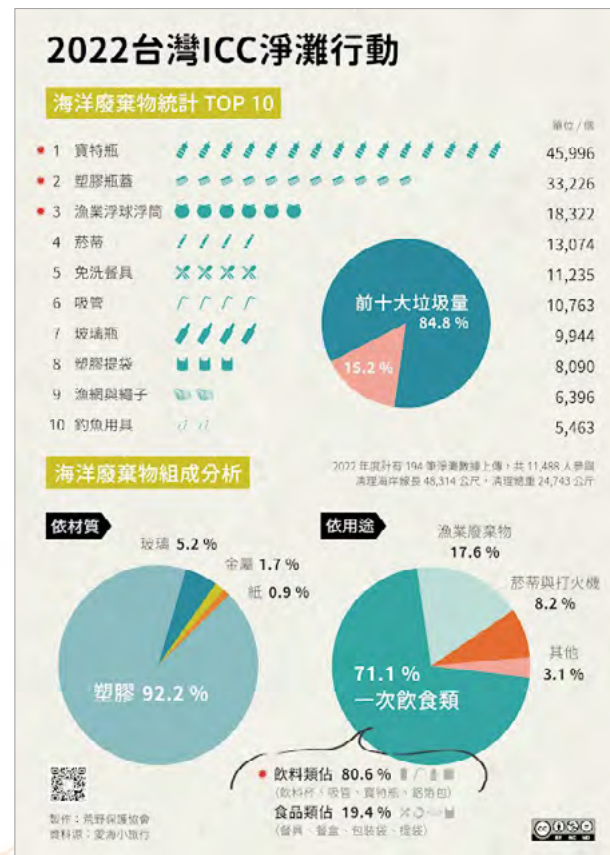
Baseball is regarded as the national sport in Taiwan. From the early Hong-Ye juvenile baseball to the establishment of the Chinese professional baseball league nowadays, no matter what era, people never give up even there are failures, that's why the sport prevails now and become the spirit of Taiwan. Upholding this spirit, the SOW continues to care for different environmental issues and to strive on the journey of environmental protection.

2022 Loving The Sea With No Fears

The ocean initiative of the year was themed "No Plastic Waste from Me in the Sea" to remind the private and the public sectors to take the use and production of disposable products seriously, and to encourage everyone to use less disposable products. However, it is easier said than done.

ICC Sea-loving Survey

SOW continues to use the "Sea-Loving Travel" website to collect coastal cleanup results and make analysis based on the types of marine debris listed in the International Coastal Cleanup (ICC). A total of 194 records were collected by 11,488 participants this year. In the past two years, despite the scale of coastal cleanup was affected by the pandemic, the participants still cleaned up 24,743.3 kilograms of trash on a coastline of 48,314 meters.



Based on the ICC statistical results this year, the top three wastes were: "plastic bottles, plastic bottle caps, fishery floats/buoys", and the total amount of the top ten wastes accounted for 84.9%. If classified by material, about 92.2% of the waste is made of plastic materials, and 71.1% was related to food.

Who is the Perpetrator?

The "Beach Safety Classification" assessment is based on the density of hazardous waste (such as iron and aluminum cans, glass bottles, needles, lighters, fishhooks, etc.) distributed on the coastline to define the degree of danger and classify the beaches into five grades A-E. Coasts with non-hazardous waste are defined as Class A, and those with more than 20 hazardous wastes per 10 meters are classified as Class E, the most dangerous area.

The year's 194 coastal cleanup data results show that there were four sections of coastline with the highest level of danger, located in Yilan County, Penghu County, and Tainan City. Among them, the most dangerous coastal section occurs in the Aozaijiao coast of Yilan County, which contains an average of 150 dangerous marine wastes (mostly fishing nets, glass, iron and aluminum cans) per 10 meters. There were also dangerous D-level beaches in Chiayi, Hsinchu, New Taipei, Taichung, Keelung, and Changhua. Various dangerous objects hidden in the ground make the beaches no longer safe for the public to get close to. Only by facing up to the waste problem, people can love the sea with no fears.



SOW Continues to Check up Rivers To Protect the Ocean

SOW started conducting river waste rapid-screening surveys in 2020. This year, we chose Touqian River, the source of rivers in Hsinchu, to conduct the "River Waste Rapid-Screening Survey" by the team consisted of SOW volunteers and Fubon Life staff. A total of 24 volunteers have completed 397 sections of river bank surveys by bicycle or on foot.

The total amount of waste in the survey section (about 198.5 kilometers along the river bank and the coast) was about 1.36 million liters which can fill up over 97,000 14-liter garbage bags commonly used in the Greater Taipei. Among the accessible river sections, on average, there are nearly 165.6 bags of waste per 1 km of the river, and more than 80% of them are disposable plastic products (such as cups/straws/disposable tableware) account for about 21.9% and plastic bags (including food packaging bags) about 13.3%.

After further reviewing the "Touqian River Waste Accumulation Diagram and River Waste Hotspot Distribution", 80% of the waste is concentrated in 10% of the river bank, and mostly piled up near bridge piers in Touqian River and Shangping River, close to sightseeing and recreational areas. It was also found some waste was deserted intentionally in secluded

grassy areas in the sparsely populated sections of river bank.

The awareness of environmental protection has risen in recent years, more and more people join in coastal cleanup events to protect the ocean, but the efforts will be in vain unless the rivers are clean. SOW will continue to release data and collaborate with the public and private sectors as well as local communities to eradicate waste hotspots in the most efficient way, meanwhile, to educate the public and develop better measures to preventing land-based garbage from entering rivers and oceans. Everyone should make more efforts to reduce plastic usage in life, especially the use of disposable waste. By doing so, we can prevent 70% of waste from flowing into the ocean and realize the vision of "clean rivers, blue sea".

SOW Joined in "Ocean Cleanup" Force for the First Time

Ocean cleanup is a way to protect the ocean, but it also requires special attention to safety!

This year is our first attempt at conducting an ocean cleanup activity, we cleaned up marine debris through diving. SOW has invited Mr. Chen, Xuanzhou, a senior diving instructor with more than 20 years of experience in ocean cleanup, to lead the diving volunteers to ensure their safety.

During ocean cleanup, we have found a lot of fishery wastes deserted in the ocean, such as





fishing nets, wooden shrimp lures, Styrofoam, etc. It is guessed that fishermen fish incorrectly and cause fishing gear stuck on corals in the bottom of the sea. In the first cleanup activity, 37 divers picked up a total of 160 kilograms of waste. It is not a competition to judge who loves the ocean more by the amount of waste he/she picked up. Instead, training people to assess and make right decisions about their own safety in the sea is more important. Source reduction has always been our main appeal of ocean protection. Through the efforts of ocean cleanup, we call on people to reduce the use of certain products, let the ocean restore her blue beauty and various creatures swim freely and happily in it.

Safeguarding the Land, Ocean and Sky During the Pandemic Period

After the pandemic alert was lifted, we have expanded the scale of environmental education programs and species investigations in wetlands. The actions are shown below:

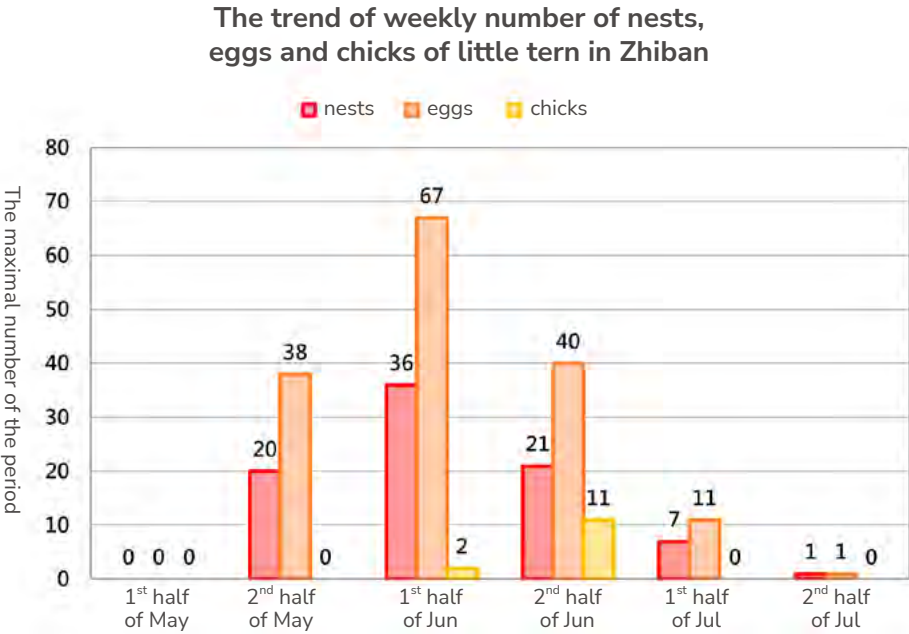
a. Water Workshop :

Three workshops were held from June to July. Lu, Yingzhi, an elder from the Kadadibu tribe, was invited to share stories about the origin of traditional place names. Lin, Chengxiu, vice president of the Youth Association, and other fellows guided participants to experience catching fish fry in the estuary. The local ecological advocates, Lu, Jinyu and Cai, Weiyi were also invited to lead fish and shrimp surveys in the waters, and to demonstrate setting traps and throwing cast nets, etc. These activities led participants to learn the history and current situation of Zhiben Wetland hydrology. The symbiosis between bitterling and river mussels, Monk Goby's fry swimming upstream the estuary as well as the food chain relationship between fishing fry and little tern were the most impressive learning experience to participants.

b. Stop NG Behaviors to Safeguard the Growth of Little Tern Chicks

The little tern breeding and conservation action has entered its third year. Volunteers performed the action drama "Stop NG Behaviors" on Zhiben Beach on April 24th, to call on action of stopping human intervention, such as constructions, beach cleanup, harassing the breeding birds and chicks, abandoning pets, feeding stray dogs and cats, etc., from April to August, the little tern breeding period.

