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WHAT'S IN A NAME

The word “Aroha” signifies in te reo Maori the compassion, concern, empathy and love that is so vital to overcoming the challenges facing people and our planet today.



BEHIND THE LOGO

The symbol incorporated into our logo is the “Taniwha”, literally signifying “shark” in a number of Polynesian languages native to the Pacific, but often representing a water-dwelling being of mythical nature. Taniwha are thought to have followed the vessels of Pacific explorers in many island to island migration, at once a menace and a guardian. We found the two-fold character of this interaction point of people and nature an apt symbolic analogy to global challenges facing the world today.

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A WORD FROM THE TANIWHA

As Taniwha looks back on 2024, it's clear this has been a year of transition, momentum, and new frontiers. While the climate crisis continues to accelerate—marked by yet another year of rising emissions and insufficient national commitments—Aroha remains steadfast in its resolve to drive impactful and sustainable change. Governments may not have revised their 2030 climate targets, but securing a strong finance goal at COP29 was a step forward, even if the road ahead remains steep.

This year, Aroha forged new partnerships and expanded its impact, tackling critical challenges across sea, land, and ice. Working with the MSC Foundation, Aroha helped convene an expert coral workshop and supported new partnerships to advance ocean health - **Taniwha approved** ✓ Aroha also supported the creation and operationalization of the Macky Sall Foundation, an effort that will shape climate leadership, peace and sustainable development in Africa and beyond. In collaboration with Arctic Basecamp and key partners, Aroha embarked on a vital new project exploring the global health risks posed by polar change—because what happens in the Arctic doesn't stay in the Arctic.

2024 was a year of bold steps, but Taniwha knows they are just the beginning. As we move forward, Aroha remains committed to safeguard the world's most vulnerable communities and ecosystems.

Taniwha approved ✓
There's still much work to do,
Aroha's Taniwha

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ABOUT US

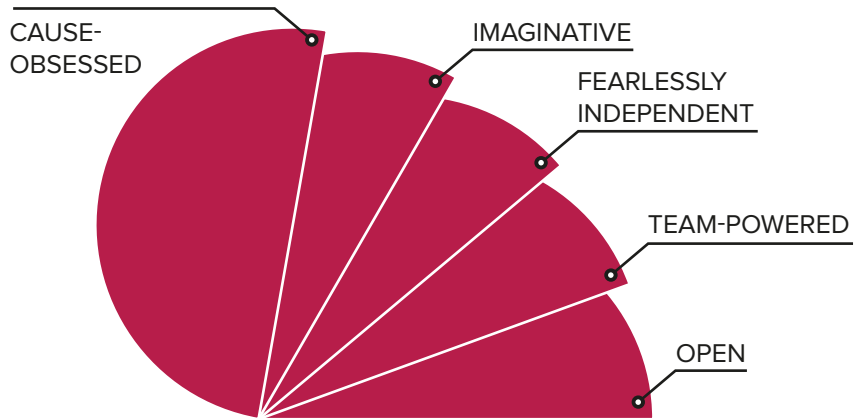
Aroha is an independent NGO based in Geneva, Switzerland, operating world-wide working towards averting climate chaos.

As part of our work, Aroha operates as a global platform mobilizing support for climate threatened communities and nations as key champions in overcoming a global crisis of the climate.

KEY FACTS ABOUT US

FOUNDED 2017 23.10	HEADQUARTERS GENEVA SWITZERLAND	MISSION AVOIDING CLIMATE CHAOS
OBJECTIVES Limiting warming to 1.5°C Safeguarding climate-threatened people and ecosystems Maximizing transition benefits	2024 BUDGET CHF 1'147'028	LEGAL FORM International, tax-exempt non-profit association under Swiss law

OUR VALUES



HOW WE WORK

Aroha's mission can be summed up in three words: **avert climate chaos**. We do so by mobilizing actions towards limiting global warming to 1.5°C, enhancing protection of vulnerable communities and ecosystems, and maximizing benefits of the transition to a climate resilient future. Towards these objectives, Aroha operates in partnership with public and private entities.

WHAT WE ACHIEVED

2024 marked a year of new horizons and initiatives for Aroha. Thanks to the determination and dedication of our partners, colleagues across the globe and team members we were able to achieve the following advancements in avoiding climate catastrophe.

MSC FOUNDATION

- We supported the construction of the Ocean Cay Marine Conservation Center, to prepare for its inauguration in Spring of 2025.
- We facilitated the Experts Coral Workshop in Bimini, where 20 Bahamian and international experts collaborated to shape the MSC Foundation’s 2030 coral conservation roadmap.
- We contributed to the expansion of the coral nursery at Ocean Cay, where fragments grew from 94 to 546, showing promising thermal resilience.
- We helped drive the MSC Foundation’s new partnership with Mission Blue, advancing sea-grass restoration in Spain with 9,000 posidonia planted around Formentera Island.



