

Form **990**

**Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**  
Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2020**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

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**A** For the 2020 calendar year, or tax year beginning **JUL 1, 2020** and ending **JUN 30, 2021**

<b>B</b> Check if applicable:  <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	<b>C</b> Name of organization <p align="center"><b>ORGANIZATION FOR TROPICAL STUDIES, INC.</b></p> Doing business as Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite <p><b>408 SWIFT AVENUE</b></p> City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code <p><b>DURHAM, NC 27705</b></p>	<b>D</b> Employer identification number <p align="center"><b>56-2125831</b></p>
	<b>F</b> Name and address of principal officer: <b>ELIZABETH BRAKER</b> <b>SAME AS C ABOVE</b>	<b>E</b> Telephone number <p align="center"><b>(919) 684-5774</b></p>
	<b>I</b> Tax-exempt status: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c) ( ) (insert no.) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527	<b>G</b> Gross receipts \$ <b>2,862,547.</b>
	<b>J</b> Website: ▶ <b>WWW.TROPICALSTUDIES.ORG</b>	<b>H(a)</b> Is this a group return for subordinates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <b>H(b)</b> Are all subordinates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list. See instructions <b>H(c)</b> Group exemption number ▶
	<b>K</b> Form of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other ▶	<b>L</b> Year of formation: <b>1963</b> <b>M</b> State of legal domicile: <b>NC</b>

**Part I Summary**

	<b>1</b> Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: <b>SEE PART III, LINE 1.</b>			
Activities & Governance	<b>2</b> Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.			
	<b>3</b> Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	<b>3</b>		<b>15</b>
	<b>4</b> Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	<b>4</b>		<b>15</b>
	<b>5</b> Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2020 (Part V, line 2a)	<b>5</b>		<b>8</b>
	<b>6</b> Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	<b>6</b>		<b>16</b>
	<b>7a</b> Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	<b>7a</b>		<b>0.</b>
	<b>b</b> Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, Part I, line 11	<b>7b</b>		<b>0.</b>
Revenue	<b>8</b> Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	<b>Prior Year</b>	<b>Current Year</b>	
	<b>9</b> Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	1,957,671.	2,143,943.	
	<b>10</b> Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	1,933,130.	639,742.	
	<b>11</b> Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	278,345.	77,623.	
	<b>12</b> Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	51,734.	1,239.	
		4,220,880.	2,862,547.	
Expenses	<b>13</b> Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	341,434.	50,491.	
	<b>14</b> Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	0.	0.	
	<b>15</b> Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	2,168,523.	1,913,213.	
	<b>16a</b> Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	0.	0.	
	<b>b</b> Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ <b>353,450.</b>			
	<b>17</b> Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	2,087,296.	1,308,894.	
	<b>18</b> Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	4,597,253.	3,272,598.	
<b>19</b> Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	-376,373.	-410,051.		
Net Assets or Fund Balances	<b>20</b> Total assets (Part X, line 16)	<b>Beginning of Current Year</b>	<b>End of Year</b>	
	<b>21</b> Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	14,551,927.	17,564,008.	
	<b>22</b> Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	667,831.	686,112.	
		13,884,096.	16,877,896.	

**Part II Signature Block**

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

<b>Sign Here</b>	Signature of officer: <i>Elizabeth Braker</i> <b>ELIZABETH BRAKER, CEO</b> Type or print name and title	Date: <b>21 Feb 2022</b>
<b>Paid Preparer Use Only</b>	Print/Type preparer's name: <b>RICHARD J. LOCASTRO, CPA</b> Preparer's signature: <i>Richard J. Locastro</i> Date: <b>02/17/2022</b> Firm's name: <b>GELMAN, ROSENBERG &amp; FREEDMAN</b> Firm's address: <b>4550 MONTGOMERY AVE SUITE 800N BETHESDA, MD 20814-2930</b>	Check if self-employed: <input type="checkbox"/> PTIN: <b>P00288314</b> Firm's EIN: <b>52-1392008</b> Phone no.: <b>(301) 951-9090</b>

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions  Yes  No

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III [X]

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission: THE ORGANIZATION FOR TROPICAL STUDIES, INC. (OTS) IS CHARTERED AS A NON PROFIT CORPORATION UNDER THE LAWS OF NORTH CAROLINA AND IS SUPPORTED BY A CONSORTIUM OF INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING IN NORTH, CENTRAL, AND SOUTH AMERICA, AUSTRALIA, AND SOUTH AFRICA. OTS'S PURPOSE

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? [ ] Yes [X] No If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O.

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? [ ] Yes [X] No If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O.

4 Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.

4a (Code: ) (Expenses \$ 732,149. including grants of \$ 7,575. ) (Revenue \$ 136,119. ) EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS: THE ORGANIZATION CONDUCTS A NUMBER OF EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS, INCLUDING GRADUATE COURSES FOR ACADEMIC CREDIT AND UNDERGRADUATE SEMESTER- ABROAD PROGRAMS FOR ACADEMIC CREDIT. THE ORGANIZATION HAS OFFERED MID-CAREER PROFESSIONAL TRAINING FOR U.S. AND LATIN AMERICAN OFFICIALS AND POLICY- MAKERS, SHORT EXCURSIONS LED BY SCIENTISTS FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IN COSTA RICA, AND PROGRAMS FOR PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS.

4b (Code: ) (Expenses \$ 1,321,797. including grants of \$ 16,029. ) (Revenue \$ 503,623. ) FIELD STATIONS: THE ORGANIZATION OPERATES THREE BIOLOGICAL FIELD STATIONS IN DIVERSE ECOLOGICAL ZONES OF COSTA RICA (LA SELVA, LAS CRUCES, AND PALO VERDE) AND ONE IN KRUKER NATIONAL PARK, SOUTH AFRICA. THESE FIELD STATIONS ARE MAINTAINED TO FACILITATE BIOLOGICAL RESEARCH AND TO CONDUCT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS.

4c (Code: ) (Expenses \$ 182,382. including grants of \$ 26,887. ) (Revenue \$ ) FACILITATED RESEARCH AND CONSERVATION: THE ORGANIZATION RECEIVES GRANTS AND CONTRACTS TO SUPPORT SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AT ITS FIELD STATIONS AND CONSERVATION PROJECTS AT, AND IN THE VICINITY OF, ITS FIELD STATIONS.

4d Other program services (Describe on Schedule O.) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

4e Total program service expenses 2,236,328.

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

Table with 3 columns: Question ID, Question Text, Yes, No. Rows include questions 1 through 21 regarding organizational requirements and reporting.

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules** (continued)

	Yes	No
<b>22</b> Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i> .....	X	
<b>23</b> Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J</i> .....		X
<b>24a</b> Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a</i> .....		X
<b>b</b> Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception? .....		
<b>c</b> Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds? .....		
<b>d</b> Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year? .....		
<b>25a Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations.</b> Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i> .....		X
<b>b</b> Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i> .....		X
<b>26</b> Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5 or 22, for receivables from or payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II</i> .....		X
<b>27</b> Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity (including an employee thereof) or family member of any of these persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i> .....		X
<b>28</b> Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions, for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions):		
<b>a</b> A current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, or substantial contributor? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i> .....		X
<b>b</b> A family member of any individual described in line 28a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i> .....		X
<b>c</b> A 35% controlled entity of one or more individuals and/or organizations described in lines 28a or 28b? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i> .....		X
<b>29</b> Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i> .....	X	
<b>30</b> Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i> .....		X
<b>31</b> Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i> .....		X
<b>32</b> Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II</i> .....		X
<b>33</b> Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I</i> .....		X
<b>34</b> Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1</i> .....	X	
<b>35a</b> Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? .....	X	
<b>b</b> If "Yes" to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i> .....		X
<b>36 Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i> .....		X
<b>37</b> Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI</i> .....		X
<b>38</b> Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? .....	X	

**Note:** All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O

**Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance**

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part V

	Yes	No
<b>1a</b> Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable .....		
<b>b</b> Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable .....		
<b>c</b> Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners? .....	X	

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance (continued)

Table with columns for question number, question text, and Yes/No checkboxes. Includes questions 2a through 16 regarding employee reporting, tax returns, unrelated business income, foreign accounts, prohibited transactions, and charitable contributions.

Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to line 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes on Schedule O. See instructions.

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VI [X]

Section A. Governing Body and Management

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include 1a (15), 1b (15), 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7a, 7b, 8a, 8b, 9.

Section B. Policies (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include 10a, 10b, 11a, 11b, 12a, 12b, 12c, 13, 14, 15a, 15b, 16a, 16b.

