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ABOUT THE COVER

Workers and activists march in a joint coalition protest against the controversial Omnibus Law on Job Creation (RUU Cipta Kerja) in front of the Parliament building in Jakarta.

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A LEGACY OF HOPE



- In 2023, the message of hope became the driving force behind Greenpeace Southeast Asia's campaigns, symbolising our commitment to creating a more just and sustainable world.

That year, the environmental landscape in the region was varied. While there were setbacks, including slow policy shifts and private initiatives, there were also victories that affirmed progress.

Notably, Greenpeace Indonesia's anti-deforestation efforts led to the Jakarta Court's revocation of permits for two companies to protect the Awyu People's rainforest. In the Philippines, Salcedo in Eastern Samar became the country's first municipality to pass a Municipal Resolution on climate accountability. As Greenpeace Thailand solidified its standing as one of the top three environmental organisations in the country, it remains committed to transformative change. Meanwhile, in Malaysia, artists united to raise awareness of transboundary haze and advocated for the enactment of a Transboundary Haze Pollution Act.

Another significant accomplishment in 2023 was the continued push for a Global Plastics

Treaty. This monumental effort seeks to address the plastics crisis, an urgent issue that threatens ecosystems, human health and the future of our planet. We firmly believe that through global cooperation, we can bring an end to plastic pollution within our generation.

At the heart of our movement remained a dedication to co-leading with local communities. Together, we worked to implement grassroots solutions, empowering those most affected by environmental degradation and social injustice. Real change starts at the local level, and by collaborating with those on the frontlines, we can drive impactful and lasting results.

As we look ahead, our vision for the future continues to be guided by hope. It is this optimism that inspires us to keep fighting and propels us towards a world where justice prevails. Together, with steady action, unwavering persistence and a commitment to uplifting communities, we are confident that this future is within reach. 🌱

Yeb Saño

Executive Director
Greenpeace Southeast Asia

Statement from the Board Chair

ONWARD WITH PURPOSE

- Dismal environmental news seems to be everywhere. We hear about worsening natural disasters, unprecedented global heatwaves and the relentless spread of plastics, not only across ecosystems but also within our food systems. It's easy to feel overwhelmed by the seemingly endless cascade of bad news about the environment. The scale of the crises we face - climate change, deforestation, pollution - feels vast and daunting.

Yet, amidst all this, hope remains. It is not just a fleeting emotion but the final frontier and perhaps the most critical resource we possess. This force propels us forward when the odds seem insurmountable. When all else feels lost, it drives us to continue. It fuels our vision of a future where food security is no longer a concern, with our resources safe and uncontaminated. It inspires us to strive for

thriving forests that shield us from the harshest impacts of climate change and foresees a time when, even as storms approach, we know we haven't worsened them and have learned to adapt to nature's challenges.

With continuous effort, we work towards a world where climate justice reigns - where the most vulnerable receive the attention they deserve and where global corporations prioritise the planet over profit. This vision is not a distant dream; it is the path that guides us along.

Stories of this ongoing struggle between despair and hope shaped Greenpeace Southeast Asia's efforts in 2023. The two are inseparable, yet it is the latter that we focus on. Despite the challenges, it remains our guiding light, illuminating the path toward a future where we live in harmony with nature, ensuring a healthier planet for generations to come. ♻️

Melizel Asuncion

Board Chair
Greenpeace Southeast Asia



Rainbow Warrior Arrives at Batangas Bay in the Philippines

Greenpeace Rainbow Warrior 3 arrives at the Batangas port, where Filipino climate-impacted activists on kayaks, alongside the Rainbow Warrior vessel, call on Philippine President Marcos Jr. and world governments to hold Shell and other fossil fuel companies accountable for the losses and damages experienced by impacted communities.

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GREENPEACE SOUTHEAST ASIA BOARD

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1. Melizel Asuncion

A lawyer by profession, Melizel is the senior director for operations at Verité Southeast Asia (VSEA). Concurrently, she remains part of the VSEA Research and Stakeholder Engagement Programs, leading the Policy Advocacy Unit. Melizel's background in human rights, including working with labour and migrant workers, indigenous peoples and women, brings a wealth of experience to the board.

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2. Wahyu Dhyatmika

Wahyu is the Chief Executive Officer of Tempo Digital and former editor-in-chief of Tempo Magazine, the flagship publication of Tempo Media Group, an independent news organisation in Indonesia well known for its investigative reporting. He is also the Chairman of the Association of Indonesian Cyber Media (AMSI), where he works to help build and strengthen Indonesia's digital media sustainability and quality journalism. In 2015, he completed his Nieman Fellowship at Harvard University.

