



In 2021 Friends of the Earth Members like you did so much for people and the planet—like fighting to protect Puget Sound, pictured below, from toxic ship pollution.

Annual Report

2021



Left: Erich Pica, President
Right: Jayni Chase, Chair of the Board

BIG VICTORIES, BUT MORE FIGHTS AHEAD

Friend,

Thank you for being a Member and supporter of Friends of the Earth. **Your support is essential** as we pursue our mission to Champion a Healthy and Just World.

Friends of the Earth won important victories for people and the planet over the past year. These victories are the result of years of hard work by our campaigners—and none of them would have been possible without your support.

Members like you proved the power of advocacy. In our fight to protect bees and other pollinators, thousands of Members delivered letters and talked to managers at garden retailers like Lowes and Home Depot. These efforts also convinced 10 of the top 25 U.S. food retailers to establish policies to protect pollinators.

We showed that nobody is above the law. Our litigation program, made possible by Members willing to let Friends of the Earth represent them in court, won significant lawsuits stopping President Biden from leasing 80 million acres in the Gulf of Mexico to oil and gas companies; preventing polluters from harassing polar bears in the Arctic; and protecting children from lead in aviation fuels.

Our campaigners took on big business. Friends of the Earth's efforts in the corporate boardroom pressured companies and their shareholders to address deforestation and the destruction that palm oil plantations cause. Companies such as Bunge Limited, Procter & Gamble and JPMorgan Chase are adopting new anti-deforestation policies or strengthening existing ones.

We pressured elected officials to serve the people, not polluters. Our activists and supporters across the country are exerting constant pressure on the Biden Administration and the Democratic Congress to pass and implement strong climate policies that end fossil fuel leasing and subsidies and clean up pollution in ports around the country. We're also demanding a just and equitable transition for the communities most impacted by fossil fuel production and use.

With your support in 2021 Friends of the Earth achieved some significant victories, but we have so much more to do. Our communities, friends and families are still recovering from the pandemic. We are experiencing yet another natural resource-driven war in Europe, and domestically the U.S. political system is still resisting the truly deep efforts necessary to address climate change.

We look forward to having you by our side in the coming year as we continue to fight for a healthier and more just planet.

Warmest regards,

Jayni and Erich



THANK YOU

for making a difference!

It was clear from the start that 2021 would be a pivotal year in our fight for the environment, and with Members like you by our side we made tremendous progress toward our goal of a healthier and more just planet for us all.

Seven days after taking office, President Biden issued an executive order pausing new oil and gas leasing on federal lands and waters and initiated a review of the entire federal leasing program. Your pressure over the last five years helped make this happen, and together we'll hold President Biden to his campaign pledge to halt all oil and gas leases on federal lands and waters for good.

One of our biggest victories of 2021 came when Walmart released a landmark pollinator protection policy, spurring the rest of the industry to do more for bees. Giant Eagle immediately met the challenge, issuing its own strong policy, and we also secured new policies from Meijer, Target and Dollar Tree. To date, we've pushed 10 of the top 25 food retailers to issue pollinator protection policies.

Friends of the Earth is working on multiple fronts to improve our food system. In 2021, we secured commitments from food management companies and 80 grocery retailers to not sell genetically engineered salmon. And thanks to our work, Washington, DC became the first city to pass legislation committing to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from its food purchases.

You also stood with us as we went to bat for our oceans—helping create a No-Discharge Zone for vessel sewage in Puget Sound, and stopping the Pebble Mine project, which would have dumped pollution into Alaska's pristine Bristol Bay.

Members also took on plastics in 2021, weighing in on issues like the Plastic Pellet Free Waters Act and halting fossil fuel infrastructure permits, and supporting the Break Free from Plastics bill.

Please take a moment to read our 2021 Annual Report and reflect on the powerful difference you made for our planet this past year. With Members like you at our side in 2022, we can—and will—win more key victories for our Earth!

“What inspires me to give to Friends of the Earth? The desire to breathe clean air, drink fresh water, and leave a livable planet for future generations.”

FRIENDS OF THE EARTH MEMBER
JON R.