The Kadadibu Tribe, firstly joined with the Taitung chapter and the Taitung Bird Association made an initiative to call on people and vehicles to follow the existing roads, so the breeding environment of the little tern was



improved significantly. During the peak season, there were 67 eggs in 36, 32 chicks hatched, and a total of 152 little terns. It is estimated that the little terns laid more than 50 eggs during the breeding period, and success rate for the secondary reproduction was rarely high in the history. (Tabulation: Chen, Yifan)

In just three months, from presenting fish for courtship, hatching eggs and breeding, feeding food to the chicks and teaching the chicks to fly till they are able to forage independently. The process demonstrates the rapid multiplication of life makes all of us thrilled.

Protecting Rivers from the Destruction of Excavators

"Let's go to Dazhen to tell the trees and insects not to worry as excavators won't come this season. Please nest at ease."

The lyric was created by Yongfeng Zhong when he was the head of the Kaohsiung County Water Conservancy Bureau. At that time, he was frustrated by the fact that the water control budget was frozen because he had offended the councilors, but on the other hand, he felt

relieved as the excavator wouldn't come that season and all creatures can live and breed at ease.

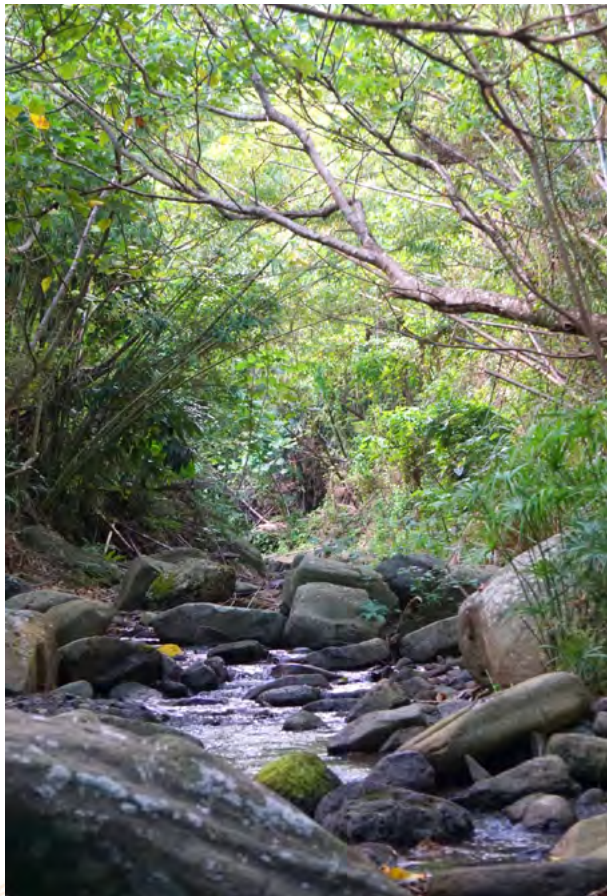
SOW currently has three river-stream teams, respectively in Taitung, Kaohsiung, and Tainan, to monitor the local stream environment. By continuously recording the ecology of each stream through on-site surveys so as to protect the habitats from improper rehabilitation projects. The missions and goals of the team have always been clear and firm, through citizen participation and collaboration with other NGOs who share the same concerns, to continuously



monitor and communicate on the stream-related rehabilitation projects.

At present, the implementation of ecological inspection still needs to be improved, and takes more time and resources to fulfill the requirements of ecological inspection and aligns with ecological preservation measures. Treatment of water is the same as that of diseases, it's vital that the prescription should be targeted at the focus of the disease, and any side effects of the prescription should be also taken into considerations.

The river-stream teams will continue to push and lead the public sectors to transform and grow, in addition to the goal - "Zero Loss of Natural Streams", we hope to return more land to rivers, so the creatures that depend on streams for their livelihood can thrive and breed at ease.



Development of Renewable Energy Co-Thrives with Citizen Participation and the Environment

The use of energy, regardless traditional fossil energy, nuclear energy, or renewable energy, imposes various impacts on habitats and the society. SOW assisted the Keliao community learning center in Kouhu Township, Yunlin County, and the Kulabu Baihe supplementary learning center of the Liangshan Tribe in Majia Township, Pingtung County, in the construction of a community renewable energy system, and set up a self-generated solar energy storage system to promote green energy to the tribal residents and to increase their understanding about solar energy. In addition to enabling the sustainable operation of supplementary classes, meal provision and the coming elderly services in rural areas, the projects also help to promote the development of local communities, exhibit the benefits of promoting green energy education and serving remote tribes, as well as demonstrate the diverse usage of renewable energy.

Compared with other renewable energy power generation methods, geothermal power is a baseload electricity requires little space. Although the impact is relatively small, the influence of external construction on local residents cannot be ignored. Mutual

understanding among stakeholders such as the standpoint and needs should be addressed before the development of geothermal power generation. SOW started promoting science popularization programs on geothermal knowledge in 2021, and further led the public to know more about geothermal power generation in 2022 by holding 7 online courses, and local geothermal forums in geothermal potential areas, like Wanli, Hualien to allow the government, manufacturers, and residents to understand their respective positions and prospects on geothermal development.

Leave A Bit of Green on The Earth

SOW organizes the "Earth Initiative" activities in the first half of each year to speak out for the environment. In 2022, we continued to use "Leave A Bit of Green on The Earth" as the theme of the initiative, starting with "Earth Hour", a global energy-saving event and "Natural Green Life" market on Mar. 26th. Through virtual live podcast symposiums, we invited advocates who have long dedicated in promoting eco-friendly life style and recycling and regeneration of resources to share the challenges faced by Taiwan's environment and feasible protection methods. The event also



incorporated videos, drama, music performances and other art forms to soothe people's hearts. The number of participants exceeded 500.

People from different counties and cities across Taiwan also responded to the event. According to Taipower, when the lights were turned off for one hour, the electricity consumption can be reduced by about 114,000 kWh, which is equivalent to 10 years of use per person in terms of the average electricity consumption in Taiwan. (Source: Bureau of Energy, Ministry of Economic Affairs, national electricity consumption in 2020 is 238.9 billion kilowatt-hours, based on the national population of 23.57 million, the average share of electricity consumption per person is 10,135 kilowatt-hours).

Other activities include 15 films played in the "Micro-Revolution on the Land" film festival, which had been played more than 2,000 times; "Climate Change" lecture series had 86 participants taken part in 6 sessions; 138 participants for 8 sessions of outdoor observation event - "Who is the Mysterious Neighbor?"; 1,182 attendants participated in the "City Nature Challenge" habitat species survey. It is hoped that through the diversified events, the public can better understand the beautiful land, habitat and creatures of Taiwan, and take actions to slow down climate change.



Habitat Protection

Ignite the Flame in the Heart to Protect the Habitats

A habitat has thousands of nature stories to tell; a habitat has hundreds of millions of songs of life to sing. Humans live in the concrete jungle, and their life seems convenient but monotonous; the city scenery is not as splendid as the terrestrial and aquatic habitats. If you and I can protect the natural habitats with good strategies and positive attitudes, the stories and songs of habitats can be unceasingly sung.

In the past, we used enclosures to protect habitats, but now we use "active" methods to educate the public and empower the next generation with the concept of habitat conservation. We apply a two-pronged approach to speed up habitat restoration with proper human intervention in line with the natural ecology, so it will not be too late to start.

According to the purpose of the Society of Wilderness (SOW), there are seven ways to protect natural habitats, namely purchase, long-term lease, commission, signing a memorandum of cooperation, adoption, guardianship, and addressing habitat issues. There are 85 habitats that the SOW actively concerns nationwide. Among them, "SOW No. 1 Land" in Dongshan Yilan, is our first direct purchase of land and is home to various wild animals such as osprey, crested serpent eagle, pangolin and other protected animals. In addition, in the Wugu Wetland, we have adopted the approach of "habitat transfer" after consultation with the government and successfully restored the habitats in the surrounded areas, allowing SOW volunteers and the public to discover Taiwan's unique species in this area in 2005 - *Mortonagrion hirosei*. In order to protect this species, the SOW and the Taipei City Water Conservancy cooperated to establish the "Zhoumei Environmental Education Center" close to the place where the *Mortonagrion hirosei* was discovered in the Huanggang River, and implement environmental education programs to raise the public's awareness of habitat protection.