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3. Alexandra Laforie-Yates

Alexandra joined the Board in 2015. She brings extensive experience in auditing, finance, project management, crisis management, strategic development and the

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4. Jerald Joseph

Jerald has been a human rights defender for 30 years, focusing on Indigenous Peoples' rights, racial discrimination, and economic, social, and cultural rights. He recently completed a six-year term as a Commissioner of Malaysia's National Human Rights Commission (SUHAKAM) and chaired its Complaints and Monitoring Working Group. Currently, he chairs the Executive Council of Forum ASIA and serves on various boards, including Greenpeace Southeast Asia. He has pioneered anti-racial discrimination programs since 2006 and has led Malaysian NGOs in international human rights reporting. He remains active as a consultant and trainer in human rights both locally and globally.

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5. Angela Chen

Joining the Board in 2019, Angela brings with her years of experience in strategic planning, fundraising, programme management and business development for non-profit and for-profit organisations in Asia and Africa. With her strong belief in the power of education, Angela has taken leading roles in education reform-related programmes for organisations including the World Bank and was the Asia Regional Director for the Educational Development Center (EDC) for ten years. Angela is a graduate of International Affairs, Economic Policy Management from Columbia University and has been living in Thailand for almost two decades.



Installation of Solar Water Pump in Timbulsloko, Indonesia

Residents of Timbulsloko witnessed the first flow of water from a newly installed solar water pump. Greenpeace and local residents carried out the installation from June 11 to June 18, 2023. This initiative aims to tackle the area's ongoing clean water crisis.

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REGIONAL OVERVIEW

2023: A YEAR OF ENVIRONMENTAL ACHIEVEMENTS

- In 2023, environmental advocacy across Southeast Asia showcased the transformative power of hope and collaboration. Throughout the region, significant victories emerged amidst ongoing challenges.

Greenpeace Indonesia tackled the transboundary haze issue, achieving a landmark court ruling that held officials accountable and mandated stricter air quality standards. Another success was the Jakarta Court ruling in favour of the Awyu people, safeguarding over 65,000 hectares of rainforest, despite setbacks in ongoing legal battles against land clearances.


In Malaysia, engaging the youth became crucial during the presidential elections, particularly as Gen Z represented a significant portion of the voting population. Their involvement signified a vital force for change. Innovative campaigns on social media platforms helped elevate environmental issues in political discussions leading up to the elections, highlighting the potential of the younger generation to shape a sustainable future for the nation.

In Thailand, Greenpeace worked to influence policy through brand audits that identified major plastic polluters. The “Voice of Chana” citizen science project empowered communities to protect their marine

ecosystems from industrialization threats. Efforts to combat transboundary haze in the north of Thailand and air pollution gained momentum as civil society groups rallied for the implementation of the Pollutant Release and Transfer Register, enhancing transparency and accountability for polluters.

In the Philippines, Greenpeace supported grassroots movements to address climate challenges, launching initiatives aimed at community empowerment and resilience. The organisation played a pivotal role in promoting climate accountability, culminating in the first municipal resolution on this issue in Eastern Samar.

Meanwhile, Greenpeace Southeast Asia campaigned vigorously for migrant fishers’ rights, advocating for the ratification of the ILO Work in Fishing Convention No. 188 to combat forced labour in the fishing industry.

Hope for change and a better planet drives these efforts across Southeast Asia. When the future looks bleak, it is what we hold on to, inspiring resilience and determination. This unwavering belief propels communities forward, transforming challenges into opportunities for positive action. 

Indonesia:

STRIDES TO SUCCESS: ADVANCING ENVIRONMENTAL WINS

- Hope is renewed with major environmental victories in Indonesia. But if 2023 has taught us anything, it's that hope must be nurtured through vigilance and ongoing efforts.

Shifting Indonesia's development from a carbon-heavy path towards a sustainable future is challenging, but achievable, deed by deed. This year, the perseverance to address environmental crimes, and expose corruption and poor governance have begun to bear fruit.

An example is the transboundary haze issue that persisted due to government inaction. Still, Greenpeace Indonesia remained resolute in addressing it, leading to a landmark 2021 victory. The Central Jakarta District Court held seven officials, including President Widodo, accountable and demanded stricter air quality standards.

Although this court ruling was a significant victory for the people, the fact that the government chose to appeal the case twice - once this 2023 - was disheartening. These requests for review, despite being unsuccessful, revealed a troubling resistance to meaningful change and underscored the ongoing struggle and urgent need for decisive action to address the haze problem effectively.



AIR POLLUTION PROTEST AT CITY HALL IN JAKARTA

Protesters held posters inside the Jakarta Parliament building after their request for a meeting with a member of the Jakarta Parliament was accepted. Dozens of people from the Koalisi Ibukota (The Capital City Coalition) protested at City Hall, urging the Jakarta Governor to take responsibility for the city's worsening pollution.

