

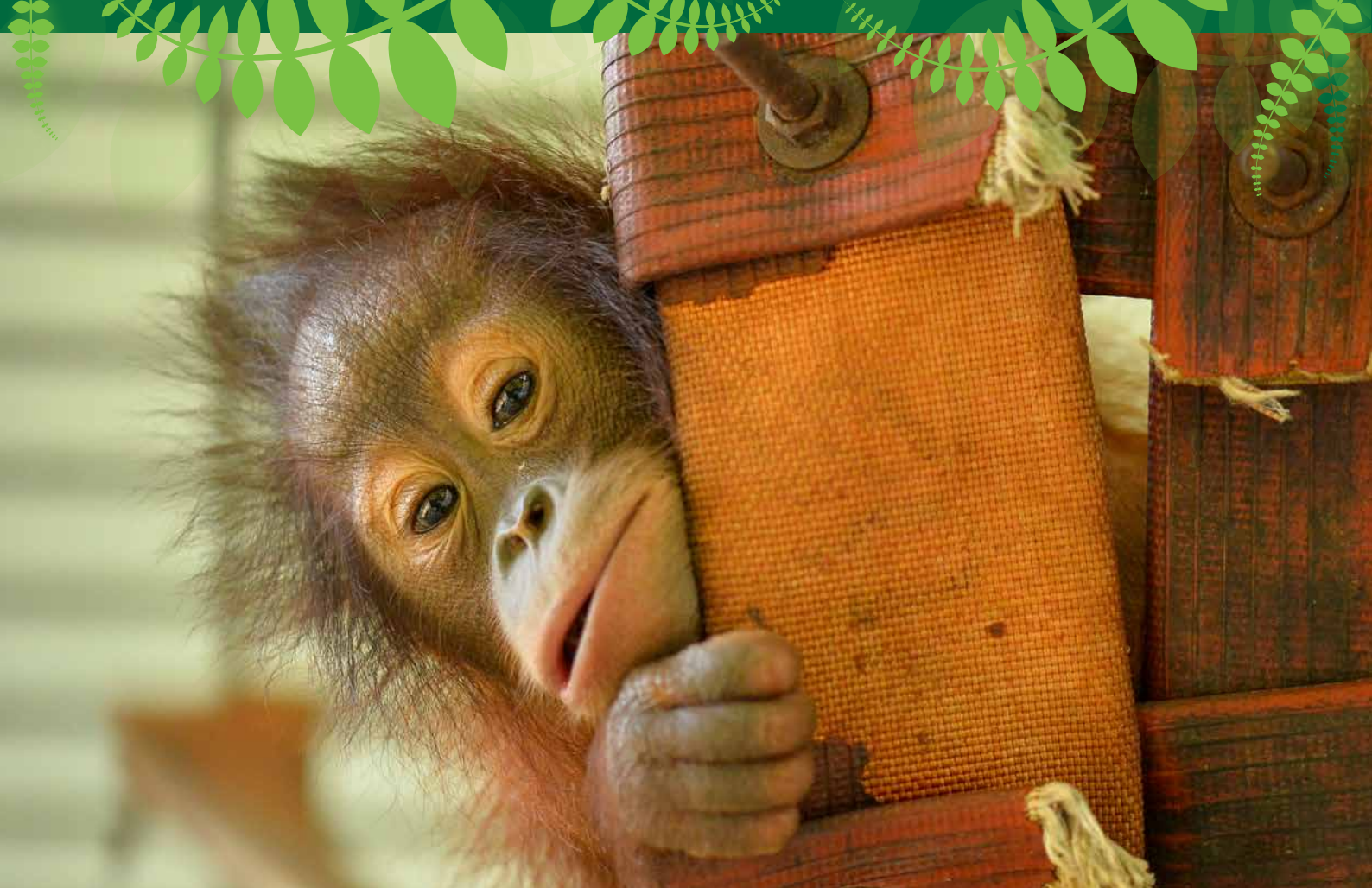


**FORESTS
FOR PEOPLE**



WILDLIFE CONSERVATION INTERNATIONAL
IMPACT REPORT
2023 - 2024

Wildlife Conservation International is the umbrella organisation of The Orangutan Project, International Elephant Project, International Tiger Project and Forests for People.



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ABOVE: Thanks to our supporters who responded so generously to our appeal in June 2024, orphaned infants like Mabel will benefit from the construction of a dedicated Baby House at our Bornean Orangutan Rescue & Rehabilitation Centre.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR FOUNDER

As we reflect on the accomplishments of 2023-2024, I am deeply grateful for the unwavering support and dedication of our donor community. Your gifts have enabled us to achieve remarkable milestones in our conservation and welfare efforts, and I am excited to share some of the highlights with you in this report.

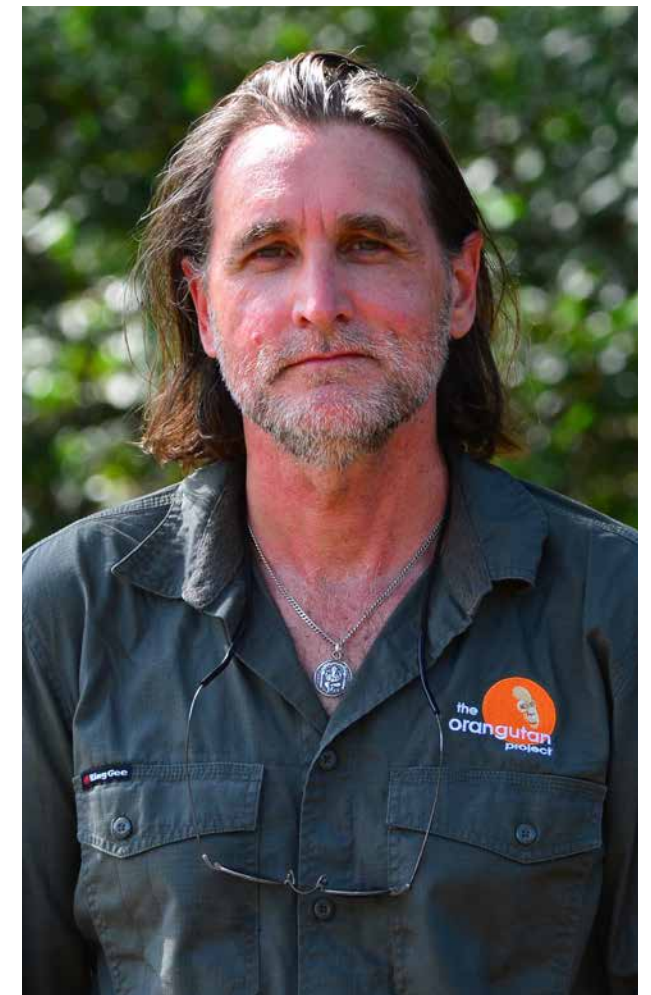
This year, your generous support allowed us to further our impact with an additional USD \$3.4 million dedicated to our conservation projects. This brings our total contributions to USD \$25 million. This significant investment has empowered us to undertake several transformative initiatives:

- **Expanding elephant conservation in Sri Lanka:** We launched a new initiative aimed at protecting and conserving elephant populations in Sri Lanka, addressing critical issues related to human-elephant conflict and habitat loss.
- **Securing 100,000 hectares in Busang-Wehea:** Our efforts to safeguard 100,000 hectares (247,105 acres) in the Busang-Wehea Ecosystem in Borneo are progressing well. This area is being developed into a release program for orangutans, providing a vital sanctuary for this *Critically Endangered* species.
- **Constructing a permanent painforest sanctuary at SRA:** We have completed the construction of the first trial of a rainforest sanctuary at our Sumatran Orangutan Rescue Alliance (SRA) Rescue & Rehabilitation Centre in North Sumatra. This sanctuary provides a safe haven for unreleasable orangutans, enhancing their welfare in a natural environment, while also supporting long-term species conservation through the breeding and release of their offspring.
- **Celebrating one year of Forests for People:** Our Forests for People program has successfully completed its first year, making strides in supporting forest communities and promoting sustainable forest management practices.

These achievements are not just milestones but critical steps toward a more sustainable, just and compassionate world. The ongoing challenges we face—from habitat destruction to wildlife trafficking—highlight the importance of continued support and commitment. Your gifts are vital to advancing these efforts and ensuring a brighter future for our planet, its wild ecosystems and its wildlife.

Thank you for your steadfast support and belief in our Vision. Together, we are making a profound difference and paving the way for lasting change.

Leif Cocks OAM
Founder, Wildlife Conservation International



OUR VISION

ALL ORANGUTANS, ELEPHANTS AND TIGERS WILL LIVE IN THEIR NATURAL HABITAT IN SECURE AND VIABLE POPULATIONS, ALONGSIDE PROSPEROUS AND EMPOWERED FOREST COMMUNITIES.

OUR MISSION

TO ENSURE THE SURVIVAL OF ALL ORANGUTAN SPECIES, ASIAN ELEPHANTS AND TIGERS IN THEIR NATURAL HABITAT, AND PROMOTE THE WELFARE OF ALL INDIVIDUALS WITHIN RAINFOREST ECOSYSTEMS, HUMAN AND NON-HUMAN.

OUR STRATEGY

Our approach to conservation supports a wide range of critical projects that address the holistic problem facing *Critically Endangered* orangutans, Asian elephants and tigers, and forest communities - including fighting deforestation and habitat loss at the highest levels.

1. Legally Protect Forest

- Legally change the land status of high conservation value forests to protect wild orangutans, elephants and tigers and introduced populations of ex-captive orangutans.
- Legal support cases
- Scientific advice
- Forest community representation

2. Secure, Restore and Patrol Habitat

- Purchase, lease and manage land to for viable ecosystems of the right type, shape and size.
- Restore degraded forest fragments adjacent to intact areas.
- Resource Wildlife Protection Units to patrol the habitat.

3. Rescue, Rehabilitate and Release Orangutans, Elephants and Tigers

- Rescue, rehabilitate and release as many orphaned, ex-captive and displaced orangutans as possible into protected habitat.
- Treat and release injured and sick elephants and tigers.

4. Educate and Empower Forest Communities and Indigenous People

- Through community engagement, education and support, empower forest communities to help restore and become guardians of natural forests within our targeted ecosystems.

OUR STRATEGY IN ACTION

SISTER PROJECTS



JOINT ORGANISATIONS



OUR PARTNERS



FUNDING SUPPORT PROVIDED



2023-2024 ACHIEVEMENTS FOR ORANGUTANS

LEGALLY PROTECT FOREST

\$5.6M FUNDS CONTRIBUTED
TO CONSERVATION PROJECTS IN 2023-2024

12 COMMUNITY LEGAL SUPPORT CASES
AGAINST DEFORESTATION

SECURE HABITAT

94 THOUSAND ACRES
OF RAINFOREST LEASED

1,907,708 ACRES
OF RAINFOREST NOW PROTECTED

12,502 WILD ORANGUTANS NOW PROTECTED

218 WILDLIFE PROTECTION RANGERS EMPLOYED

RESCUE, REHABILITATE & RELEASE

212 ORANGUTANS
RELEASED ARE BEING MONITORED

52 ORANGUTANS RESCUED

68 ORANGUTANS CARED FOR IN RESCUE CENTRES

40 ORANGUTANS SUCCESSFULLY RELEASED OR RELOCATED

EDUCATE & EMPOWER

16 ORANGUTAN CARING SCHOLARSHIPS

100+ SCHOOLS & COMMUNITIES GIVEN EDUCATION CLASSES, THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE BEING REACHED

25+ COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IMPROVING SUSTAINABILITY AND YIELDS IN AGRICULTURE



Mauliyan and her son Ariandi became the face of our Hunger Crisis appeal following their urgent rescue in September 2023. After months of care at our Bornean Orangutan Rescue & Rehabilitation Centre they were released into the protected Busang-Wehea Ecosystem in March 2024.

