



# THE ORANGUTAN PROJECT ANNUAL REPORT 2017 - 2018

COMPASSION PROTECTION FREEDOM



**"WHERE THE  
RAINFOREST IS  
DESTROYED,  
PEOPLE ALSO DIE."**

**LEIF COCKS, FOUNDER & PRESIDENT,  
THE ORANGUTAN PROJECT**





# A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

**"WHAT HUMANS DO OVER THE NEXT 50 YEARS WILL DETERMINE THE FATE OF ALL LIFE ON THE PLANET."**

SIR DAVID ATTENBOROUGH  
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BROADCASTER & NATURALIST



THE BORNEAN ORANGUTAN HAS NOW JOINED THE SUMATRAN ORANGUTAN ON THE CRITICALLY ENDANGERED LIST.



ORANGUTANS, ELEPHANTS, TIGERS AND A GROWING NUMBER OF OTHER CRITICALLY ENDANGERED MAMMALS ARE THE EARLY WARNING SIGNS FOR IRRETRIEVABLE DESTRUCTION.

## Orangutans need your help!

Orangutans are the most intelligent species on our planet after humans and they share 97% of our DNA. In many ways they are a far more noble being than us – although we have killed innumerable orangutans, a species vastly physically stronger than us, no orangutan has ever killed a human being.

The time to act is Right Now. And not just for their sake.

The work to save orangutans is not wildlife versus the economy. The destruction of the orangutan's rainforest home for unsustainable forms of agriculture, such as palm oil only benefits a greedy few. Wildlife is destroyed, indigenous communities displaced, local communities lose vital ecosystem services, Indonesia loses its economic future and all our children suffer from the effects on climate change.

## BUT IT'S NOT TOO LATE.

The Orangutan Project (TOP) together with our supporters and our collaborative conservation partners is re-writing the rules to push back. Our bold, big-picture conservation plan can turn the situation around for the benefit of all – but we urgently need your help.

Yours truly  
Thanks



**Leif Cocks**  
Founder and President  
The Orangutan Project



**"WE HAVE THE SOLUTIONS  
THAT WORK - FOR THE  
ORANGUTANS, FOR  
WILDLIFE, FOR THE  
RAINFOREST, FOR PEOPLE,  
FOR THE ECONOMY."**

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# VISION & MISSION

205

ORANGUTANS WERE  
CARED FOR IN 2017-2018

332  
THOUSAND  
HECTARES



OF RAINFOREST WAS  
PROTECTED IN 2017-2018



3500



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## The Orangutan Project: the conservationists' conservationists

The Orangutan Project was founded in 1998 in Perth, Western Australia, with one simple mission: to ensure that the *Critically Endangered* orangutan species are protected against extinction and continue to live in secure populations for generations to come.

Since those early beginnings, the situation has become more dire, the battlefield more complex and contested—but **TOP has the skills, knowledge and determination to make the survival of the orangutan a reality—with the support of our donors.**

Backed by the loyalty and commitment of our donors, TOP has grown steadily into an international entity, forging a **worldwide reputation as the premiere orangutan conservation organisation.**

## Together, we punch well above our weight

We have achieved this by sharing knowledge and resources, supporting and partnering with other best practice conservation organisations—both locally and internationally—to **multiply and amplify the impact of your financial support**, creating a collective force working tirelessly on the ground to save orangutans.

Through the generosity of like-minded supporters, we are now able to fund or partner with the majority of orangutan conservation projects operating in Borneo and Sumatra.

This also enables us to selectively prioritise the projects that have **the biggest immediate and long-term impact** and to maximise the effectiveness of our conservation efforts.

You have helped us achieve outstanding results in the field, through this unique strategy of active collaboration.

**And we cannot do this without you—with little or no government funding allocated to conservation or overseas aid, TOP depends on your critical investment to continue with this vital work.**



"TOP IS VIEWED  
BY THE  
INTERNATIONAL  
CONSERVATION  
COMMUNITY  
AS AN  
ORGANISATION  
YOU CAN TRUST.  
THEY DO WHAT  
THEY SAY  
THEY'RE GOING  
TO DO."

CLARE CAMPBELL,  
DIRECTOR OF WILDLIFE ASIA

## Our vision is holistic and big-picture

**A piecemeal approach to conservation does not work.** Traditionally, conservation practices have favoured working on just ONE aspect of a conservation problem—or on just one species at a specific site. But no species exists in isolation—we are ALL part of an intricate and perfectly functioning ecosystem—animals, plants, human beings and the environment we live in.

**The number one contributor to orangutan decline is the loss of rainforest habitat through rampant deforestation—this is a loss that impacts every species, including humans.**

Not only does rainforest contain the largest proportion of the Earth's biodiversity (at least 50% of the world's 10 million species), but it is critically important in the carbon, oxygen and water cycles that support life on the planet.

### **DEFORESTATION IS THE NUMBER ONE CONTRIBUTOR TO:**

- Climate change (more than all transport systems combined)
- Flood
- Drought
- Exposure to tsunamis
- Soil erosion
- Environmental degradation

Devastatingly, deforestation also displaces and destroys the Indigenous peoples who live in the rainforest and rely on it for their survival. **Indigenous children are dying of starvation because of deforestation.**

**For this reason, our strategies are all-encompassing.** From direct orangutan conservation (rescue, rehabilitation and protection), habitat protection, forest renewal and regeneration and support for law enforcement, right through to comprehensive community engagement and education—teaching more viable and sustainable farming practices, empowering local leaders with knowledge, and raising a new generation of forest guardians.