There were some successful stories of habitat protection related to friendly farming. In 2014, the SOW rented 0.4 hectare of paddy field and 0.3 hectare of dry farm in Youlutan Hsinchu as the bases to promote friendly farming without the use of pesticide and herbicide. Another example is urban park ecologization campaign, which demonstrates the SOW's efforts on protecting urban habitats in recent years, such as: Fuyang Natural Ecological Park in the early years to the recent Yongchunpi Wetland Park. With the hard work of the staff of Tainan chapter, the urban park transformation also prevails in Tainan. The examples above show that SOW fellows treat each habitat in the way as if they teach students differently depending on their aptitude and customize the strategy and management for each habitat.

The belief of SOW is to reserve natural habitats as a precious asset for future generations through participating in habitat conservation and addressing environmental issues. Therefore, finding the way to ignite the flame of habitat protection in people's heart, and transform their empathetic feelings into real action, which is the most important mission for all of us now.

Habitat Protection Achievements

Project Type	Achievement
Land purchase and protection	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SOW's Land No. 1 - Yilan Dongshan• SOW's Land No. 2 - New Taipei Xizhi Dajian Mountain
Donation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Taipei-Wugu Wetland Ecological Park• Hsinchu Hengshan Dacidong Tianliaopo• Tainan Cigu Salt Wetland• Tainan Barclay Memorial Park• Kaohsiung Yuanchungkan Wetlands Park(East District)
Adoption and maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Taipei Fuyang Natural Ecological Park• Taipei Yongchunpi Wetland Park• Taipei Youth Park
Cooperative management	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• National Freeway 3A Fuyang Habitat• Hsinchu Hengshan Citrus Grove Friendly Farming Base• Kaohsiung Mt. Guanyin Lotus-pond Wetland• Kaohsiung Tianliao Protected Habitat• Yilan Sanshing Breeze Entrusted Land
Entrusted management	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wanli Wetland Education Center• Zhoumei Environmental Education Center• Yortian Friendly Farming Base• Shuiyun Ecological Education Center• Namaxia Utung Nature Classroom• Xiaoyeliu Nature Classroom• Shuanglianpi Environmental Education and Habitat protection Base• Qingshui Lake Environmental Education Base
Nature Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hsinchu Dashanbei Youluo Farm• Yilan 52-jia Wetland• Yilan Shuanglianpi
Leased land conservation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kentish Plover Survey in Wazihwei Wetland, Taipei• Mortonagrion Hirosei Ashahina monitoring in the Hydraulic Engineering• Office managing wetland area, Taipei• <i>Mortonagrion Hirosei Ashahina</i> investigation and protection plan at Zhoumei• Spartina alterniflora removal on Danshui River bank• Ecological investigation and close-to-water plan in Shuangxi area, New Taipei• Magang intertidal zone protection Plan• Wugu Wetland Operation and Ecological Survey on water birds• Ecological Park - Fuyang Natural Ecological Park• Taoyuan home-coming Plan (Taoyuan native species inhabitat protection)• Carnivorous plant Habitat Conservation Monitoring and Maintenance in Hsinchu• Zhubei Lotus Temple Wetland• Hsinchu Sustainable Biodiversity Promotion• Hsinchu Dashanbei Amphibians protection Plan• Hsinchu Shallow Mountain Adobtion and protection Plan
Leased land conservation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Touqian River protection• Fazi River protection• <i>Schoenoplectus triqueter</i> Native Restoration Plan• Chiayi Invasive Species Management and Biodiversity Promotion• Artificial nest box building and monitoring Project(Tainan)• Shuanglianpi Nature Reserve Restoration• Shuanglianpi Different land usages impact on vegetation community Study• Yilan Wildlife protected area managing Plan• 52-jia Wetland Waterbird-Friendly Habitat Construction• Survey and maintenance of carnivorous plant habitat in Hualien area• Protect Taitung Zhiben Wetland• Coastal Walking Expedition Project and SOW Walking Expedition Promotion Project• Mountain and Forest Walking Expedition Project• National Eco-Park Initiative- Tainan Barclay Park, Chiayi North Fragrant Lake• Park, Hsinchu Shulintou Park ecological Survey• Promotional Plan to Prohibitng herbicide use on non-agricultural land
Protection Actions and Others	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• City Nature Challenge• Simultaneous Bird Survey in Danshui River Basin, Taipei• Protect Zhangixalus arvalis (Farmland tree frog)• Crab protection in Danshui River

Habitat Protection Mission Progressing Continuously

The Society of Wilderness (SOW) continues to protect and manage nature habitats in different ways. This year, it has made great progress on land enclosure. Thanks to the donation of Nanya Plastic Industry Co., Ltd., the SOW was able to acquire the second land in June this year. After the acquisition, the volunteers started regular ecological records collection and use the data as a reference for subsequent planning. There was also a great progress on habitat adoption with 3 new additions, respectively, Tainan Cigu Salt Pan Wetland, 2 state-owned lands in Daqidong, Hengshan Township, Hsinchu and the east area of Yuanjhong Harbor Wetland Park in Kaohsiung. Two new sites were acquired for entrusted management, the volunteer of Yilan chapter whose nature name is "Breeze" entrusted his land in Sanxing Township to the SOW for 10 years; the other is an eco-friendly citrus farm in Hengshan, Hsinchu which was entrusted to the SOW gratuitously for 5 years. At present, there are 85 habitats under the SOW's watch throughout Taiwan,

On the aspect of ecological survey, the Habitat Survey Project, which uses "Love Nature" App as the recording platform, has collected 210,000 records this year. Thanks to the persistent hard work of the SOW fellows, 1,279 people participated in the 4-day City Nature Challenge at the end of April and collected more than 44,000 records. Due to the pandemic, the scale of records and participation has decreased compared with previous year. It is hoped that the investigation activities and survey training courses can be resumed next year to encourage more participants and collect more data, so that the world can see the beauty of Taiwan's biodiversity.

We will continuously strive to protect

the habitats under our watch to secure more enclosed land to allow more wildlife to thrive in the habitats reserved by the SOW.

Eco-Friendly Farming and Environmental Initiative: Protection of 52-jia Wetland

52-jia Wetland is an important national wetland, but 90% of the land is private-owned. This year, the SOW has contracted a land sized 0.56 hectare to grow eco-friendly lotus seeds and hopefully to influence the farmers to continue farming in the wetland. Other than that, the "The SOW Street Theatre Team" was formed to promote environmental protection actions by performing the stories of early day lives. As for children education, we have produced a picture book about wetland to introduce the 52-jia Wetland to elementary schools and kindergartens in Yilan next year. We have also published a set of green maps of the wetland as well as the old street to inspire the locals and newcomers to resonate with the wetland and the environment.

The SOW has organized a total of 40 on-site activities this year, including a series of aquatic biology survey workshops with a total of 5 courses in 4 days, 8 nature experience activities, 5 corporate volunteer activities, 13 fixed-point investigations, and 7 working holidays. We have recruited farming volunteers to apply friendly farming methods to reduce the harm to the earth.



The Lands Directly Held by the SOW: Land No. 1 and Land No. 2

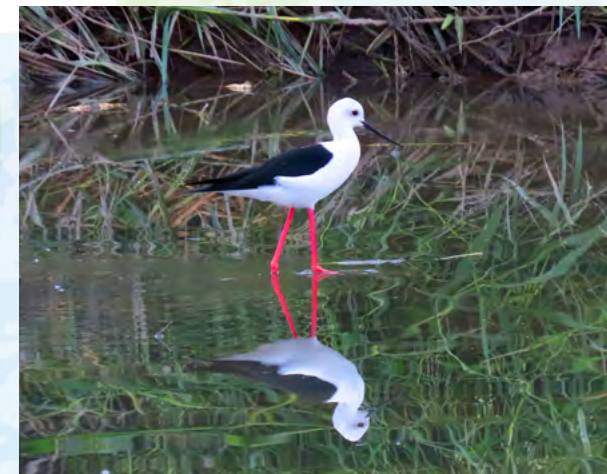
The SOW has held the first land for 4 years and continue to conduct monthly surveys and record the findings in the iNaturalist platform. Up to October 2022, a total of 7,582 records and 1,102 species had been recorded, including 586 insects, 274 plants, 102 arachnids and 30 birds. The automatic infrared camera had captured images of precious animals such as pangolins, crab-eating mongooses, masked palm civet, Formosan ferret-badger, small Chinese civet, Swinhoe's pheasant, and Formosan yellow-throated marten. Witnessing that the creatures thrive in their natural habitats, all the hard work of "land acquisition" and "habitat survey" has paid off.

In June, Nanya Plastic Industry Co., Ltd. donated the land of Dajian Mountain in Xizhi, which became the SOW No. 2. The local volunteers soon started to implement regular observation and recording. Through these efforts, we hope to obtain more right of control for substantial protection. We also welcome any information if there are lands suitable for the use of ecological habitats or available for donation, so we can expect the SOW's Land No. 3 to be coming soon.