2023-24 ACHIEVEMENTS FOR TIGERS



16
TIGERS



RESCUED, TREATED
OR RELEASED

99

WILDLIFE
PROTECTION
RANGERS



EMPLOYED

844,822
ACRES



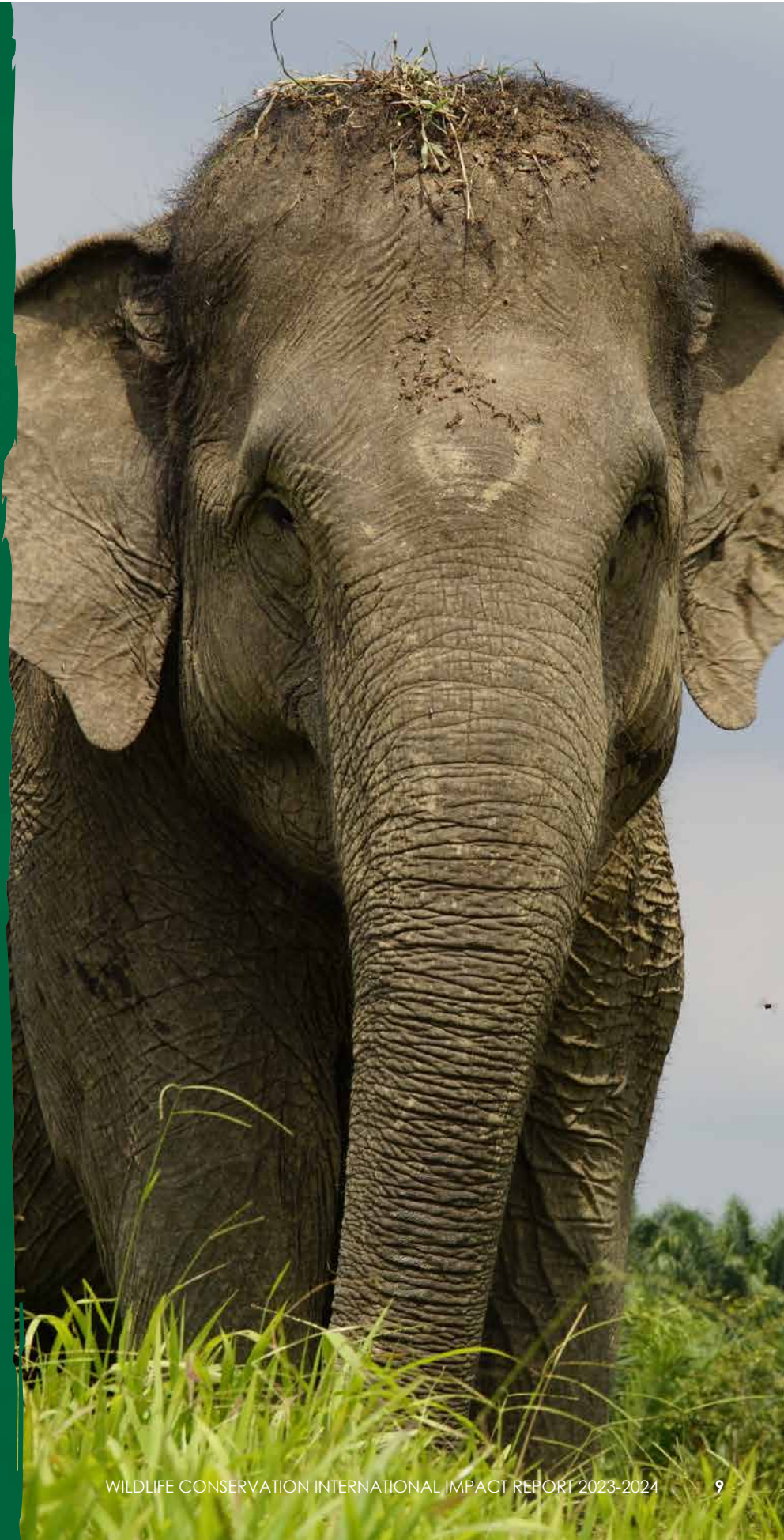
OF HABITAT
NOW PROTECTED

124



WILD
INDIVIDUALS
PROTECTED

2023-24 ACHIEVEMENTS FOR ELEPHANTS



119
ELEPHANTS



RESCUED, TREATED
OR RELEASED

99

WILDLIFE
PROTECTION
RANGERS



EMPLOYED

943,664
ACRES



OF HABITAT
NOW PROTECTED

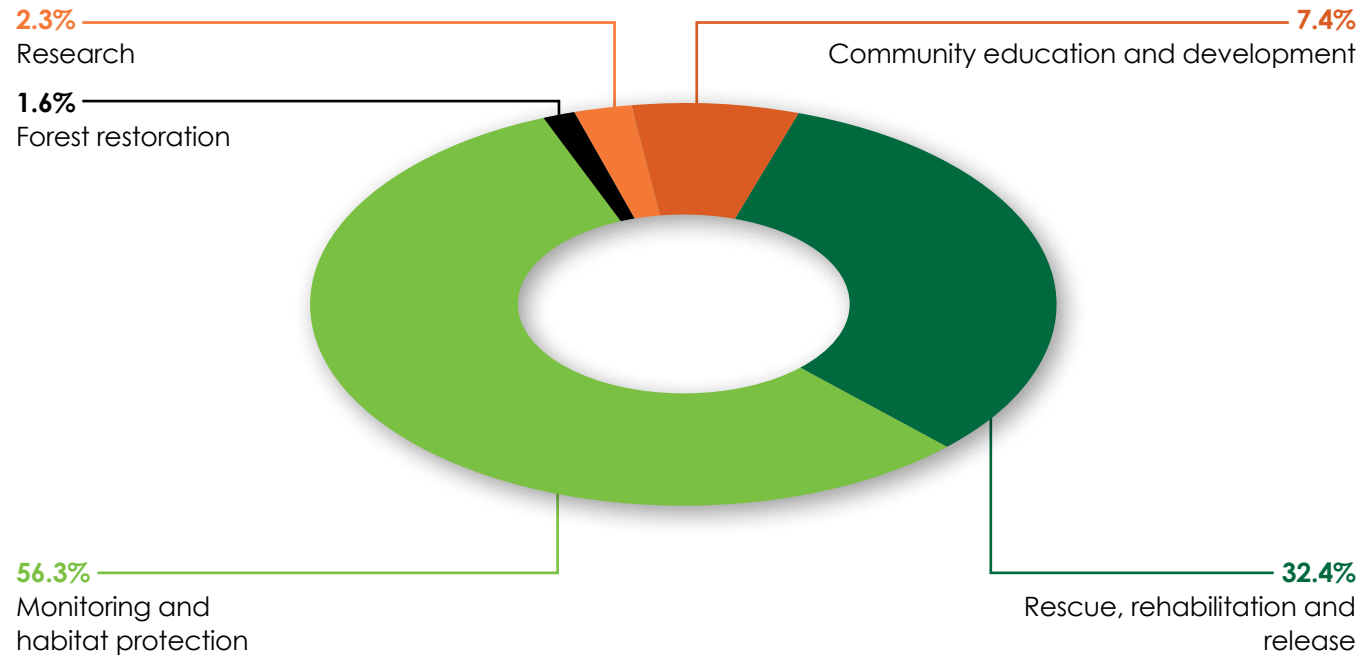
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WILD
INDIVIDUALS
PROTECTED

