

# EARTH PROTECTORS TRUST FUND

## ARTICLE 1

### TRUST CREATOR (Settlor)

The Trust Creator and First Named Trustee of the Earth Protectors Trust Document is Polly Higgins.

Date of Birth: 04.07.1968. Address: The Base, Willow Court, Stroud, Gloucestershire GL5 4BJ, UK.

There shall be vested in the Creator of the Earth Protectors Trust Document the power of appointment of a Subsequent First Named Trustee.

## ARTICLE 2

### TERMINOLOGY

The 'Earth Protectors Trust Document' shall be henceforth referred to as the 'Trust Document'. In the Trust Document, the term 'trustee' includes additional trustees serving as trustees. 'Small Island Developing States' (SIDS) are low-lying remote coastal countries that share vulnerability to extensive damage, destruction to or loss of ecosystems, susceptibility to climate disasters and have limited resources. 'Other climate vulnerable States' for the purpose of the Trust Document are States that share vulnerability to extensive damage, destruction to or loss of ecosystems, susceptibility to climate disasters and have limited resources. 'Associated States' are States that depute to larger powers in exchange for protection.

## ARTICLE 3

### TRUST PURPOSE

To support, through the emergence of a new form of trusteeship that transcends borders, whatever will for the best enable the rapid adoption of ecocide law as international law, including but not limited to:

- i) funding Small Island Developing States and/or other climate vulnerable States who are resolved to activate the International Criminal Court's jurisdiction over the crime of ecocide as early as possible, by covering their costs, including: hotel expenses, top representation at the International Criminal Court and their flights; and/or
- ii) funding the subscription fees of such States to the International Criminal Court (plus joining fees for those who have yet to become members); and/or
- iii) funding any other lawful activity enabling the Trust Purpose.

## ARTICLE 4

### TRUSTEES

Anyone may become a trustee of the Trust Document upon provision of name, electronic signature, email and place of residence.

To give effect to the Trust Purpose all trustees that are non-domiciled in Small Island Developing States shall gift €5 or equivalent, or more. Trustees living in Small Island Developing States are exempt from gifting funds.

Becoming a trustee of this document is to become an Earth Protector and Trustee of the Earth. It is a declaration of love and acknowledgement that the Earth, the ecosystems of Earth and inhabitants of Earth whether human or otherwise have the right to peaceful enjoyment. It is a declaration of belief that this peaceful enjoyment is both a moral and legal right, and that any human act or omission which severely diminishes such peaceful enjoyment is a crime.

Becoming a Trustee of the Earth is to become a protector of a law which is in alignment with a universally recognised moral code of respect, peace and a duty of care for all life. It is a direct expression of intent to create peace between all beings.

## ARTICLE 5

### TRUST ASSETS

Trust assets shall include but shall not be limited to funds gifted whether online, by Heart to Heart Funding, bequests, stock and/or profit share gifts.

## ARTICLE 6

### TRUST OBLIGATION

The Trust Fund is required to distribute all of its net funds in benefit of the Beneficiaries during the tax year in which the funds are received.

## ARTICLE 7

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## BANK ACCOUNT

Earth Protectors Trust Fund

Bank Name	Triodos Bank NV
Account	EPTF
BIC/Swift	NL69 TRIO 0338 6732 29
Address	TRIONL2U
City	PO Box 55
Country	Zeist
Zipcode	The Netherlands
	3700AB

## ARTICLE 8

### BENEFICIARIES

The Beneficiaries of the Trust Fund are the Small Island Developing States (SIDS) and/or other Climate vulnerable States who are resolved to activate the International Criminal Court's jurisdiction over the crime of ecocide as early as possible.

## ARTICLE 9

### VARIATION, REVOCATION OR AMENDMENT

When in the management or administration of the Trust Fund, the power to vary, revoke or amend the Trust Fund shall be subject to a simple majority (50%+1) of all trustees who vote agreeing to the variation, revocation or amendment. Voting for the purpose of Article 9 may take place online.

The Trust Purpose as set out under Article 3 cannot be varied, revoked or amended.

## ARTICLE 10

### TRUSTEE POWERS

Power of administration of the Trust Fund shall be vested with the Creator/First Named Trustee, thereafter the Subsequent First Named Trustee, administered by the Stop Ecocide Foundation.

The Trustees shall hold the Trust Fund for the benefit of any one or more of the Beneficiaries. Power shall be vested in the Trustees to:

- i) co-fund the Beneficiaries by covering their costs, including: hotel expenses, top representation at the International Criminal Court and their flights; and/or
- ii) co-fund the Beneficiaries subscription fees to the International Criminal Court (plus joining fees for those who have yet to become members); and/or
- iii) co-fund any other lawful activity enabling the Trust Purpose; and/or
- iv) invoke the Trust Document in a court of law in jurisdictions named in the Trust Document.