Section C. Disclosure

- 17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed SEE SCHEDULE O
18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (1024 or 1024-A, if applicable), 990, and 990-T (Section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.
19 Describe on Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year.
20 State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records

**Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors**

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VII

**Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees**

**1a** Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
- List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See instructions for definition of "key employee."
- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee, or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, and highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations. See instructions for the order in which to list the persons above.

Check this box if neither the organization nor any related organization compensated any current officer, director, or trustee.

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) JAMES BOYLE VP DEVELOPMENT	40.00					X	105,490.	0.	35,285.	
(2) MIGUEL MENDEZ CFO	40.00			X			74,769.	0.	9,272.	
(3) GEORGE MIDDENDORF III CHAIRPERSON	2.00	X		X			0.	0.	0.	
(4) ELIZABETH BRAKER PRESIDENT AND CEO	12.00	X		X			0.	0.	0.	
(5) ALVARO UMANA TREASURER	1.00	X		X			0.	0.	0.	
(6) CHELSEA WARD SECRETARY	1.00	X		X			0.	0.	0.	
(7) SUSAN CORDELL DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(8) KYLE HARMS DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(9) BRYAN HEIDORN DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(10) ANDRE KESSLER DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(11) ERIN KUPREWICZ DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(12) GABRIEL MACAYA DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(13) NATHAN MUCHHALA DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(14) MURIEL POSTON DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(15) OSCAR ROCHA DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(16) JOHN TOBIN DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(17) TERRY VOGT DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	

**Part VII Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees** (continued)

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
<b>1b Subtotal</b> .....							180,259.	0.	44,557.	
<b>c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A</b> .....							0.	0.	0.	
<b>d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)</b> .....							180,259.	0.	44,557.	

**2** Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization **1**

	Yes	No
<b>3</b> Did the organization list any <b>former</b> officer, director, trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i> .....		X
<b>4</b> For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i> .....		X
<b>5</b> Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person</i> .....		X

**Section B. Independent Contractors**

**1** Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
NONE		

**2** Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization **0**



**Part VIII Statement of Revenue**

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VIII

			(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	
			Total revenue	Related or exempt function revenue	Unrelated business revenue	Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512 - 514	
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	<b>1 a</b> Federated campaigns	<b>1a</b>					
	<b>b</b> Membership dues	<b>1b</b>					
	<b>c</b> Fundraising events	<b>1c</b>					
	<b>d</b> Related organizations	<b>1d</b>					
	<b>e</b> Government grants (contributions)	<b>1e</b>	739,125.				
	<b>f</b> All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	<b>1f</b>	1,404,818.				
	<b>g</b> Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f	<b>1g</b>	\$ 44,737.				
	<b>h Total.</b> Add lines 1a-1f			2,143,943.			
	Program Service Revenue	<b>2 a</b> FACILITIES FEES	Business Code 900099	457,268.	457,268.		
<b>b</b> MEMBER DUES		900099	92,711.	92,711.			
<b>c</b> TUITION AND FEES		900099	89,763.	89,763.			
<b>d</b>							
<b>e</b>							
<b>f</b> All other program service revenue							
<b>g Total.</b> Add lines 2a-2f				639,742.			
Other Revenue	<b>3</b> Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		77,623.			77,623.	
	<b>4</b> Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds						
	<b>5</b> Royalties						
	<b>6 a</b> Gross rents	<b>6a</b>	(i) Real				
			(ii) Personal				
	<b>b</b> Less: rental expenses	<b>6b</b>					
	<b>c</b> Rental income or (loss)	<b>6c</b>					
	<b>d</b> Net rental income or (loss)						
	<b>7 a</b> Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	<b>7a</b>	(i) Securities				
			(ii) Other				
	<b>b</b> Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	<b>7b</b>					
	<b>c</b> Gain or (loss)	<b>7c</b>					
<b>d</b> Net gain or (loss)							
<b>8 a</b> Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	<b>8a</b>						
<b>b</b> Less: direct expenses	<b>8b</b>						
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from fundraising events							
<b>9 a</b> Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	<b>9a</b>						
<b>b</b> Less: direct expenses	<b>9b</b>						
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from gaming activities							
<b>10 a</b> Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	<b>10a</b>						
<b>b</b> Less: cost of goods sold	<b>10b</b>						
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory							
Miscellaneous Revenue	<b>11 a</b> MISCELLANEOUS	Business Code 900099	1,239.			1,239.	
	<b>b</b>						
	<b>c</b>						
	<b>d</b> All other revenue						
	<b>e Total.</b> Add lines 11a-11d			1,239.			
<b>12 Total revenue.</b> See instructions			2,862,547.	639,742.	0.	78,862.	

**Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses**

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns. All other organizations must complete column (A).

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part IX  X

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21				
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22	15,816.	15,816.		
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16	34,675.	34,675.		
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	86,580.		86,580.	
6 Compensation not included above to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages	1,316,425.	888,570.	219,705.	208,150.
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	38,057.	23,175.	10,194.	4,688.
9 Other employee benefits	442,593.	275,029.	111,929.	55,635.
10 Payroll taxes	29,558.	18,000.	7,917.	3,641.
11 Fees for services (nonemployees):				
a Management				
b Legal	11,405.	3,463.	7,942.	
c Accounting	60,800.		60,800.	
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees	27,834.		27,834.	
g Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Sch O.)	389,468.	320,647.	13,480.	55,341.
12 Advertising and promotion	1,452.	943.	10.	499.
13 Office expenses	66,550.	40,086.	16,877.	9,587.
14 Information technology				
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	56,275.	22,773.	33,401.	101.
17 Travel	114,704.	113,742.	749.	213.
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings				
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	284,470.	275,098.	9,060.	312.
23 Insurance	70,664.	28,226.	35,453.	6,985.
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses on line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a <b>TAXES</b>	113.	45.	57.	11.
b <b>BLDG &amp; EQUIP. MAINT.</b>	81,167.	63,555.	15,799.	1,813.
c <b>MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES</b>	51,523.	48,561.	2,310.	652.
d <b>EQUIPMENT &amp; FURNISHING</b>	38,130.	32,217.	3,343.	2,570.
e All other expenses	54,339.	31,707.	19,380.	3,252.
25 <b>Total functional expenses.</b> Add lines 1 through 24e	3,272,598.	2,236,328.	682,820.	353,450.
26 <b>Joint costs.</b> Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation.				

Check here  if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)

**Part X Balance Sheet**

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part X  X

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
<b>Assets</b>	<b>1</b> Cash - non-interest-bearing .....	666,402.	<b>1</b>	597,032.
	<b>2</b> Savings and temporary cash investments .....	166,364.	<b>2</b>	41,375.
	<b>3</b> Pledges and grants receivable, net .....	100,443.	<b>3</b>	93,258.
	<b>4</b> Accounts receivable, net .....	57,905.	<b>4</b>	117,202.
	<b>5</b> Loans and other receivables from any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons .....		<b>5</b>	
	<b>6</b> Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) .....		<b>6</b>	
	<b>7</b> Notes and loans receivable, net .....		<b>7</b>	
	<b>8</b> Inventories for sale or use .....	43,463.	<b>8</b>	37,148.
	<b>9</b> Prepaid expenses and deferred charges .....	5,556.	<b>9</b>	14,926.
	<b>10a</b> Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D .....	<b>10a</b> 6,279,204.		
	<b>b</b> Less: accumulated depreciation .....	<b>10b</b> 3,562,521.	3,113,113.	<b>10c</b> 2,716,683.
	<b>11</b> Investments - publicly traded securities .....	6,419,565.	<b>11</b>	7,526,397.
	<b>12</b> Investments - other securities. See Part IV, line 11 .....	3,724,051.	<b>12</b>	5,417,856.
	<b>13</b> Investments - program-related. See Part IV, line 11 .....		<b>13</b>	
	<b>14</b> Intangible assets .....		<b>14</b>	
	<b>15</b> Other assets. See Part IV, line 11 .....	255,065.	<b>15</b>	1,002,131.
<b>16 Total assets.</b> Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 33) .....	14,551,927.	<b>16</b>	17,564,008.	
<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>17</b> Accounts payable and accrued expenses .....	331,149.	<b>17</b>	297,346.
	<b>18</b> Grants payable .....		<b>18</b>	
	<b>19</b> Deferred revenue .....	212,582.	<b>19</b>	264,664.
	<b>20</b> Tax-exempt bond liabilities .....		<b>20</b>	
	<b>21</b> Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D .....		<b>21</b>	
	<b>22</b> Loans and other payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons .....		<b>22</b>	
	<b>23</b> Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties .....		<b>23</b>	
	<b>24</b> Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties .....	124,100.	<b>24</b>	124,102.
	<b>25</b> Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24). Complete Part X of Schedule D .....		<b>25</b>	
	<b>26 Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 17 through 25 .....	667,831.	<b>26</b>	686,112.
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>Organizations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X <b>and complete lines 27, 28, 32, and 33.</b>			
	<b>27</b> Net assets without donor restrictions .....	3,883,618.	<b>27</b>	4,706,657.
	<b>28</b> Net assets with donor restrictions .....	10,000,478.	<b>28</b>	12,171,239.
	<b>Organizations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>and complete lines 29 through 33.</b>			
	<b>29</b> Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds .....		<b>29</b>	
	<b>30</b> Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund .....		<b>30</b>	
	<b>31</b> Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds .....		<b>31</b>	
	<b>32</b> Total net assets or fund balances .....	13,884,096.	<b>32</b>	16,877,896.
<b>33</b> Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances .....	14,551,927.	<b>33</b>	17,564,008.	

**Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets**

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XI

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	2,862,547.
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	3,272,598.
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-410,051.
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	4	13,884,096.
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	3,279,517.
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain on Schedule O)	9	124,334.
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 32, column (B))	10	16,877,896.

**Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting**

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XII

		Yes	No
1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other		
If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O.			
2a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?		X
If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis			
b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?	X	
If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both:			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis			
c	If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant?	X	
If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain on Schedule O.			
3a	As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?		X
b	If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why on Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits		

**SCHEDULE A**  
**(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Public Charity Status and Public Support**

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.  
▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

▶ Go to [www.irs.gov/Form990](http://www.irs.gov/Form990) for instructions and the latest information.

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**2020**

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Inspection

Name of the organization <b>ORGANIZATION FOR TROPICAL STUDIES, INC.</b>	Employer identification number <b>56-2125831</b>
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**Part I Reason for Public Charity Status.** (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (For lines 1 through 12, check only one box.)

- 1  A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).**
- 2  A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii).** (Attach Schedule E (Form 990 or 990-EZ).)
- 3  A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).**
- 4  A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).** Enter the hospital's name, city, and state: \_\_\_\_\_
- 5  An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv).** (Complete Part II.)
- 6  A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).**
- 7  An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II.)
- 8  A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II.)
- 9  An agricultural research organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ix)** operated in conjunction with a land-grant college or university or a non-land-grant college of agriculture (see instructions). Enter the name, city, and state of the college or university: \_\_\_\_\_
- 10  An organization that normally receives (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions, subject to certain exceptions; and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2).** (Complete Part III.)
- 11  An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4).**
- 12  An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in **section 509(a)(1)** or **section 509(a)(2).** See **section 509(a)(3).** Check the box in lines 12a through 12d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 12e, 12f, and 12g.
  - a  **Type I.** A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s), typically by giving the supported organization(s) the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the directors or trustees of the supporting organization. **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and B.**
  - b  **Type II.** A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s), by having control or management of the supporting organization vested in the same persons that control or manage the supported organization(s). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and C.**
  - c  **Type III functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s) (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A, D, and E.**
  - d  **Type III non-functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated. The organization generally must satisfy a distribution requirement and an attentiveness requirement (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and D, and Part V.**
  - e  Check this box if the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization.
- f Enter the number of supported organizations .....
- g Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1-10 above (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization listed in your governing document?		(v) Amount of monetary support (see instructions)	(vi) Amount of other support (see instructions)
			Yes	No		
<b>Total</b>						

**Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

**Section A. Public Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2016	(b) 2017	(c) 2018	(d) 2019	(e) 2020	(f) Total
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.") .....	2,100,149.	1,537,679.	1,756,277.	1,957,671.	2,143,943.	9,495,719.
<b>2</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf .....						
<b>3</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge ...						
<b>4 Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 3 .....	2,100,149.	1,537,679.	1,756,277.	1,957,671.	2,143,943.	9,495,719.
<b>5</b> The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f) .....						1,916,030.
<b>6 Public support.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4.						7,579,689.

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2016	(b) 2017	(c) 2018	(d) 2019	(e) 2020	(f) Total
<b>7</b> Amounts from line 4 .....	2,100,149.	1,537,679.	1,756,277.	1,957,671.	2,143,943.	9,495,719.
<b>8</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources ...	611,376.	99,496.	137,986.	132,585.	77,623.	1,059,066.
<b>9</b> Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on ...						
<b>10</b> Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.) .....	45,242.	38,012.	26,727.	51,734.	1,239.	162,954.
<b>11 Total support.</b> Add lines 7 through 10						10,717,739.
<b>12</b> Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions) .....					<b>12</b> 13,743,439.	
<b>13 First 5 years.</b> If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and <b>stop here</b> .....						<input type="checkbox"/>

**Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

<b>14</b> Public support percentage for 2020 (line 6, column (f), divided by line 11, column (f)).....	<b>14</b>	70.72 %
<b>15</b> Public support percentage from 2019 Schedule A, Part II, line 14 .....	<b>15</b>	71.62 %
<b>16a 33 1/3% support test - 2020.</b> If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and <b>stop here.</b> The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization .....		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>b 33 1/3% support test - 2019.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and <b>stop here.</b> The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization .....		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>17a 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2020.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test, check this box and <b>stop here.</b> Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization .....		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>b 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2019.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test, check this box and <b>stop here.</b> Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization .....		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>18 Private foundation.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions .....		<input type="checkbox"/>

**Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)**

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 10 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

**Section A. Public Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2016	(b) 2017	(c) 2018	(d) 2019	(e) 2020	(f) Total
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.") .....						
<b>2</b> Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose .....						
<b>3</b> Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513 .....						
<b>4</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf .....						
<b>5</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge .....						
<b>6 Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 5 .....						
<b>7a</b> Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons .....						
<b>b</b> Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year .....						
<b>c</b> Add lines 7a and 7b .....						
<b>8 Public support.</b> (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2016	(b) 2017	(c) 2018	(d) 2019	(e) 2020	(f) Total
<b>9</b> Amounts from line 6 .....						
<b>10a</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources .....						
<b>b</b> Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975 .....						
<b>c</b> Add lines 10a and 10b .....						
<b>11</b> Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on .....						
<b>12</b> Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.) .....						
<b>13 Total support.</b> (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)						

**14 First 5 years.** If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here**

**Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

<b>15</b> Public support percentage for 2020 (line 8, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f)) .....	<b>15</b>	%
<b>16</b> Public support percentage from 2019 Schedule A, Part III, line 15 .....	<b>16</b>	%

**Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage**

<b>17</b> Investment income percentage for 2020 (line 10c, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f)) .....	<b>17</b>	%
<b>18</b> Investment income percentage from 2019 Schedule A, Part III, line 17 .....	<b>18</b>	%

**19a 33 1/3% support tests - 2020.** If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

**b 33 1/3% support tests - 2019.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

**20 Private foundation.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions

**Part IV Supporting Organizations**

(Complete only if you checked a box in line 12 on Part I. If you checked box 12a, Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked box 12b, Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked box 12c, Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked box 12d, Part I, complete Sections A and D, and complete Part V.)

**Section A. All Supporting Organizations**

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> Are all of the organization's supported organizations listed by name in the organization's governing documents? <i>If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organizations are designated. If designated by class or purpose, describe the designation. If historic and continuing relationship, explain.</i>		
<b>2</b> Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2).</i>		
<b>3a</b> Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 3b and 3c below.</i>		
<b>b</b> Did the organization confirm that each supported organization qualified under section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) and satisfied the public support tests under section 509(a)(2)? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI when and how the organization made the determination.</i>		
<b>c</b> Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use.</i>		
<b>4a</b> Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? <i>If "Yes," and if you checked box 12a or 12b in Part I, answer lines 4b and 4c below.</i>		
<b>b</b> Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI how the organization had such control and discretion despite being controlled or supervised by or in connection with its supported organizations.</i>		
<b>c</b> Did the organization support any foreign supported organization that does not have an IRS determination under sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1) or (2)? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization used to ensure that all support to the foreign supported organization was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes.</i>		
<b>5a</b> Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 5b and 5c below (if applicable). Also, provide detail in Part VI, including (i) the names and EIN numbers of the supported organizations added, substituted, or removed; (ii) the reasons for each such action; (iii) the authority under the organization's organizing document authorizing such action; and (iv) how the action was accomplished (such as by amendment to the organizing document).</i>		
<b>b Type I or Type II only.</b> Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document?		
<b>c Substitutions only.</b> Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?		
<b>6</b> Did the organization provide support (whether in the form of grants or the provision of services or facilities) to anyone other than (i) its supported organizations, (ii) individuals that are part of the charitable class benefited by one or more of its supported organizations, or (iii) other supporting organizations that also support or benefit one or more of the filing organization's supported organizations? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
<b>7</b> Did the organization provide a grant, loan, compensation, or other similar payment to a substantial contributor (as defined in section 4958(c)(3)(C)), a family member of a substantial contributor, or a 35% controlled entity with regard to a substantial contributor? <i>If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ).</i>		
<b>8</b> Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described in line 7? <i>If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ).</i>		
<b>9a</b> Was the organization controlled directly or indirectly at any time during the tax year by one or more disqualified persons, as defined in section 4946 (other than foundation managers and organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or (2))? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
<b>b</b> Did one or more disqualified persons (as defined in line 9a) hold a controlling interest in any entity in which the supporting organization had an interest? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
<b>c</b> Did a disqualified person (as defined in line 9a) have an ownership interest in, or derive any personal benefit from, assets in which the supporting organization also had an interest? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
<b>10a</b> Was the organization subject to the excess business holdings rules of section 4943 because of section 4943(f) (regarding certain Type II supporting organizations, and all Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations)? <i>If "Yes," answer line 10b below.</i>		
<b>b</b> Did the organization have any excess business holdings in the tax year? <i>(Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings.)</i>		