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AWYU TRIBE IN STATE ADMINISTRATION COURT, JAKARTA

Papuan Indigenous people from the Awyu tribe donned traditional body paint and bird of paradise headdresses before officially intervening in legal proceedings initiated by two palm oil companies in the Jakarta State Administrative Court. They also visited the Human Rights National Commission to seek support and initiate an investigation.

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Another win came when the Jakarta Administrative Court upheld the cancellation of permits for two palm oil companies, preserving over 65,000 hectares of rainforest for the Awyu People. However, this success was tempered by the Jayapura State Administrative Court's rejection of the Awyu's lawsuit against a Malaysian company's permit to clear over 39,000 hectares of Indigenous land. Disappointed, the Awyu and their advocacy team have appealed to the Supreme Court, where the case is currently under review.

Also in 2023, Indonesia committed to retiring two coal power plants early under the Just Energy Transition Partnership scheme, following significant pressure from our coalition. Although the plants' combined capacity of 1.7 gigawatts might seem modest, many view it as a significant milestone in Indonesia's energy transition and a step towards reducing its reliance on coal.

In another crucial area, Greenpeace Southeast Asia, led by its Indonesian team, advocated for migrant fishers' rights in the ASEAN Declaration. A Greenpeace-supported coalition called Team 9 pushed for the quick ratification of the ILO Work in Fishing Convention No. 188 (C-188), which sets standards for fishers' conditions. These efforts aim to ensure effective measures against forced labour and modern slavery in the fishing industry.

Hope, to truly flourish, must be nurtured and instilled in the youth. That's why election efforts focused on engaging and mobilising young voters through TikTok and other social media channels in preparation for the presidential and legislative elections the following year. In Indonesia, where Gen Z and millennials constitute 56% of the voting population, the young generation held the decisive vote. With Greenpeace Indonesia's initiatives, environmental issues were pushed to the forefront of debate discussions. The campaign gained significant traction.



FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSION IN INDONESIA

Arifsyah Nasution, Greenpeace Southeast Asia Ocean Campaigner, presented the campaign at the focus group discussion (FGD) on Improving Governance and Protection for Fishers, organised by the Coordinating Ministry for Maritime and Investment Affairs and Team 9 in Indonesia.

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OLIGARCHY MONSTER PROTEST IN JAKARTA

Greenpeace Indonesia installed The “Oligarchy Monster” octopus in the HI Roundabout pool in Jakarta. With its tentacles, the octopus grabbed three mannequins resembling political figures who aspire to run as presidential candidates in the 2024 elections.

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The team also collaborated with Tempo on the *Bocor Alus Politik* programme, a major political show by a leading media outlet. They featured an Environmental Vision Review of presidential and vice-presidential candidates, which aired on their YouTube channel, attracting 352,000 views and over thousands of comments. Additionally, Greenpeace Indonesia, partnering with CELIOS, launched a policy brief on the Green Economy. This event, which included the top teams from each candidate, received notable media coverage and the brief’s data was referenced by a candidate during the official debate. One of the vice-presidential candidates also mentioned Greenpeace, referring to its food estate research.

Advocating for the environment in Indonesia is a journey of highs and lows, where both victories and setbacks serve as a reminder to strengthen our resolve. Losses aren’t failures but opportunities to intensify efforts, amplify voices and explore new paths to success. Every win offers hope, showing that positive change is within reach. Yet, maintaining momentum is crucial to ensure that this hope is not fleeting. Only through continuous action and perseverance can we ensure that progress isn’t too late for the planet - and that a sustainable future becomes a reality for all. 

Malaysia:

ART, ACTIVISM AND AWARENESS: A PATHWAY FOR CHANGE

- Advocating for environmental awareness in Malaysia demanded creativity to effectively convey the need for immediate action.

This year, the Greenpeace flagship, Rainbow Warrior, made a significant return to Malaysia, underscoring a critical moment for the nation in light of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report. The report highlighted that Malaysia could reach its first climate tipping point by 2025. Despite this urgency,

delays in enacting the Climate Change Act have persisted, putting the country at risk of severe environmental consequences. In response, a series of forums were held, covering topics such as clean air, climate justice, deforestation and the transition to a circular economy.



HAZE: COMING SOON EXHIBIT

A truly unique multifaceted event took place at REXKL from May 5 to 14, organised through the joint efforts of Greenpeace Malaysia, Studio Birthplace and Splash & Burn. The exhibition combined art, film and activism, immersing visitors in a visual feast with a vital message: it was time Malaysians stood up for their right to clean, haze-free air.

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Aside from the ship's visit, art also proved to be a powerful platform for making statements. Just before the ASEAN transboundary haze meeting, Greenpeace Malaysia, Studio Birthplace and Splash & Burn launched *The Haze: Coming Soon*, an art exhibition that attracted over 6,000 visitors, including policymakers. The event combined visual art, cinema and activism to raise awareness about haze pollution and urged Malaysians to advocate for clean air.

