10TH ANNIVERSARY
We received 176 entries for the Awards 2017.

After ample discussion the National Selection Committee selected ten nominees from these applicants. You’ll find them listed below with their working area and target species:

- Wesley Thomson (South Africa, Big 5)
- Nikitas Vogiatzis (Greece, chameleon)
- Adam Miller (Indonesia, birds)
- Shahriar Caesar Rahman (Bangladesh, tortoise and turtle)
- Davoud Fadakar (Iran, gazelles)
- Ana Giró Petersen (Guatemala, reefs)
- Cindy Peter (Malaysia, Irrawaddy dolphin)
- Hana Ridha (Iraq, leopard)
- Rachel Ikemeh (Nigeria, Red Colobus Monkey)
- Farwiza Farhan (Indonesia, Leuser Ecosystem, orang-utan, rhino, elephant and tiger)

After a thorough assessment by the members of the International Selection Committee the Board assigned the three Award winners 2017: **Farwiza Farhan, Hana Ridha** and **Caesar Rahman**.
WINNERS 2017 WITH HIS MAJESTY KING WILLEM-ALEXANDER, SABA DOUGLAS-HAMILTON AND ALEX VAN HOOFF
We’re looking back with tremendous joy on a very successful anniversary event in a full house hosted by Saba Douglas-Hamilton at Burgers’ Zoo, in the presence of 24 laureates, members of the National and International Selection Committee, our ambassador Freek Vonk and our very special guest of honor His Majesty the King.

They all came to listen to the magnificent stories of our guests and left inspired to their words.

**Jane Goodall** warmed our hearts with her video message.  
**Patricia Medici** and **Caleb Ofori** shared what winning the Future For Nature Award meant for them.  
A video of the speech **Sir David Attenborough** gave at the Event 2009 proved that his words hadn’t lost anything of there power to move us.  
**Farwiza Farhan** showed us how perseverance at court can pay off and shared her struggle to achieve her next goal: revoking the Aceh Spatial plan that eventually would destroy the Leuser Ecosystem.  
**Caesar Rahman** told us everything about the importance of empowering the local communities of the Chittagong Hill Tracts to protect tortoise and turtle.  
And last but not least **Hana Ridha** shared her mission to create an international peace park connecting Iraq and Iran to protect the leopards and unite people.

An impression of the event can be seen [in this video](#).
Almost all Future For Nature Award winners, the ones from years gone by and those of 2017, came together in Arnhem at 28th of March for a festive diner, to meet and catch up with the other laureates. The next days they had a two day workshop at Burgers’Zoo to share their experience and knowledge.

They also met and worked with Dutch students during the FFN Academy meet and greet in Wageningen. For the participating students an experience they’re not likely to forget.

Additional to the workshops the laureates worked on a manifesto which they presented in a video message.

Looking back, the meeting of likeminded people who encounter similar challenges was for many of our laureates a comforting and energizing experience.

To get an impression of their week in the Netherlands, please watch this video.
In honour of the tenth anniversary of Future For Nature we published a book about all the marvelous winners of our Award, the people behind the organization and about our mission and ambition.
The new round for the 2018 Award was launched in July 2017. When the round closed, 178 candidates had registered. Ten of these were nominated by the Dutch Selection Committee and assessed by the International Selection Committee.

Members of the **Dutch Selection Committee** 2017/2018:
- Hans De Iongh
- Herman Rijksen
- Kees Lankester
- Rietje Grit

Members of the **International Selection Committee** 2017/2018:
- Saba Douglas-Hamilton (chair)
- Annette Lanjouw
- Brian Huntley
- John Mackinnon
- Masha Vorontsova
- Patricia Medici
- Simon Stuart
- Vivek Menon

NEW ROUND 2018
In 2017, Future For Nature’s work was sponsored by:

- Royal Burgers’ Zoo
- National Postcode Lottery
- Africa’s Eden
- Gieskes Strijbis Fund
- Neele-vat Logistics
- Walraven Foundation

Besides funding by these sponsors, Future For Nature received many major and minor donations from Future For Nature supporters in this year. The GlobeGuards Nature Auction on Wednesday 4 October also managed to raise a substantial sum for FFN-A and three of our former winners.
On 1 January 2017, the following 5 people were members on Board of the Foundation:

- Alex van Hooff (chair)
- Claudius van de Vijver (treasurer)
- Willem Ferwerda (secretary)
- Ed Stibbe
- Marlies van Wijhe

Honorary members:
- Herman Rijksen
- Hemmo Muntingh
- Niels Halbertsma

In the 2017 report year, board meetings were held at:
26 January,
7 March,
19 April,
2 June and
31 October.
The Foundation aims to protect endangered animal and plant species (as laid down in the Articles of Association on 9 December 2008).

The Foundation undertakes to accomplish its aim by:

a. Establishing and presenting the Future For Nature Awards
b. Targeting the Awards at young conservationists (up to 35 years) who make a crucial contribution to the protection of endangered animal and plant species.

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