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Annual Report 2019

We received 123 applications for the Awards 2019.

After ample discussion the National Selection Committee selected eight nominees from these applicants. You'll find them listed below with their country and target species:

- Divya Karnad (India) working on sharks and Olive Ridley sea turtles
- Fernanda Abra (Brazil) protecting canids, felids and tapir
- Hugh Doulton (United Kingdom) working in the Comoros to protect Livingstone's fruit bats
- Iroro Tanshi (Nigeria) working on the protection of the Short-tailed roundleaf bat
- Jessa B. Garibay (Philippines) protecting Palawan horned frogs
- Olivier Nsengimana (Rwanda) conserving Grey Crowned Cranes
- Sonam Lama (Nepal) working to protect the red panda
- Tjalle Boorsma (the Netherlands) working in Bolivia for the conservation of the Blue-throated Macaw

After a thorough assessment by the members of the International Selection Committee the Board assigned the three Award winners 2019: **Fernanda Abra, Divya Karnad, and Olivier Nsengimana**. They all came to Arnhem to receive the award and 50.000 euro prize money.

Selection Process Winners 2019



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Winners: Fernanda Abra, Olivier Nsengimana, and Divya Karnad



What a spectacular day at Burgers' Zoo during the Future For Nature Awards 2019!

[Fernanda Abra](#), [Olivier Nsengimana](#) and [Divya Karnad](#) used to the rich biodiversity of Brazil, the beautiful hills of Rwanda and disappearing in the crowds of India, stepped out of their comfort zone and onto a stage to share their personal stories with over 500 guests in the audience and many people watching via the [livestream](#).

We were honoured to have [Russell A. Mittermeier](#) as our Guest of Honour. For the winners, it was an incredible opportunity to interact with such a legend! Mittermeier is a primatologist and herpetologist, a conservation leader in the field of biodiversity and tropical forest, named a 'hero for the planet' by Times Magazine. Furthermore, he is the author of 40 books.



Future For Nature winner 2016 [Wietse van der Werf](#) (the Netherlands) gave an uplifting update on his journey after winning the award. He founded the Sea Ranger Service, where unemployed youth are trained by navy veterans to patrol protected sea areas. This concept is so successful, that Wietse closed government deals in the Netherlands, is talking with governments of other countries such as the United Kingdom and Indonesia, and is working to create an alliance with the UN!

An impression of the event can be seen [on our website](#), where you can view the photo's, the aftermovie and the whole ceremony as broadcasted via our livestream.





FFN Award Event 2019 (3rd of May)



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The work of the FFN winners was published in the Dutch [newspaper AD](#) and Divya was interviewed by the Dutch [newspaper Trouw](#) for a double page article.

Winning of the Awards also generated a lot of media attention in the respective home countries of the winners.

After the news spread that Fernanda had won the Future For Nature Award the Federal Senate took interest in her work and [invited her to give a speech.](#)

Photo: Fernanda giving a speech at the Federal Senate office





On Saturday 5th of May, the Future For Nature winners met the students of the Future For Nature Academy in Nijmegen. For the participating students an experience they're not likely to forget. Art Rooijackers was hosting the event. The FFN Award winners each gave a speech and everyone participated in interactive workshops.



FFN Academy is a national network of students and young graduates with a passion for nature conservation, linked to the Future For Nature Foundation. By organizing varying activities such as lectures, documentary-evenings, and symposia they create a platform for people to meet, discuss and make plans together for a better future for nature.

Future For Nature Academy Day - Nijmegen

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The new call to apply for the 2020 Award was launched in July 2019. When the call closed, 124 candidates had registered. Eight of them were nominated by the National Selection Committee and assessed by the International Selection Committee.

Members of the **National Selection Committee** 2019/2020:

- Hans De longh
- Kees Lankester
- Pita Verweij
- Herman Rijksen
- Margje Voeten
- Gabriella Fredriksson

Members of the **International Selection Committee** 2019/2020:

- Saba Douglas-Hamilton (chair)
- Brian Huntley
- Masha Vorontsova
- Simon Stuart
- Annette Lanjouw
- John Mackinnon
- Patricia Medici
- Vivek Menon

Call to Apply 2020



From the 22nd – 26th of October 2019 Future For Nature (FFN) Foundation organised the FFN Family Gathering. All previous FFN Award winners were invited back to Burgers' Zoo, the Netherlands.

During the FFN Family Gathering, meetings were organised for the conservationists to exchange knowledge, inspire each other and form partnerships, but also to share conservation setbacks and struggles. In addition to these educational moments, there was also room to relax during a walk or bike ride through the beautiful Dutch landscape at De Hoge Veluwe National Park. A Business Dinner was organized for invited guests to meet our conservation heroes. This fantastic week was topped off with the Future For Nature Academy students during the 'Connecting Conservationists' event.