Studio Birthplace's satirical short film, *Haze-zilla*, which critiques corporate pollution was the exhibit's highlight. Featuring recycled cardboard buildings from its set, the film resonated with audiences and amassed over 400,000 views across platforms within a week.

Greenpeace Malaysia's advocacy also extended into the digital realm. The Invisible Cigarettes campaign spotlighted the harmful effects of air pollution from domestic and transboundary haze. Equating regular exposure to high haze levels with smoking, the campaign highlighted serious health risks and the impact of PM2.5 on life expectancy. Using powerful imagery, it emphasised the vulnerability of children, pregnant individuals and the elderly, urging Malaysians to sign a petition for the enactment of a Transboundary Haze Pollution Act (THPA).

As COP28 approached, Greenpeace Malaysia urged the government to demonstrate greater political commitment at the Asia-Pacific Climate Week. The campaign stressed the need for enforceable legislation, including the THPA and the Climate Change Act, to build climate resilience and hold polluters accountable. Robust laws were called for to deter environmental damage, recognise the right to a clean environment and secure loss and damage funds to support climate mitigation and adaptation.



HAZE-ZILLA, A SHORT FILM

Haze-zilla is a satirical film that highlights the destructive impact of corporate greed on the environment. The film emphasises the urgent need for legal measures to ensure that Malaysian companies do not contribute to haze, both locally and abroad.

© Studio Birthplace

Greenpeace Malaysia also addressed the country's heavy reliance on plastics, symbolised by a plastic monster crafted entirely from waste. Displayed in Kuala Lumpur, this powerful figure highlighted the urgent need to tackle plastic pollution. We pushed for a 75% reduction in plastic production by 2040 and significant changes to address the environmental and climate impacts of plastic waste.

This advocacy led to discussions with the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security, both of which acknowledged our concerns. Greenpeace



THE PLASTIC MONSTER'S BRIDE

Greenpeace Malaysia's creative and collaborative effort resulted in a symbolic plastic monster constructed entirely from plastic waste collected by staff and volunteers.

They orchestrated two impactful non-violent direct actions in the heart of Kuala Lumpur, in front of KLCC and Dataran Merdeka, to visually convey their commitment to driving change.

This monstrous creation, accompanied by its unhappy bride, serves as a powerful representation of the group's collective mission to break free from the toxic relationship with plastics.

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Malaysia also met with Johor's State Assemblyman to discuss the Global Plastics Treaty, a future framework aimed at managing the entire lifecycle of plastics and mitigating their harmful effects on the environment.

With Greenpeace's innovative approaches in Malaysia, we are able to showcase how art, activism and awareness can unite to drive environmental change. From pushing for

stronger legislation to addressing plastic pollution and advocating for climate resilience, the message remained consistent: urgent action is needed. As Malaysia faces critical environmental tipping points, these efforts are crucial in building momentum. With each campaign, conversation, and collaboration, we're not just raising awareness - we're inspiring collective action to secure a cleaner, safer, and more sustainable future for the country. 

The Philippines:

IGNITING ACTION TO SPARK CHANGE

- In 2023, the focus was on inspiring change and engaging communities in holding polluters accountable.

This year involved stepping outside comfort zones, exemplified by Greenpeace Philippines establishing its first official local volunteer group outside Metro Manila in Iloilo City, Visayas. As part of the CoLEAD (Community Leadership for Environment and Active Democracy) your Cities project, this group, primarily composed of youth leaders from the area, aimed to strengthen advocacy for systemic changes.

Recognising the youth's power as agents of change, the Zero Waste campaign's Life in Plastic exhibit targeted schools and student groups from Metro Manila and nearby areas. In collaboration with student artists, the exhibit highlighted the escalating plastic pollution problem and its impact on daily life.

In Pasig City, residents asserted their voices by sharing their vision for a “Livable and Lovable” community during a Placemaking activity. Supported by city councillors, this collaborative urban design approach empowers citizens to shape public spaces to better meet their needs and enhance local safety and well-being.

As Greenpeace Philippines supported communities across Marikina, the Bicol Region, Bataan and Tacloban City through the Maritime Patrol and Protection initiative, the Rainbow Warrior arrived in the Philippines. Its visit coincided with the opening of the People's Museum of Climate Justice in Tacloban City, which suffered nearly 6,000 deaths from Typhoon Yolanda in 2013. The ship's subsequent visit to Bohol Province - threatened by rising sea levels

PARAW REGATTA FESTIVAL IN ILOILO

Members of Greenpeace Iloilo Local Group staffed the Greenpeace booth during the Paraw Regatta Festival in Iloilo City.

Greenpeace promoted sustainable solutions for creating better cities by setting up water refilling stations along the shores of Villa de Arevalo. They encouraged festival-goers to bring their own refillable water bottles and contributed a freedom wall where attendees could express their hopes for a livable and lovable city.

