Don Chai, in northern Thailand, where villagers have resisted dam construction for two decades.
EarthRights International’s Mission

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 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.
Dear Friends,

Fifteen years. That’s the milestone that we observed at EarthRights International in 2010. We didn’t have a party to mark this important event, although we thought about it. After all, who doesn’t need an excuse to celebrate in this world that seems so often plagued by bad news? Given the incredible suffering of the individuals and communities that we serve—our clients in Peru, India, Nigeria and Colombia, the EarthRights School students and alumni from Burma and the Mekong region, and countless others—we decided, instead, to redouble our efforts in their honor.

So we marked our 15th year by looking back at our history, our growth, our accomplishments and our disappointments. We took all of that experience and those lessons learned and launched an ambitious and exciting strategic plan that paves the way for EarthRights to achieve its vision to end earth rights abuses.
worldwide. “How in the world do you think you can do that?” you ask. “Read our strategic plan,” we answer. But you can also get an idea by looking through the pages of this annual report. We hope you’ll be as excited as we are, to see how much we accomplished just in the last year alone.

EarthRights aims to end human rights and environmental abuses by shifting the imbalance of power in the global economy that currently favors corporate and government elites at the expense of people and the planet. The combined force of our training, legal work and campaigns have helped achieve fundamental transformation of the current global economic system that enables these elites to externalize the social, cultural and environmental costs of their operations.

Such fundamental change is an ambitious goal. But our clients, students and alumni—indeed all of us—should demand nothing less. And we’ve already come a long way to making that shared vision a reality. When we started back in 1995, we were living in a world where corporations could benefit from human rights abuses like slavery, rape and torture, while working in countries like Burma, Nigeria, or Colombia. We were told that this was business as usual and we were crazy to imagine that another world was possible. Now we see a world where these companies bear significant legal risks, economic burdens and reputational damage if they ignore the rights of people and destroy their homelands. We are well on the way to helping create a world where the social, financial and legal ramifications of human rights and environmental abuses deter corporations from engaging in such abhorrent behaviors in the first place and where the voices of local peoples are brought to bear on the development decisions that impact their lives.

And we believe that is something to celebrate. Onward!

Ka Hsaw Wa, Marie, Chana, Katie

Schoolchildren on the Corrientes River in Peru, downstream from Occidental Petroleum’s former oil facilities

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The EarthRights Schools continue to train emerging leaders from Burma (ERSB) and the Mekong region (ERSM), providing knowledge and developing skills essential for effective human rights and environmental protection work at the local, national, regional, and international levels. Thirteen students, representing 8 different ethnic groups, graduated from ERSB, while a dozen students from six countries — Burma, Cambodia,
China, Laos, Thailand and Vietnam — graduated from ERSM.

As part of their studies, the students went back to their home countries and communities to do research on a wide variety of issues, including the effects of gold mining on indigenous communities, the impacts of mainstream dams on farmers and fishers in the Mekong River delta, ecological consequences of rubber and banana plantations, and challenges faced by displaced people. A week-long study trip, to visit four communities south of Bangkok, allowed students to learn first-hand about the successful legal and advocacy strategies used in pursuit of environmental justice related to coal, wastewater and industrial pollution threats.

ERS Alumni programs helped build and support strategic networks of graduates through the provision of technical support, educational opportunities and financial assistance. The Burma Alumni Program conducted joint activities with the alumni-founded Social Development Center on the Thai-Burma border. The second Mekong Alumni Reunion was held in Can Tho, Vietnam, attended by over 40 ERSM alumni. Participants identified critical issues shared by communities throughout the region, and formed cross-border groups to strategize and plan joint campaigns focusing on private investment, international financial institutions, mainstream Mekong dams and related projects, and gender equality.

We also supported alumni in attending advocacy meetings and regional and international conferences, such as the ASEAN Peoples Forum and the Save the Mekong strategic planning meetings in Vietnam, the annual meeting of the NGO Forum on the Asian Development Bank in Manila, and an NGO strategy meeting on Chinese investments in the Mekong.

