



THE FONDATION NICOLAS HULOT FOR NATURE AND MANKIND

Mission and statement

A mission for nature and mankind

- The Fondation Nicolas Hulot for Nature and Mankind has given itself the mission of training the public to be environmentally friendly.
- Since **its creation** in 1990 on Nicolas Hulot's initiative, it makes young people and adults aware of the riches and the fragility of our natural heritage and supports concrete initiatives in aid of the environment in a move for sustainable development.
- **The only state-approved French foundation** to act in the field of education about the environment, the Fondation is authorized to receive donations and legacies.

The Fondation's **actions** could not take place without the financial support of its partners or without the aid of thousands of people, in France and throughout the world, who give their time and support to our programmes.

A state-approved Foundation

Decree no. INT A 9600 196D of 1st August 1996, published in the Official Gazette of the French Republic on 6th August 1996, transformed the Fondation Nicolas Hulot for Nature and Mankind, set up in December 1990, into a state-approved foundation. It thus became the first, among the 400 existing state-approved foundations, to **take action in aid of educating people about the environment.**

The Fondation's state approval took place after taking stock of its five years' activity and at the end of a lengthy procedure of studies and investigations that resulted in the Council of State and the ministries of the Interior, Education and Environment giving their approval.

This new status confirmed the commitments of the FNH, namely: **to develop education about the environment, this being an educational, scientific and cultural commitment serving humanity's natural heritage.**

This recognition implies legal and financial autonomy for the Fondation. From then on it was a legal entity and therefore authorised to receive **donations and legacies** directly. Consequently, it left the guardianship of the Fondation de France thanks to which it was able to blossom and to consolidate its foundations. The Fondation de France, a state-approved foundation, is an umbrella for 395 foundations set up within it and for which it provides legal guardianship, management and advice.

FNH's statutes define a **Board of Trustees** made up of representatives from the three ministries in charge (Interior, Education and Environment), five representatives of the founders, and five key figures appointed on account of their personal skills in the Fondation's sphere of action.

Through the quality and validity of **its initiatives**, through its partners' trust, the Fondation has proved that it was capable of securing its continuity, its financial stability and its growth. This recognition of a first foundation acting in aid of educating the public about the environment is a **tremendous motivation for the future.**

Nicolas Hulot's initiative

Behind the Fondation, the conviction of one man: Nicolas Hulot

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So **began the history** of the Fondation, which was to take the name of Fondation Nicolas Hulot for Nature and Mankind in January 1995 and be state approved in August 1996. Its purpose is to contribute to discovering nature and protecting the environment by exploration, research, education and communication. It concerns an educational, scientific and cultural commitment serving sustainable development.

" Everywhere the Earth is suffering, dying and cannot be revived without mankind's goodwill, hence the necessity and urgency for fundamental work. Man must stop believing that his destiny is separate from that of the other living beings.

Although wonder is the first step towards respect, this is not enough, we must go further and this is why the Fondation devotes itself to education about the environment. To give the movement continuity and a future, so that all young people become the real watchdogs for our planet and that the environment factor is a reflex for them.

We are still far from the worldwide public spiritedness that Paul-Émile Victor dreamed of, but I think I can see here and there the first notes of a tune that could possibly resemble a sudden awareness.

And if we provoke actions, even small ones, we will have justified our role in keeping with René Dubos, an ecologist before the term was ever invented, as to the need to "think globally and act locally".

Nicolas Hulot, Président

Nicolas Hulot's biography

Born in Lille on 30/04/55, a Breton at heart, a de facto nomad, tempted by medicine, a journalist by passion, a traveller and observer by curiosity. Knight of the Legion of Honour - Chevalier of the Arts and Humanities - Knight of the National order of merit.

Photographer and journalist

- **Agency photographer**

He travelled all over the world for SIPA Presse, from Africa to Australia, the Antarctic and the Americas. Five years of reporting in countries sometimes at war, in difficult conditions: this is where he acquired the taste and even passion for journalism and adventure.

- **Journalist and producer at France Inter radio station**

From 1978 to 1987, he was a journalist for the radio and broke new ground in the ways of reporting; for him a journalist is not just a passive witness, he is also involved in the adventures that he makes his listeners experience live.

- **Editor of VSD Nature** from October 92 to June 1995.

Author of various books:

- Ces enfants qui souffrent, Éditions P.A.C., (These children who suffer)
- Tabarly, 45 ans de défis, Éditions P.A.C., (Tabarly, 45 years of challenges)
- Chemins de traverse, Éditions Lattès, (Paths across the fields)
- Chasseurs de pôles (with Jean-François Chaigneau), Éditions Albin Michel, (Pole hunters)
- États d'âme, Éditions Lattès, (Scruples)
- Questions de nature, Éditions Plon, (Nature issues)
- A mes risques et plaisirs, Éditions Plon, (At my own risk and pleasure)
- Pour que la Terre reste humaine, Robert Barbault, Dominique Bourg and Nicolas Hulot interviewed by Jean-Louis Schlegel, Éditions du Seuil. (So that the Earth remains human).
- Combien de catastrophes avant d'agir? Ecological watchdog committee, Editions du Seuil. (How many disasters before taking action?).
- Le syndrome du Titanic, Éditions Calmann-Lévy. (The syndrome of the Titanic)
- La Terre en partage - Eloge de la biodiversité, Editions La Martinière
- Graines de possibles-Regards croisés sur l'écologie, Editions Calmann-Lévy
- Pour un Pacte écologique, Editions Calmann-Lévy

Head of expeditions

From 1976 to 1993, he co-ordinated some expeditions among which:

- Windsurfing across the Channel,
- Attempt to achieve a record for sailing across the Atlantic,
- Expedition to the magnetic North Pole,
- Paddling down the Zambezi River,
- Expeditions to the geographic North Pole in microlights (1986 and 1987),
- 1st microlight and 1st single-engined aircraft to the geographic North Pole,
- Attempt to cross the Atlantic in a muscle-powered airship.

Television producer and presenter

- **Producer and presenter** of the programme called "**Ushuaïa, le magazine de l'Extrême**" on TF1 from September 1987 to June 1995.
- From January 1996 to June 1997, **producer and presenter** of the programme called "**Opération Okavango**" on TF1.
- Since October 1998, **producer and presenter** of "**Ushuaïa Nature**" on TF1.

Founder and President of FNH

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