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MOBILITY WEEK IN MALABON

Students and advocates carried signs and mock-up “box cars” as they participated in a parade demanding alternative modes of transportation in Malabon City, Metro Manila.

Greenpeace Philippines, along with mobility advocates and citizens, joined the activity as part of a global campaign urging governments worldwide to move away from car-centric policies that harm the climate and communities. They called for the pursuit of sustainable modes of mobility, such as mass transport and biking, especially in developing countries.

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- highlighted the urgent need for climate action and support for vulnerable regions. The iconic Greenpeace ship also returned to Metro Manila, offering an open ship tour that invites the public to explore Greenpeace’s history and discover how they can join the fight for #ClimateJusticeForAll.

As one of the world’s most disaster-prone countries, the Philippines faced significant environmental challenges. Greenpeace Philippines helped address issues such as the MV Princess Empress oil spill, tracking its spread with satellite imagery. In response to Typhoon Mawar, fossil fuel companies were called on to compensate for climate damage. To highlight the importance of community empowerment in tackling the climate crisis, the Building Resilient Communities disaster risk reduction (DRR) toolkit was launched. It featured 11 case studies from provinces and cities, illustrating how DRR and climate change adaptation

and mitigation programs benefit from local indigenous knowledge and tailored solutions.

This year also marked a significant advancement in political and legal action for environmental accountability. In November, Salcedo in Eastern Samar, became the country’s first municipality to pass a Municipal Resolution on climate accountability. This resolution, announced during a Greenpeace Philippines-organised forum, called for holding accountable those contributing to climate change and mandated the local government to seek compensation for damages caused by extreme weather events. In Malabon City, Greenpeace Philippines, mobility advocates and local citizens celebrated a new city resolution promoting alternative transportation modes by designating a week for initiatives and a carless day to enhance efficient mass transit.




KUHA SA TINGI

Joy Jabaga, a *sari-sari* store owner from Payatas, sells refillable household cleaning items through the “*Kuha sa Tingi*” (Get in Small Portions) programme, supported by the local government in Quezon City, Philippines. This initiative aims to combat plastic pollution as the city advocates for a zero-waste circular economy.

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In Quezon City, the local government, Greenpeace Philippines and Impact Hub Manila launched *Kuha sa Tingi*, an initiative to establish community-based refill hubs in *sari-sari* stores (small neighbourhood convenience stores) to discourage the use of sachets and combat plastic pollution.

This year, the organisation continued to be a vital resource for the House Committee on Climate Change and played a key role in a high-level round table on climate accountability and reparations.

With Greenpeace Philippines’ two-pronged approach, which is to emphasise both public mobilisation and public policy shaping, we underscored the urgent need for collective action. In a world where every voice counts, these efforts highlight that people have the power to alter the course of the climate crisis - one action at a time. By fostering grassroots movements and holding polluters accountable, we continue to empower communities, proving that even in the face of daunting challenges, real progress is possible when citizens and leaders work together for a common cause. 

Thailand:

A POLITICAL PUSH FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE

- Leveraging political opportunities, Greenpeace Thailand aimed to influence policy and decision-making processes for the planet's benefit.

Greenpeace Thailand's brand audits conducted between 2017 and 2021 identified Charoen Pokphand (C.P.) Group as Thailand's largest plastic polluter. Greenpeace urged the company to reduce plastic use and support Extended Producer Responsibility policies. CP ALL, a subsidiary, allowed personal cups at 7-Eleven, but the initiative had been promoted for only six months. Despite acknowledging Greenpeace's demands, C.P. Group's commitment to real change remains uncertain.

Plastics aren't the only threat to our seas; industrialization, masked as progress, also

endangered ecosystems. The Voice of Chana, a year-long science project, was a collaboration between coastal communities, academics, and civil society. It collected data on the biodiversity of Chana and the risks posed by a proposed industrial estate, liquefied natural gas terminal, fossil gas power plant, and deep-sea port in the Chana district of Songkhla. This project empowers local communities to reclaim their right to a healthy environment. Although the government-backed industrial proposals were halted, residents continue to fight for a future that preserves their culture and marine biodiversity.



PLASTIC BRAND AUDIT AT MAI KHAO BEACH IN PHUKET

Sustainable Maikhao Foundation, Green Hearts Phuket and Greenpeace Thailand conducted a beach cleanup and plastic brand audit activity at Mai Khao beach in Phuket, Thailand.

The trash collected from the beach was sorted by type and brand.