It's also why we've recently teamed up with **five other premiere conservation charities**—the International Elephant Project, Asian Rhino Project, Free the Bears, International Tiger Project and Silvery Gibbon Project—to form **Wildlife Asia, addressing the broader wildlife conservation issues in this region.**

# THE ORANGUTAN PROJECT INTERNATIONAL

The Orangutan Project (TOP) now has established chapters in Australia, New Zealand, UK, Canada and the USA. Receiving donations in local currency and, where applicable, applying for tax deductible status for its supporters.

TOP's long-term partner, Borneo Nature Foundation, a tax deductible entity in the UK, has voted to become our latest chapter - TOP UK.





# AFFILIATE CHARITIES

**INTERNATIONAL  
ELEPHANT  
PROJECT**



## International Elephant Project

The International Elephant Project (IEP) is a not-for-profit project for elephant conservation, rainforest protection and local community partnerships, in order to protect and save the entire ecosystem and biodiversity of habitats shared by elephants. Run by The Orangutan Project Board, IEP was formed to conserve elephant's entire ecosystem in a holistic manner. The organisation provides technical and financial assistance directly to on-the-ground conservation projects. The objectives of the IEP have many flow-on effects that both protect other Critically Endangered species, such as the orangutan, tiger, and rhino, as well as indigenous communities and the remaining rainforest in Borneo and Sumatra. Our major strategy is to radio collar an elephant in each herd and track the herds by satellite. We then have our Elephant and Conservation Monitoring Units (ECMU) who follow the herds and work with local communities to see that both elephants and humans remain safe and live in harmony.

**INTERNATIONAL  
TIGER  
PROJECT**



## International Tiger Project

The International Tiger Project (ITP) is a not-for-profit project for tiger conservation, rainforest protection and local community partnerships, in order to protect and save the entire ecosystem and biodiversity of habitats shared by tigers. Run by The Orangutan Project (TOP) Board, ITP was formed to conserve the entire ecosystem of tigers in a holistic manner. The organisation provides technical and financial assistance directly to on-the-ground conservation projects. The objectives of the ITP have many flow-on effects that protect other Critically Endangered species, such as the orangutan, elephant, and rhinoceros, as well as indigenous communities and the remaining rainforest in Borneo and Sumatra. Our major strategy is to monitor tigers with camera traps. We then have our Wildlife Protection Units patrol and work with local communities to see that both tigers and humans remain safe and live in harmony.



**Wildlife Asia**

## Wildlife Asia Member

The Orangutan Project, International Elephant Project, Asian Rhino Project, Free the Bears, International Tiger Project and the Silvery Gibbon Project, have joined to form an umbrella organisation called 'Wildlife Asia'. These like-minded charities work together to increase contributions, capacity and efficiency for Asian wildlife conservation and welfare. This new holistic approach will give the Australian private, philanthropist and business communities the opportunity to contribute to broad reaching support for wildlife in Asia.

# ACTION PLAN

**WE HAVE THE  
RIGHT PLAN.  
WE HAVE THE  
EXPERTISE.  
NOW WE  
NEED YOU.  
TOGETHER, WE  
CAN DO THIS!**

LEIF COCKS,  
FOUNDER & PRESIDENT,  
THE ORANGUTAN  
PROJECT



**ORANGUTAN HABITAT  
HAS DISAPPEARED  
IN THE LAST 20 YEARS**

The solution – our strategy, with your help

The only meaningful goal in this fight is a stable or increasing population—**this means protecting habitat and protecting orangutans.**

**To save the orangutan indefinitely, we need 8,000 orangutans (2,000 of each species and subspecies) under permanent protection, on 960,000 hectares of viable habitat.**

How will we achieve this?

We've developed a carefully considered four-pronged strategy which will meet the challenges **with maximum effectiveness and efficiency:**

**1) CHANGE FORESTS FROM LEGALLY UNPROTECTED TO PROTECTED**

- Scientific advice
- Legal cases
- Local community representation

**2) SECURE THE HABITAT OF WILD POPULATIONS**

- Purchase and lease as much land as possible, in and around large intact forest areas.
- Renew degraded forest fragments adjacent to intact areas.
- Hire, train and mobilise Wildlife Protection Units to patrol and protect the areas.

**3) RESCUE, REHABILITATE & RELEASE EX-CAPTIVE ORANGUTANS INTO SECURE FOREST HABITAT**

- Rescue, rehabilitate and release as many orangutans as possible back into the wild.

**4) EDUCATE & EMPOWER THE LOCAL PEOPLE**

- Through community engagement, give local people the knowledge and power they need to be guardians of their own forest resources.



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# THE CHALLENGES



CRITICALLY ENDANGERED  
SUMATRAN ELEPHANTS  
LEFT IN THE WILD

Rapidly shrinking habitat and human-orangutan conflict are the two key factors ravaging orangutan populations.

Existing exclusively on the Indonesian island of Sumatra and the island of Borneo (shared between Indonesia, Malaysia and Brunei), these tree-living giants inhabit **the biggest deforestation hotspot in the world.**

Once known as the 'Emerald of the Equator' for the lush green forests carpeting its 17,000 islands, since the 20<sup>th</sup> century, **Indonesia has lost 15.79 million hectares of forest**—equivalent to 15x the size of Sydney. At the present rate, it will be **logged out within 10 years.**



CRITICALLY ENDANGERED  
SUMATRAN TIGERS  
LEFT IN THE WILD

Similarly, Malaysian rainforest is projected to disappear within 20 years.