Habitat Restoration: Wugu Wetland Waterbird Beach

As the Tamsui River Basin has been losing beaches for wildlife to rest and forage, waterbirds coming from afar are facing tough challenges; in order to improve this situation, in 2017, the SOW and the High Riverbank Construction Management Office jointly restored a beach in Wugu Wetland which is suitable for waterbirds to overwinter.

Before the winter last year, all plants were removed by machines to restore the beachy appearance and prepare for the arrival of



waterbirds for the winter. After the project, the habitat has successfully attracted common sandpipers, little ringed plovers, wood sandpipers, common snipes, etc. to overwinter or rest shortly.

The numbers of visitors of the project decreased due to the pandemic. Given the insufficient manpower, the maintenance work of the beach was stopped after April as it did last year. A few months later, the beach was completely covered by reeds and other plants.

At the beginning of October, the High Riverbank Construction Management Office once again removed the plants on the beach by machines. Transient cattle egrets and black-winged stilts were attracted to come in the midst of the removing project, which unveils the importance of a friendly beachy environment to shore birds.

Biodiversity: Native Plantation Plan to Improve Urban Park's Ecology

The Taipei Fuyang Natural Ecological Park, adopted by SOW in 2004, is a starting point to unfold park ecological zoning management. After years of discussions, the Taipei City Government inaugurated the Taipei City park ecological and zoning management plan in 2021, and implements the policy in 2-3 urban



parks each year. Urban parks are important green areas with a vital ecological function. It is hoped that through the eco-friendly management of urban parks, the wild animals and plants in the city can co-thrive with humans.

The habitat management project of urban parks is mainly divided into three stages. The first stage is ecological investigation. With more than 3 years of investigation, we are able to learn about the status quo of the park; the second stage is resource check-up and analysis of the first-stage results, inviting experts and local residents to jointly plan and design feasible solutions. The third stage is habitat restoration, recruiting people to jointly restore the habitats for native species to thrive.

Plant diversity is an indispensable element for parks. Only by replanting native plants or replacing invasive plants can the animals that originally lived in the park habitat be preserved and the population of animals be maintained, as well as the goal of sustainable biodiversity be achieved.

Species Conservation: *Mortonagrion hirosei*

The conservation mission of the *Mortonagrion hirosei* has entered its 18th year and the ongoing monitoring and surveys are carried out at Shezi Island Wetland and

Huanggang Creek Wetland. The data are constantly used as a mean to protect the habitat of the *Mortonagrion hirosei* from being a venue of world-class cycling races and a water pumping station. In 2022, through the introduction of machine learning technology, the historical survey and data of the Tamsui River Basin were fed to AI learning which then picked out highly potential habitats for *Mortonagrion hirosei* from the important wetlands across Taiwan. With the advantage of optimizing the use of historical data and picking out the potential areas, the advanced technology has become a great support to implement the national census. In August and September of 2022, the surveys of the potential habitats of Wu Creek in Taichung and Puzi River in Chiayi were both completed. So far, no signs of *Mortonagrion hirosei* has been found. The vegetation environment and tidal changes were mostly similar but the microclimate of the habitats was different from those of Greater Taipei. With more survey data fed into machine learning in the future, it's more likely to pick out potential habitats precisely.



Species Conservation: Achievements of Waterbird Protective Fence Construction in the North Pier of Taipei Harbor

Since 2014, the SOW has been advocating the public to stop coastal cleanup activities during the waterbird breeding season, so that birds such as Kentish plover and little terns

can breed safely on the beach. However, more actions are still needed to effectively protect waterbirds from human interference.

In 2022, the Construction and Planning Agency and the National Army both agreed to avoid holding the military drills in the hotspots during breeding seasons; the SOW also collaborated with 60 teachers and students from the Xiugang Campus of Cambridge International School to build a seasonal protective fence on the beach at the north pier of Taipei Harbor. Those students wrote protective message on banners and tied them on the fence to convey their appeal. We all hope that the action can stop more vehicles from entering the hotspot and allow the eggs to hatch and the chicks to grow safely.

Based on the regular weekly nesting survey during the breeding season, the number of nests and the success rate of hatching were quite high, which indicates the protective fence has achieved good results. In the future, we will continue to lobby the public sector to designate a "seasonal waterbird sanctuary", hoping that through publicity and practical actions, those migratory visitors can raise their chicks with peace of mind.



Land Crab Protection Action on Tamsui River Estuary

From June to September 2022, 19 crab protection activities have been carried out in the "Land Crab Protection in Tamsui River Estuary" campaign. The crab protectors walked along the Golden Riverside Bikeway near the Mangrove MRT Station to promote the activity and counted the number of land crab. A total of 7 species and 532 land crabs were recorded, including 18 roadkill individuals, and 3 of them carrying eggs.

The records showed that a large number of land crabs inhabit the 4.0 kilometers of the Golden Riverside Bikeway, allowing the public to get close to the ecology of land crabs. It is suggested to set up an explanatory board here to introduce land crabs. The distribution of road-kill hotspots concentrated at 3.2 to 3.4 kilometers, we suggest building up ecological corridors over there to guide land crabs to cross the road from the intercepting drains as well as erecting warning signs to remind the public to pay attention. In 2022, protective bottles for land crabs were also installed in the parking lot of MRT Mangrove Station, 83 land crabs that accidentally entered the parking lot crawled into the bottles and then were released in safe locations by volunteers so as to protect them from being killed by cars or dehydrated.

It is hoped that with the ongoing efforts of the volunteers, more people will care and protect the precious land crab with us.

Species Conservation: Frog Protection in Hsinchu

The man-made destruction such as stream cementation, road opening and mountain forest exploitation has made the reproduction of Sauter's brown frog at Dashanbei more difficult and challenging. In October 2008, the frog investigation team of Hsinchu chapter found a large number of dead Sauter's brown frogs on the industrial road in Dashanbei, and many of them were female frogs carrying eggs. In view of this, the Hsinchu chapter organized a frog protection team in the same year, and started training the frog protection guides every year since 2014, and also called on volunteers, corporates, and schools to help the frogs cross the road.

In the past ten years, nearly 10,000 volunteers have participated in the activities, and jointly guarded 16,779 Sauter's brown frogs to cross the road safely. Through the experience, the public can better understand the problems of the surrounding environment, learn to respect life and comprehend that we need to work harder for the mother nature. A total of 18 species of frogs have been recorded in this area, including the rare green pond frog and Taipei tree frog, these two precious species amplify the importance of protecting the particular environment.



In recent years, apart from helping frogs crossing the road, the frog protection team has also strived to promote environmental protection by regular collaboration with enterprises and volunteers to conduct working holidays to do work such as intensive manual weeding, cleanup, artificial stone laying, egg mass survey, night observation and frog survey, these maintenance works can also attract more and more attention from the general public.



Species Conservation: Wetland Insectivorous Plants

For the habitat conservation of carnivorous plants in Lotus Temple Wetland this year, we have chosen 8 local plant species listed in the Red Data Book as the priority plants for conservation in the wetland, and introduced human force to maintain the stability and scale of these priority plants, respectively *Drosera finlaysoniana* Wall. ex Arn., *Drosera spathulata* Lab, *Drosera burmannii*, Common Philydrum, Formosana Yelloweyegrass, Drooping Fimbristylis, *uncus ohwianus* M.T.Kao, and *Murdannia spirata* (L.) Bruckn. In 2022, in addition to regular weeding and digging to maintain the wetland ecosystem as before, removed the epiphytic plants on the original riverbed were removed to allow the surface water to flow; stagnant ponds were also excavated to expand the space and exposure time of the surface water. The results were remarkable. The extremely rare

Drosera finlaysoniana Wall. ex Arn. (National Endangered species, NEN) has grown more than 2,000 individuals, which was the most over the years. At the same time, the preserved species, *Drosera spathulata* Lab artificially bred abroad has returned to the original habitat for ex-situ conservation.

On the aspect of environmental education and promotion of carnivorous plants, we have promoted the conservation achievements of carnivorous plants in Zhubei Lotus Temple Wetland to at least 10 primary and secondary schools in Hsinchu County (priority) and other places in Taiwan, so as to raise the public awareness on the biodiversity of carnivorous plants and their habitats.

Habitat Survey: City Nature Challenge

A total of 47 countries and 445 cities/regions worldwide participated in the City Nature Challenge held from April 29th to May 2nd this year. In Taiwan, 1,182 participants from 16 counties and cities of 8 divisions participated in 2022, a total of 43,250 data and more than 4,300 species were recorded, including 106 rare/endangered/threatened species. Due to the pandemic, outdoor activities were suspended in some areas, so the number of records this year was less than last year.



So far, 209,085 records of 8,879 species have been collected by 5,893 participants in habitats watched by the SOW. Thirty-five investigations have been carried out this year and the number of participants has been decreasing year by year. Given that majority of the records was kept by a few people (the number of records submit by the top 10 participants in 2022 accounted for 37% of the total records), so the number of observations and species recorded this year is about the same as previous year.