Defending our climate and our communities

As the defining environmental issue of our time, the climate crisis is one of Friends of the Earth's top priorities. In 2021, we tackled this monumental challenge on multiple fronts.

- After years of campaigning and millions of Member comments against fossil fuel leasing on federal lands, we rejoiced when, seven days after taking office, President Biden issued an executive order pausing new oil and gas leasing on federal lands and waters. He also initiated a review of the entire federal leasing program.

Unfortunately, this past fall the Biden Administration resumed the program, posting over 700,000 acres of public lands for potential oil and gas lease sales. Friends of the Earth immediately swung into action, demanding that President Biden keep his campaign promise to end new leasing. Through direct action and a holiday-themed campaign that included a video projection on the Department of the Interior, we kept the issue of fossil fuel leasing on public lands front and center. With the help of Members like you, we will continue pressuring President Biden to live up to his climate promises.

- We also pressured President Biden to halt implementation of a Trump rule to gut the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA), century-old legislation that protects over 1,000 birds including the iconic bald eagle. Trump's rule was a shameful gift to oil interests, whose waste ponds are a major cause of bird deaths. Biden's Fish and Wildlife Service has initiated a comment period that will likely lead to the restoration of protections under the MBTA.
- Friends of the Earth joined hundreds of groups and Tribes to mobilize support for Representative Deb Haaland's nomination to Secretary of the Interior. We delivered nearly 50,000 messages from Members like you supporting her nomination and celebrated her confirmation when she became the first Native American to serve as a cabinet secretary.
- In a dramatic step forward for our work on repealing unfair and climate-destroying fossil fuel subsidies, Friends of the Earth convinced key senators from fossil fuel-producing states to commit to the repeal. Senator Martin Heinrich (D-NM) released a letter that read, "You asked for my support for ending fossil fuel subsidies, and you have it."

To push forward this important work, we rallied our New York allies to turn up the pressure on Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, whose support is necessary for repeal. During the Senate's August



recess, our NY organizing team rallied outside of every one of Schumer's eight district offices across the state with one clear demand: "Stop the Big Oil Handouts!" We called more than 2,000 Friends of the Earth Members across New York to get them involved and excited about the campaign; helped mobilize an organizational sign-on letter with allies; mounted a light projection on Schumer's district office in Rochester; and contacted 60,000 New York voters, encouraging them to call into district offices.

We also lobbied the White House and Treasury Department, successfully securing the biggest list of polluter subsidies proposed for elimination ever submitted by a President to Congress.

- The plastic pollution crisis affects our air, water, wildlife and communities. We mobilized tens of thousands of Members like you to sign petitions supporting the Plastic Pellet Free Waters Act and the Break Free from Plastics bill. Since plastics are made from fossil fuels, we rallied Members to speak out against the issuing of new fossil fuel infrastructure permits by the Biden Administration.
- Following an appeal filed by Friends of the Earth and allies, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission overturned extensions granted to Florida Power & Light to operate two nuclear reactors in Turkey Point, Florida for 80 years. This decision reversed

a dangerous precedent that would have allowed nuclear units to operate for decades beyond the projected lifespan of the reactors without additional environmental review. Aging units are more likely to have accidents that imperil the environment, and continue to pile up nuclear waste for which the federal government has no safe storage place.

- Beyond all our national work, we also took the fight for our planet directly to communities affected by fossil fuel projects, helping them organize to oppose polluters.

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In Maryland, we are working with a growing number of local partners to address a cluster of four power plants in the majority Black town of Brandywine, just east of Washington, D.C. We helped organize and lead an online day of action that drew more than 1,000 participants, increasing pressure on local, state and

federal officials to reduce and address the cumulative impacts of pollution in this community.

This critical work is pushing us closer to the fossil fuel-free future our planet needs. Friends of the Earth is committed to continuing this fight in 2022.