Palm oil plantations and logging for furniture, pulp and paper have been the main culprits, but the more recent rapid rise of palm oil as a cheap commodity has had a truly devastating impact. **Almost 80% of orangutan habitat has disappeared in the last 20 years alone.**



CRITICALLY ENDANGERED  
SUMATRAN RHINOS  
LEFT IN THE WILD

While the forests of Borneo and Sumatra are technically owned and protected by the Indonesian and Malaysian governments, the law is not often enforced. **Even areas bearing the title of 'National Park' are not immune from illegal logging and uncontrolled burning.**

This also puts at critical risk the Sumatran elephant, tiger and rhinoceros.

**If the current rate of deforestation continues, Sumatran orangutans, elephants, tigers and rhinos will ALL BE GONE WITHIN A DECADE.**

TOP helps save not only the orangutan, but *three other critically endangered mammals.*

On top of loss of habitat, orangutans are also killed illegally as agricultural pests and poached for meat and to fulfil a growing demand for the illegal pet trade.

A challenge relating directly to orangutans themselves—they have large home ranges and low population density; unlike their more sociable primate cousins, they live in relative solitude and therefore need more space. They also have the longest inter-birth rate of any mammal—nursing their young for up to eight years, and thus having just one baby every six to nine years.

This combination of factors has contributed to the rapid decline in population numbers for all three orangutan species.



**THE BORNEAN ORANGUTAN POPULATION IS NOW JUST 14% OF WHAT IT WAS UP TO THE 20TH CENTURY, WHILE THE SUMATRAN ORANGUTAN POPULATION IS AN ALARMING 7%**



**OF THE 54,500 BORNEAN ORANGUTAN LEFT IN THE WILD**



**OF THE 14,600 SUMATRAN ORANGUTAN LEFT IN THE WILD**



**"OIL PALM PLANTATIONS  
HAVE SPREAD LIKE CANCER  
THROUGHOUT SUMATRA  
AND BORNEO, DECIMATING  
ORANGUTAN HABITAT AND  
PUSHING THEM TO THE BRINK  
OF EXTINCTION."**

**KYLIE BULLO, CONSERVATION PROJECT MANAGER  
THE ORANGUTAN PROJECT**



# SUMMARY OF ACHIEVEMENTS - SO FAR

## MOST SIGNIFICANT OVERALL ACHIEVEMENT

**332**  
THOUSAND  
HECTARES



OF RAINFOREST  
NOW PROTECTED



**3500**



ORANGUTANS  
NOW PROTECTED

With the support of our donors, The Orangutan Project has achieved landmark breakthroughs

How do we know the fight to save the orangutan is winnable? Because in the face of grim statistics, **the support of our donors has already helped us win victories that have the power to turn the tide.**

Since our foundation in 1998, TOP has gratefully received support from our donors and partners totalling more than \$11.5M, which we have applied directly to our own projects or to high priority projects by our partners.

**Thanks to the visionary financial help of our supporters, friends and its partners, TOP has been able to achieve the following exceptional results:**

- 300 orangutans rescued, rehabilitated and successfully released into the wild, plus the first ever release of two zoo-born orangutans.
- Design and implementation of 'jungle school' for orangutan rehabilitation, which has an outstanding 70% survival rate for rescued orangutans released into the wild.
- The implementation of radio tracking to comprehensively monitor released orangutans—an essential component for assessing an orangutan's adaptation to the wild.
- Rescued and released female orangutans now breeding and raising young successfully in the wild.
- Our innovation of Wildlife Protection Units to protect and monitor orangutan populations—now recognised as best practice and replicated by other organisations for other *Critically Endangered* species across South East Asia.
- The Indonesian government responding to lobbying and scientific advice with new commitments to protect rainforest habitats with 50 sanctuaries and a new land usage designation of ecosystem restoration.
- Community responsiveness to education programs and the implementation of sustainable farming practices.

