



NEWSLETTER

PLANTING 2022

ANKOBER-ZEGO NATURAL FOREST

The Trust has a new project, the Ankober-Zego Natural Forest!

This is a major breakthrough for the Trust – its first new project for 20 years, and the first outside the capital, Addis Ababa.

This is the Trust's **third** project (the first two being the Entoto Natural Park and the historic house of Ras Kebede Mengesha in Addis Ababa).

The project will receive funding from the German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ) for 3 years.

The project area is 1 square kilometre, on land which has been assigned to the Trust for 99 years. The site is 170 kilometres north-east of Addis Ababa, and includes a tree nursery.

The area is next to the Wof-Washa National Forest, an afro-montane forest and there will be close cooperation with the Forest authorities.

The site will be used partly for the planting of fruit trees, in cooperation with local farmers, and partly to restore the ancient forest with the planting of indigenous trees.

Despite only taking possession of the land in June the Trust managed a successful tree planting operation in July and August.



3,150 indigenous trees
1,000 banana
1,000 papaya

PLANTING 2022

ENTOTO NATURAL PARK



23,969 tree seedlings
10 different varieties

The summer planting season went very well. The Trust grew its own tree seedlings and 10 different species, including *Hagenia abyssinica* (kosso), *Olea africana* (African olive), *Acacia abyssinica* (Abyssinian acacia) and *Juniperus procera* (juniper – which in Ethiopia can grow to over 100 feet tall).



Over 1,030 volunteers
20 contributing organisations

The season closed with a Grand Celebration Planting Day on 26 August when more than 240 people planted 9,000 seedlings– and enjoyed a party afterwards!



NEWS FROM ETHIOPIA

NURSERIES

Temporary tree nurseries were used this year at both the Ankober-Zego Natural Forest and Entoto Natural Park, with the cooperation of the local authorities.

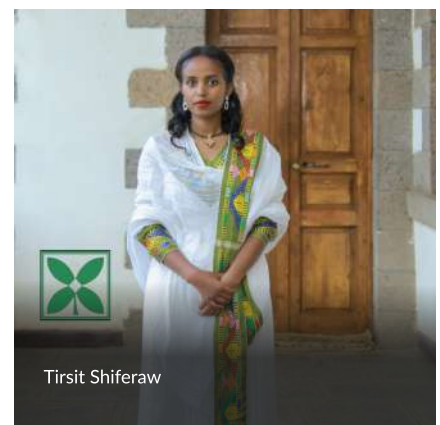
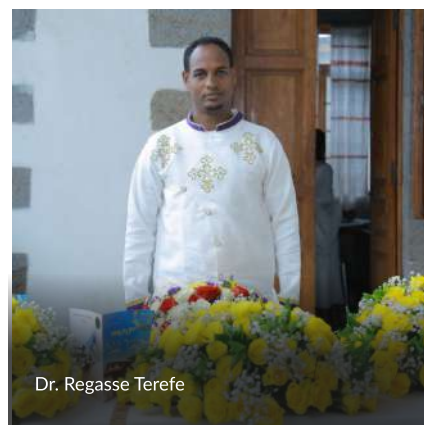
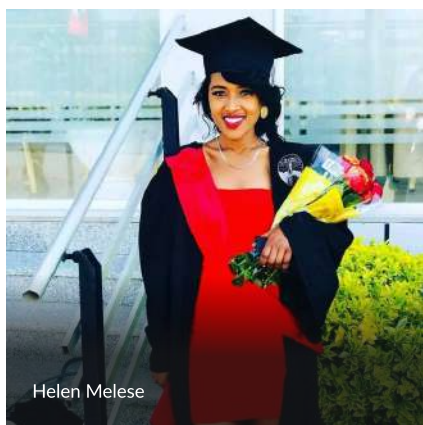
For the coming year plans are already in place to establish permanent nurseries on both sites, with GIZ help.

STAFFING IN ADDIS ABABA

The Trust in Addis Ababa continues to be led dynamically by Mekoya Mamo, the General Manager. It is hoped to bring him to the UK next year for a two-week study visit.

The appointment of Dr. Regasse Terefe as Head of Natural Heritage Development, Conservation and Monitoring, has been a welcome strengthening of the Trust in its environmental work.

His PhD is in Forestry. Other new appointees include Tirsit Shiferaw as Head of Public Relations, and Helen Melese, Accountant.



VISIT OF UK BOARD MEMBER

Our newest Board Member, Dr. Seife Ayele, a development economist at the University of Sussex, visited Ethiopia in April and again in September and kindly found time to spend time in the Trust office and in Entoto Natural Park.

Such visits are invaluable in maintaining good links.