The City Nature Challenge has become an international event that makes records of biodiversity. It has been three years since the SOW hosted the event, and it's a great opportunity to increase the SOW's international awareness. In the future, we will keep striving on planning events, attracting publicity, and conducting activities to inspire more people to participate and let the rest of the world know about the beauty and diversity of Taiwan's biology.

Wetland Conservation: Yongchunpi Wetland Park

Yongchunpi is the first urban wetland park in Xinyi District, Taipei City with the functions of ecological restoration, environmental education, and flood water detention. It was transformed from the idle land of the Ministry of National Defense by the Geotechnical Engineering Department of the Public Works Department of Taipei. Once the park opened, the SOW established the Yongchunpi habitat team, and held working holidays on the first Saturday of every month to invite people who care about Yongchunpi as well as the teachers and students of nearby schools to be "invasive species terminators". With volunteers' interpretation and guidance, the participants can get to know about zoning management, get a glimpse of the core area of the habitat, and



jointly eliminate invasive species: mile-a-minute weed, whorled umbrella plant, apple snail, and *Mimosa diplotricha*, etc. The orientation course taught the participants Yongchunpi's past and present, biology and status quo, and the hazards of invasive species. All the efforts we have made, such as reserving water, trees, ecology, old buildings, culture, and precious species, are for the future generations.

Under the challenge of the Covid-19 in 2022, we overcame all difficulties and successfully completed the training of local protective volunteers, established the "Yongchunpi Protective Volunteer Group" to carry out regular fixed-point recording and patrols as well as biological observation to address the issues and needs of the park. The group has become a strong force to safeguard Yongchunpi.

Removing Invasive Species: *Spartina alterniflora* in Tamsui River

Spartina alterniflora is an aggressive invasive species which is in the same family as the rice. Due to its fast growing characteristic, it was introduced from China as a sand-fixing species for the beach, but has also caused a serious problem, it has now become a big threat on the ecology of riverbanks and beaches everywhere. Taking Kinmen for example, the spread of *Spartina alterniflora* has seriously endangered the habitat and reproduction of horseshoe crabs.

Spartina alterniflora was found at the estuary of Guandu in Tamsui River in 2008, and has been spreading to other areas. In addition to the large-scale spread on both riversides of Zhuwei and Bali, it also scattered in Shezi Island. Since March 2021, the SOW has called on volunteers to remove the plant by hand and has tried different ways to eradicate it. It takes around 5-6 working holidays a year to remove *Spartina alterniflora*. Although manual removal is time consuming, the purpose is to raise awareness of the hazard of *Spartina alterniflora* and to promote environmental education. We hope the efforts are able to arouse public concern and to push the public sector to allocate more resources to control the spread of *Spartina alterniflora* in the Tamsui River basin.



SOW Nature Centers in 2022

Nature Center	Features and Project Type
Wanli Wetland Education Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Taiwan rare Aquatic plant provenance shelter• Promote wetland ecological protection• Wetland construction and protection actions• Habitat protection volunteer training
Wugu Ecological Wetland	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The largest ecological wetland in New Taipei City• Constructing the biological Noah's Ark in Northern Taiwan• Outdoor environmental education (interpretation, surveys, working holidays)
Zhoumei Environmental Education Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The front-line safeguard base of <i>Mortonagrimon Hiroseii</i>• Promoting education programs about river ecology• Promote ecological Tamsui River
Hsinchu Yorotian Friendly Farming Base	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Promote friendly farming• Friendly farming training venues• Promote "farm-to-table" education• Advocate banning the use of herbicides
Shuiyun Ecological Education Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Environmental education and fundamental training base• Enrich human and river geological structure evolution venues• Promote community agro-ecological maps• Shallow mountain ecology and environment survey• Demonstrate the prototype of citizen power plant
Namaxia Utung Nature Classroom	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A quality venue for nature experience• DIY house building project• Life education programs
Xiaoyeliu Nature Classroom	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Marine education• Night Eco Tour• Field of beach plants and geologic structure and evolution
Shuanglianpi Ecological Classroom	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Protect the national important wetlands (Shuanglianpi)• Wetland conservation school• Environmental education venue• Promote friendly farming• Farming therapy and farm-to-table education
Qingshui Lake Environmental Education Base	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Demonstration of energy saving• Environmental education• Children's camping activities• Living education

The SOW Nature Centers fulfill the Missions of Environmental Education and Environmental Protection

In 2022, due to the pandemic, many outdoor recreational and environmental education activities were suspended. Thanks to the modern technology, various organizations make use of online courses to implement the activities to continue the promotion of environmental education programs. However, the experience with nature and the on-site protection work cannot be replaced by online courses. Therefore, once the pandemic eased, we started unfolding the promotion works in compliance with the government's pandemic prevention policies.

The SOW continuously upholds its original intention which is to provide the public with an easy way to embrace and understand nature. In addition to many fixed spots managed by each chapter to provide guided tours and nature experiential activities for the public. In recent years, plans have also been drawn up to cooperate with private and public sectors to select proper locations to set up nature centers, or to directly contract public sites as tangible nature centers which provide spaces for versatile uses and pay attention to issues of the surrounding environment or habitats. At the same time, we can also provide advices on operation and development to the authority.

Non-profit organizations must make good use of every donation, which requires careful planning step by step. Looking back at the operation of nature centers in 2022, some of them were stagnated due to the compliance with local government's policies, and some were growing after receiving public financial funds in 2021. These nature centers thrive with the hard work of volunteers and staff in each

chapter as well as the efforts of communication and collaboration with various institutions, so that our original intention of environmental education and protection can be sustained. The following is a brief summary of the achievements of each nature center in 2022

Wanli Wetland Education Center

Since its establishment in 2003, under the leadership of director Chen, Dehong, the center has been rescuing endangered native aquatic plants from wetlands under the threats of exploitation or pollution, so as to protect native species and promote the ideas of wetland ecological conservation. Hopefully that the threats of wetlands can be mitigated. The center has protected nearly one-third of Taiwan's native aquatic plants so far. With such a huge conservation work, it requires more people to participate and learn more about native aquatic plants, so that the work of wetland conservation can be sustained.

Thanks to the support of 7-ELEVEN



solicitation platform and Intel Corporation, the daily operation and working holidays open to the public once a month went smoothly. This year, a total of 209 participants came to look after the native aquatic plants sheltered by the center. In the future, the center will continue to promote the wetland restoration experiences, conservation actions and training courses to inspire more people to join the force to protect the wetlands.



Wugu Ecological Wetland

Since the SOW adopted the Wugu Wetland (approximately 170 hectares), the wetland has been protected from different aspects, including regular ecological surveys of birds and plant species. During the pandemic, the habitat work had slowed down due to the shortage of manpower, therefore we had focused on removing *Mikania micrantha* from its hotspots before the flowering period. With the assistance of the City High Beach Land Engineering Management Office, we were able to remove the areas where *Mikania micrantha* spread heavily, and then followed by weeding and mowing to restrain its growth after flowering and fruiting. In October, the authority resumed the restoration work with machines and tools to recover the beachy landscape which immediately attracted waterbirds such as Black-winged Stilt to come and rest.

Although the pandemic control has been eased, the number of visitors of regular guided tours has decreased significantly, but the team still seized every opportunity to promote environmental education to the general public, report illegal activities through patrols and other activities to safeguard the wetland. Thanks to the support of "New Taipei City High Beach Land Engineering Management Office" and "MSI Technology", the wetland's software system and hardware equipment have been well maintained and improved.

Due to the pandemic, the "Summer Swallow Season" was resumed this year after a 2-year hiatus, but the participants were less than previous years. During the season, the number of swallows gathering decreased for unknown reasons and we had to cancel the last two sessions. The decision to hold the event again depends on the situation of swallow gathering in the following year.

Zhoumei Environmental Education Center

Since the official signing of the Juishuangxi Environmental Education Cooperation Memorandum with the Taipei City Water Conservancy Department in 2019, the Zhoumei Environmental Education Base, opened in 2021, has continued to function as an educational base to facilitate long-term protection and



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publicity for Wufengang River and the habitat of *Mortonagrion Hirosei*. The Green Map team also used the site as a base to record the local cultural and ecological characteristics through the regular "Drawing a Stream" event.

Under the impact of the pandemic, as of October, we had managed to host 10 environmental education activities, 17 ecological surveys, and 17 on-site day trips, with 333 people participating.

The actions of habitat work still continued, a total of 247 kg of garbage and 385 kg of invasive plants were removed from the riverside. However, the biggest problem in the Wufengang Creek in Zhoumei area is water pollution which can't be improved without the introduction of urban planning. In the future, we will continue to watch the urban renewal plan closely, and carry out environmental education to instill the ecological concept into the local communities, also to synergize all parties to improve the water quality. It is hoped that one day the public will be able to paddle kayaks on the Wufengang Creek with peace of mind and appreciate its nature beauty.