## LEGALLY PROTECT FOREST

**03**  
MAJOR  
LEGAL CASES

AGAINST  
DEFORESTATION

**1.3M**  
HECTARES  
OF THREATENED RAINFOREST

HAS SCIENTIFIC &  
COMMUNITY INPUT ON  
LAND USE PLANNING

## POST-RELEASE MONITORING

**441**  
ORANGUTANS



RELEASED ARE  
BEING MONITORED



## SECURE HABITAT

**38**  
THOUSAND  
HECTARES



OF RAINFOREST  
LEASED

**332**  
THOUSAND  
HECTARES



OF RAINFOREST  
NOW PROTECTED

**3500**



ORANGUTANS  
NOW PROTECTED



**90**

WILDLIFE  
PROTECTION  
RANGERS



EMPLOYED

## RESCUE, REHABILITATE & RELEASE

**65**  
ORANGUTANS



RESCUED



**205**  
ORANGUTANS



CARED FOR

**70%**  
SURVIVAL RATE

FOR RESCUED  
ORANGUTANS RELEASED  
INTO THE WILD

**44**  
ORANGUTANS



SUCCESSFULLY  
RELEASED INTO  
THE WILD

## EDUCATE & EMPOWER

**80**  
STUDENTS



HAVE GRADUATED  
FROM THE ORANGUTAN  
CARING SCHOLARSHIP

**14**  
ORANGUTAN



CARING  
SCHOLARSHIPS

**100+**  
SCHOOLS &  
COMMUNITIES



GIVEN EDUCATION  
CLASSES, THOUSANDS OF  
PEOPLE REACHED

**20+**  
COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT  
PROJECTS

IMPROVING  
SUSTAINABILITY AND  
YIELDS IN AGRICULTURE



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# PROJECTS

# ORGANISATIONS AND CENTRES YOU CAN HELP US FUND AND PARTNER WITH



## ORGANISATIONS & CENTRES YOU CAN HELP US FUND:

- Bornean Orangutan Survival Foundation
- Friends of the Orangutan
- International Animal Rescue
- Hutan
- Orangutan Conservancy
- Orangutan Foundation UK
- Orangutan Information Centre
- PanEco/Sumatran Orangutan Conservation Programme
- Pro Natura
- Scorpion Wildlife Trade Monitoring Group
- Sumatran Ranger Project



KEY PROJECT LOCATION



## ORGANISATIONS YOU CAN HELP US PARTNER WITH:

- Borneo Nature Foundation
- Centre for Orangutan Protection
- Forest Nature and Environment Aceh
- Forum Konservasi Leuser
- Frankfurt Zoological Society
- Indonesian Ministry of Forestry Nature
- Conservation Department (BKSDA),
- Orang Utan Republik Foundation
- Wildlife Asia (Inc. International Elephant Project, Asian Rhino Project, Free the Bears, International Tiger Project, Silvery Gibbon Project)
- World Wildlife Fund-Indonesia

# ORANGUTAN RESCUE, CARE & REHABILITATION

## 65

ORANGUTANS



RESCUED

**Orangutans are the most intelligent creatures on Earth after human beings.** They are one of the four great apes—along with gorillas, chimpanzees and bonobos—and share 97% of our DNA.

**As self-aware and intelligent as a six-year-old human child, they are extraordinarily patient, gentle and inquisitive.**

Also like humans, they survive through cultural adaptation rather than natural selection—they use tools to adapt to their environment, and pass on knowledge from one generation to the next. For these reasons, baby orangutans separated from their mothers for the pet trade, and older orangutans rescued from captivity or conflict, **need extensive love, care and rehabilitation before being released back into the wild.**

## 205

ORANGUTANS



CARED FOR

They often arrive in poor health, dehydrated and malnourished. Some have horrific injuries—broken bones, gunshot wounds, cuts and gashes—and all have serious psychological trauma.

Ideally, orangutans should spend as little time as possible in rehabilitation to avoid adapting to captivity. But for babies—who learn everything about jungle life from their mothers over six to eight years—**they need at least five years worth of care and careful training.**





**FOR RESCUED  
ORANGUTANS RELEASED  
INTO THE WILD**

**44  
ORANGUTANS**



**SUCCESSFULLY  
RELEASED INTO  
THE WILD**

### Graduating from Jungle School

In the highly successful 'Jungle School' programs supported by TOP, specially trained carers teach orphan babies everything from the 200 fruits and other foods they can eat, to tree-climbing and vine-swinging 101, and how to build cosy nests to stay out of reach of tigers, parasites and other dangers. They 'pass' jungle school when they have proven their skill in all of these areas and demonstrated their ability to survive independently.

Even after reintroduction to the wild, the released orangutans continue to be monitored carefully and given supplement food, if required, that will help them thrive.

**More than 1,500 orangutans currently live in rescue centres around Indonesia and Malaysia**, but only a few hundred have so far been ready for release from these programs.

**As only ONE in SIX orphans is lucky enough to be rescued, further staffing for our rescue centres is also a high priority.**

### PROJECT COST BREAKDOWN, CENTRES & LOCATIONS:

BOSF care centre and post-release monitoring	\$38,000
BTP Sumatran orangutan release site	\$110,000
Camp Rasak release site	\$70,000
Centre for Orangutan Protection	\$133,000
SOCP Orangutan Quarantine Centre	\$80,000
West Kalimantan Rescue centre	\$50,000

# HABITAT ACQUISITION, RESTORATION & PROTECTION

**"IF WE CAN  
FOCUS ON KEY  
FOREST AREAS  
WITH WILD  
ORANGUTANS,  
WE CAN WIN."**

KYLIE BULLO,  
CONSERVATION  
PROJECT MANAGER,  
THE ORANGUTAN PROJECT

The most urgent and critical task is to preserve as many of the existing large and intact areas of rainforest as possible, and in optimal lowland areas.

**This will be achieved by leasing and purchasing key land areas and bringing them under TOP's permanent protection, and by restoring and reforesting adjacent areas.**

Acquiring and restoring the habitat is **vitaly important**, both for protecting areas where large populations of wild orangutan already live, and for ensuring large enough areas for viable populations into the future.

As well as being too small to support a viable population, forest fragments are at higher risk of becoming degraded. While orangutans can somewhat adapt to the poorer conditions, it has a negative impact on their health and reproduction.

**Conservationally, this is the most effective strategy—protecting orangutans in their natural environment costs 12x less than rehabilitating and reintroducing orangutans into the wild, PLUS it preserves many other species at the same time.**

**332**  
THOUSAND  
HECTARES



OF RAINFOREST  
WAS PROTECTED IN  
2017-2018

## ACHIEVING A MAJOR BREAKTHROUGH:

In a landmark decision, the National Investment Board of Indonesia (BKPM) gave approval for a new designation of land use—the Ecosystem Restoration Concession—which gave conservation organisations a new opportunity to lease land.