**Part IV Supporting Organizations** (continued)

	Yes	No
<b>11</b> Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons?		
<b>a</b> A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in lines 11b and 11c below, the governing body of a supported organization?		
<b>b</b> A family member of a person described in line 11a above?		
<b>c</b> A 35% controlled entity of a person described in line 11a or 11b above? If "Yes" to line 11a, 11b, or 11c, provide detail in Part VI.		
<b>11a</b>		
<b>11b</b>		
<b>11c</b>		

**Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations**

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> Did the governing body, members of the governing body, officers acting in their official capacity, or membership of one or more supported organizations have the power to regularly appoint or elect at least a majority of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees at all times during the tax year? If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organization(s) effectively operated, supervised, or controlled the organization's activities. If the organization had more than one supported organization, describe how the powers to appoint and/or remove officers, directors, or trustees were allocated among the supported organizations and what conditions or restrictions, if any, applied to such powers during the tax year.		
<b>2</b> Did the organization operate for the benefit of any supported organization other than the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization? If "Yes," explain in Part VI how providing such benefit carried out the purposes of the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization.		
<b>1</b>		
<b>2</b>		

**Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations**

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> Were a majority of the organization's directors or trustees during the tax year also a majority of the directors or trustees of each of the organization's supported organization(s)? If "No," describe in Part VI how control or management of the supporting organization was vested in the same persons that controlled or managed the supported organization(s).		
<b>1</b>		

**Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations**

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> Did the organization provide to each of its supported organizations, by the last day of the fifth month of the organization's tax year, (i) a written notice describing the type and amount of support provided during the prior tax year, (ii) a copy of the Form 990 that was most recently filed as of the date of notification, and (iii) copies of the organization's governing documents in effect on the date of notification, to the extent not previously provided?		
<b>2</b> Were any of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees either (i) appointed or elected by the supported organization(s) or (ii) serving on the governing body of a supported organization? If "No," explain in Part VI how the organization maintained a close and continuous working relationship with the supported organization(s).		
<b>3</b> By reason of the relationship described in line 2, above, did the organization's supported organizations have a significant voice in the organization's investment policies and in directing the use of the organization's income or assets at all times during the tax year? If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role the organization's supported organizations played in this regard.		
<b>1</b>		
<b>2</b>		
<b>3</b>		

**Section E. Type III Functionally Integrated Supporting Organizations**

<b>1</b> Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (see instructions).			
<b>a</b> <input type="checkbox"/> The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete line 2 below.			
<b>b</b> <input type="checkbox"/> The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete line 3 below.			
<b>c</b> <input type="checkbox"/> The organization supported a governmental entity. Describe in Part VI how you supported a governmental entity (see instructions).			
<b>2</b> Activities Test. Answer lines 2a and 2b below.		Yes	No
<b>a</b> Did substantially all of the organization's activities during the tax year directly further the exempt purposes of the supported organization(s) to which the organization was responsive? If "Yes," then in Part VI identify those supported organizations and explain how these activities directly furthered their exempt purposes, how the organization was responsive to those supported organizations, and how the organization determined that these activities constituted substantially all of its activities.			
<b>b</b> Did the activities described in line 2a, above, constitute activities that, but for the organization's involvement, one or more of the organization's supported organization(s) would have been engaged in? If "Yes," explain in Part VI the reasons for the organization's position that its supported organization(s) would have engaged in these activities but for the organization's involvement.			
<b>3</b> Parent of Supported Organizations. Answer lines 3a and 3b below.			
<b>a</b> Did the organization have the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the officers, directors, or trustees of each of the supported organizations? If "Yes" or "No" provide details in Part VI.			
<b>b</b> Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs, and activities of each of its supported organizations? If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role played by the organization in this regard.			
<b>2a</b>			
<b>2b</b>			
<b>3a</b>			
<b>3b</b>			

**Part V Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations**

1  Check here if the organization satisfied the Integral Part Test as a qualifying trust on Nov. 20, 1970 (explain in Part VI). See instructions.  
All other Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations must complete Sections A through E.

Section A - Adjusted Net Income		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Net short-term capital gain	1	
2	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	2	
3	Other gross income (see instructions)	3	
4	Add lines 1 through 3.	4	
5	Depreciation and depletion	5	
6	Portion of operating expenses paid or incurred for production or collection of gross income or for management, conservation, or maintenance of property held for production of income (see instructions)	6	
7	Other expenses (see instructions)	7	
8	<b>Adjusted Net Income</b> (subtract lines 5, 6, and 7 from line 4)	8	

Section B - Minimum Asset Amount		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year):		
a	Average monthly value of securities	1a	
b	Average monthly cash balances	1b	
c	Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets	1c	
d	<b>Total</b> (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)	1d	
e	<b>Discount</b> claimed for blockage or other factors (explain in detail in Part VI):		
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt-use assets	2	
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d.	3	
4	Cash deemed held for exempt use. Enter 0.015 of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions).	4	
5	Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3)	5	
6	Multiply line 5 by 0.035.	6	
7	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	7	
8	<b>Minimum Asset Amount</b> (add line 7 to line 6)	8	

Section C - Distributable Amount			Current Year
1	Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, column A)	1	
2	Enter 0.85 of line 1.	2	
3	Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, column A)	3	
4	Enter greater of line 2 or line 3.	4	
5	Income tax imposed in prior year	5	
6	<b>Distributable Amount.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions).	6	
7	<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functionally integrated Type III supporting organization (see instructions).		

**Part V Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations** (continued)

<b>Section D - Distributions</b>		<b>Current Year</b>
<b>1</b>	Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes	<b>1</b>
<b>2</b>	Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required - provide details in Part VI)	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>	Other distributions (describe in Part VI). See instructions.	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Total annual distributions.</b> Add lines 1 through 6.	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>	Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in Part VI). See instructions.	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b>	Distributable amount for 2020 from Section C, line 6	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b>	Line 8 amount divided by line 9 amount	<b>10</b>

<b>Section E - Distribution Allocations</b> (see instructions)	<b>(i) Excess Distributions</b>	<b>(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2020</b>	<b>(iii) Distributable Amount for 2020</b>
<b>1</b> Distributable amount for 2020 from Section C, line 6			
<b>2</b> Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2020 (reasonable cause required - explain in Part VI). See instructions.			
<b>3</b> Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2020			
<b>a</b> From 2015			
<b>b</b> From 2016			
<b>c</b> From 2017			
<b>d</b> From 2018			
<b>e</b> From 2019			
<b>f</b> Total of lines 3a through 3e			
<b>g</b> Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
<b>h</b> Applied to 2020 distributable amount			
<b>i</b> Carryover from 2015 not applied (see instructions)			
<b>j</b> Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from line 3f.			
<b>4</b> Distributions for 2020 from Section D, line 7: \$			
<b>a</b> Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
<b>b</b> Applied to 2020 distributable amount			
<b>c</b> Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from line 4.			
<b>5</b> Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2020, if any. Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2. For result greater than zero, explain in Part VI. See instructions.			
<b>6</b> Remaining underdistributions for 2020. Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1. For result greater than zero, explain in Part VI. See instructions.			
<b>7</b> <b>Excess distributions carryover to 2021.</b> Add lines 3j and 4c.			
<b>8</b> Breakdown of line 7:			
<b>a</b> Excess from 2016			
<b>b</b> Excess from 2017			
<b>c</b> Excess from 2018			
<b>d</b> Excess from 2019			
<b>e</b> Excess from 2020			

Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2020

**Part VI**

**Supplemental Information.** Provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; Part III, line 12; Part IV, Section A, lines 1, 2, 3b, 3c, 4b, 4c, 5a, 6, 9a, 9b, 9c, 11a, 11b, and 11c; Part IV, Section B, lines 1 and 2; Part IV, Section C, line 1; Part IV, Section D, lines 2 and 3; Part IV, Section E, lines 1c, 2a, 2b, 3a, and 3b; Part V, line 1; Part V, Section B, line 1e; Part V, Section D, lines 5, 6, and 8; and Part V, Section E, lines 2, 5, and 6. Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions.)