▶ *Dr. Owen O'Shea,
Marine Research
Program Manager,
MSC Foundation
working on a coral
nursery at Ocean
Cay, Bahamas
Photo credit: MSC
Foundation*

HEALTH & THE ARCTIC

- In 2024, we joined a global team of experts for the “Effects of Polar Climate Change on Global Health and Healthcare” project, highlighting the global risk of health outcomes resulting from polar change.
- We contributed to the communications and engagement strategy, amplifying the project's reach and making sure the science reaches policymakers in countries most affected by the health impacts of climate change.
- We coordinated efforts to develop a health polar layer added to the Climate Vulnerability Monitor (CVM3) Health Data Explorer, which we developed in partnership with the Lancet Countdown in 2022.

AN EMERGENT AFRICA

- We supported the launch of the Macky Sall Foundation for Peace, Dialogue, and Development (MSF-P2D), advancing its vision for an “Emergent Africa”, a stable, peaceful, and sustainable continent.
- We developed the Foundation's strategy, corporate identity, and website, laying the groundwork for its mission and outreach.
- We coordinated the inaugural board meeting and the strategic dialogue at the UN General Assembly in New York, bringing together leaders and experts to shape the Foundation's strategy and objectives.

*Strategic Dialogue of the
Macky Sall Foundation,
September 2024
Photo credit: MSF-P2D*



FINANCIALS

As a not-for-profit entity, we devote all our funds to our own projects and activities

BALANCE SHEET

On 31 December 2024

ASSETS		2024 (CHF)	2023 (CHF)
Cash		658'183	439'671
Grant receivable		12'403	294'601
Other assets		2'994	127'144
CURRENT ASSETS		673'579	861'416
Operating equipment		49'699	62'800
Guarantees and deposits		722	722
FIXED ASSETS		50'421	63'522
TOTAL ASSETS		724'000	924'938
LIABILITIES		2024 (CHF)	2023 (CHF)
Accounts payable		596'006	165'777
Accrued Expenses		49'534	26'400
CURRENT LIABILITIES		645'540	192'177
FUND CAPITAL		86'773	729'003
ORGANIZATION CAPITAL		8'312	3'759
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL		724'000	924'938

724'000

Total assets

INCOME STATEMENT

From 1 January 2024 until
31 December 2024

	2024	2023
TOTAL GRANTS / INCOME	478'615	3'355'665
Restricted funds returned	543'277	-
Consultants and Contractors	21'908	1'034'920
Travel expenses	5'459	794'818
Direct project costs	-	296
Independent subgrants	100'960	530'969
Personal expenses	303'270	980'563
Office charges	94'286	110'084
Administration fees	6'056	54'952
Insurance & authorizations	864	+ 11'129
Events and conferences	+ 15'879	119'190
Third party fees	65'221	152'524
Other administration fees	2'540	345
Depreciation	19'067	12'034
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1'147'028	3'779'565
FINANCIAL CHARGES	957	6'721
Exchange differences	15'069	50'788
Commissions	-	-
FINANCIAL RESULT	14'112	57'509
ANNUAL RESULT (before change in programs capital)	654'301	338'259
Change in programs capital	642'230	199'173
ANNUAL RESULT (before allocation to the capital of the organization)	12'071	139'086

478'615

Total Income

1'147'028Total
Expenditures**12'071**

Annual result

INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENT

From our base in Geneva, Aroha maintains a formal presence at the center of multilateral discussions. This positioning supports our engagement with UN missions, governments, and international bodies, enabling us to remain connected to key global processes and policy developments.

Our proximity to key international bodies such as the Human Rights Council (HRC) and the World Health Assembly (WHA) provides us with unparalleled access to **decision-making forums** where critical discussions on global issues take place.

Aroha also holds consultative status with the **United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)** and is an admitted observer organization to the **United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)**, enabling us to participate directly in multilateral climate processes and reinforcing our advocacy for a 1.5°C-aligned, climate-resilient future.



United Nations
Framework Convention on
Climate Change



SUPPORT OUR WORK

Aroha is mainly supported by international organizations and philanthropic foundations interested in promoting climate action and sustainability.

For donors or potential partners who would like to see more of the work that we are doing, our team would be pleased to explore and discuss options for supporting our work.

Modalities

Aroha mainly works with project agreements with funding directed towards specific activities. We can also accept core funding and are open to explore different options case-by-case.

Donations in Switzerland are fully tax deductible.

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