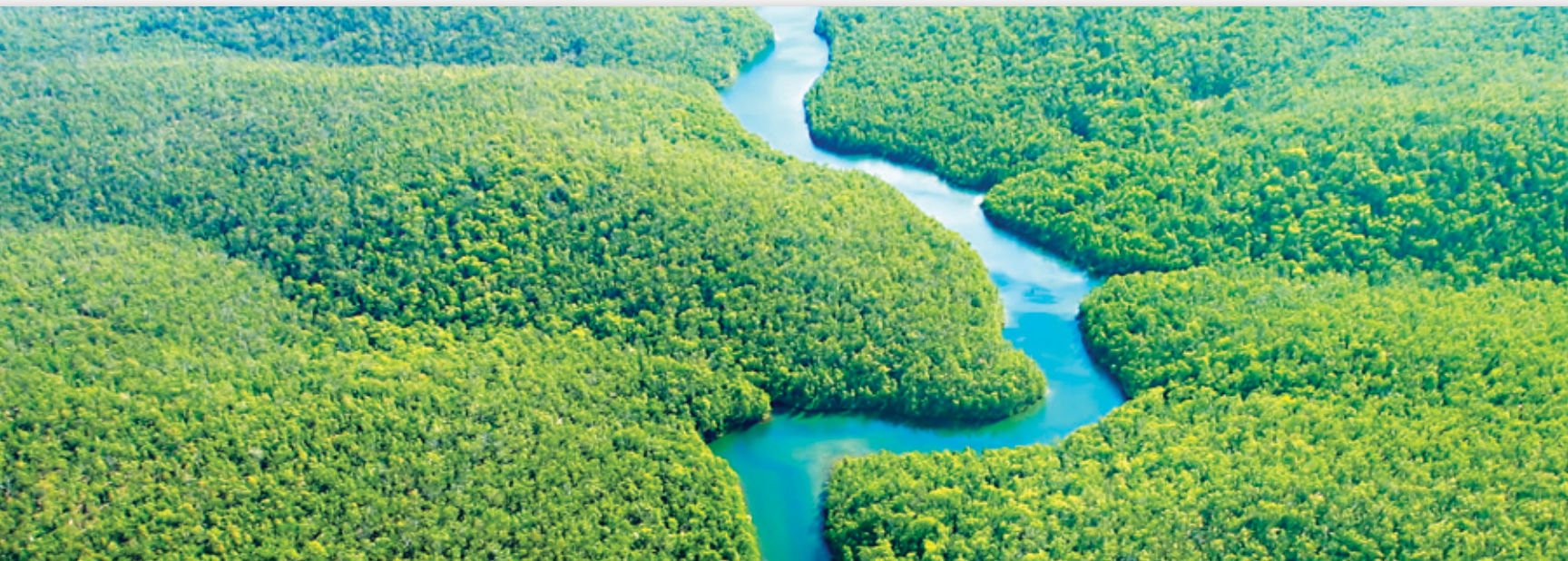




EARTHRIGHTS INTERNATIONAL

ANNUAL REPORT 2006





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## LETTER FROM THE DIRECTORS

Usually we begin this letter with a statement like, “This was the best year ever!” But 2006 followed an historic year for ERI and indeed, if major proclamations are what you’re looking for, 2005 was a tough act to follow. Given that our momentous victory over Unocal came in our 10th anniversary year, we spent much of 2006 answering the inevitable question: “So, what’s your next big thing?”

Of course, ERI does not measure the importance of its work by the headlines it makes. We often avoid the spotlight to insure the integrity of our information, the safety of our staff, and the security of our students. Thus, in 2006, ERI’s investigative missions to the Peruvian Amazon, the inaugural session of the Mekong EarthRights School, and our 9th graduation ceremony at the Burma EarthRights School happened with little public fanfare.