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As Greenpeace Thailand connected with ocean defenders - coastal residents impacted by climate crisis threats and policies jeopardising their livelihoods - the organisation also addressed air pollution. In 2023, representatives from environmental groups, including Greenpeace Thailand, welcomed the court's decision in the #RightToCleanAir case. This lawsuit targeted the National Environment Board and the Natural Resources and Environment and Industry Ministries for inadequate action on the PM2.5 crisis. The Central Administrative Court ordered the Ministry of Industry to implement the Pollutant Release and Transfer Register (PRTR) within 60 days.

The advocacy for clean air continued in Northern Thailand and the Greater Mekong Sub-region, which faced the worst air quality in two decades. Greenpeace seized this critical moment to push for stronger law enforcement and transparency policies targeting companies responsible for deforestation and transboundary haze. Using satellite imagery, Greenpeace Thailand supported calls for action against the meat industry's lack of traceability in its supply chains and backed legal actions to support Residents in the North group against the government and the Securities and Exchange Commission for failing to address human rights violations impacting public health. Chiang Mai Administrative Court instructs the government to introduce emergency measures and inclusive plans to address the problem within 90 days. Although the decision of the Chiang Mai Administrative Court is another step in victory for people. But solving the problem of the North haze does not end with the verdict. Greenpeace and the network will keep an eye on the Prime Minister and other related government agencies, to protect public health by implementing an inclusive plan developed with local and indigenous people.



PROTECT THE OCEANS BANNER IN CHANA DISTRICT, SONGKHLA, THAILAND

Rungreong Rahmanyah, a local activist, holds a campaign banner in the murky green waters of Chana district, Songkhla, Thailand.

Chana is part of Greenpeace Thailand's Ocean Defenders campaign, which aims to protect the environment, marine ecosystems and local communities in coastal areas.

The industrial project backed by the government may turn this area into an industrial zone, raising community concerns about potential impact on marine biodiversity and their livelihoods.

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Amid rising concerns over transboundary haze pollution, the link between deforestation and environmental degradation became evident. Greenpeace Thailand identified the animal feed maize industry as a major driver of deforestation in the Greater Mekong Subregion. Satellite data from 2021-2023 showed 11.8 million rai (1.88 million hectares) of forest loss, mainly in northern Lao PDR, Myanmar's Shan State and northern Thailand. Additionally, 41% of the regional transboundary haze results from fire hotspots linked to industrial plantations of maize for feed. Greenpeace Thailand



#VOTEFORCLIMATE

#VoteForClimate activities were held at Thammasat Rangsit University, aiming to make environmental issues a priority in the elected party's agenda.

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criticised the previous government's failure to meet the Chiang Rai Plan of Action's 30% hotspot reduction target and expressed concern that the new administration may face similar challenges, exacerbated by the 2024 El Niño. This deforestation underscores the need for transparency and traceability in maize supply chains.

Environmental issues are crucial for improving quality of life. In the 2023 General Election, Greenpeace Thailand urged political parties to address climate justice, energy democracy, PM2.5 pollution, plastic waste, transboundary air pollution and community rights in marine resource management. The group also monitored policies to ensure they enhanced public well-being.

This year, Greenpeace Thailand solidified its reputation as a driving force for environmental change - rising to be among the top three most recognised environmental organisations in the country. Visibility, however, was never the goal - driving meaningful change was. Through relentless advocacy on climate justice, pollution control, and community rights, we pushed for systemic reforms that could improve lives and protect ecosystems. Our growing influence signals not just recognition, but an opportunity to catalyse even more impactful solutions for a sustainable future. The journey continues, with greater resolve and hope for a better tomorrow. 

JEDIS INITIATIVE: STRENGTHENING JUSTICE, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION THROUGH LEADERSHIP, RECRUITMENT AND PARTNERSHIPS

- In 2023, Greenpeace Southeast Asia deepened its commitment to Justice, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Safety (JEDIS) by refining its recruitment process.



This included introducing an Equal Employment Opportunity statement across job posts on LinkedIn and other materials to attract a more diverse workforce.

JEDIS values were integrated into leadership discussions with the Board and Senior Management Team, emphasising their importance both internally and in external

PRIDE MARCH IN QUEZON CITY

Greenpeace Philippines joined this year's Pride March with the call, "Climate justice is queer justice," at the LoveLaban Pride Festival in Quezon City, attended by a 100,000-strong crowd.

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CONSENT AND POWER WORKSHOP IN THE PHILIPPINES

The Consent and Power workshop continued at the Philippine office, with more than 43 staff members participating. Facilitated by The Women and Gender Institute (WAGI), the workshop covered key concepts such as sex and gender, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression (SOGIE), and intersectionality.

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engagements with social movements.

Partnerships with Thaiconsent, the All Women's Action Society, and the Women's and Gender Institute (WAGI) enhanced awareness of sexual and workplace harassment, focusing on power dynamics and intersectionality.