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Students and alumni of the EarthRights School Mekong visit communities along the Salween River
EarthRights International has continued to litigate cases allowing victims of abuses to tell their stories and seek justice for harms they have experienced. In 2010, we reached a critical milestone when we won our appeal in our landmark environmental and public health case against Occidental Petroleum for its 30 year legacy of massive pollution in the Peruvian Amazon. Our victory in the federal Ninth Circuit Court ensures that the plaintiffs, the indigenous Achuar people of Peru and the U.S. NGO Amazon Watch, will be able to pursue justice in U.S. courts.

Due to our success in such groundbreaking lawsuits, human rights and environmental litigators increasingly seek our expertise in support of their cases. In our effort to support development of strong precedent and good law, we filed numerous amicus briefs in 2010 to support the continued use of the Alien Tort Statute as a tool for corporate accountability, and to protect accountability.
measures under state law from preemption by U.S. foreign policy.

As part of our effort to foster strong regional networks of lawyers who can support local activists in their work, we hosted the 3rd Mekong Legal Advocacy Institute (MLAI) session, bringing lawyers from the six Mekong countries to Chiang Mai for a three-day workshop focusing on dams, corporate social responsibility, and the new ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights. This group of attorneys will continue their work as part of the newly formed Mekong Legal Network (MLN), and will help train the next group of young MLAI lawyers.

Corporate accountability is at the heart of our legal work. In addition to our litigation, we engaged with the UN Special Representative on human rights and business in the development of guiding principles and other UN mechanisms on corporate accountability, and worked to strengthen the application of the Voluntary Principles on Security and Human Rights in the extractive industries.

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In 2010, along with other leading human rights organizations, EarthRights International launched the International Corporate Accountability Roundtable (ICAR), whose mission is to identify and promote robust frameworks for corporate accountability, strengthen current measures, and defend existing laws, policies and legal precedents.

Through our participation in the Publish What You Pay (PWYP) coalition, we worked to secure a landmark victory for communities around the globe by helping to pass the Cardin-Lugar Amendment to the Wall Street Reform Act. This provision requires disclosure by extractive industry actors of payments to governments on an annual and project-by-project basis related to the commercial development of oil, gas, and mining.

We continued our efforts to strengthen the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the OECD National Contact Points (NCP), testifying before the OECD Investment Committee in Paris as part of a global review of the Guidelines for Multinational Investments, and led efforts to reform the U.S. NCP.

We also released three new Burma-related reports in 2010. Energy Insecurity documented targeted killings and other abuses...
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connected to the Yadana gas pipeline; Broken Ethics exposed the Norwegian government’s investments in Burma’s oil and gas sector in violation of Norway’s own Ethical Guidelines for responsible investment; and our official submission to the UN’s Universal Periodic Review process focused on the Burmese regime’s human rights record with respect to development projects.

ERI is a leader in the True Cost of Chevron Network (TCoC), a unique collaboration of indigenous, native, and First Nation communities and their allies resisting the destructive human rights and environmental policies of Chevron and the entire oil industry. The TCoC Network amplifies local voices and ensures meaningful participation by oil-impacted communities in the development of their natural resources.
## Financial Statement

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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, 2011. To briefly summarize this Statement: as of January 31, 2011, ERI had available $1,060,804 (under “Net Assets – Unrestricted”), to carry forward for general use in the next fiscal year.

Of the fund in the amount of $2,048,719 (under “Net Assets-Board Designated”), $55,167 has been specified for emergency expenditures authorized by the Board of Directors. The remaining amount, $1,993,552 is designated by the Board for reserves to cover the cost of programmatic litigation, litigation support, Burma programs, and other organizational reserves.

The temporarily restricted net assets of $1,479,478 are earmarked for particular programs and are not available for general use. This figure includes $113,561 of the Daniel Clarke Memorial Fund, which is restricted to support graduates of the EarthRights Schools.

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