Of course, we didn’t avoid the limelight altogether. We were thrilled when H.E. Václav Havel gave Milena Kaneva’s documentary about *Doe v. Unocal* his 2006 Special Award for Human Rights. We attended and organized worldwide screenings of *Total Denial*, firm in the belief that the force of our legal work to protect human rights and the environment is diminished if we don’t change the attitudes that allow abuses to occur. We were proud that our work to encourage corporate accountability made steady progress in U.S.

courts, which remain the primary forums offering a shot at justice for corporate complicity in torture, killing and slavery. Yet the fact remains that the U.S. is also a nation that has failed to demand accountability for travesties of justice such as those in Abu Ghraib and Guantánamo. Likewise, Burma, Thailand, and other countries where we work, remain under oppressive and military regimes.

We still have a lot of work to do.

Whether it’s changing laws, transforming attitudes, or supporting new earth rights defenders, everything we do at ERI is a “big thing.” It’s a long road, and we couldn’t do it without your support.

Onward!

*Ka Hsaw Wa, Chana Maung, Katie Redford*



## HIGHLIGHTS OF 2006

**ERI launched the EarthRights School-Mekong**, bringing emerging leaders from Burma, Cambodia, China, Lao PDR, Thailand, and Vietnam together to enhance their individual and collective capacities to protect the Mekong River and the communities that rely upon it.

**ERI investigated earth rights abuses in the Amazon**, leading two missions to Peru to document serious health and environmental damage to native Achuar communities arising from oil exploitation in remote regions of the country.

**ERI defeated Chevron's and Shell's attempts to dismiss our lawsuits** against them, advancing our cases against multinational corporations for their complicity in human rights abuses against environmental protestors and others in Nigeria.

**ERI screened the award-winning documentary, Total Denial**, which chronicles our landmark human rights suit against Unocal. The film, directed and produced by Milena Kaneva, was seen by thousands worldwide after it premiered in Prague and won the 2006 Václav Havel Special Award for Human Rights.

**ERI trained judges and lawyers in Mongolia** on strategic advocacy related to the environmental and human rights impacts of natural resource exploitation by corporations.

**Working with other NGOs in the region**, ERI focused international attention on Daewoo's Shwe Gas development plans in Western Burma, and the Salween dam projects in Eastern Burma, through community organizing, Global Days of Action, and lobbying high-level officials.

**ERI Staff and EarthRights School alumni campaigned** against, and contributed to cutting-edge research on, human rights and environmental abuses caused by projects funded by international financial institutions and export credit agencies.

**ERI worked to strengthen accountability mechanisms for corporations** by participating in a consultation in Bangkok and submitting a paper, *The International Law Standard for Corporate Aiding and Abetting Liability*, to the UN Special Representative on Transnational Corporations and Human Rights.





**ERI Field Staff continued to risk their lives to document abuses in Burma** from dams, mining, oil and gas exploration, and logging concessions, resulting in reports, media attention, and policy papers including our report *Turning Treasure into Tears*.

**ERI helped draft a new forestry law in Liberia** with assistance from our volunteer Cooperating Attorneys Corps. The innovative law includes human rights protections, such as community consultation and benefit sharing, for the first time.

**The EarthRights School-Burma trained** a fresh group of grassroots human rights and environmental advocates to raise their voices locally and internationally, while we proudly watched EarthRights School alumni apply their new knowledge and skills in their own educational, legal and advocacy initiatives.

**ERI's innovative mission and strategies were honored** when founder and Director Katie Redford was selected as a 2006 Ashoka Global Fellow. Ashoka recognizes the world's leading social entrepreneurs – individuals and organizations with innovative solutions for solving society's most pressing social problems

**ERI supported earth rights litigation in U.S. courts** by filing *amicus* briefs and releasing the second edition of our *Transnational Litigation Manual*.

**ERI made headlines** as our work received international attention through media coverage including *Reader's Digest*, *Fortune Magazine*, *BBC World Service*, *The Washington Post*, *The National Law Journal*, *The South China Morning Post*, *The Associated Press*, *TomPaine.com*, *Alternet*, *Irrawaddy Magazine*, *Women's Wear Daily*, *Radio Free Asia*, *The Democratic Voice of Burma*, *The Times of India*, *Mizzima News*, and *Working Mother Magazine*.