Furthering these efforts, Greenpeace Southeast Asia launched Cultural Transformation Journey Focus Group Discussions, based on the 2021 Diversity and Inclusion Survey results. A scoping study of the JEDIS Policy involved various stakeholders, including WAGI.

To build a culture of trust and respect, Greenpeace Southeast Asia continued its Working Together workshop series. These workshops, attended by 169 participants, focused on conflict resolution, collaborative communication and non-violent communication.

The JEDIS Vision and Strategy Toolkit, now available to all offices, helps guide Greenpeace in setting goals for justice, equity, diversity, inclusion and safety, ensuring ongoing empowerment and a more inclusive, responsible future. ♀



SAFEGUARDING AGAINST SEXUAL HARASSMENT WORKSHOP IN MALAYSIA

The Malaysia team organised a workshop on Safeguarding Against Sexual Harassment in the Workplace for its staff and district development communities. The workshop aimed to raise awareness about sexual harassment, its consequences and avenues for redress. It also offered participants a deeper understanding of sexual harassment and guidance on how to respond in such cases. The session was facilitated by All Women's Action Society (AWAM; Persatuan Pergerakan Wanita).

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Rainbow Warrior in Bohol

Greenpeace's flagship, The Rainbow Warrior, visits Bilangbilangban Island, ten years after the devastating Typhoon Haiyan. The small island communities in the Philippines are on the front lines of climate change due to their extreme vulnerability. Greenpeace is engaging with these communities to demand reparations from big polluters.

Fundraising Department

HOPE IN ACTION

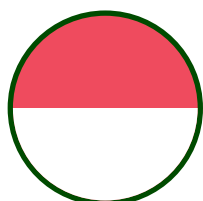
- This year's accomplishments in Southeast Asia were driven by a passion to protect the planet, strategic collaborations and dedicated volunteers determined to make a difference. Our ambitious environmental campaigns were also made possible through the generous support of donors across Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines and Thailand.

Greenpeace stands proudly independent. Because we do not accept corporate and government funding, we continue to safeguard our integrity against political or commercial

influence. Instead, we are powered entirely by the generosity of individuals, grants from Greenpeace International and support from private foundations and organisations that share our vision and values. This independence allows us to remain unwavering in our mission to protect the planet.

We are deeply grateful to our donors, whose support enables Greenpeace to investigate, campaign, document and advocate for a future where nature and humanity flourish side by side.

NEW DONORS IN 2023



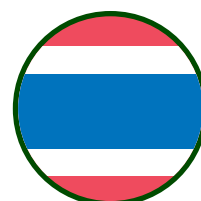
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Philippines
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Thailand
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These are regular and one-time donors who began supporting the organisation within January 1 to December 31, 2023.

Furthermore, we aim to strengthen relationships with donors by diversifying communication channels, creating more opportunities

for dialogue and in-person events and upholding our unwavering commitment to transparency and accountability. 

For more information, please get in touch with our fundraising team at supporterservices.id@greenpeace.org.

Financial Report

OUR TRANSPARENCY

- If Greenpeace Southeast Asia's programmes demand accountability and transparency from policymakers and corporations, we must uphold the same high standards for ourselves. In 2023, 89% of our annual costs were allocated directly to campaigns and projects, reflecting our dedication to advancing environmental and human rights causes.

Our Finance Team has adopted a vision centred on insights, risk management, governance and strategic tools. We ensure financial integrity by updating and standardising our