Yorotian Friendly Farming Base

Due to the spread of the Covid-19, the farming base has suffered from manpower shortage, but the team still managed to keep the farming and work plans going in a timely manner, and also made adjustment of the types of crops grown. Thanks to the SOW's fellows who work hard in the farm unrelentingly in spite of difficulties.

All five classes of the Farm School were fully enrolled, a total of 26 families participated. The parents took their children to the field to look after the crops and experience friendly farming as family bonding activities. Six new families enrolled in the "15th Vegetable Planting Class " which started on September 12.



The volunteers who participated in monthly working holidays provided great support on farming works, *Mikania micrantha* removal and the ecological pond cleanup.

Various nature DIY experiential activities opened to the public also gain popularity, including manual weave Miscanthus broom, transplanting rice seedlings, rice harvesting, making solitary bee hotels, etc. Employees from enterprises such as "United Microelectronics" and "Donghong" also came to enjoy the hands-on activities. With more and more participants, it's foreseeable that our vision in protecting the land will gradually be appreciated, and inspire more people to dedicate themselves to environmental education.

Shuiyun Ecological Education Center

The Shuiyun center which was transformed from deserted schools is now an important base for environmental education. In order to better the condition of the environment, aside from the regular support from the parent-child group fellows on weeding and maintenance, the side branches of several large trees originally close to the classrooms were also pruned with the assistance of a local resident. After the pruning, the number of mosquitoes was significantly reduced and the surrounding areas also got brighter.

The rear area of the classrooms and the southern wall of the school were remote and messy. The volunteers from corporates and the parent-child group in the South District helped clean these two areas in the working holidays. Over 100 participants moved away the floor mats and tiles to clear out the spaces transformed into ecological corridors for people to access and experience the nature easily.

This year, we have learned that this site is also located in the north-returning route of Grey-faced Buzzard. The spectacular scene of hundreds of eagles soaring together is the most anticipated nature event in March every year. The construction of "solitary bee hotels"; placement and inspection of the bird nest box as well as the appearance of Mountain Scops-owl, Crested Serpent Eagle, Taiwan Gold-Rain Tree, Indian Almond and banyan tree; the new shoots of all deciduous plants and the light that shinning from the bottom of leaves, all of these inspire us to strive continuously for the bright future for all lives depending on the ecological environment of the Shuiyun center.



Namaxia Utung Nature Classroom

The "Collaborative House Building Project of Utung Nature Classroom " in Mayali, Namaxia District of Kaohsiung, which was launched in 2008, has completed the main structure in its 14th year - the wooden roof trusses, roofs, clay sawdust semi-finished walls, wall leveling and plastering, floor priming and the construction of the lower half of the interior wall.

The pandemic has entered the third year and imposed huge impact on the project and volunteer participation. However, the construction of the nature classroom have moved on at a steady pace. With the persistent spirit, we believe that there will be more accomplishments in the following year.

In addition to volunteers who participated in the house building project, the children from the Kaohsiung Parent-Child Group have also used the classroom to hold group meetings for seven consecutive years. Aside from participating the house construction, they also held working



holidays and simple-life experiential activities to embrace the beauty of nature. The guidance team of parent-child group also chose Utung to hold the consolidation workshop. During the process of house building, the team also conducted natural observations, experience hands-on labor, and integrate various feelings about life into the activity design, as the basis for guiding children's activities.

The SOW continuously cooperated with Namaxia Junior High School to conduct the "Life Education Course" in Utung Nature Classroom. The course invited the tribe elders to lead the local students to explore their own environment and ecology, and experience the life in nature

Xiaoyeliu Nature Classroom

It has been three years that the Taitung Chapter of SOW accepted the entrustment of the East Coast National Scenic Area Management Office to manage the Xiaoyeliu Nature Classroom. Xiaoyeliu has been operated as a tourist scenic spot and the free guided tour "Exploring Xiaoyeliu at Night" is particularly popular by the public. However, the number of visitors has already exceeded the environmental burden of the site in summer. Xiaoyeliu has a rich coastal eco-system and resources, however the general public can only see a small part of the abundant resources and problems.



Treat Xiaoyeliu with the way you love yourself is how we manage this place. After taking over the Xiaoyeliu Nature Classroom, SOW fellows have done a lot of preparation work to reduce the burden and worked with the East Coast Management Office to design a charging system to implement access control on summer nights. Right after the new charging system implemented, the number of visitors decreased from 250 to 150.

The area from the north of Xiaoyeliu to Jialulan is covered with numerous unique-shaped rocks and sedimentary rocks rich in organisms because there is no human intervention for a long time; in addition to rich intertidal organisms and coastal plants, the area was also covered up by long-term accumulation of sea drift garbage and long-deposited plastic waste. After years of weathering, the plastic garbage has broken into fragments or particles. The task force team has continuously conducted online live broadcast programs and activities to let more people know the actual situation of Xiaoyeliu.

We believe the beautiful Xiaoyeliu deserves you to experience again from a different angle.

Shuanglianpi Environmental Education and Habitat Protection Base

In order to keep on the efforts of endangered plants conservation in Shuanglianpi, two new ponds for plant conservation were created. At present, the wetland has saved 86 communities/20 endangered plant species. As of mid-October, the invasive species - Floating Moss was removed by 129 participants in 10 activities, and filled up 3,432 garbage bags. In 2022, Wistron Foundation, SOW parent-child group and DBS Bank jointly protected 1.1 hectare of friendly-farming land which grows vegetables, passion fruit, Chinese angelica, salvia root and turmeric. In addition to the



regular monitoring of biodiversity, the research of plant growth characteristics and restraining factors were added this year. For the aspect of environmental education, the task force has carried out one wetland conservation workshop, one disadvantaged children camp, one habitat volunteer training, and 8 habitat working holidays this year. We have also co-hosted several habitat working holidays with other organizations.

Qingshui Lake Environmental Education Base

On January 1st, 2022, the SOW officially took over the "Qingshui Branch School" of Xianming Elementary School in Sanxing, Yilan and established the "Qingshui Lake Environmental Education Base" under the old name of the area "Qingshui Lake".

After the contract was signed, SOW cooperated with the school in March to go through handover and started the building repair work. During the period, the school amended the contract by adding areas such as external



dormitories, old toilets, kitchens, bathrooms and other areas to SOW for management. After the amendments completed, the SOW checked up all repair items, started repair projects, and worked on the site planning in early May.

The old school buildings have been deserted for many years, we first worked on the facilities construction and maintenance work, including building structure safety assessment, roof leak prevention, building waterproofing, water and electricity reconfiguration, mechanical and electrical repairs, renovation works for bathrooms, kitchens and windows, at least 11 projects in total. During the process, there were also unexpected emergent repair projects taken place and flooding treatment caused by heavy rain.

For the practicality and comfort of future use, new facilities were purchased and installed one after another, including water heaters, water dispensers, projectors, electric fans and etc. The environmental education activities were unable to expand due to site constraints, but the works of ecological survey and resource check-up were able to carry out at the same time.

As to July 2022, the repair projects have been completed one after another. As workshops, children's camps and volunteer teams from various chapters have successively settled in, it is expected that in the future, all the work can gradually be completed in accordance with the original plan.



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Challenges and Innovations in the Post-Pandemic Era

In 2022, the situation of the epidemic was still severe, we have converted various activities such as promotion speeches, training courses, and co-learning activities into online format. As the pandemic slowed down in the second half year, all activities have been gradually back to normal. In addition to regular speeches, seminars, nature experiential activities and volunteer training courses, the donations from public fundraising supported us to implement the "Habitat Protection through Multi-Dimensional Environmental Education Project" in 2022. The sponsorships empowered volunteer fellows to pursue dreams bravely, use their creativity to expand the influence, and eventually inspire more people to promote the concept of environmental protection. In addition to giving children of different economic backgrounds the opportunity to participate in nature experiential activities, the project also motivated more people to embrace nature, learn from nature and eventually join in the force of habitat protection.

In response to the challenges of the pandemic, SOW has organized a series of online citizen scientist empowerment courses, the topics ranging from animals and plants, habitat surveys, forest rehabilitation, to energy transformation, etc. These multi-dimensional and cross-disciplinary courses aimed to reach more people to understand the issues of Taiwan's ecology and environment, inspire different thinking, and then find effective ways to protect the environment to generate actions to jointly protect the earth.

Equipped with growing energy this year, the volunteers of parent-child groups compiled the activity lesson plans they developed over the years, and published two volumes of "Learning from Nature and Thriving with the Environment, the 51 magic tricks of the SOW parent-child group". The lesson plans were given to all primary and secondary schools for free to instill the concept of environmental protection in the younger generation. In addition, the establishment of two non-profit citizen power plants, "Yunlin Keliao School" and "Pingtung Liangshan Tribe" were completed. Two more environmental education bases at Shuiyun Elementary School in Tainan and Qingshui Lake in Yilan also started operating. Through workshops and volunteer training programs, we are able to build up connections with the community so as to expand the effectiveness of the environmental education bases.