Multiple horizontal lines for supplemental information.

**Schedule B**

(Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Schedule of Contributors**

▶ Attach to Form 990, Form 990-EZ, or Form 990-PF.  
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OMB No. 1545-0047

**2020**

Name of the organization

**ORGANIZATION FOR TROPICAL STUDIES, INC.**

Employer identification number

**56-2125831**

Organization type (check one):

**Filers of:**

**Section:**

Form 990 or 990-EZ

501(c)( 3 ) (enter number) organization

4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust **not** treated as a private foundation

527 political organization

Form 990-PF

501(c)(3) exempt private foundation

4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation

501(c)(3) taxable private foundation

Check if your organization is covered by the **General Rule** or a **Special Rule**.

**Note:** Only a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization can check boxes for both the General Rule and a Special Rule. See instructions.

**General Rule**

For an organization filing Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF that received, during the year, contributions totaling \$5,000 or more (in money or property) from any one contributor. Complete Parts I and II. See instructions for determining a contributor's total contributions.

**Special Rules**

For an organization described in section 501(c)(3) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that met the 33 1/3% support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi), that checked Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ), Part II, line 13, 16a, or 16b, and that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of the greater of (1) \$5,000; or (2) 2% of the amount on (i) Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h; or (ii) Form 990-EZ, line 1. Complete Parts I and II.

For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of more than \$1,000 exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Complete Parts I (entering "N/A" in column (b) instead of the contributor name and address), II, and III.

For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, contributions *exclusively* for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but no such contributions totaled more than \$1,000. If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., purpose. Don't complete any of the parts unless the **General Rule** applies to this organization because it received *nonexclusively* religious, charitable, etc., contributions totaling \$5,000 or more during the year ..... ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Caution:** An organization that isn't covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules doesn't file Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF), but it **must** answer "No" on Part IV, line 2, of its Form 990; or check the box on line H of its Form 990-EZ or on its Form 990-PF, Part I, line 2, to certify that it doesn't meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

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**Part I Contributors** (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
1	 <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ <u>124,100.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
2	 <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ <u>600,000.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
3	 <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ <u>498,217.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
4	 <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ <u>115,561.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
5	 <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ <u>100,000.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
6	 <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ <u>59,773.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

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**Part I Contributors** (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
7	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ 50,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
8	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ 50,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
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**Part II Noncash Property** (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part II if additional space is needed.

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions.)	(d) Date received
	_____	\$ _____	_____
	_____	\$ _____	_____
	_____	\$ _____	_____
	_____	\$ _____	_____
	_____	\$ _____	_____
	_____	\$ _____	_____
	_____	\$ _____	_____
	_____	\$ _____	_____



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**Part III** Exclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions to organizations described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) that total more than \$1,000 for the year from any one contributor. Complete columns (a) through (e) and the following line entry. For organizations completing Part III, enter the total of exclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions of \$1,000 or less for the year. (Enter this info. once.) ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Use duplicate copies of Part III if additional space is needed.

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
<b>(e) Transfer of gift</b>			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	
<b>(e) Transfer of gift</b>			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	
<b>(e) Transfer of gift</b>			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	
<b>(e) Transfer of gift</b>			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	
<b>(e) Transfer of gift</b>			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	

**SCHEDULE D**  
**(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Supplemental Financial Statements**

▶ **Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b.**

▶ **Attach to Form 990.**

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**2020**

**Open to Public Inspection**

**Name of the organization** ORGANIZATION FOR TROPICAL STUDIES, INC. **Employer identification number** 56-2125831

**Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1 Total number at end of year .....		
2 Aggregate value of contributions to (during year) .....		
3 Aggregate value of grants from (during year) .....		
4 Aggregate value at end of year .....		
5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control? .....		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit? .....		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

**Part II Conservation Easements.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply).  
 Preservation of land for public use (for example, recreation or education)  Preservation of a historically important land area  
 Protection of natural habitat  Preservation of a certified historic structure  
 Preservation of open space

2 Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year.

	Held at the End of the Tax Year
a Total number of conservation easements .....	2a
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements .....	2b
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a) .....	2c
d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 7/25/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register .....	2d

3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds? .....

6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)? .....

9 In Part XIII, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements.

**Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

1a If the organization elected, as permitted under FASB ASC 958, not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide in Part XIII the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items.

b If the organization elected, as permitted under FASB ASC 958, to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items:

(i) Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under FASB ASC 958 relating to these items:

a Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

b Assets included in Form 990, Part X ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Schedule D (Form 990) 2020

**Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets** (continued)

- 3 Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that make significant use of its collection items (check all that apply):
- a  Public exhibition
  - b  Scholarly research
  - c  Preservation for future generations
  - d  Loan or exchange program
  - e  Other \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIII.
- 5 During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection?  Yes  No

**Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

- 1a Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X?  Yes  No
- b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table:
- |                                 | Amount |
|---------------------------------|--------|
| c Beginning balance             | 1c     |
| d Additions during the year     | 1d     |
| e Distributions during the year | 1e     |
| f Ending balance                | 1f     |
- 2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability?  Yes  No
- b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII. Check here if the explanation has been provided on Part XIII

**Part V Endowment Funds.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance	10,748,365.	11,151,987.	11,884,671.	12,322,753.	11,157,588.
b Contributions	140,273.	12,148.	75,889.	54,903.	78,390.
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses	3,323,618.	151,999.	177,633.	1,212,819.	1,401,570.
d Grants or scholarships	722,728.	171,773.	290,224.	271,043.	
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs	63,236.	395,996.	695,982.	1,434,761.	314,795.
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance	13,426,292.	10,748,365.	11,151,987.	11,884,671.	12,322,753.

- 2 Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as:
- a Board designated or quasi-endowment  14.0000 %
  - b Permanent endowment  56.0000 %
  - c Term endowment  30.0000 %
- The percentages on lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%.
- 3a Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by:
- |  | Yes | No |
|--|-----|----|
| (i) Unrelated organizations  |     | X  |
| (ii) Related organizations   |     | X  |
| b If "Yes" on line 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R? |     |    |
- 4 Describe in Part XIII the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds.

**Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11a. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land		1,286,290.		1,286,290.
b Buildings		2,765,140.	1,739,221.	1,025,919.
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment		1,890,509.	1,563,541.	326,968.
e Other		337,265.	259,759.	77,506.
<b>Total.</b> Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10c.)				2,716,683.

**Part VII Investments - Other Securities.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11b. See Form 990, Part X, line 12.

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1) Financial derivatives .....		
(2) Closely held equity interests .....		
(3) Other		
(A) ACACIA PARTNERS	5,417,856.	END-OF-YEAR MARKET VALUE
(B)		
(C)		
(D)		
(E)		
(F)		
(G)		
(H)		
<b>Total.</b> (Col. (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 12.) ▶	5,417,856.	

**Part VIII Investments - Program Related.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11c. See Form 990, Part X, line 13.

(a) Description of investment	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1)		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
<b>Total.</b> (Col. (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 13.) ▶		

**Part IX Other Assets.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11d. See Form 990, Part X, line 15.

(a) Description	(b) Book value
(1) CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUSTS	379,399.
(2) RIGHT OF USE ASSET	622,732.
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 15.) ▶	1,002,131.

**Part X Other Liabilities.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11e or 11f. See Form 990, Part X, line 25.

1. (a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
(1) Federal income taxes	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 25.) ▶	

2. Liability for uncertain tax positions. In Part XIII, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FASB ASC 740. Check here if the text of the footnote has been provided in Part XIII...