**3500**



ORANGUTANS WERE  
PROTECTED IN 2017-2018

TOP has partnered with WWF-Indonesia and the Frankfurt Zoological Society and obtained the management rights for two concession blocks adjacent to the Bukit Tigapuluh National Park ("Thirty Hills Ecosystem") in Sumatra, bringing **38,000 hectares under our protection and extending the entire area that can be legally protected to 182,000 hectares.**

**This was an extraordinary feat only made possible by our family of supporters, and a tremendous victory for Sumatran wildlife. It sets an exciting precedent for future environmental blueprints of this kind.**

**38**  
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# WILDLIFE PROTECTION UNITS

**90**  
**WILDLIFE  
PROTECTION  
RANGERS**



EMPLOYED

**"THE MORE  
WPU<sub>s</sub> WE  
CAN SUPPORT,  
THE MORE  
RAINFOREST AND  
ORANGUTANS  
WE CAN  
PROTECT."**

**Wildlife Protection Units (WPUs) are essential to acquiring and protecting the habitat for orangutans.**

The Wildlife Protection Units are a multi-task unit that focuses on; habitat protection and monitoring, anti-poaching patrols, wildlife monitoring and human-wildlife conflict mitigation. In 2016, part of the unit was specifically assigned to support forest protection and law enforcement under a new WPU security team. The other rangers were divided into three specially trained sub-units that patrol and protect the Bukit Tigapuluh ecosystem:

- Elephant Conservation and Monitoring Unit (ECMU),
- Ecosystem Monitoring Unit (EMU) and the
- Environmental Crime Unit (ECU)

***Every ranger employed protects 20 orangutans and 10km<sup>2</sup> of rainforest***

The WPU program is also an important community engagement activity, providing employment opportunities for locals who would otherwise be employed in logging and palm oil plantations. The rangers receive extensive training in emergency response first aid, wildlife crime investigation, surveying techniques and report writing.

To date, they have been highly successful in deterring illegal activities. **The more WPUs we can support, the more rainforest and orangutans we can protect.**

**TOP is currently supporting 80 rangers in BTP, 8 in Sabangau and 2 in Kinabatangan**





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# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & SUPPORT

**100+**  
**SCHOOLS & COMMUNITIES**

GIVEN EDUCATION CLASSES, THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE REACHED

What's good for the orangutans is good for the people

TOP's holistic approach protects the home and resources of the Indigenous peoples and provides education, employment, economic empowerment, environmental safety and long-term sustainability for Indonesia, AND works for the orangutans and the other endangered species who share their habitat.

When you support TOP's work with the orangutans, you also fight against social injustice and for human rights.

Crucial to guaranteeing the long-term success of orangutan protection activities is the work we do in educating and supporting the local people. We fund and manage community engagement and education programs to empower local people with knowledge—both of the dire environmental consequences of deforestation, and of the sustainable farming practices that will be of so much greater benefit to Indonesia for its future.

This year your donation has given out 7 scholarships, more than 20 community development programs and over 100 community education classes.

**Orangutan Caring scholarships:** 6 scholarships

**Community development projects:** Over 20 projects including the implementation of organic farming practices, improving sustainability and yields in agriculture, seedling production and tree planting (through SOS, OURF and Hutan).

**Education:** Over 100 schools and communities given education classes, with thousands of people being reached (through FZS MEU, SOS, OURF, Hutan and COP).

**20+**  
**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS**

IMPROVING SUSTAINABILITY AND YIELDS IN AGRICULTURE

**80 STUDENTS**

HAVE GRADUATED THROUGH THE ORANGUTAN CARING SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT CASE STUDY

Mr. Muhlis Saputra is 24 years old and lives in Sintang, West Kalimantan. He received an Orangutan Caring Scholarship in 2013 which enabled him to study forestry at the University of Tanjungpura in Pontianak, West Kalimantan. Muhlis is now the Supervisor for Orangutan Rehabilitation at the Sintang Orangutan Center in Betung Kerihun National Park.



**"THIS IS NOT WILDLIFE  
VERSUS PEOPLE OR THE  
ENVIRONMENT VERSUS  
THE ECONOMY."**

**LEIF COCKS, FOUNDER & PRESIDENT,  
THE ORANGUTAN PROJECT**

**14**  
**ORANGUTAN**  
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CARING  
SCHOLARSHIPS

# MAJOR ACHIEVEMENT: CHANGING FORESTS FROM LEGALLY UNPROTECTED TO PROTECTED

This year, our donors have helped fund three legal cases against deforestation, the running costs of 38,000 ha of rainforest and the scientific and community oversight on land use planning for over 1.3 million hectares of rainforest under threat.