FUNDS TO CONSERVATION PROJECTS

PROJECTS YOUR DONATIONS SUPPORTED



FUNDING PROVIDED TO CONSERVATION PROJECTS IN 2023-2024

PROJECTS AND ORGANISATIONS WE FUND	FUNDING (AUD)
Borneo Orangutan Survival Foundation	\$49,632.36
Communities for Sumatran Forests	\$169,868.53
Elephant Acoustic Monitoring Research	\$82,855.75
EFFECT Sri Lanka	\$27,095.00
Elephant Conservation Centre	\$64,710.00
Hutan	\$45,000.00
International Animal Rescue- Indonesia	\$140,000.00
Orangutan Conservancy	\$9,986.32
Orangutan Foundation	\$95,000.00
Project Monitoring, Support and Evaluation	\$357,143.54
Pro Natura	\$23,000.00
Scorpion / Wildlife Trade Monitoring Group	\$12,500.00
Sumatran Orangutan Conservation Programme	\$20,000.00
Sustainable Green Sumatra	\$67,486.99
Yayasan Taman Nasional Tesso Nilo	\$42,307.00
Wildlife Ambulance and Veterinary Care	\$190,223.85
TOTAL	\$1,396,809.34



ORGANISATIONS WE PARTNER WITH	FUNDING
Borneo Nature Foundation	\$578,750.00
Centre for Orangutan Protection	\$1,610,559.27
Forest Nature and Environment Aceh	\$210,408.76
Frankfurt Zoological Society	\$468,276.00
Leuser Conservation Forum	\$517,000.00
Orangutan Information Centre	\$106,605.00
Orang Utan Republik Foundation	\$108,456.50
PT Alam Bukit Tigapuluh (PT ABT)	\$381,069.00
PT Saman Seudati Lestari (PT SSL)	\$72,742.01
Sumatran Rescue Alliance	\$152,500.00
TOTAL	\$4,206,366.54

\$5,603,175.88

CONTRIBUTED TO OUR

CONSERVATION PROJECTS



IN 2023-2024

LEGALLY PROTECT FORESTS

Securing high conservation value rainforest to permanently protect viable populations of orangutans, elephants and tigers, as well as supporting forest communities.

ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION CONCESSIONS

An integral part of our holistic vision is to secure high-conservation areas of the right type, shape and size that will support *Critically Endangered* populations of orangutans, tigers and elephants. This is critical lowland and riverine forests.

Together with our project partners we have helped establish ecosystem restoration companies that can legally apply to lease and manage forest concessions from the Indonesian government.

BUKIT TIGAPULUH ECOSYSTEM

Through the company PT Alam Bukit Tigapuluh (PT ABT), formed with our partners the Frankfurt Zoological Society and WWF-Indonesia, we are leading and managing 38,665 hectares (95,543 acres) comprising two separate blocks in the buffer zone of the Bukit Tigapuluh National Park in Jambi Province, Sumatra.

In addition, we are supporting the health, education, and economic prosperity of the Talang Mamak people residing in Simerantihan Hamlet, located within the ecosystem concession we manage. By developing sustainable agriculture systems to enhance food security and provide a stable income, and by incentivising school attendance with daily meals for children, our goal is to empower the community to become dedicated stewards of the forest.

EAST LEUSER ECOSYSTEM

Together with our partner Forum Konservasi Leuser (FKL), we are working to secure critical lowland habitat in the Leuser Ecosystem through the company PT Saman Sudati Lestari (PT SSL).

PT SSL has been in negotiations with the Indonesian Ministry of Environment and Forestry to secure 90,000 hectares (222,395 acres) in Aceh Province. Once secure, the plan is to reforest degraded areas within the concession to restore and expand orangutan habitat.

SOUTH-WEST LEUSER ECOSYSTEM

Since February 2023 we have been working on an ambitious campaign with our partner Forum Konservasi Leuser (FKL), to secure 4,643 hectares (11,473 acres) along an unprotected boundary of critical orangutan habitat in the south-west Leuser Ecosystem. This area is home to one of the largest populations of *Critically Endangered* Sumatran orangutans. Steady degradation along the boundary is threatening this fragile ecosystem and its orangutan population. As of July 2024 we have secured 342 hectares (844 acres), compensating 36 individual landowners in the process. These parcels were previously covered with oil palm trees and we plan to restore them using a dual approach of agroforestry and natural restoration.