**Part XI Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

<b>1</b>	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements		<b>1</b>	6,514,989.
<b>2</b>	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:			
<b>a</b>	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	<b>2a</b>	3,279,517.	
<b>b</b>	Donated services and use of facilities	<b>2b</b>	400,759.	
<b>c</b>	Recoveries of prior year grants	<b>2c</b>		
<b>d</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	<b>2d</b>		
<b>e</b>	Add lines <b>2a</b> through <b>2d</b>		<b>2e</b>	3,680,276.
<b>3</b>	Subtract line <b>2e</b> from line <b>1</b>		<b>3</b>	2,834,713.
<b>4</b>	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1:			
<b>a</b>	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	<b>4a</b>	27,834.	
<b>b</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	<b>4b</b>		
<b>c</b>	Add lines <b>4a</b> and <b>4b</b>		<b>4c</b>	27,834.
<b>5</b>	Total revenue. Add lines <b>3</b> and <b>4c</b> . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)		<b>5</b>	2,862,547.

**Part XII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

<b>1</b>	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements		<b>1</b>	3,645,523.
<b>2</b>	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:			
<b>a</b>	Donated services and use of facilities	<b>2a</b>	400,759.	
<b>b</b>	Prior year adjustments	<b>2b</b>		
<b>c</b>	Other losses	<b>2c</b>		
<b>d</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	<b>2d</b>		
<b>e</b>	Add lines <b>2a</b> through <b>2d</b>		<b>2e</b>	400,759.
<b>3</b>	Subtract line <b>2e</b> from line <b>1</b>		<b>3</b>	3,244,764.
<b>4</b>	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:			
<b>a</b>	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	<b>4a</b>	27,834.	
<b>b</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	<b>4b</b>		
<b>c</b>	Add lines <b>4a</b> and <b>4b</b>		<b>4c</b>	27,834.
<b>5</b>	Total expenses. Add lines <b>3</b> and <b>4c</b> . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)		<b>5</b>	3,272,598.

**Part XIII Supplemental Information.**

Provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9; Part III, lines 1a and 4; Part IV, lines 1b and 2b; Part V, line 4; Part X, line 2; Part XI, lines 2d and 4b; and Part XII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

**PART V, LINE 4:**

THE ENDOWMENTS ARE PRIMARILY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS FOR STUDENTS WHO STUDY OR DO RESEARCH IN OUR STATIONS. THERE ARE A FEW ENDOWMENTS THAT COVER EXPENSES FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES, LIKE A FIELD STATION, ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY, OR STRATEGIC TRANSFORMATION OF OTS.

**PART X, LINE 2:**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021, MANAGEMENT OF OTS HAS DOCUMENTED ITS CONSIDERATION OF FASB ASC 740-10, INCOME TAXES, THAT PROVIDES GUIDANCE FOR REPORTING UNCERTAINTY IN INCOME TAXES, AND HAS DETERMINED THAT NO MATERIAL UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS QUALIFY FOR EITHER RECOGNITION OR DISCLOSURE IN THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.



**SCHEDULE F  
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Statement of Activities Outside the United States**

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 14b, 15, or 16.

▶ Attach to Form 990.

▶ Go to [www.irs.gov/Form990](http://www.irs.gov/Form990) for instructions and the latest information.

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**Part I General Information on Activities Outside the United States.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 14b.

- For grantmakers.** Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of its grants and other assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance? .....  **Yes**  **No**
- For grantmakers.** Describe in Part V the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of its grants and other assistance outside the United States.
- Activities per Region. (The following Part I, line 3 table can be duplicated if additional space is needed.)

(a) Region	(b) Number of offices in the region	(c) Number of employees, agents, and independent contractors in the region	(d) Activities conducted in the region (by type) (such as, fundraising, program services, investments, grants to recipients located in the region)	(e) If activity listed in (d) is a program service, describe specific type of service(s) in the region	(f) Total expenditures for and investments in the region
CENTRAL AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN	4	68	PROGRAM SERVICES	EDUCATION, RESEARCH PROGRAMS, CONSERVATION	2,222,476.
SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA	1	7	PROGRAM SERVICES	EDUCATION, RESEARCH PROGRAMS, CONSERVATION	478,194.
EUROPE	0	0	GRANTS TO RECIPIENTS LOCATED IN REGION		714.
CENTRAL AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN	0	0	GRANTS TO RECIPIENTS LOCATED IN REGION		33,747.
SOUTH AMERICA	0	0	GRANTS TO RECIPIENTS LOCATED IN REGION		214.
<b>3 a</b> Subtotal .....	5	75			2,735,345.
<b>b</b> Total from continuation sheets to Part I .....	0	0			0.
<b>c Totals</b> (add lines 3a and 3b) .....	5	75			2,735,345.

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Schedule F (Form 990) 2020

Part II Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations or Entities Outside the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 15, for any recipient who received more than \$5,000. Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

Table with 9 columns: (a) Name of organization, (b) IRS code section and EIN (if applicable), (c) Region, (d) Purpose of grant, (e) Amount of cash grant, (f) Manner of cash disbursement, (g) Amount of noncash assistance, (h) Description of noncash assistance, (i) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other). The table contains 8 empty rows.

2 Enter total number of recipient organizations listed above that are recognized as charities by the foreign country, recognized as a tax exempt 501(c)(3) organization by the IRS, or for which the grantee or counsel has provided a section 501(c)(3) equivalency letter
3 Enter total number of other organizations or entities



**Part III Grants and Other Assistance to Individuals Outside the United States.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 16.

Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Region	(c) Number of recipients	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Manner of cash disbursement	(f) Amount of noncash assistance	(g) Description of noncash assistance	(h) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)
AID TO RESEARCHERS	CENTRAL AMERICA	189	33,747	WIRE	0.		
AID TO RESEARCHERS	EUROPE	1	714	WIRE	0.		
AID TO RESEARCHERS	SOUTH AMERICA	1	214	WIRE	0.		

**Part IV Foreign Forms**

- 1 Was the organization a U.S. transferor of property to a foreign corporation during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 926, Return by a U.S. Transferor of Property to a Foreign Corporation (see Instructions for Form 926)* .....  Yes  No
  
- 2 Did the organization have an interest in a foreign trust during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to separately file Form 3520, Annual Return To Report Transactions With Foreign Trusts and Receipt of Certain Foreign Gifts, and/or Form 3520-A, Annual Information Return of Foreign Trust With a U.S. Owner (see Instructions for Forms 3520 and 3520-A; don't file with Form 990)* .....  Yes  No
  
- 3 Did the organization have an ownership interest in a foreign corporation during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 5471, Information Return of U.S. Persons With Respect to Certain Foreign Corporations (see Instructions for Form 5471)* .....  Yes  No
  
- 4 Was the organization a direct or indirect shareholder of a passive foreign investment company or a qualified electing fund during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 8621, Information Return by a Shareholder of a Passive Foreign Investment Company or Qualified Electing Fund (see Instructions for Form 8621)* .....  Yes  No
  
- 5 Did the organization have an ownership interest in a foreign partnership during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 8865, Return of U.S. Persons With Respect to Certain Foreign Partnerships (see Instructions for Form 8865)* .....  Yes  No
  
- 6 Did the organization have any operations in or related to any boycotting countries during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to separately file Form 5713, International Boycott Report (see Instructions for Form 5713; don't file with Form 990)* .....  Yes  No

**Part V Supplemental Information**

Provide the information required by Part I, line 2 (monitoring of funds); Part I, line 3, column (f) (accounting method; amounts of investments vs. expenditures per region); Part II, line 1 (accounting method); Part III (accounting method); and Part III, column (c) (estimated number of recipients), as applicable. Also complete this part to provide any additional information. See instructions.

**PART I, LINE 2:**

THROUGH THE ORGANIZATION'S CHART OF ACCOUNTS (USING A FUNCTION CODE), WE ARE ABLE TO TRACK FELLOWSHIPS AND RESEARCH GRANTS BY RECIPIENT. OUR TUITION AID CALCULATIONS ARE MAINTAINED BY OUR EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, AND FINANCE REVIEWS AND INVOICES ACCORDINGLY.

**SCHEDULE I  
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations,  
Governments, and Individuals in the United States**  
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 21 or 22.  
▶ **Attach to Form 990.**  
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**Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance**

- 1** Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance?  **Yes**  **No**
- 2** Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds in the United States.

**Part II Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Organizations and Domestic Governments.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 21, for any recipient that received more than \$5,000. Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

<b>1 (a)</b> Name and address of organization or government	<b>(b)</b> EIN	<b>(c)</b> IRC section (if applicable)	<b>(d)</b> Amount of cash grant	<b>(e)</b> Amount of non-cash assistance	<b>(f)</b> Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	<b>(g)</b> Description of noncash assistance	<b>(h)</b> Purpose of grant or assistance

**2** Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations listed in the line 1 table **▶** \_\_\_\_\_

**3** Enter total number of other organizations listed in the line 1 table **▶** \_\_\_\_\_

**Part III Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Individuals.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 22.  
Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Number of recipients	(c) Amount of cash grant	(d) Amount of non-cash assistance	(e) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f) Description of noncash assistance
TUITION AID FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS	82	15,816.	0.		