Our Members made their voices heard loud and clear on several issues related to fossil fuels this year:

- We mobilized our Members to show strong support for halting new fossil fuel production, delivering over 135,000 messages objecting to fossil fuel infrastructure—including Line 3 in Minnesota and the Trans Mountain Pipeline expansion in British Columbia that pipes tar sands to Washington state refineries. In addition to stoking the climate crisis, these pipelines would pose a grave environmental risk to wildlife and water, and would harm Indigenous and other environmental justice communities.
- Over 120,000 people spoke up opposing new extraction in the Arctic Refuge, the largest national wildlife refuge in the country, home to grizzly bears, moose and migratory birds.
- Our activists generated tens of thousands of comments to pipeline insurance companies, resulting in more than 16 insurers dropping the Trans Mountain tar sands pipeline expansion. This is a huge blow to a project that would significantly increase the risk of oil spills and harm to orcas in the waters of the Pacific Northwest.
- After the Trump Administration bowed to the fossil fuel, hunting and ranching lobbies and declared open season on wolves, tens of thousands of Members like you have demanded the Fish and Wildlife Service relist and protect these animals under the Endangered Species Act.



Defending our right to healthy food

Friends of the Earth is fighting on multiple fronts to rapidly transition our corporate-controlled food system to one that is sustainable, healthy and just.

- We're backing the Healthy Future Students and Earth Act, the first federal bill focused on plant-based school food. This groundbreaking legislation will support schools in expanding culturally appropriate plant-based meal options, and our campaigners have secured more than 120 organizational endorsements and 27 congressional cosponsors of the bill. Recently we organized a Capitol Hill briefing in support of this bill, featuring Grammy Award-winning artist Billie Eilish and her mother, food justice and climate activist Maggie Baird.
- After we developed a model policy to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from all government food purchases, Washington, D.C. became the first city in the nation to pass legislation committing to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions from food purchases by 25% by 2030. This is the most significant policy to reduce meat consumption to date, impacting public schools, jails, summer meals and more.
- In 2021, we secured a commitment from food management company Aramark to not source

genetically engineered salmon, which is the first genetically engineered animal to be sold for human consumption and isn't required to be clearly labeled. As a result of our ongoing campaign, Aramark's biggest competitors, Sodexo and Compass Group, 80 grocery retailers, as well as large restaurant chains Red Lobster and Legal Seafood have also committed to not sell GE salmon.

This sets an important precedent as genetically engineered pigs, chickens and cows which are designed to better fit into inhumane and polluting factory farms are currently in development and could further entrench this destructive model of food production.

- Internationally, Friends of the Earth U.S. is working with allies in the Divest Factory Farming campaign to eliminate Public Development Bank financing for cruel and polluting industrial livestock projects. Friends of the Earth recently led a successful campaign effort to get the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)'s private arm, IDB Invest, to scrap a \$200 million loan package for Marfrig Global Foods' Brazilian beef operations that would have fueled the climate crisis and deforestation in the Amazon.

These important projects advance our goal of ensuring that we produce food in a way that is healthy and sustainable for people and the planet.



Defending our planet's pollinators

Pollinators are essential to our food supply and the health of our planet. In 2021, Friends of the Earth made important progress in our fight to protect our bees and butterflies.

- Our Bee-Friendly Retailer campaign secured industry-leading pollinator policies from Walmart and Giant Eagle. These policies aim to protect pollinators from toxic pesticides by requiring the companies' global fresh produce supply chains to implement independently certified Integrated Pest Management practices by 2025. In addition, Giant Eagle is phasing out use of the most concerning bee-killing neonic pesticides in its produce supply by 2025. These policies and our advocacy inspired Meijer, Target and Dollar Tree to step up and also take action. We've now convinced 10 of the top 25 U.S. food retailers to establish policies to protect pollinators.
- Following years of campaigning by Friends of the Earth and allies, the EPA finally revoked all food tolerances for the brain-damaging, bee-killing insecticide chlorpyrifos after the Trump Administration reversed a ban initiated by the EPA in 2015.
- After mounting pressure, including from our Members and allies, Bayer-Monsanto finally announced it would no longer sell products containing cancer-causing glyphosate to U.S. consumers, as of 2023. But the health of people and pollinators can't wait, so Friends of the Earth and allies have ramped up pressure on Home Depot and Lowe's to pull all glyphosate-containing products off store shelves ahead of this deadline and ensure that substitutes are pollinator- and people-friendly. We're also demanding that the companies stop selling other pollinator-toxic weedkillers and increase offerings of organic and safer options.
- We have been busy on the state level, too. After six years of pressure from Friends of the Earth and other groups, the Massachusetts legislature implemented regulations to ban the consumer use of neonics by the end of this year. The Maryland General Assembly recently closed loopholes in its bill banning consumer use of neonics, and we convinced the New York Department of Environmental Conservation to finalize its ban on chlorpyrifos with no exemptions for uses on golf courses and landscapes. We're continuing to push these states to lead the way toward eliminating bee-killing pesticides.