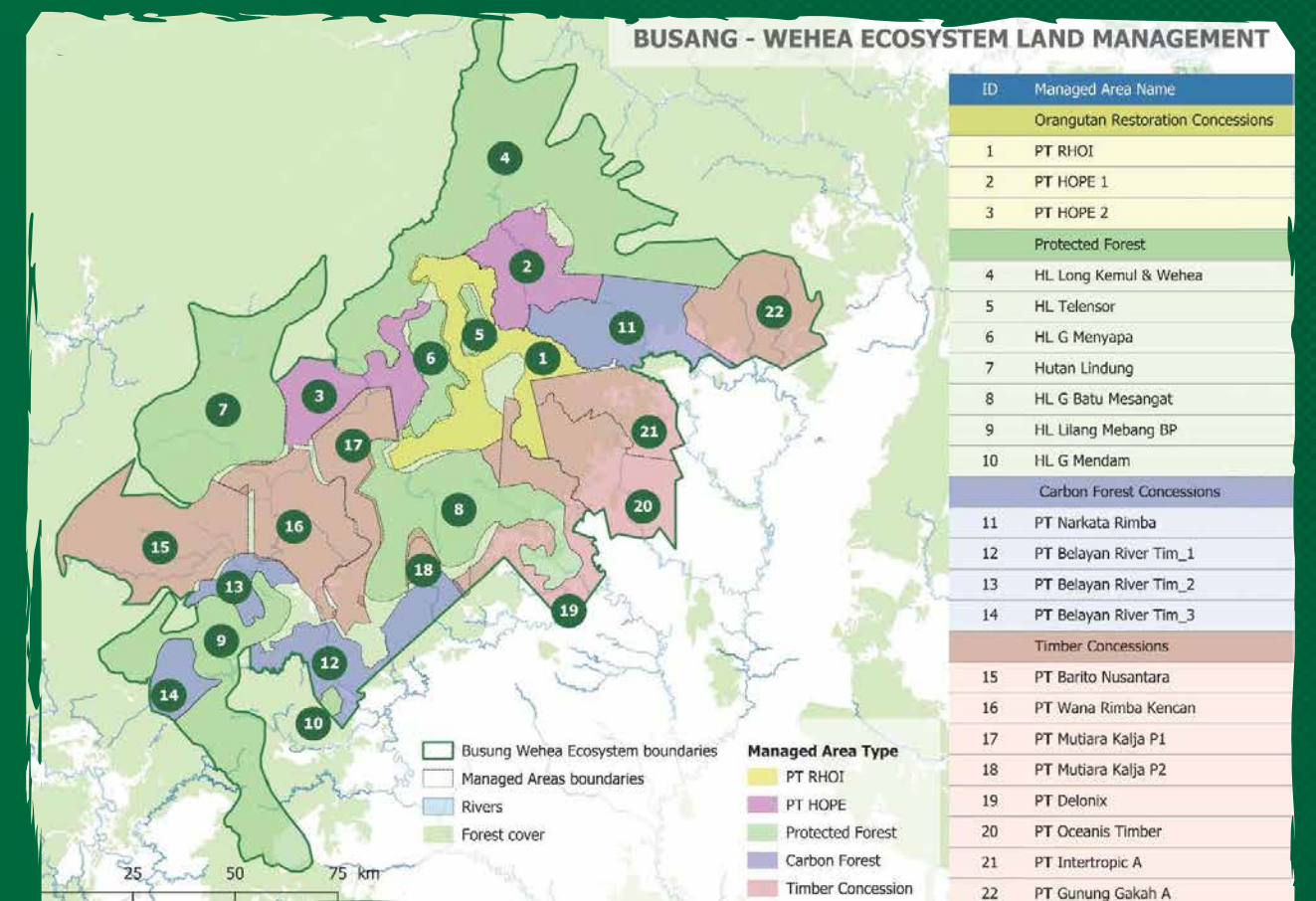
BUSANG-WEHEA ECOSYSTEM

Formed in 2021 with our partner the Centre for Orangutan Protection (COP) and Indonesian business partners, PT Hutan Orangutan Perlindungan Ekosistem (PT HOPE) manages two 50,000 hectare (123,553 acre) Ecosystem Restoration Concessions in the Busang-Wehea Ecosystem in East Kalimantan (a total of 100,000 hectares or 247,105 acres). This ecosystem plays an important role in the conservation of orangutans. Through a soft-release system, we will reintegrate orangutans into this

ecosystem, while ensuring their ongoing monitoring and protection.

In 2023-2024, we started working with PT Narkata Rimba to support their 163,000-hectare (402,781-acre) timber-industry concession, becoming a vital area for orangutan conservation. Existing adjacent to our PT HOPE concessions, the cooperation with PT Narkata Rimba will bring the total number of hectares for orangutan conservation to 263,000 hectares (649,887 acres).

The cooperation with PT Narkata Rimba in the Busang-Wehea Ecosystem, Borneo, will expand habitat for orangutan conservation to 263,000 hectares (649,887 acres)



SECURE RESTORE & PATROL

Safeguarding critical rainforest habitat through managing ecosystems, restoring degraded areas, and resourcing Wildlife Protection Units to patrol protected habitat areas.