**Part IV Supplemental Information.** Provide the information required in Part I, line 2; Part III, column (b); and any other additional information.

PART I, LINE 2:

THROUGH THE ORGANIZATION'S CHART OF ACCOUNTS (USING A FELLOW CODE), WE ARE  
 ABLE TO TRACK FELLOWSHIPS AND RESEARCH GRANTS BY RECIPIENT. OUR TUITION AID  
 CALCULATIONS ARE MAINTAINED BY OUR EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, AND FINANCE  
 REVIEWS AND INVOICES ACCORDINGLY.

**SCHEDULE M  
(Form 990)**

**Noncash Contributions**

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- ▶ Complete if the organizations answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lines 29 or 30.
- ▶ Attach to Form 990.
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Name of the organization **ORGANIZATION FOR TROPICAL STUDIES, INC.** Employer identification number **56-2125831**

**Part I Types of Property**

	(a) Check if applicable	(b) Number of contributions or items contributed	(c) Noncash contribution amounts reported on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1g	(d) Method of determining noncash contribution amounts
1 Art - Works of art				
2 Art - Historical treasures				
3 Art - Fractional interests				
4 Books and publications				
5 Clothing and household goods				
6 Cars and other vehicles				
7 Boats and planes				
8 Intellectual property				
9 Securities - Publicly traded	X	2	44,737.FMV	
10 Securities - Closely held stock				
11 Securities - Partnership, LLC, or trust interests				
12 Securities - Miscellaneous				
13 Qualified conservation contribution - Historic structures				
14 Qualified conservation contribution - Other				
15 Real estate - Residential				
16 Real estate - Commercial				
17 Real estate - Other				
18 Collectibles				
19 Food inventory				
20 Drugs and medical supplies				
21 Taxidermy				
22 Historical artifacts				
23 Scientific specimens				
24 Archeological artifacts				
25 Other ( )				
26 Other ( )				
27 Other ( )				
28 Other ( )				

29 Number of Forms 8283 received by the organization during the tax year for contributions for which the organization completed Form 8283, Part V, Donee Acknowledgement **29**

	Yes	No
30a During the year, did the organization receive by contribution any property reported in Part I, lines 1 through 28, that it must hold for at least three years from the date of the initial contribution, and which isn't required to be used for exempt purposes for the entire holding period?		X
b If "Yes," describe the arrangement in Part II.		
31 Does the organization have a gift acceptance policy that requires the review of any nonstandard contributions?		X
32a Does the organization hire or use third parties or related organizations to solicit, process, or sell noncash contributions?		X
b If "Yes," describe in Part II.		
33 If the organization didn't report an amount in column (c) for a type of property for which column (a) is checked, describe in Part II.		

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Schedule M (Form 990) 2020

**Part II** **Supplemental Information.** Provide the information required by Part I, lines 30b, 32b, and 33, and whether the organization is reporting in Part I, column (b), the number of contributions, the number of items received, or a combination of both. Also complete this part for any additional information.

SCHEDULE M, PART I, COLUMN (B):

COLUMN (B) REPRESENT THE NUMBER OF CONTRIBUTIONS.

Multiple horizontal lines for data entry.

**SCHEDULE O**  
**(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ**

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on  
Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

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FORM 990, PART III, LINE 1, DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION MISSION:

IS TO SUSTAIN TROPICAL ECOSYSTEMS BY DRIVING SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERY AND  
KNOWLEDGE, BY ENRICHING HUMAN PERCEPTION OF NATURE, AND BY ENHANCING  
WORLDWIDE POLICY IN THE TROPICS.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 6:

THE ORGANIZATION HAS INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERS CONSISTING OF UNIVERSITIES,  
COLLEGES, RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS AND MUSEUMS.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 7A:

INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERS HAVE VOTING RIGHTS THAT ALLOW FOR THE ELECTION OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS, OTHER THAN PRESIDENT. THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF DIRECTORS  
ON THE BOARD IS EIGHTEEN (18) AND NINE (9) OF THE DIRECTORS ARE ELECTED BY  
INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERS. MEMBERS ELECTED BY INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERS ARE  
REFERRED TO AS MEMBER DIRECTORS.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11B:

THE FORM 990 IS PREPARED BY OUTSIDE ACCOUNTANTS AND REVIEWED BY SENIOR  
MANAGEMENT. THE ORGANIZATION'S FORM 990 IS DISTRIBUTED TO THE GOVERNING  
BODY FOR ITS REVIEW VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C:

EACH MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND EACH EMPLOYEE IN A SENSITIVE  
POSITION, AT THE TIME THEY ASSUME POSITION AND THEREAFTER AT LEAST  
ANNUALLY, SIGN A WRITTEN STATEMENT AFFIRMING THAT THEY HAVE RECEIVED AND  
READ THE POLICY AND THAT THEY AGREE TO COMPLY WITH THE POLICY. THE



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ORGANIZATION ASSIGNS ONE STAFF MEMBER TO COLLECT THE ANNUAL CERTIFICATIONS.

THE CONTROLLER, CEO OR THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD ARE NOTIFIED IF A CONFLICT OF INTEREST ARISES. THE CEO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR RESOLVING ALL STAFF CONFLICTS. BOARD CONFLICTS ARE DISCUSSED AT EITHER A FULL BOARD MEETING OR AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING AND AN APPROPRIATE COURSE OF ACTION TO RESOLVE THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST THEN DETERMINED.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15A:

THE ORGANIZATION'S OUTSIDE RECRUITER UTILIZES COMPARABLE DATA TO ESTABLISH THE PRESIDENT AND CEO'S COMPENSATION. THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR CONDUCTING THE ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW OF THE PRESIDENT/CEO. THE RECRUITER PROVIDES ADVICE TO THE SEARCH COMMITTEE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE THAT IS MADE UP OF BOARD MEMBERS AND NON-BOARD MEMBERS, AND THE COMMITTEE MAKES A COMPENSATION RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR ITS REVIEW AND APPROVAL. THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE IS CHARGED WITH PERFORMING SALARY REVIEWS FOR FUTURE CEOS. THE LAST COMPENSATION REVIEW TOOK PLACE IN FEBRUARY 2017.

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 17, LIST OF STATES RECEIVING COPY OF FORM 990:

AL, AR, CA, FL, GA, HI, IL, KS, KY, MD, MA, MI, MN, MS, NH, NJ, NM, NY, NC, OR, PA, RI, SC, TN, UT  
VA, WV, WI

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19:

THE ORGANIZATION MAKES ITS GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC UPON REQUEST.

FORM 990, PART IX, LINE 11G, OTHER FEES:

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## CONTRACT SERVICES:

PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES	101,737.
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES	11,429.
FUNDRAISING EXPENSES	1,347.
TOTAL EXPENSES	114,513.

## ARCHITECT:

PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES	585.
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES	5.
FUNDRAISING EXPENSES	144.
TOTAL EXPENSES	734.

## BIOLOGIST:

PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES	6,220.
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES	58.
FUNDRAISING EXPENSES	1,534.
TOTAL EXPENSES	7,812.

## BOTANICAL:

PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES	7,082.
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES	66.
FUNDRAISING EXPENSES	1,747.
TOTAL EXPENSES	8,895.

## COURSE COORDINATOR:

PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES	54,042.
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES	506.
FUNDRAISING EXPENSES	13,329.

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TOTAL EXPENSES	67,877.
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DATA ANALYST:

PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES	483.
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MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES	5.
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FUNDRAISING EXPENSES	119.
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TOTAL EXPENSES	607.
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ECOLOGY SPECIALIST:

PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES	2,788.
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MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES	26.
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FUNDRAISING EXPENSES	688.
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TOTAL EXPENSES	3,502.
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EDUCATION ADVISOR:

PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES	46,178.
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MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES	433.
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FUNDRAISING EXPENSES	11,390.
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TOTAL EXPENSES	58,001.
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FACULTY:

PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES	13,474.
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MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES	126.
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FUNDRAISING EXPENSES	3,323.
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TOTAL EXPENSES	16,923.
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FIELD ASSISTANT:

PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES	8,706.
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MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES	82.
FUNDRAISING EXPENSES	2,147.
TOTAL EXPENSES	10,935.