With Friends of the Earth Members by our side in 2022, we're committed to making our food system safer for bees and other pollinators.



Protecting our planet from corporate greed

As the climate crisis accelerates, Friends of the Earth's Economics and Finance Team is working to get money out of climate-destroying projects. In 2021, we made some big moves to cut off funding for fossil fuels and deforestation.

- Campaigning by Friends of the Earth and allies convinced 98% of the shareholders of commodities-trading giant Bunge Limited to vote to strengthen the company's no-deforestation policies—a big win for forests and the wildlife and Indigenous Peoples that call them home. This progress follows deforestation policies announced by major companies including Procter & Gamble and JPMorgan Chase. We will maintain pressure to ensure that these policies are fully implemented.
- Thanks to our campaign, Procter & Gamble is taking steps to address environmental and human rights abuses in its palm oil supply chain in Indonesia. Our advocacy helped one community receive title to lands that had been grabbed by a P&G palm oil supplier. This is a big win for the Indigenous Peoples we support

and a precedent for future land rights victories in Indonesia's rainforests, some of the most biodiverse on Earth.

- After nearly ten years of supporting communities impacted by Chinese-financed coal projects, President Xi Jinping announced that China will not finance new coal plants overseas. The Industrial and Commercial Bank of China and Bank of China also announced they are moving away from coal financing.
- A highlight of our activism in 2021 was the 2nd annual People's Assembly on BlackRock, a virtual rally targeting one of the world's largest investors in palm oil and other environmentally destructive projects. The event featured Indigenous rights leaders from across the world and thousands of people participating online, including more than 3,300 people from Brazil, a country heavily affected by deforestation. The event turned up the heat on BlackRock and showed people how to use various digital tactics to pressure companies to do the right thing for the planet.

In 2022, we plan to keep up the pressure on banking and financial institutions to stop funding the climate crisis and start putting people and the planet first.



Defending our planet in the Southeast

Friends of the Earth is committed to fighting for environmental justice, clean air and water, and democracy in the Southeastern United States, where important battles for environmental justice are being fought every day.

- In eastern North Carolina, we are fighting in the courts to stop the polluting Piedmont LNG (liquefied natural gas) facility and pipeline, which has damaged artifacts from Indigenous communities, will worsen flooding in the area, and threatens the environment and health of already overburdened environmental justice communities.
- BIPOC and low wealth communities in North Carolina are also being pressured to accept an expansion of industrial biomass facilities. Friends of the Earth has stepped up to help community members organize against these supposedly “sustainable” projects, which would lead to the felling of trees and the burning of wood pellets for energy. We are on the cusp of stopping one particular wood pellet facility before it is completed. This would be the first time in North Carolina’s history that community members have prevented a wood biomass facility from being fully permitted.

- In Louisiana, Friends of the Earth supported on the ground activists by generating over 25,000 petitions pressuring President Biden to withdraw the permit for the Formosa Plastics Sunshine project—a dangerous expansion of the polluting plastics industry into a predominantly Black community that is located in Louisiana’s Cancer Alley, a region already ravaged by environmental racism and toxic air pollution.

This work led to some good news in August, when the Army Corps of Engineers announced that it will require a full “environmental impact statement” for the project. While falling short of our demand to permanently revoke the project’s permit, this move will likely delay it for years.

- Friends of the Earth has been a major player in the launch of community-based groups focused on the needs of people impacted by climate change. We joined with community groups to develop materials and support systems to strengthen the resiliency of families who are still struggling to rebound from Hurricanes Matthew and Florence.