PROTECTING SUMATRA'S LAST GREAT FOREST

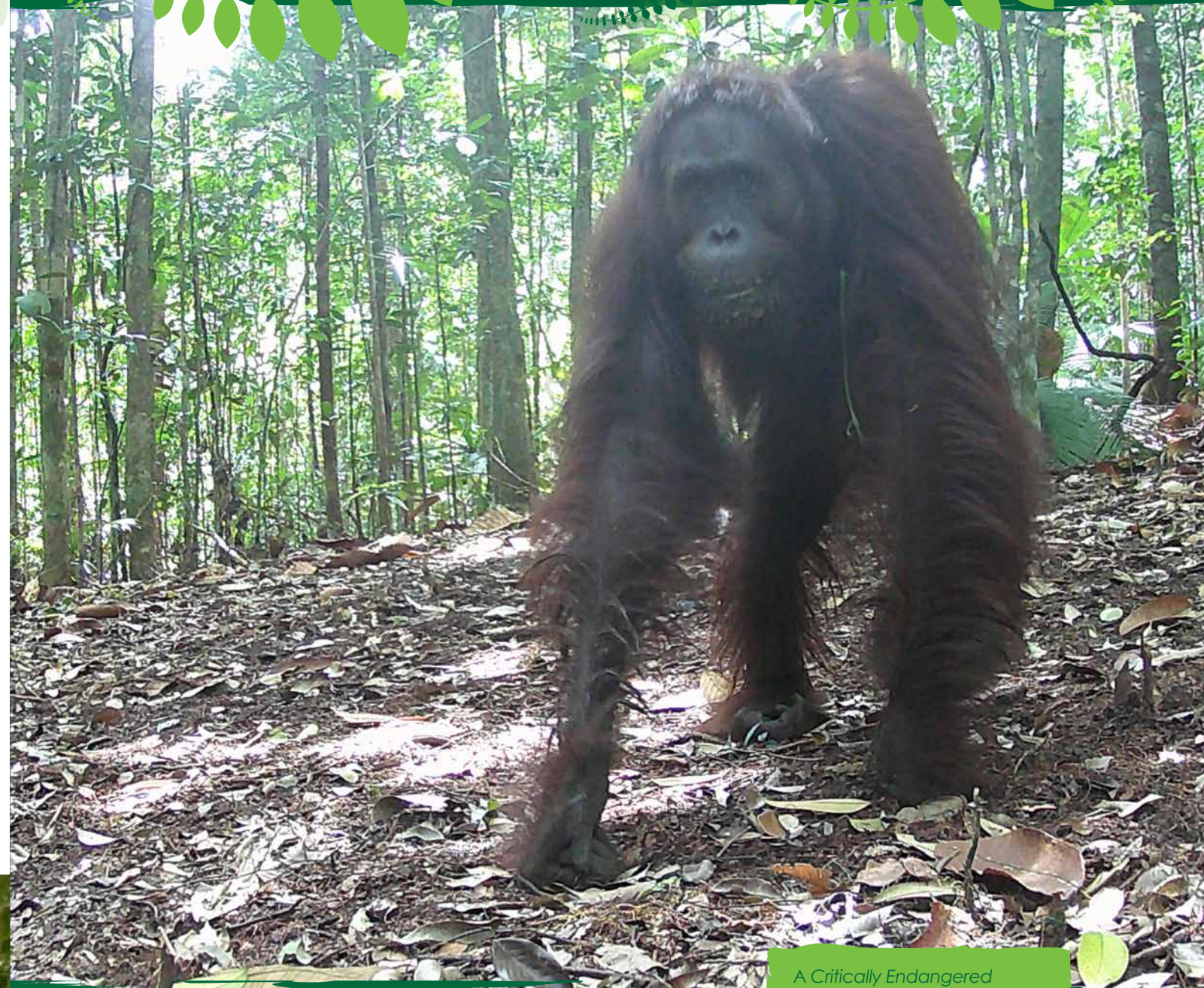
The Bukit Tigapuluh (BTP) Ecosystem is one of the largest lowland forests left in central Sumatra. It is home to over 150 Sumatran elephants, 30 Sumatran tigers, and more than 200 reintroduced Sumatran orangutans. Even though the forest is protected by law, it still faces threats from illegal activities like poaching, encroachment, and logging.

Together with the Frankfurt Zoological Society and WWF Indonesia, we are managing two large Ecosystem Restoration Concessions totaling 38,665 hectares (95,543 acres), safeguarding this area for species conservation. The Wildlife Protection Unit is tasked with protecting wildlife within these concessions as well as the adjacent National Park. This unit includes two specialised teams: the Ecosystem Monitoring Unit (EMU) and the Elephant Conservation & Monitoring Unit (ECMU).

In 2023-2024, the EMU conducted patrols for 336 days, covering over 12,466 km. They identified 211 illegal activities, including poaching and logging, and responded by removing traps, making 10 arrests, and installing 30 warning signs and 133 border markers to deter further violations.

During the same period, the ECMU patrolled for 204 days, covering 57,338 km. They tracked three elephant groups using GPS collars and monitored nine key elephants. They also responded to 184 human-elephant conflict incidents, and engaged local communities through 509 awareness sessions and 195 preventive activities.

A ranger from the Ecosystem Monitoring Unit documents a nylon snare trap found within the ecosystem area managed by WCI and our partners.



A Critically Endangered Bornean orangutan investigates a camera trap installed by Pro Natura rangers in the Sungai Wain Forest.

SAVING BORNEO'S TREASURES

Together with the Pro Natura Foundation, we are working to protect the Sungai Wain Forest in East Kalimantan, Borneo. This rich ecosystem is home to three *Critically Endangered* species—the Bornean orangutan, pangolin, and helmeted hornbill—as well as all five native Bornean cat species.

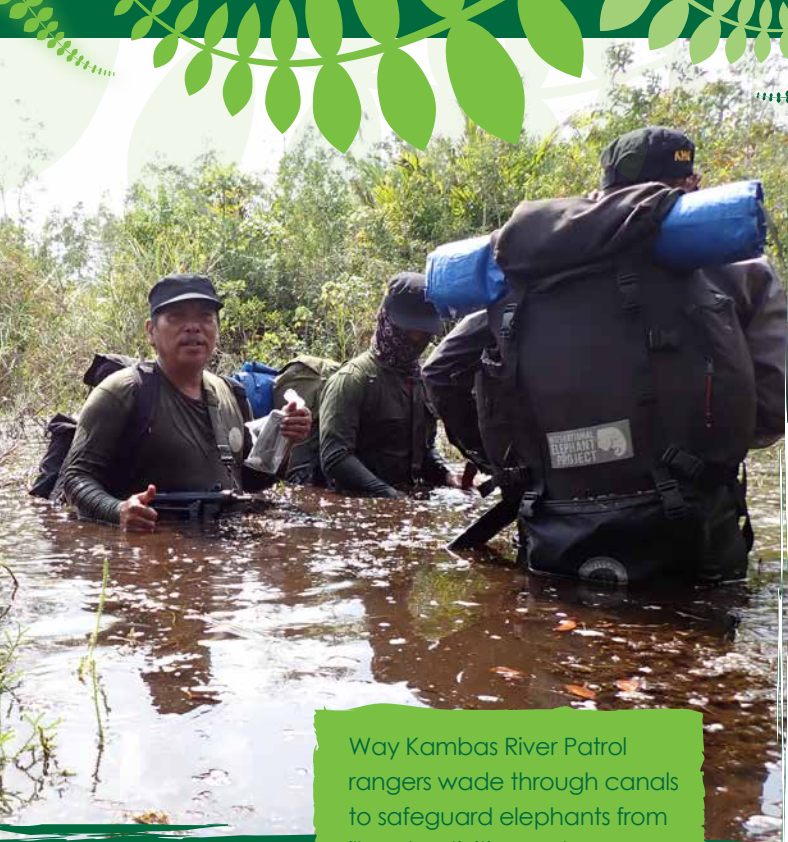
Over the years, the Sungai Wain Forest has faced significant threats, including forest fires, illegal logging, and poaching. Recently, the development of Nusantara, the new capital, has introduced new challenges such as road construction, land speculation, and increased encroachment.