# EARTHRIGHTS STRATEGIES

## Mission Statement

EarthRights International (ERI) is a non-governmental, nonprofit organization that combines the power of law and the power of people in defense of earth rights. We specialize in fact-finding, legal actions against perpetrators of earth rights abuses, training for grassroots and community leaders, and advocacy campaigns. Through these cutting edge strategies, ERI seeks to end earth rights abuses, to provide real solutions for real people, and to promote and protect human rights and the environment in the communities where we work.



## To accomplish this mission, EarthRights takes a three-pronged approach:

### Justice and Accountability

EarthRights uses litigation and other legal mechanisms to hold corporations accountable for earth rights abuses, often perpetrated in the name of development. We also advocate for stronger legal mechanisms for corporate accountability within the international system. In 2006 we continued to pursue justice, representing plaintiffs in cases against Chevron, Shell, and Union Carbide/Dow Chemical for human rights violations overseas.

### Speaking Power to Power

EarthRights uses media, public education and organizing strategies to hold corporate and government human rights and environmental offenders accountable in the “court of public opinion”. Our goal is to build a broad constituency for the earth and its peoples who will ensure that there are strong legal mechanisms for accountability, and to deter earth rights abuses by highlighting the heavy costs associated with them.

### Sustaining the Movement for Human Rights and the Environment

The EarthRights Schools train new leaders to sustain a strong local and international movement in environmental and human rights protection, while our training of legal and judicial professionals helps ensure that the movement is supported by the rule of law.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

	UNRESTRICTED		TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED		TOTAL
	Unrestricted	Board Designated	Temporarily Restricted	Memorial Fund	
Revenues and Other Support					
Foundation and corporate contributions and fees	\$ 734,050	\$ —	\$ 245,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 999,050
Gifts from individuals	166,000	—	—	—	166,000
Non-cash contributions	17,032	—	—	—	17,032
In-kind contributions	12,865	—	11,034	—	23,899
Interest and dividends	67,770	—	—	7,362	75,132
Gain (loss) on investment	(19)	—	—	—	(19)
Unrealized gain (loss) on securities	—	—	—	3,014	3,014
Miscellaneous	5,583	—	—	—	5,583
Net Assets Released from Restrictions					
Satisfaction of program restrictions	598,716	—	(575,124)	(23,592)	
Total Revenues and Other Support	1,601,997	—	(319,090)	6,784	1,289,691

EarthRights International (ERI) is a nonprofit organization that combines the power of law and the power of people in defense of human rights and the environment. ERI is exempt from federal income taxation under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

This Statement of Activities is excerpted from ERI's audited financial statements by Douglas Corey & Associates, which are available upon request. The Statement of Activities reflects financial activity for ERI for the year that ended January 31, 2007. To briefly summarize this Statement: as of January 31, 2007, ERI has available \$ 654,599 (under "Net Assets-Unrestricted") to carry

	UNRESTRICTED		TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED		TOTAL
	Unrestricted	Board Designated	Temporarily Restricted	Memorial Fund	
Expenses					
Program expenses					
Legal	\$ 352,672	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 352,672
Campaigns	356,976	—	—	—	356,976
EarthRights Schools	267,615	—	—	—	267,615
Clark Memorial	23,592	—	—	—	23,592
Management and general	176,548	—	—	—	176,548
Development	143,593	—	—	—	143,593
Total Expenses	1,320,996	—	—	—	1,320,996
Change in Net Assets	281,001	—	(319,090)	6,784	(31,305)
Net Assets, beginning of year	373,598	55,167	2,252,458	111,339	2,792,562
Net Assets, end of year	654,599	55,167	1,933,368	118,123	2,761,257

forward for general use in the next fiscal year. The fund in the amount of \$55,167 (under "Net Assets-Board Designated") has been specified for emergency expenditures authorized by the Board of Directors. The temporarily restricted assets of \$ 1,933,368 are earmarked for particular programs and are not available for any other use.

The Daniel C. Clark Memorial Fund in the amount of \$ 118,123 is restricted to support graduates of the EarthRights School.



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