

Policy Plan 2026–2028

1. Introduction and General Information

The Stop Ecocide Foundation (SEF) was established in November 2019 to support the global movement to recognise ecocide — *severe and either widespread or long-term damage to the environment* — as an international crime.

The Foundation operates as a public benefit organisation (ANBI) and works in close partnership with [Stop Ecocide International Ltd](#) (SEI), a UK-based non-profit company. SEF acts as a fundraising, grant-making and commissioning body, while SEI leads global strategy, communications and coordination.

This policy plan covers the period **2026–2028**. The Board reviews the Foundation's activities on an ongoing basis and adopts a detailed annual plan and budget each year.

2. Mission and Objects

The Foundation's statutory objective is:

To protect the Earth and its current and future inhabitants, in particular by:

- a. having ecocide recognised as an international crime by the International Criminal Court in The Hague;
- b. having ecocide recognised as a crime at national and regional level; and
- c. ensuring the effective implementation of all legislation that criminalises ecocide.

The Foundation does not aim to make a profit. Any surplus is applied solely to further its objective.

3. Activities (2026–2028)

The Foundation will pursue its objectives by supporting and resourcing the following core activities:

3.1 Diplomatic and Policy Engagement

Providing advice and practical support at diplomatic and governmental level for the introduction of ecocide as a crime at international, regional and national levels, including engagement with multilateral institutions and legal forums.

3.2 Legal Development and Research

Commissioning, convening, publishing and sharing legislative proposals, model laws and/or research that promotes a multidisciplinary understanding of ecocide and the laws to address it.

3.3 Education and Cross-Sector Engagement

Education and awareness raising among civil society, legal communities, policymakers and the civil society about ecocide law through campaigns, publications, events, campaigns and digital media.

3.4 Strategic Partnerships and Networks

Building and supporting global networks of aligned organisations, experts and advocates to strengthen momentum toward legal recognition of ecocide.

3.5 Raising funds & Resource Allocation

Raising funds and providing grants to like-minded organisations that promote the foundation's mission;

These activities directly reflect the means set out in the Foundation's statutes.

4. Income Generation (Werving van inkomsten)

The Foundation raises funds through:

- grants from charitable foundations, trusts and institutional donors
- donations from individuals and supporters
- partnerships and aligned fundraising initiatives

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The Foundation may actively solicit donations through campaigns, outreach and digital platforms. All fundraising activities are conducted in support of the Foundation's public benefit purpose.

5. Management and Spending of Funds

5.1 Use of Funds (Besteding van middelen)

All funds are used exclusively to further the Foundation's objectives. Expenditure primarily supports:

- advocacy and diplomatic engagement
- legal research and development
- communications and public engagement
- operational support necessary to deliver these activities

Administrative costs are kept proportionate to total expenditure.

Funds may be granted to organisations aligned with the Foundation's objectives, including Stop Ecocide International Ltd and other partners, subject to Board approval.

5.2 Management of Assets (Beheer van vermogen)

The Foundation does not aim to accumulate capital beyond what is reasonably necessary for continuity.

Financial assets are:

- held in bank accounts in the name of the Foundation
- managed under the responsibility of the Board
- used prudently and in line with the Foundation's objectives

The Foundation:

- does not engage in speculative investments
- maintains sufficient liquidity to meet obligations
- ensures efficient and responsible use of funds

The Foundation's assets are formed from donations, grants and other lawful income.

6. Organisation and Governance

The Foundation is governed by a Board consisting of at least three members.

The Board is responsible for:

- overall governance and strategic oversight
- financial management and allocation of resources
- ensuring compliance with statutory and ANBI requirements

Board members are appointed for an indefinite period and are responsible for acting in the best interests of the Foundation.

The Foundation does not have any staff.

7. Remuneration Policy

Board members receive **no remuneration** for their services.

They may receive reimbursement for reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. A non-excessive attendance fee (vacatiegeld) may be granted where appropriate.

8. Financial Management

The financial year corresponds to the calendar year.

The Board prepares annual financial statements, including a balance sheet and statement of income and expenditure, within six months of the end of each financial year.

The Board ensures that financial resources are used effectively and in accordance with the Foundation's objectives.

9. Transparency and Publication

In accordance with ANBI requirements, the Foundation publishes on its website:

- this policy plan
- annual reports and financial statements
- Board composition
- remuneration policy
- contact details

10. Dissolution

In the event of dissolution, any remaining assets will be allocated to an organisation with a similar public benefit objective.

11. Conclusion

The Stop Ecocide Foundation is committed to effective governance, transparency and responsible use of funds in pursuit of its mission to advance the recognition of ecocide as a crime.