#### The three major lawsuits in Sumatra include:

- GeRAM (Aceh Citizen Lawsuit Movement) vs Minister of Home Affairs, Governor of Aceh and Aceh Parliament in the case of the exclusion of the Leuser Ecosystem from the Aceh Spatial Plan.
- PT Kallista Alam vs Ministry of Environment and Forestry in the case of Rawa Tripa peat swamp forest burning.
- HAKA vs Bupati of Aceh Tamiang and PT Tripa Semen Aceh in the case of Environmental Permit of PT Tripa Semen Aceh in Tamiang Hulu

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1.3

MILLION  
HECTARES



UNDER SCIENTIFIC  
& COMMUNITY  
OVERSIGHT







**"ONE OF THE ADVANTAGES OF  
FOUNDING AN ORGANISATION  
AND BEING WITH IT AS IT  
GROWS FROM VIRTUALLY  
JUST AN IDEA, IS THAT YOU  
END UP DOING PRETTY MUCH  
EVERY JOB AT ONE TIME.**

**THIS IS ONE OF THE  
REASONS THAT I HAVE SO  
MUCH RESPECT FOR OUR  
VOLUNTEERS AND STAFF.  
VOLUNTEERS THAT GIVE UP  
THEIR PERSONAL TIME AND  
STAFF THAT FOREGO MORE  
LUCRATIVE EMPLOYMENT.  
BOTH FOR THE LOVE OF  
ORANGUTANS AND FOR THE  
BENEFIT TO ALL THAT SHARE  
OUR PLANET.**

**THANK YOU TO YOU ALL.  
YOU ARE MY HEROES!"**

**LEIF COCKS, FOUNDER & PRESIDENT,  
THE ORANGUTAN PROJECT**

# THANK YOU

## Donors

Like any charitable organisation where would TOP be without its donors? They are TOP's lifeblood. They help us to achieve what we have accomplished this year and will enable us to hit our future goals.

TOP is extremely grateful to all our donors both big and small. From the little boy that donated the money he received after losing his first tooth; to the businesses and individuals that support us with thousands of dollars every year; to the volunteers that put in countless hours: THANK YOU!

## Regional Volunteers

TOP's regional volunteers have gone above and beyond in 2017-2018 raising thousands of dollars to support TOP's projects. They take on all sorts of roles and have contributed thousands of hours of their own time to the cause. This year they have organised fundraising events, coordinated and staffed stalls to collect donations, sold orangutan adoptions and merchandise, organised raffles, held fundraising events, designed marketing material and presented at schools.

*"Volunteering for The Orangutan Project is incredibly rewarding. It brings a sense of pride and accomplishment to be contributing to such a worthy cause, and the camaraderie of the volunteers is first-rate!"*

**– Therese O'Brien, Volunteer Manager**



# TOP INTERNATIONAL BOARD



**Leif Cocks : President TOP / Conservation Fund Member**

Leif is the founder of The Orangutan Project and has been the President since its inception. He has worked hands on with and for orangutans for more than 27 years, including the most successful breeding colony of orangutans in the world, orangutan rescues and the successful reintroduction of numerous orangutans into the wild, including the first two ever zoo-born reintroductions.



**Troy Kenah : Vice President**

Troy has been an active member of TOP since 2004 and on the Board since 2007. Troy's professional background is based primarily in the world of computing and management of computing services. Over the past 25 years he has worked in New Zealand, Australia, Germany and the UK with companies such as Mitsubishi, MCI WorldCom, Oz email, the NSW Treasury and Research International. With more than 10 years experience in statistical analysis of social and marketing research, he has a very good understanding of markets, people and attitudes.



**Clare Campbell : Treasurer / Conservation Fund Member**

Clare is the Director and Chairperson of the Asian Rhino Project, President of the Silvery Gibbon Project and sits on the Conservation Fund Committee of The Orangutan Project and is a member of the IUCN Asian Rhino Specialist Group and Primate Specialists Group, Section on Small Apes. Clare has a particular passion for gibbons and has extensive experience in zoos, in particular the management of captive primates. She has worked with Exotic species for over 14 years. Clare holds B.Sc. in Zoology/Marine Biology and Post Graduate Certificate in Captive Vertebrate Management and was awarded James Cook University Alumni of the Year for Science in 2013 for her contribution to wildlife conservation.



**Kylie Bullo : Board Member / Conservation Fund Member**

Kylie is TOP's Conservation Project Manager. She has a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Biology (with Distinction) and First Class Honours in Primate Behaviour. Kylie has worked with orangutans for over 15 years, both in captivity and in the field. She has extensive knowledge and experience in the care and management of orangutans.



**Rebecca Wright : Board Member**

Rebecca has extensive experience in international investment and corporate knowledge (a significant proportion of which within Asia) particularly as it relates to non-profit organisations/charities, fundraising from private sector and government donors. Rebecca also brings high level connections with international/multilateral organisations, such as the UN, UNEP FI, World Bank, and grass roots investors across Asia. In addition, Rebecca has a high level of understanding of international climate change negotiations.



**Dr Gary Shapiro : Board Member**

Gary began his involvement with orangutans more than 43 years ago in the field of cognition and learning. Gary established The Orang Utan Republik Foundation (OURF) in 2007, which last year voted to become the USA chapter of The Orangutan Project. Gary received his doctorate in Zoology in 1985 from the University of Oklahoma and has authored or co-authored numerous papers on orangutan linguistics, cognition, conservation and ethics. Gary also has extensive field experience. During his time in Borneo, Gary assisted in the rehabilitation efforts of dozens of ex-captive orangutans and monitored the phenology of local rain forest ecosystem.