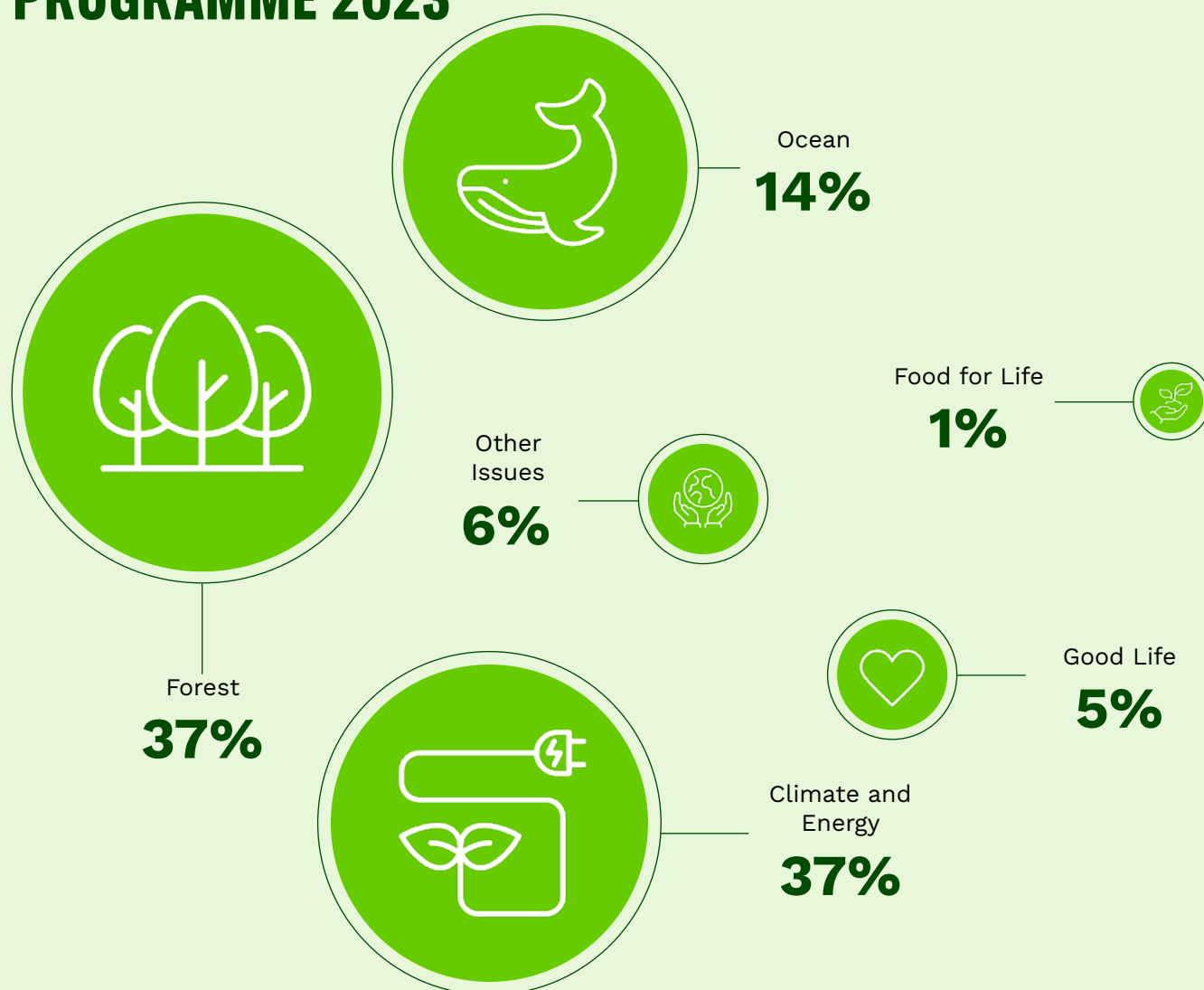
policies and procedures and by making real-time financial data available. This approach supports our organisational activities and enables prompt decision-making.

We are committed to developing a Finance Team that integrates seamlessly with all units, enhancing efficiency, responsiveness and ownership in managing the organisation's assets. This transparency leads to more effective collaboration and a stronger, more unified effort towards our shared goals for the planet.

	2023	2022
REVENUE		
Total Revenue	354,862,293	424,503,687
COST INCURRED		
Programme		
Forest	135,249,249	123,026,177
Climate and Energy	136,793,314	103,387,702
Ocean	53,538,854	60,030,940
Good Life	17,737,905	19,531,215
Food for Life	2,705,995	6,679,422
Other Issue	22,644,357	11,718,729
Total Programme	368,669,855	324,374,184
Support		
Management and General	47,748,954	56,586,908
Total Support	47,748,954	56,586,908
Total Programme and Support	416,418,809	380,961,092
Change in Net Asset	(61,556,515)	43,542,595
Net Assets, beginning of year	93,737,668	50,195,073
Net Assets, end of year	32,181,153	93,737,668

* All in Thai Baht

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Greenpeace Southeast Asia's Financial Statements are prepared based upon International Financial Reporting Standards for Small and Medium-Sized Entities (IFRS-SME). Financial Statements under this standard use the accrual basis of accounting, whereby revenues and costs are recognised when incurred in respect of the transaction that can be measured reliably.

Many individual donors from across the world recognise Southeast Asia as a priority region of impact in the global environmental crisis and donate to our cause which constitutes a substantial part of our income, direct to Greenpeace Southeast Asia or through the Greenpeace Stitching Council Grant.

All offices of Greenpeace Southeast Asia's financial statements are audited yearly by an independent auditor and the expenditures comply with established internal policies, regulations and procedures (regionally and globally) and are part of the yearly budgets that are annually reviewed and approved by Greenpeace Southeast Asia's Regional Board of Directors. 

For more information, please get in touch with our supporter care team at supporterservices.id@greenpeace.org

Activists Block Shell Import Terminal in Batangas

Greenpeace activists blocked the Shell import facility in Batangas, vowing to escalate protests in the coming months. They expressed dismay over the Philippine government's lack of leadership in demanding reparations from corporate climate polluters. This action coincided with discussions on the Loss and Damage fund on the first day of COP 28, highlighting the absence of accountability for fossil fuel companies.

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