In order to promote environmental education among various age groups, volunteers have made some innovative attempts in the post-pandemic era. Aside from the works of 2021 such as drawing picture books and shooting documentary, using the PAGAMO online game learning platform and launching the "Morning SOW" podcast program, we have also launched online and offline reality puzzle solving games, and hosted a 365 special exhibition in 2022. We ask participants to take online quiz to find out their lucky species in

2022 to arouse their curiosity in the process of interaction, let the Generation Z discover the fun and mysteries of nature, learn about nature and realize the importance of environmental protection.

Under the impact of extreme climate change and natural resource depletion, the concept of sustainability is on the rise all over the world, and sustainable development has become a critical indicator for enterprises. By cooperation with enterprises, we can help enterprises move towards sustainable development with environmental thinking. Meanwhile, empower the public to care about the direction of Taiwan's net-zero transformation, change their lifestyle, call on new policy legislation, and eventually safeguard the environment for future generations.

Environmental Education Achievements

The eleven chapters of Society of Wilderness (SOW) in Taiwan regularly organize indoor seminars, training sessions, learning courses, and outdoor experience activities for volunteers in various groups. We design content specifically for children and families, take part in environmental initiatives, and carry out actions to let the general public become more familiar with us.

Item	Number of Sessions	Number of Participants
SOW Family Group	1,227	41,481 1,899 families
Children's Environmental Education Initiatives	83	2,081
Earth Initiatives (Turn Off Lights on the Street, Turn On Your Night Vision Goggles, What is Climate Change, Remove Alien Species, Habitat Surveys), Ocean Initiatives, Earth Film Festivals, Beach Cleaning...	17	559
Environmental Actions		
Wild Creek Investigation, Ocean Walk, Learning by Walking, Environmental Action Forum...	61	2,967
Seminars		
Promotion Speeches, Weekly Meetings, Monthly Meetings, Guided Reading at Film Festivals, Issue Promotion, Campus Tours...	1,414	46,262
Volunteer Training / Advanced Courses		
How to be a Volunteer, Interpreter, Promotion Lecturer, Children's Education Guide, Leader of Beach Cleaning, Marine Waste Surveyor; Climate Change; Energy Conservation Promotion; Editing and Interview Skills; Habitat Conservation; A Heart with Ecology; Wetland Care; Ocean Volunteers; Special Education; Empowerment...	496	6,185
Learning Courses		
Nature Observation, Nature and Humanities, Ecology Interpretation, Carpentry, Photography, Painting, Indigo Dyeing, Board Game, Green Life Map, Energy Conservation Workshop...	244	7,133
Experience Activities		
Point-count Observation, Nature Experience, Special Nature Experience, Habitat Work, Working Holiday...	984	15,179
Others		
Market Booths, Visits, Chapter Celebrations...	130	2,471
Total	4,656	124,318

Devoting and Growing – Enjoying Interpretation

"Doing something that makes the world better" is our common value. Each nature interpreter acts as a walking natural center. Through guided tours, the interpreters lead more people to discover the beauty and sorrows of the mother land, and then to join us to protect the environment. The SOW interpreters stand at the front line of environmental protection actions, and safeguard nearly 58 fixed spots by recording the rich ecology. These recorded data are important tools to help us to protect the habitats from any damage.

We have hosted 100 sessions of citizen scientist online courses, with a total of 13,332 participants as of October in 2022. Due to the pandemic, many physical environmental education activities have been converted to online format which allowed more people to learn online, gain more knowledge and understanding about the ongoing guardianship action by the SOW interpreters across Taiwan. Although the pandemic has changed our way of life, the volunteers still enthusiastically commit themselves to various environmental education. From north to south, they had transferred their passion for the environment into actions. A total of 335 interpretation sessions were carried out to allow more people to see how the environment was threatened by human activities, and to inspire them to cherish and protect the environment together.



Facilitating the Synergy of Daily Life and Ecology through Promotion Speeches

The Promotion Speaker Committee carries out speeches to reach an average of more than 120,000 audiences every year. Among the various approaches of environmental education, giving speeches can reach the most people in a short period of time. Therefore, regardless the size of audience, ethnicity, the venue, such as schools, institutions, organizations, communities, enterprises, etc., the speakers must have sufficient skills to deliver a 90-minute speech independently.

SOW has hosted Earth Film Festival and Ocean Film Festival since 2012. Through the touching image stories, the festival leads the public to embrace and comprehend nature, and care about the ecological environment from life. Taking the city as the starting point of caring the surrounding natural ecology and environment.

In recent years, we have hosted lectures and film exhibitions about land and sustainable development to tell stories about the long-term habitat protection to recall people's memory of the land through powerful and shocking images. The advocates were invited to share personal experiences in the lectures to inspire the audience to take actions to safeguard the ecology that all lives depend on.

Collaboratively Facilitating Co-learning Circles on Environmental Protection

In 2022, SOW received a public welfare fundraising subsidy from the Ministry of Health and Welfare. The teaching and research committee took the opportunity to call on fellows of national parent-child groups to propose teaching plans suitable for elementary schools and junior high schools. Under the guidance of scholars, the team continuously



optimized teaching plans and finally published the teaching book named "Learning from Nature and Thriving with the Environment, the 51 magic tricks of the SOW parent-child group". The teaching books were distributed to primary and secondary schools across the country to promote the education of energy and resources to schools at all levels and expand the influence. In 2023, we plan to carry out workshops for teachers to exchange their experiences in environmental education.

SOW has set up two environmental education bases in Taiwan: one is Shuiyun Elementary School in Tainan. Under the joint leadership of parent-child groups in Tainan, Kaohsiung, Chiayi and Southern District, the team continuously mobilizes volunteers to clean out the environment. The other one is Qingshui Elementary School in Yilan, the local volunteers also worked hard to put things in order. The two bases, with the collaboration of local volunteers, will become important hubs for SOW volunteers to learn together and accumulate energy of environmental actions.

In the post-pandemic era, various learning events have gradually resumed in compliance with the pandemic prevention plan formulated by the training team. In 2022, a total of 1,899 families, including 2,759 children and 3,370 adults participated in the activities. The teams are confident to be fully prepared to continuously facilitate family co-learning, and stimulate more powerful environmental actions.

Continuously Fostering Children Environmental Education throughout Taiwan and Linking Up with the World

Achievements of the Children Environmental Education Team and the Underprivileged Children Camp

During the pandemic, the children's education committee had continued to conduct volunteer training and campus environment courses in The Great Taipei, Taoyuan, Taichung, Yilan, Hualien, and Taitung. In October 2022, the committee launched the first seed speaker training program for Tainan chapter, and began to serve students in southern Taiwan. From 2013 to now, a total of 3,091 speakers nationwide have carried out 1,940 courses, serving 49,392 teachers and students in 411 schools.

In February 2022, children experiential camps and science camps were conducted to serve about 100 underprivileged children, with a total of 707 students served over the years accumulatively.

In April and October 2022, Earth's Keepers children camp was firstly introduced to Taiwan from the United States. After a two-day camp and several months of energy-saving, carbon-reducing, and earth-loving life style implemented at home, 10 students were certified as the first earth's keepers in Asia.



The reality scavenger game designed by parent-child group - Magical Treasure in the Youth Park, was scheduled to launch in December, hoping to attract more parents and children to visit the park to embrace nature.

Achievements of the Long-Term Caring Program for Underprivileged Children

In 2022, the underprivileged children caring team guided those children to experience nature and cultivate their environmental awareness and literacy. Five teams respectively from Taipei, Hsinchu, Chiayi, Tainan, and Kaohsiung carried out 19 activities with a total of 155 children participating.

Generation Z to Stand out

The Climate Change Education Committee continued to roll out educational activities such as lectures, workshops, forums, and on-site visits to cultivate people's climate change literacy, and encourage them to adopt friendly lifestyle to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and to pay attention to Taiwan's net Zero roadmap to fulfill the responsibilities of citizens.

In 2022, besides the training and promotion work based on local needs carried out by existing volunteer groups, the Hualien chapter also launched new volunteer training program about farm-to-table and tree conservation as the first step to promote climate change education to schools. The climate change group in 8 SOW's chapters have completed a total of 6 volunteer trainings and achieved more than



300 promotion activities throughout the year, reaching 10,000 participants. In addition, the climate change awareness and action project for college and high school students aimed to encourage young people to explore Taiwan's net-zero policy transition in terms of legislation, policy direction, and life style adjustment.

Nowadays, the general public is no stranger to climate change, and the government has also announced the goal and roadmap of net zero emissions. However, most people are not clear how human activities are causing global warming. Moreover, relevant policies have not been specifically illustrated in the measures of mitigation and adaptation of climate change. Further efforts are needed to catalyze civic action.

ESG, SOW Can Help

The purpose of setting up the Research and Development Committee is mainly to integrate and assist other committees to carry out research on related issues, including data collection, investigation, analysis and planning, and provide feasible recommendation as reference for other committees to implement.

At the establishment of SOW, the most important task of the Research and Development committee was to establish a sound volunteering system (i.e. volunteer management method) with unified standards for all volunteers to follow when serving on duty, as well as to conform to SOW's purposes and original intention of the establishment.