To tackle these issues, the Pro Natura Foundation has partnered with the East Kalimantan Provincial Forestry Office to manage the Sungai Wain Forest.

They focus on key activities including preventing and extinguishing fires, stopping illegal activities, and monitoring wildlife with camera traps.

In 2023-2024, Pro Natura rangers patrolled 12,799 km along the forest's border. They encountered several incidents of encroachment and poaching, with bird poaching a significant issue, as 14 bird glue traps were discovered. Between July and December 2023, the team also extinguished 14 fires, exacerbated by the dry conditions of El Niño.

Their ongoing efforts are critical to safeguarding this vital ecosystem and its inhabitants.



Way Kambas River Patrol rangers wade through canals to safeguard elephants from illegal activities and ensure their protection.

BRAVING THE WATERS

Since 2019, the International Elephant Project has been supporting Komunitas Untuk Hutan Sumatera (KHS) to protect *Critically Endangered* Sumatran elephants in Way Kambas National Park. This herd, one of the largest remaining in Sumatra with around 180 individuals, faces constant threats from poaching and illegal logging.

The Way Kambas River Patrol is crucial in safeguarding this vital area. The team consists of nine members—three National Park forest police officers and six local rangers—who patrol the northern and northeastern borders, areas often targeted by poachers and loggers using an intricate network of river canals for access.

In 2023-2024, the team had a busy year, patrolling for 334 days and covering 8,554 hectares. They responded to 23 forest fires—worsened by El Niño—which burned over 5,000 hectares. The team also found and dismantled 55 snares and arrested three poachers, all of whom were sentenced to two years in prison. In February 2024, the team rescued an elephant calf caught in a snare, transporting her to a wildlife facility where she received urgent care from the Wildlife Ambulance (see page 25).

Their dedicated efforts are essential for protecting the park's wildlife and helping the Sumatran elephants survive.

ELEPHANT FRIENDLY FARMING

In 2023-2024, the International Elephant Project entered into a new partnership with The Elephant Forest and Environment Conservation Trust (EFFECT) to help protect elephants in Sri Lanka. Together, we are working to reduce conflicts between humans and elephants and address habitat loss in Udawalawe National Park with smart, community-based solutions.

One of our key strategies is to help farmers replace crops that attract elephants with ones that are less appealing, but which are still financially viable. Support is provided to farmers through workshops and use of technology such as camera traps and drones to monitor how elephants respond to these changes.

This year, we surveyed 300 farming families and identified four great alternative crops: moringa, pomegranate, passion fruit, and custard apple. We are now helping farmers plant these crops and have set up trail cameras and audio recorders to track elephant movements and behaviour.

It might take a few years to see the full impact of this project, but we are excited about the positive changes it can bring.

Kumara and Sateesh from EFFECT setting up cameras in a papaya control plot to monitor for elephants and demonstrating drone mapping with a local farming family.



A ranger from the APE Protector team installs a camera trap to monitor for tiger activity in the Nagari Sontang Forest in West Sumatra.

ROARING WITH SUCCESS

The APE Protector team, operating under the Centre for Orangutan Protection (COP), and supported by the International Tiger Project, is dedicated to protecting approximately 40 *Critically Endangered* tigers in the Nagari Sontang Forest, West Sumatra. Their efforts include patrolling for illegal activities, setting up camera traps to monitor tigers and biodiversity, educating local children about tiger conservation, and assisting authorities in combating wildlife crime.

An important aspect of their work is to also work with forest communities in mitigating and responding to incidents of human-tiger conflict.

In 2023-24, the team responded to 25 incidents, providing assistance through the capture and translocation of 'at risk' tigers and providing farmers with deterrents such as carbide cannons and firecrackers. Additionally, the team played a crucial role in the rescue of one tiger and the release of three others during the year (see page 26).

A highlight for the team this year was the opening of a Tiger Information Centre (Ruang Informasi Harimau Sumatera) in Panti Village, West Sumatra, which coincided with International Tiger Day on 29 July. This wonderful new facility offers educational resources on tiger conservation, while also providing a space for groups to meet and coordinate tiger conservation activities.

FENCING IN ON CONSERVATION

The Leuser Ecosystem is a crucial refuge for the *Critically Endangered* Sumatran Tiger. With fewer than 300 individuals remaining in the wild, every effort is being made to conserve this enigmatic species.

The International Tiger Project supports Yayasan Sumatera Hijau Lestari (SHL) in mitigating human-tiger conflicts in Langkat Regency, particularly in Bukit Mas and Halaban Villages. These villages, where residents primarily engage in farming, are located along the border of the Gunung Leuser National Park. This proximity heightens the risk of conflicts between villagers and tigers.

SHL takes a comprehensive approach by patrolling the surrounding forest to track tiger activity while also actively engaging the local community. They prioritise educating residents about forest boundaries, the vital role forests play, and practical strategies for managing wildlife conflicts. A key element in reducing human-tiger conflicts is the construction of Tiger Proof Enclosures (TPEs), which safeguard livestock and lower the risk of retaliatory tiger killings. Additionally, their patrols help preserve the habitat, ensuring tigers have sufficient prey within the forest.

In 2023-2024, the team assisted in constructing six new TPEs. The construction process involves a collaborative effort, where the cage owner is responsible for providing and installing the cage poles, while SHL supplies the wire, nails, and labour. Additionally, the team conducted inspections of the 16 TPEs built since August 2022 to ensure their continued effectiveness.

This strategy has proven to be highly effective with the number of human-tiger conflicts significantly reduced since the project was implemented.

Tiger proof enclosures are proving an effective strategy in mitigating human-tiger conflict.