TRUCK

Even more so with the addition to the Trust's portfolio of the Ankober-Zego Natural Forest the Trust is in dire need of a vehicle – to be precise a truck.

Thanks to some generous donors we managed to raise the purchase price of a new vehicle. At the same time the Trust in Addis Ababa was working to secure permission to import the truck duty free, duty being set at 200%. Unfortunately this permission has not yet been granted.

As an interim measure two motorcycles have been bought.

MOBILE PHONE

It is difficult to manage anything these days without a mobile phone, which was the case for the Trust for a few months. The UK Trust bought and sent one out earlier this year.

MEMORIAL GARDEN

Plans are now being drawn up to create a Memorial Garden in the Entoto Natural Park to honour key people involved in the early days of the Trust.

One name certain for inclusion is Lt Girma Wolde-Giorghis, President of Ethiopia 2001-13 and always a strong supporter of the Trust.



Mekoya Mamo, General Manager, with the two new motorcycles

NEWS FROM THE UK

ERIC ROBSON

Just a reminder that a selection of paintings and prints by Eric Robson are on sale on our website: www.ethiopianheritagetrustuk.org

Even if you are not thinking of buying they are well worth looking at. Eric's love for Ethiopia shines through his works.

If you are interested in buying any of his work or would just like more information please email us at info@ethiopianheritagetrustuk.org or phone us on 0300 365 1417



FACEBOOK

The Trust in Addis Ababa is on Facebook!
<https://www.facebook.com/ethiopianheritagetrust.et>

FUNDRAISING HELP

We would welcome any offer to help with fund-raising. There is much that we would like to help the Trust with in Addis Ababa – such as the appointment of an Education Officer and work on the proposed Memorial Garden – but our income is not great and needs to increase!

DONATIONS

1. £10 will pay for two tree seedlings to be grown, planted and nurtured for 5 years.
2. £40 will pay for the growing, planting and care of 20 rosa abyssinica bushes (an indigenous Ethiopian rose).
3. £60 will help the establishment of an environmental club in a primary or secondary school.
4. £100 will help with the establishment of a new tree nursery on the slopes of Entoto.

MEMBERSHIP

Per Annum

1. Student
£1 per month, £10 per year
2. Individual
£2 per month, £20 per year
3. Family
£3-4 per month, £40 per year
4. Life
Life £250, Silver Life £450, Gold Life £650

Every pound donated helps - and please remember that no funds collected are spent in the UK. The Trustees pay all the administrative expenses.

If you are willing, a Standing Order for monthly payments (much beloved of our Treasurer) or annual payments are greatly appreciated.

And if you already pay by Standing Order perhaps you might consider a slight increase in the amount?

Donations and memberships can be paid:

- Online, on our website: <https://www.ethiopianheritagetrustuk.org> via Paypal
- By bank transfer:
Lloyds Treasurer's Account: The Ethiopian Heritage Trust (UK), Sort Code 309192, Account Number 61464068.
Please let us know at finance@ethiopianheritagetrustuk.org when you have made a payment; it helps us identify payments.

Gift Aid

We are registered with HMRC for Gift Aid.

A new platform featuring Ethiopian Heritage Trust (UK) fundraising campaigns has been recently published.

It has started selling crafted items donated to EHT (UK) by talented artists including "Save me, I'm wild", "Eric Robson", and "The Oakum"*

Items start from as little as £ 8.00 for our EHT (UK) Greeting Cards to £ 180 for a stunning floral blanket, the perfect present for Christmas to family and friends.

Some examples:



Available until 31.12.2022

CARDS AND PICTURES

£ 40.00

Save Me I'm Wild Cards

Handmade & signed gift cards set of 4 with envelopes, printed on archival paper.



Available until 31.12.2022

CARDS AND PICTURES

£ 8.00

Ethiopian Endemic Wildlife Cards

Greetings cards set of 5 with envelope, printed.



Available until 31.12.2022

CARDS AND PICTURES

£ 8.00

Entoto Park Cards

Greetings cards set of 5 with envelope, printed.



Available until 31.12.2022

CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES

£ 35.00

"Under the same sky" skirt

Crocheted skirt (Size S/M), 100% acrylic, OEKO-Tex certified.



Available until 31.12.2022

CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES

£ 25.00

Cassiopea Wrap

Crocheted Lace Design scarf, design by Anna Nikirowicz



Available until 31.12.2022

HOME ACCESSORIES

£ 180.00

Casa Kalho Blanket

Crocheted blanket, Aran, OEKO-Tex certified.

(*) The Oakum is also happy to take custom orders for their crocheted creations. 100% of the proceedings will go to EHT (UK).