## FOREST REGTENT:

PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES	2,415.
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES	23.
FUNDRAISING EXPENSES	596.
TOTAL EXPENSES	3,034.

## FUNDRAISING MANAGEMENT:

PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES	33,052.
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES	310.
FUNDRAISING EXPENSES	8,152.
TOTAL EXPENSES	41,514.

## HYDROGEOLOY SPECIALIST:

PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES	3,583.
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES	34.
FUNDRAISING EXPENSES	884.
TOTAL EXPENSES	4,501.

## LEGAL SERVICES:

PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES	526.
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES	5.
FUNDRAISING EXPENSES	130.
TOTAL EXPENSES	661.

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## LIBRARY CONSULTANT:

PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES	1,125.
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES	11.
FUNDRAISING EXPENSES	277.
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,413.

## LOGISTIC ASSISTANT:

PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES	10,937.
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES	102.
FUNDRAISING EXPENSES	2,697.
TOTAL EXPENSES	13,736.

## OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH:

PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES	1,632.
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES	15.
FUNDRAISING EXPENSES	403.
TOTAL EXPENSES	2,050.

## SCIENCE ADVISOR:

PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES	9,554.
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES	90.
FUNDRAISING EXPENSES	2,357.
TOTAL EXPENSES	12,001.

## SERVICES:

PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES	5,533.
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES	52.
FUNDRAISING EXPENSES	1,365.

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TOTAL EXPENSES	6,950.
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PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES	258.
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MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES	2.
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FUNDRAISING EXPENSES	64.
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TOTAL EXPENSES	324.
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## VIDEO:

PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES	2,608.
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MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES	24.
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FUNDRAISING EXPENSES	643.
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TOTAL EXPENSES	3,275.
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## WEB ADMINISTRATOR:

PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES	8,129.
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MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES	76.
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FUNDRAISING EXPENSES	2,005.
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TOTAL EXPENSES	10,210.
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TOTAL OTHER FEES ON FORM 990, PART IX, LINE 11G, COL A	389,468.
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## FORM 990, PART X, LINE 24:

ON MAY 12, 2020, OTS RECEIVED LOAN PROCEEDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$124,100

UNDER THE PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM. UNDER THE CORONAVIRUS AID,

RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY ACT (CARES ACT), THE PROMISSORY NOTE MUST

BE USED FOR CERTAIN EXPENDITURES WITHIN A 24-WEEK PERIOD TO ULTIMATELY

BE FORGIVEN BY THE SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (SBA). DURING THE YEAR

ENDED JUNE 30, 2021, OTS EXPENDED AND TRACKED THE PPP FUNDS FOR

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PURPOSES OUTLINED IN THE CARES ACT GUIDANCE AND MET ALL CONDITIONS SET FORTH FOR FULL FORGIVENESS. ON APRIL 6, 2021, OTS RECEIVED NOTIFICATION THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF THE PPP FUNDS WERE FORGIVEN BY THE SBA. ACCORDINGLY, OTS RECORDED REVENUE FROM EXTINGUISHMENT OF DEBT DURING THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021 IN THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND CHANGE IN NET ASSETS.

ON MARCH 17, 2021, OTS RECEIVED LOAN PROCEEDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$124,102 UNDER THE PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM. THE PROMISSORY NOTE BEARS INTEREST AT A RATE OF 1.00% PER YEAR AND CALLS FOR MONTHLY PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST PAYMENTS AMORTIZED OVER THE TERM OF THE PROMISSORY NOTE WITH A DEFERRAL OF PAYMENTS UNTIL TEN MONTHS AFTER COMPLETION OF THE 24 WEEK SPENDING PERIOD. UNDER THE CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY ACT (CARES ACT), THE PROMISSORY NOTE MAY BE FORGIVEN BY THE SBA IN WHOLE OR IN PART. OTS INTENDS TO USE THE PROCEEDS FOR PURPOSES CONSISTENT WITH THE PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM AND BELIEVES THAT ITS USE OF THE LOAN PROCEEDS WILL MEET THE CONDITIONS FOR FORGIVENESS OF THE LOAN. OTS INTENDS TO APPLY FOR FORGIVENESS AFTER COMPLETING THE 24 WEEK SPENDING PERIOD. IF FORGIVENESS IS GRANTED, OTS WILL RECORD REVENUE FROM DEBT FORGIVENESS OF DEBT DURING THE PERIOD THAT FORGIVENESS WAS APPROVED.

FORM 990, PART XI, LINE 9, CHANGES IN NET ASSETS:

CHANGE IN VALUE OF CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUSTS	124,334.
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**Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships**

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33, 34, 35b, 36, or 37.  
▶ Attach to Form 990.

▶ Go to [www.irs.gov/Form990](http://www.irs.gov/Form990) for instructions and the latest information.

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**Part I Identification of Disregarded Entities.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33.

(a) Name, address, and EIN (if applicable) of disregarded entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Total income	(e) End-of-year assets	(f) Direct controlling entity

**Part II Identification of Related Tax-Exempt Organizations.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, because it had one or more related tax-exempt organizations during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Exempt Code section	(e) Public charity status (if section 501(c)(3))	(f) Direct controlling entity	(g) Section 512(b)(13) controlled entity?	
						Yes	No
NSASANI TRUST PO BOX 33, SKUKUZA 1350 MPUMALANGA, SOUTH AFRICA	EDUCATION AND RESEARCH PROGRAMS IN KRUGER NATIONAL PARK	SOUTH AFRICA	N/A	N/A	ORGANISATION FOR TROPICAL STUDIES - SOUTH AFRICA	X	
OTS SA PO BOX 33, SKUKUZA 1350 MPUMALANGA, SOUTH AFRICA	ESTABLISH, FOSTER, SUPPORT AND CONDUCT PROGRAMS IN EDUCATION AND RESEARCH	SOUTH AFRICA	N/A	N/A	ORGANIZATION FOR TROPICAL STUDIES	X	



**Part III Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Partnership.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, because it had one or more related organizations treated as a partnership during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Predominant income (related, unrelated, excluded from tax under sections 512-514)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Disproportionate allocations?		(i) Code V-UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(j) General or managing partner?		(k) Percentage ownership
							Yes	No		Yes	No	

**Part IV Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Corporation or Trust.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, because it had one or more related organizations treated as a corporation or trust during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Type of entity (C corp, S corp, or trust)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Percentage ownership	(i) Section 512(b)(13) controlled entity?	
								Yes	No

**Part V Transactions With Related Organizations.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, 35b, or 36.

**Note:** Complete line 1 if any entity is listed in Parts II, III, or IV of this schedule.

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> During the tax year, did the organization engage in any of the following transactions with one or more related organizations listed in Parts II-IV?		
<b>a</b> Receipt of <b>(i)</b> interest, <b>(ii)</b> annuities, <b>(iii)</b> royalties, or <b>(iv)</b> rent from a controlled entity .....		X
<b>b</b> Gift, grant, or capital contribution to related organization(s) .....		X
<b>c</b> Gift, grant, or capital contribution from related organization(s) .....		X
<b>d</b> Loans or loan guarantees to or for related organization(s) .....		X
<b>e</b> Loans or loan guarantees by related organization(s) .....		X
<b>f</b> Dividends from related organization(s) .....		X
<b>g</b> Sale of assets to related organization(s) .....		X
<b>h</b> Purchase of assets from related organization(s) .....		X
<b>i</b> Exchange of assets with related organization(s) .....		X
<b>j</b> Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to related organization(s) .....		X
<b>k</b> Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from related organization(s) .....		X
<b>l</b> Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for related organization(s) .....		X
<b>m</b> Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by related organization(s) .....		X
<b>n</b> Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets with related organization(s) .....		X
<b>o</b> Sharing of paid employees with related organization(s) .....		X
<b>p</b> Reimbursement paid to related organization(s) for expenses .....		X
<b>q</b> Reimbursement paid by related organization(s) for expenses .....		X
<b>r</b> Other transfer of cash or property to related organization(s) .....		X
<b>s</b> Other transfer of cash or property from related organization(s) .....		X

**2** If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," see the instructions for information on who must complete this line, including covered relationships and transaction thresholds.

(a) Name of related organization	(b) Transaction type (a-s)	(c) Amount involved	(d) Method of determining amount involved
(1)			
(2)			
(3)			
(4)			
(5)			
(6)			



**Part VII** Supplemental Information

Provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule R. See instructions.

Lined area for supplemental information.