## ARTICLE 11

### FIRST NAMED TRUSTEE

Polly Higgins is the First Named Trustee of the Trust Document.

The First Named Trustee's responsibility is to: help in whatever way is required to fast-track ecocide law; ensure the integrity of funding use; ensure best administration of the Trust Funds; select Support Partners if so required to assist with the administration of the Trust Funds and deselect such Partners if the Trust Purpose is no longer being best served.

Death of First Named Trustee: Upon the death or incapacity of the First Named Trustee Polly Higgins, the Subsequent First Named Trustee shall take over direct responsibility as set out above and has the power to name their Subsequent First Named Trustee. The reassignment of Subsequent First Named Trustee shall continue upon death or incapacity until the Trust Fund is no longer required.

### SUBSEQUENT FIRST NAMED TRUSTEE

Ella-Jo Mehta is the Subsequent First Named Trustee of the Trust Document, following the death of Polly Higgins on 21.04.2019. Date of birth 28.06.1972 Address: The Base, Willow Court, Stroud, Gloucestershire GL5 4BJ, UK.

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## ARTICLE 12

### NAMED TRUSTEES

The Trust Document shall remain open for the accrual of Named Trustees until such time as the Trust Purpose has been discharged, which shall be upon the implementation and enforcement of Ecocide law as an international criminal law.

## ARTICLE 13

### LEGALISATION

This Trust Document is accepted for legal and international use in all the following named jurisdictions and associated States of the world:

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, **American Samoa**, Andorra, Angola, Anguilla, **Antigua and Barbuda**, Argentina, Armenia, **Aruba**, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, **Bahamas**, **Bahrain**, Bangladesh, **Barbados**, Belarus, Belgium, **Belize**, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, **British Virgin Islands**, Brunei, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, **Cape Verde**, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, **Comoros**, Democratic Republic of the Congo, **Cook Islands**, Costa Rica, Cote d'Ivoire, Croatia, **Cuba**, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Djibouti, **Dominica**, **Dominican Republic**, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, **Federated States of Micronesia**, **Fiji**, Finland, France, **French Polynesia**, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, **Grenada**, **Guam**, Guatemala, Guinea, **Guinea-Bissau**, **Guyana**, **Haiti**, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, **Jamaica**, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, **Kiribati**, Kosovo, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Macedonia, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, **Maldives**, Mali, Malta, **Marshall Islands**, Mauritania, **Mauritius**, Mexico, Micronesia, Moldova, Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, **Montserrat**, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar (Burma), Namibia, **Nauru**, Nepal, Netherlands, **Netherlands Antilles**, New Zealand, **New Caledonia**, **Niue**, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, North Korea, **Northern Mariana Islands**, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, **Palau**, Palestine, Panama, **Papua New Guinea**, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, **Puerto Rico**, Qatar, Romania, Russia, Rwanda, **St. Kitts and Nevis**, **St. Lucia**, **St. Vincent and The Grenadines**, **Samoa**, San Marino, **Sao Tome and Principe**, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, **Seychelles**, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, **Solomon Islands**, Somalia, South Africa, South Korea, South Sudan, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, **Suriname**, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Syria, Taiwan, Tajikistan, Tanzania, Thailand, **Timor-Leste**, Togo, **Tonga**, **Trinidad and Tobago**, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, **Tuvalu**, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom (UK), United States of America (USA), **United States Virgin Islands**, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, **Vanuatu**, Vatican City (Holy See), Venezuela, Vietnam, Yemen, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

(All Small Island Developing States and associated States are highlighted in **bold**; All Small Island Developing States and associated States that are signatories to the Hague Convention are highlighted in **bold and underlined**)

## FIRST NAMED TRUSTEE

Ella-Jo Mehta

Address: The Base, Willow Court, Stroud, Gloucestershire GL5 4BJ, UK.

## YOUR DETAILS (sign here on hard copy)

Full name: {{fullName}}

Email: {{email}}

Place of residence (city, country): {{residence}}

Date and time: {{time}}

## NAMED TRUSTEES

Full list of Named Trustees is available online.

*Non-domiciled Small Island Developing States: By adding your name, email, place of residence and gifting of €5, or equivalent or more, you are a Trustee of the Earth Protectors Trust Fund. Domiciled Small Island Developing States: By adding your name, email and place of residence, you are a Trustee of the Earth Protectors Trust Fund.*

*We do not publish, sell or rent your details to anyone else. Earth Protectors Trust Fund is a non-trading trust fund.*