In 2022, Friends of the Earth will continue responding to communities’ needs across the Southeast while also fighting for cleaner energy, agriculture and industry.



Defending our planet's oceans and waterways

Friends of the Earth is fighting to protect our oceans from threats posed by oil spills, pollution, noise and other industrial activity.

- With the cruise sector hit especially hard by the pandemic, we have a unique moment to clean up cruises. Grading companies based on their environmental and health impacts, our 2021 Cruise Ship Report Card showed would-be travelers just how damaging this industry can be to our oceans and our air.

We're also campaigning alongside allies and Members to pressure the federal government to do more to regulate the industry.

Right now, we're working to ban exhaust gas scrubber wastewater, which is the toxic water pollution that results from ships' dirty smokestacks. In the Pacific Northwest, we secured a pause on the discharge of this toxic wastewater into Puget Sound—a big interim win for the Sound's diverse and imperiled marine life.

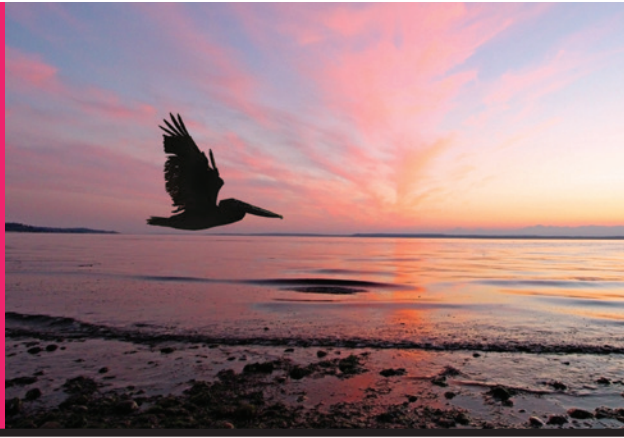
Additionally, we're fighting to establish a national Ocean Rangers program to have independent eyes monitoring cruise ships operating in the U.S. to ensure compliance with public health and environmental laws.

- We initiated implementation of the Quiet Sound program in the Pacific Northwest. This project is working to reduce ship traffic noise, which affects Puget Sound's dwindling population of Southern Resident orcas and harms their ability to communicate, navigate and find food.
- Air pollution from large container ports has been a historically neglected environmental justice issue. We helped local environmental justice groups in Newark, NJ; North Charleston, SC; and Savannah, GA build out their networks of air quality monitors to track and analyze port and industrial air pollution.
- After years of advocacy from Friends of the Earth, Indigenous Peoples and other groups—and thousands of comments from our Members—we delivered a fatal blow to the Pebble Mine in Bristol Bay, Alaska, successfully pressuring the EPA to restart the process for permanent protections for the region's waters. This is a big win for Indigenous fishing communities in the area, which is home to the world's largest sockeye salmon fishery.

In 2022, Friends of the Earth will keep fighting for the health of our oceans, the species who live in them, and the millions of people who depend on these ecosystems.



LEGAL



Defending our planet in the courtroom

Friends of the Earth's legal team racked up several important wins in 2021, harnessing the power of the law to fight for our planet.

- In a huge win for wildlife—including orcas, salmon and sea birds—we joined a case in support of the EPA's decision to certify a No-Discharge Zone (NDZ) for vessel sewage in Puget Sound. On March 1, the EPA upheld the NDZ—a victory that will keep sewage out of 2,300 square miles of waters and 1,000 miles of coastline in the Sound.

- We won a big victory when the EPA announced it will finally regulate lead pollution from small aircraft. Friends of the Earth has been working since 2006 on a ban of leaded aviation fuel, which is still used in piston-engine aircraft nationwide despite the 25-year-old ban on leaded gasoline in most motor vehicles. This move will ensure cleaner, healthier air for the more than five million people—including more than 360,000 children under five—who live near an airport where these aircraft operate.
- In Alaska, we joined Indigenous groups to file a complaint accusing the federal government of failing to consider impacts on wildlife and Indigenous rights when it approved a plan for drilling in a new area of the National Petroleum Reserve. In August, the judge sided with us, halting the project. Then in September, we successfully sued the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for its Incidental Take Regulations, which authorized the oil and gas industries to kill and harass polar bears in the region.
- We secured a vital victory in the Gulf of Mexico by convincing a federal judge to vacate the largest offshore oil and gas lease sale in U.S. history, due to the Biden Administration's inadequate review of greenhouse gas emissions that would have resulted from the sale.