FFN Family Gathering

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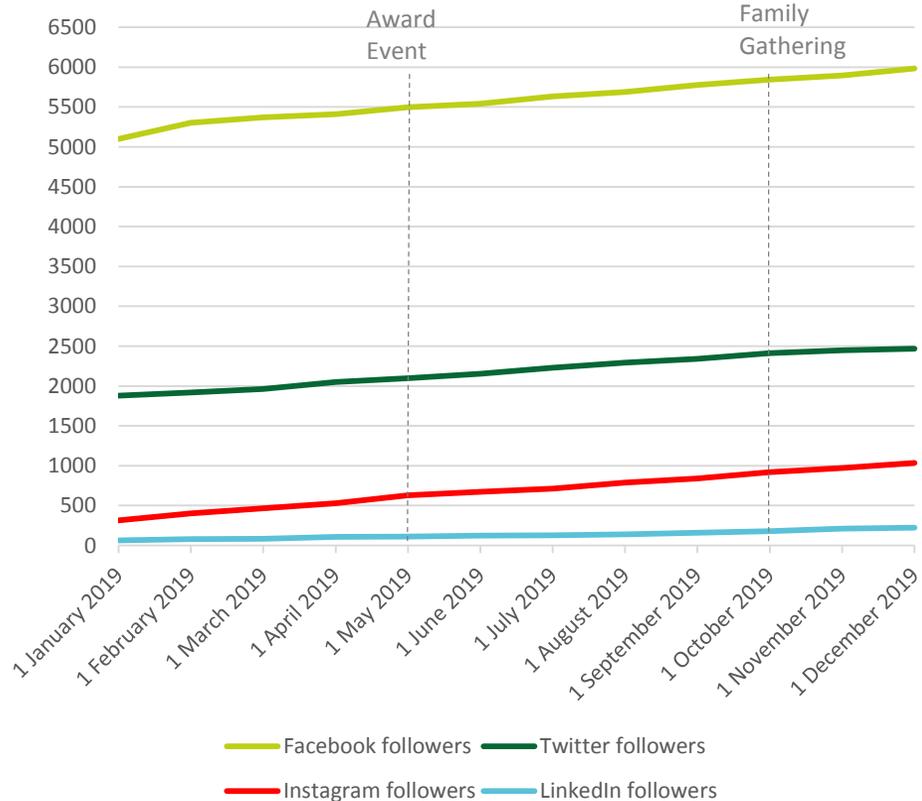
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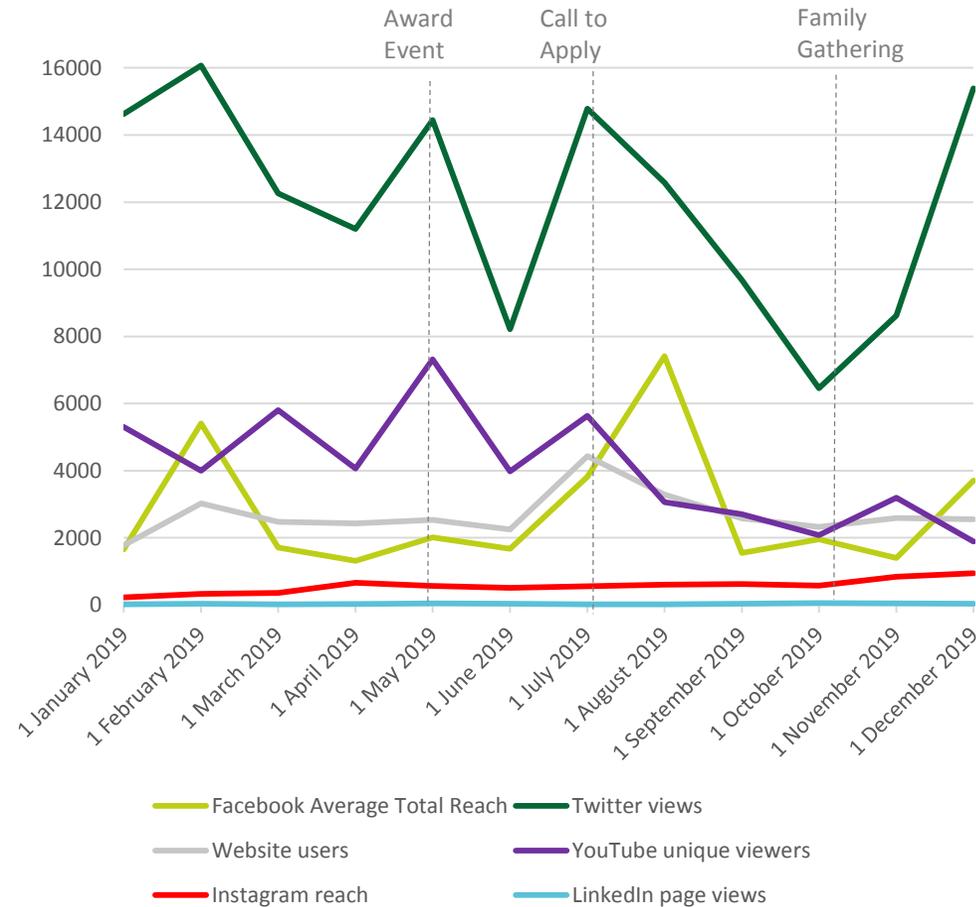
FFN Family Gathering

In 2019 FFN's Social Media statistics show a growth in followers and reach on each platform.

Followers Social Media 2019



Social Media Reach 2019



In 2019, Future For Nature's major donors were:

- Royal Burgers' Zoo
- Africa's Eden
- VAT foundation

Besides this funding, Future For Nature also received many donations from Future For Nature Friends. The GlobeGuards Nature Auction on Wednesday the 2 October also managed to raise a substantial sum for this years winners.

Next to above mentioned support, we received in kind support from Alpha Rainbow and Van Wijhe Verf.



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Support

On 1 January 2019, the following 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
- Rascha Nuijten

Honorary members:

- Herman Rijksen
- Hemmo Muntingh
- Niels Halbertsma

In the 2019 report year, board meetings were held on:

15 February, 21 June, 27 September, 12 December

Board



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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