# TOP INTERNATIONAL BOARD



## **Nikko Konyk : Board Member**

Nikko's passion for animals and their welfare started at a very young age. As a little girl she always wanted a monkey, but her parents quickly filled that void with horses and dogs. As a youngster she was an accomplished horse show jumper and now rides in the dressage discipline. While raising her family she has worked at a successful family business that has given her the opportunity to develop solid business skills. Her passion for primates never left her and as soon as she had the opportunity she embarked in her life-long dream trip to visit the Orangutans in Borneo, Indonesia for two weeks. Once there she had the opportunity to see how magnificent these creatures are. This first trip reignited her passion for the Orangutans, but also made her realize all of the environmental threats that they are facing. She came back determined to do something about this. Within a year she had returned to Sumatra twice to see how even more threatened these Orangutans are. Realizing that the biggest challenge that these marvellous creatures face is the loss of habitat due to the deforestation, development of large palm oil plantations, mining and illegal logging she connected with Leif Cocks, the founder of THE ORANGUTAN PROJECT. It was not long after that she offered to establish The ORANGUTAN PROJECT CANADA a non-profit organization of which she is a director.



## **Matthew Douglas : Board Member**

Blurb: Matthew is a Wildlife and Landscape Photographer based in Toronto, Canada. Having traveled to over 50 countries, he thoroughly enjoys exploring the world and documenting his experiences through his pictures – enabling him to share stories and knowledge acquired with others. In addition to being a Director for our Canadian chapter of TOP, Mr. Douglas is also an active member with Sea Shepherd Conservation Society. While his fulltime job as an aerospace engineer has him traveling for much of the year, Matthew dedicates most of his spare time to wildlife photography, conservation and education. Constantly eager to find new adventures and ways to challenge himself, Matthew pushes his photography and personal life experiences to new levels. M C Douglas Photography's photos and articles have been featured in publications such as 'Wildlife Photographic Magazine' and 'Extraordinary Vision Magazine'.



### **TOP USA Board**

**President:** Dr Gary Shapiro

**Vice President:** Leif Cocks

**Treasurer:** Cheryl Parish

**Secretary:** Susan Callery

**Board Members:** Ed Begley, Robert Kounang,  
Eric Raymond, Shawn Thompson, Liz Varnhagen



### **TOP Canada Board**

**President:** Leif Cocks

**Board Members:** Nikko Konyk, Nora Livingstone,  
Gil Yaron, Heather Seright



### **TOP New Zealand Board**

**President:** Troy Kenah

**Director:** Leif Cocks

**Vice President:** Amy Robbins



### **TOP United Kingdom Borneo Nature Foundation**

Simon Husson

Dr Helen Morrogh-Bernard

Dr Mark E. Harrison

Dr Susan M. Cheyne

Bernat Ripoll Capilla

Laura D'Arcy



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THEY'RE GOING TO DO."**

**CLARE CAMPBELL,  
DIRECTOR OF WILDLIFE ASIA**

# AUDIENCE AND REACH

The Orangutan Project reaches a broad public demographic via its media and marketing initiatives. With over 210,000 facebook likes, 36,000 email subscribers, 13,000 Twitter followers and around 30,000 instagram followers, the organisation enjoys an active and loyal supporter base who are engaged in the issues surrounding environmental and orangutan species conservation.

The Orangutan Project has appeared a variety of media features across TV, radio, print and online and reached an audience of many millions.

The Orangutan Project was also the subject of a large number of radio interviews on various ABC programmes (regional and national) along with many other regional radio stations.

OVER  
**210**  
THOUSAND



FACEBOOK LIKES

**13**  
THOUSAND



TWITTER FOLLOWERS

**36**  
THOUSAND



EMAIL SUBSCRIBERS







**FINANCIAL  
STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
30 JUNE 2018**

# HOW WE SPEND OUR FUNDS

## Organisations / Centres We Fund / Partner With

Organisations We Fund	Funding
Borneo Orangutan Survival Foundation	\$38,000
Forum Konservasi Leuser	\$4,250
Friends of the Orangutan	\$8,000
International Animal Rescue	\$130,250
Hutan	\$30,000
Orangutan Conservancy	\$10,000
Orangutan Foundation UK	\$70,000
Orangutan Information Centre	\$45,860
Orangutan Veterinary Aid	\$5,386
Sumatran Orangutan Conservation Programme quarantine centre	\$80,000
Sumatran Orangutan Conservation Programme Batang Toru	\$10,000
Pro Natura	\$5,000
Scorpion	\$21,700
Sumatran Ranger Project	\$5,000
Elephant monitoring and protection	\$97,259
Elephant rescue and veterinary care (Wildlife ambulance and vet)	\$130,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$691,205</b>

Organisations we partner with	Funding
Borneo Nature Foundation (UK Chapter - Partner)	\$125,000
Centre for Orangutan Protection	\$153,000
Forest Nature and Environment Aceh	\$162,355
Frankfurt Zoological Society	\$571,270
Orangutan Republik Foundation (USA chapter - Partner)	\$69,442
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,081,067</b>

This gives a grand total of \$1,772,272 sent to projects in 2017-2018. It does not include the \$129,588.61 that covered Project monitoring and wages/travel.

Note: BTP (FZS) total of \$571,269 = WPU (\$295,700) + all other BTP activities including release site, security, MEU etc.

Elephant monitoring and protection did not include the WPU/ECMU costs that were recorded under BTP- joint foundation with FZS. It included Harapan elephants, Leuser/Gaius research/collars, drone, CBCM workshop and FKL collars.

# INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

Income	Amount (AUD\$)
TOP Donations/Fundraising Income	3,327,820
Grants Income	337,509
Other Income	38,636
Total Income	3,703,965
<b>Expenditure</b>	
Administration Expenses	13,626
Audit/Accountant Fees	7,067
Bank Fees and Charges	968
Insurance	8,479
Investment to generate future income	1,052,596
Other Employment Expenses	449
Printing, Stationary & Office Equipment	1,391
Provision for Annual Leave	4,446
Registration Fees	410
Salaries - Ordinary	549,017
Staff Amenities	365
Subscriptions	2,492
Superannuation	51,802
Travel, Meeting Costs	545
<b>Funds spent on International Projects</b>	<b>1,735,077</b>
Total Expenditure	3,428,730
<b>Profit From Ordinary Activities Before Income Tax</b>	<b>275,235</b>
Income Tax Revenue Relation to Ordinary Activities	0.00
<b>Net Profit Attributable To The Association</b>	<b>275,235</b>
<b>Total Changes in Equity Of The Organisation</b>	<b>275,235</b>
Opening Retained Profits	2,536,657
Net Profit Attributable To The Association	275,235
<b>Closing Retained Profits</b>	<b>2,811,892</b>

ADMINISTRATION  
**7.9%**  
OF INCOME

FUNDS TO PROJECTS  
**\$1.7M**

# ASSETS & LIABILITIES

<b>Current Assets</b>	
WBC - Working Acc 173837	33,197
WBC - Investment Acc 173829	94,290
WBC - Conservation Acc 173810	3,419
WBC - Debit Card Acc 581235	39,313
WBC - Term Deposit 182456	41,707
WBC - Term Deposit 712653	20,000
TOP PayPal Account AUD	2,642
WCI PayPal Account AUD	22,912
IEP PayPal Account AUD	931
ITP PayPal Account AUD	323
NAB - 84-383-1320 AUD	208
NAB - 152269 AUD	1,254
WBC - Working Acc 707766	542,213
WBC - Conservation Acc 707774	100
Paypal Foreign Accounts Exchange	10,077
NAB - 84-383-1320 EUR Exchange	48
NAB - 84-383-1320 NZD Exchange	158
NAB - 152269 USD Exchange	857,099
NAB - 152269 CAD Exchange	113,197
NAB - 152269 EUR Exchange	159,970
NAB - 152269 GBP Exchange	99,611
NAB - 152269 NZD Exchange	152,072
Ord Minnett - Acc 1410865	54
Ord Minnett -MCP Master Income Units	155,250
Ord Minnett - Bank of Queensland Shares	59,700
Ord Minnett - Commonwealth Bank Shares	196,220
Ord Minnett - Macquarie Group Shares	106,260
Ord Minnett - Westpac Banking Shares	144,884
Trade debtor	12
GST Receivable	2,923
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>2,860,042</b>
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<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
Trade Creditors	-
Unearned Grant Revenue	3,831
	3,831
<b>Current Tax Liabilities</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Payroll Liabilities</b>	
PAYG Withholding Payable	10,314
Superannuation Payable	-
Provision for annual leave entitlements	34,005
	44,319
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>48,150</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>48,150</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>2,811,892</b>
<b>Members' Funds</b>	
Reserves	
General reserve	2,536,657
Accumulated Surplus (Deficit)	275,235
<b>Total Member'Funds</b>	<b>2,811,892</b>

# THE ORANGUTAN PROJECT (USA)

## ORANG UTAN REPUBLIK FOUNDATION

TOP's long-term partner, Orang Utan Republik Foundation (OURF) Board, a 501.3(c) Tax Deductible entity in the USA, has unanimously voted to become our latest chapter - TOP USA. To provide increased expertise and coordination, OURF President Dr Gary Shapiro has join the TOP international Board and Leif Cocks has been elected TOP USA Vice President. Below is the financial statements for OURF, trading as TOP USA.



- Grants: Nonprofits and Foundations **\$148,240.98**
- Direct Public Support – Individuals **\$247,557.82**
- Direct Public Support – Businesses **\$5300.14**
- In-Kind Support **\$4,215.00**
- Other Types of Revenue **\$236.20**



- Programs – International Support **\$204,691.98**
- Programs – Domestic Outreach **\$5,008.89**
- Fundraising Expenses **\$14,151.51**
- Admin Expenses **\$21,027.87**
- In-Kind Support **\$4,215.00**
- RSPO Membership Dues **\$4,215.00**

<b>Assets (as of December 31, 2017)</b>	
Change in Net Assets	155,578
Net Assets Beginning of Year	65,858
<b>Net Assets End of Year</b>	<b>221,436</b>
Total Current Assets	221,436

<b>Liabilities and Net Equity (as of December 31, 2017)</b>	
Total Liabilities	0
<b>Net Equity</b>	<b>221,436</b>
Total Liability and Net Equity	221,436

<b>International Support</b>	
Orangutan Caring Scholarships (OCS)	24,832
Mobile Education and Conservation Unit (MECU)	51,000
The Orangutan Project (TOP) Programs	120,000
International Program Oversight and Support	8,860

A photograph of a lush tropical forest. In the foreground, a stream flows through a bed of fallen leaves and branches. The water is dark and reflects the surrounding greenery. The forest is filled with tall, slender trees and dense foliage, creating a sense of depth and a vibrant natural environment.

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FUNDAMENTAL TO OUR  
CONTINUED EXISTENCE  
THAT IT MUST TRANSCEND  
POLITICS AND BECOME A  
CENTRAL VALUE OF ALL  
MEMBERS OF SOCIETY."**

**DAVID SUZUKI CC OBC,  
AWARD-WINNING SCIENTIST, BROADCASTER  
& ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVIST**

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