In 2022, Friends of the Earth's legal team will continue to hold corporations and our government accountable in court to help protect people and our planet.

Help us fight for our planet with a tax-free gift from your IRA

If you are 70 ½ or older, consider making a tax-free gift from your Individual Retirement Account.

Simply direct your IRA administrator to transfer your Qualified Charitable Distribution (up to \$100,000 per year) directly to Friends of the Earth. We will put it to work immediately to promote clean energy, fight for a healthier food system, protect pollinators from toxic pesticides, and defend our oceans and forests.

Your gift is not subject to any income tax, and it can satisfy your required minimum distribution.

Please mail your IRA distribution check to us at:
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QUESTIONS?

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Financials

Statement of Activities

For fiscal year ended June 30, 2021

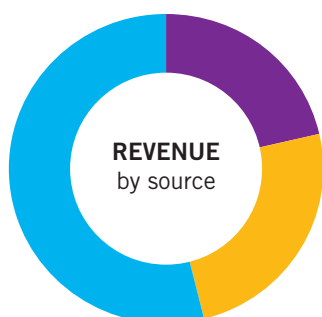
REVENUE			
	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
Grants, Bequests & Contributions	\$9,940,500	\$4,187,620	\$14,128,120
Other Income	\$3,753,032	\$64,801	\$3,817,833
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	\$3,379,916	\$(3,379,916)	\$ -
TOTAL REVENUE	\$17,073,448	\$872,505	\$17,945,953

EXPENSES

PROGRAM EXPENSES			
Economic Policy	\$1,200,481	\$ -	\$1,200,481
Oceans & Vessels	\$877,207	\$ -	\$877,207
Climate & Energy	\$1,126,165	\$ -	\$1,126,165
Food & Agriculture	\$1,639,010	\$ -	\$1,639,010
Organizing	\$461,338	\$ -	\$461,338
Outreach, Communications, DEIJ & NC Restricted	\$3,626,739	\$ -	\$3,626,739
Membership	\$979,773	\$ -	\$979,773
TOTAL PROGRAM EXPENSES	\$9,910,713	\$ -	\$9,910,713
SUPPORTING EXPENSES			
Management & General	\$693,079	\$ -	\$693,079
Fundraising	\$1,691,913	\$ -	\$1,691,913
TOTAL SUPPORTING EXPENSES	\$2,384,992	\$ -	\$2,384,992
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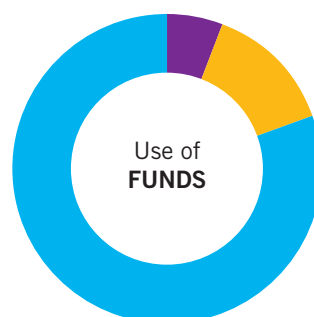
NET ASSETS

Net Assets—Beginning of Year	\$10,613,505	\$1,504,777	\$12,118,282
Change in Net Assets	\$4,777,743	\$872,505	\$5,650,248
NET ASSETS—END OF YEAR	\$15,391,248	\$2,377,282	\$17,768,530



Revenue

- 54.0% Contributions & Bequests
- 24.7% Grants
- 21.3% Other Revenue



Statement of Financial Position

As of June 30, 2021

ASSETS	
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$10,730,513
Grants Receivable	\$2,106,132
Accounts Receivable	\$20,575
Prepaid Expenses & Other Assets	\$378,548
Fixed Assets, Net of Depreciation	\$889,955
Investments	\$6,438,845
TOTAL ASSETS	\$20,564,568

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable & Accrued Expenses	\$1,106,034
Lease-related Liabilities	\$1,510,044
Charitable Gift Annuities Liability	\$66,388
Loan Payable	\$113,572
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$2,796,038

NET ASSETS

Unrestricted	\$15,391,248
Restricted	\$2,377,282
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$17,768,530

TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	\$20,564,568
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