The future goals were mainly on three focuses. The first is to review the existing principles to clarify and systemize ambiguous situations. The second is to assist in research on environmental issues of concern to SOW, and then facilitate the legislative lobbying. The last one is to find where SOW can put forth efforts under the trend of ESG.

For SOW, the focus of ESG is not on the amount of money sponsored by corporations, instead, through ESG cooperation, it's hoped that corporations can take environment friendly thinking into consideration in the process of decision-making and extend to their employees so as to instill the concept of environmental protection into every family.

Crossing Language Barriers

In addition to assisting in communication with overseas organizations on SOW's values and actions, in 2022, the International Affairs Committee formed a reading club among volunteers of climate change group to study the report "Impacts of Plastic Pollution in the Oceans on Marine Species, Biodiversity and Ecosystems" published by WWF in early 2022. In the weekly online meeting, fellows of the reading club jointly translated and shared the report and come out a Chinese version after integration. In the future, more reading clubs will be formed to empower more volunteers to participate in international affairs, continue to translate important information related to environmental issues for internal and external use, and ensure the accuracy and consistency of information and data.

This year, we continued to host the 8th Environmental Action Forum. In response to the pandemic in the past two years, we have converted the forum into online video conferences. There are 19 teams participated in the competition and final was held at Tunghai University. With the help of volunteers across Taiwan, we have successfully completed the 2-day event.

Green Map – Promoting a Sustainable Future

Green map activities use international icons to guide people to observe and understand the surrounding environment, and to adopt an eco-



friendlier lifestyle. Many experimental projects of were launched in 2022:

1. Two sites in Taipei (Yongchunpi Wetland Ecological Park, Beitou Zhoumei Environmental Education Base) were selected as designated activity venues for the Taipei chapter to regularly host "Drawing a Stream" activities. Participants learn sketching and use the drawing to record the special features of local culture and ecology. The team planned to launch training courses for Wufengang stream volunteers in 2023, and to complete the green map of the Zhoumei Community and the habitat of Mortonagrimon hirosei in 2024.

2. The instructors together designed the theme, arranged, and drew by themselves to produce 2 sets of board games related to green maps – "Green Map Tour Taiwan" and "Fun Board Game of Yongchunpi". A total 20 board game events were completed.

3. A total of nine instructors took a 14-day SOW road trip around Taiwan (named Rotating Taiwan, Flying Green Map) via bicycles, motorcycles, cars, and trains, to introduce these two green map board games to SOW's staff across Taiwan (except Hualien and Taitung), which helps the promotion of the green map in each chapter.

4. The instructors from Taipei and the Yilan Children's Education Group collaborated to draw new Green maps for Lizejian and 52 Jia Wetland in Yilan, which will be printed and published in December.



Accompanying and Nurturing Special Children

Accompany them to Grow

Everyone is a unique individual, and the individual of our service is a unique treasure among the special. Because of that, we can see more possibilities and dimensions in life when we serve and experience the joy of learning from each other. For us, serving special children is the nutrients for our own growth, and also the source of energy for the next service.

Customized Activities

During the pandemic, given the particular needs of the service objects, all fellows of special education were more cautious in safety assessment, and we have to cancel several events because of safety concern. Taking advantage of the slowing down of the pandemic, fellows were thrilled to guide Down Syndrome's children from Taichung's "Daqi Orchestra" to explore the environment and make use of natural materials for creation on July 30th; following by visitors from the Dandelion Hearing-Impaired Association in Yongchunpi on Oct. 1st. The special thing about serving these children is that each activity is customized based on their impairment types and special needs.

The Original Intention of Companionship

Along with the social structure transformation, our service has been expanding. The original intention of the special education

team is to allow both special ones and their caregivers to stroll in natural and create a wonderful memory together, so that in the future, they will be able to find more joy and love, not just flowers and trees when they visit parks again.

Multi-dimensional Environmental Education Supported by the Public

Through the "7-ELEVEN Change Donation" platform, we were able to receive donations from people across Taiwan and implemented the 2022 "Multiple Environmental Education for Habitat Protection Project – Fun for Ecology and Environmental Education". It's expected to roll out a total 58 sub-project to cover three focuses respectively environmental education, habitat protection and societal care.

The project aims to guide the public to reconnect with nature, appreciate the beauty and sorrows of Taiwan's ecology through participating habitat protection activities and to inspire them to engage in environmental protection actions.

In order to maximize the efficiency, SOW also cooperated with 7-ELEVEN to invite local students and speakers to meet in the stores to jointly undertake parent-child environmental education activities. Considering the risk of pandemic and avoiding social gatherings, SOW fellows designed drawings about biological and environmental education that parents and children can color together. These drawings can be downloaded for free on the official



website of the "Uni-President Good Neighbors Fun Party" to achieve the effect of edutainment for parent-child learning. It is hoped that in the future, every dollar of donation will be used more effectively across all environmental education projects and protection actions.



"The Story of 36,000 Square Kilometers: An Island Full of Vitality" Exhibition

SOW has been promoting environmental protection through natural education, habitat conservation and protection actions for a long time. After 27 years of hardworking unanimously, we are proud to present twelve indicator species from twelve protected habitats as the theme of the event. To participate the campaign, players are asked to take a quiz to come out their own lucky species for 2022, the game is a means for people to connect with the local species, and appreciate the fact that these species will watch over us, therefore we should also do our part to protect the environment.

This special exhibition presented the stories written by the SOW fellows who love the environment dearly and selflessly and strive together for environmental richness and species diversity.

The exhibition was held in the Haoqiu Xinyi store in 44 South Village for 3 weeks. It has attracted about 10,000 visitors and hopefully inspired more people to protect natural habitats with us.



Taichung Stream Education Promotion, SOW Fazi Creek Platform

Streams are the most abused lands in Taiwan. The problems such as water pollution, garbage disposal, improper construction, and ecological degradation are caused by the lost connection between people and streams. Although the importance of streams has been gradually recognized by the public, there is still a lack of effective approach to avoid river waste flowing into the sea and thus becoming source of marine debris, which has been a serious global issue.

As a result, SOW volunteers launched a project to protect the Fazi Creek basin, hosting activities including regular stream cleanup, ecological surveys, stream protection promotion in schools, and riverside tours to allow schools, communities, and people in the area to experience the damage of river waste. Adhering to the core belief of "Walk the Talk", we attempted to integrate resources by long stay in the local community, to create a standard model for stream protection in order to recover the beneficial relationship between of people and stream. Through the participation of public and private sectors, we can continue to substantially improve garbage pollution in streams and oceans, and promote the lifestyle of plastic reduction at the source.



Hand in Hand with the SOW to Maximize the Influence

The 10th Board of Directors and Supervisors was re-elected in the member meeting on June 25, 2022, and the consolidation workshop was successfully completed from October 30 to 31. The new board of directors and supervisors continue to follow the core value, "Sustainable Mountain and Forest, Ecological City, Plastic-free Ocean" and strive towards the sustainable goal of the earth through environmental education and habitat protection. This new team will also lead the SOW to welcome its 30th anniversary.

Li, Weiwen, the founding secretary-general as well as the third and fourth chairman of the board of directors once wrote: "Starting from the first group of cadres when the SOW was founded, we have intentionally introduced new fellows into the group in each term and meanwhile old members gradually phased out. Till the tenth term, all the volunteer cadres who founded the association and joined in the first year will all withdraw from the executive board. The cadres who might take over in the next term are around 50 years old, with about fifteen years of history with the SOW.

With the vision of alternation of generation, during the trainings of volunteer cadres in the past three years, we always emphasized the concept of infinite games and the expectation of building a century-old organization. I have seen too many organizations, whether an enterprise or an NGO, when there is an outstanding leader, or a group of enthusiastic cadres, this organization may exert influence in a short period of time. But a few years later, when the leader steps down or retires, often accompanied with the decline of the entire organization.

Organizations need to be built to last and thrive after many generations, not just relying on a great leader, great ideas or plans, but also the core values and principles shared by everyone in the organization and the dreams that inspire us to keep working hard. All of these values help us to respond to the changes of the times, and drive us to pursue innovation and progress endlessly. "

After taking office, the chairman and executive directors conscientiously interpret the mission of this term: strengthen the core competence and continue to expand SOW's influence. As the association grows vigorously, the members, volunteers and the general public expect more and more from us. How we make appropriate organizational adjustments and reasonable financial planning as well as propose solutions in response to the trend of ESG are the critical tasks and challenges of the board.

At the end of the consolidation workshop, Lin, Junlan, the current executive director, proposed a system of "openness, discipline, and accountability" to encourage and consolidate common views among all directors, supervisors and staff. How to build a flexible, open-minded, disciplinary connection to our dreams and accomplishment, and an accountable culture that transcends responsibility are important tools for us to strengthen core competence at this stage. The conclusion of the consolidation workshop is not the end of the establishment of the system, but the beginning! All fellows are welcome to grow with SOW. Together, we can strengthen the core strength of SOW and continuously expand our influence!