REPLANTING HOPE

Since 2015, The Orangutan Information Centre (OIC), supported by The Orangutan Project, has been working hard to restore the forests of Gunung Leuser National Park, with particular focus on Bukit Mas in North Sumatra. Since the project was launched, over 200 hectares of encroached land has been successfully reclaimed and protected.

In 2023-2024, our focus was on bringing ten hectares of degraded forest back to life in Sei Betung. This project was led by a dedicated

Women's Restoration Group, showcasing the power of community involvement in conservation. Their work included growing and maintaining seedlings, weeding, composting, planting trees, and monitoring growth. Crucially, they also engaged with local communities to empower them as future stewards of the replanting program.

By the end of March 2024, this incredible group had planted over 11,000 seedlings from 20 different species, successfully restoring the full ten hectares of degraded forest.



FIGHTING WILDLIFE CRIME

The illegal wildlife trade poses a severe threat to wildlife conservation, ranking as the fourth largest illegal trade globally, following drugs, human trafficking, and firearms.

Established in 2011 under the Centre for Orangutan Protection (COP), and supported by the International Orangutan Project, the APE Warrior team is a rapid response unit dedicated to combating the illegal wildlife trade in Indonesia. Based in Yogyakarta, the team operates across Java and Sumatra.

Over the past decade, the APE Warrior team has made significant strides rescuing 257 animals across 56 species, seizing 600 animal parts, securing 58 convictions for illegal poaching, and incarcerating 74 suspects. Their efforts extend to monitoring bird

markets and social media for illegal wildlife sales, assisting local authorities with arrests, and ensuring the welfare of rescued wildlife through medical care and relocation.

Since the COVID-19 pandemic, there has been a notable shift from traditional wildlife trade to online platforms. In September 2023, the team investigated a Facebook post advertising Sumatran tiger parts. Similarly, in November 2023, they investigated another online post offering Sumatran tiger and leopard skins. By tracing these accounts they were able to coordinate the arrest of these traders with military police. Both of these cases are currently still in process.

In addition to their enforcement work, the APE Warrior team actively engages in public education about conservation and illegal wildlife trade, and responds to animal rescues in disaster situations.

RESCUE REHABILITATE & RELEASE

Securing the survival of *Critically Endangered* orangutans, elephants and tigers through the rescue, rehabilitation and release into protected habitat.

ORANGUTANS RESCUED

Funding provided by The Orangutan Project in 2023-2024, supported the rescue of 52 orangutans – five by International Animal Rescue Indonesia, 15 by the Orangutan Information Centre, one by the Frankfurt Zoological Society, nine by the Orangutan Foundation UK and 22 by our Bornean Orangutan Rescue Alliance (BORA).

This year has been especially challenging and heartbreaking for our BORA team, as we encountered a significant increase in the rescue of starving and critically injured orangutans. In response, we swiftly constructed new enclosures to accommodate the influx, and in June 2024, we began building a dedicated Baby House for orphaned infants.



Here we profile some of the orangutans the BORA team rescued this year.



CINTA

Cinta was rescued in October 2023 from Kutai Timur, Borneo, where she was being kept as an illegal pet. Estimated to be around two years old, she was named Cinta, which means 'love' in Indonesian. She is now being cared for at our BORA Rescue & Rehabilitation Centre.



ARTO

Arto was rescued in November 2023 from Berau, Borneo, where he was also kept as an illegal pet. Despite the trauma of losing his mother, he was in good physical condition and has settled in well at our BORA Centre.



LANANG

Lanang was rescued from Kutai Timur, Borneo, in October 2023. He was found severely malnourished, wandering near a main road begging for food. On arrival at our BORA Centre he tested positive for dengue fever. Lanang spent eight months in care before being released into protected habitat in June 2024.



TALIAN

Talian was rescued in January 2024 from East Kutai, Borneo. Estimated at 30-years-old, he was found on the side of a road with severe facial injuries. Following intensive care at our BORA Centre, he was released back to protected habitat in June 2024.



OCHRE & RUBY

Ochre and Ruby were rescued in February 2024 from East Kutai, Borneo. Eight-year-old Ruby had been kept as a pet for about six years. She was found in a distressing condition with a chain around her neck (see photo above), having only been fed human food. Ochre had also been kept as a pet for around two years and tested positive for malaria upon his arrival at our BORA Centre. Both are now doing well and have commenced Jungle School.



JENONG



ARIANDI

Jenong, Mauliyan and Ariandi were rescued in September 2023, found in fragmented forest near a coal mine. Both Jenong and Mauliyan were severely malnourished. All three spent several months under intensive care at our BORA Centre before being released back into protected forest in March 2024.

ADUL



Adul was rescued from Kutai Timur, Borneo, in March 2024. He was found with horrific injuries. His left leg was detached from his knee, while his ankle had an open fracture, most likely from a machete. X-rays also revealed he had 26 air rifle pellets in his body. He was also found to be blind in both eyes. Despite emergency surgery that required the amputation of his leg, the trauma proved too overwhelming, and sadly, Adul passed away in May 2024.

ORANGUTANS REHABILITATED

Following rescue, orphaned orangutans require care and rehabilitation before release back to the wild. For some, this may only be temporary. For others, particularly orphaned infants, this process can take many years. In the wild it can take up to seven years for orangutans to become independent from their mothers. Through attending Jungle School, human carers take on the role of mothers, ensuring that orphaned orangutans learn the necessary skills to survive in the wild.

Together with our on-ground partners manage two rescue and rehabilitation centres - the Sumatran Orangutan Rescue Alliance (SRA) Rescue & Rehabilitation Centre in North Sumatra and the Bornean Orangutan Rescue Alliance (BORA) Rescue & Rehabilitation Centre in East Kalimantan, Borneo.

In 2023-2024, 34 orangutans were cared for across the two facilities. In addition, The Orangutan Project provided funding to support the care and rehabilitation of a further 34 orangutans at various facilities across Borneo and Sumatra.

(SRA is a partnership between The Orangutan Project, the Centre for Orangutan Protection and the Orangutan Information Centre; BORA is a partnership between The Orangutan Project and the Centre for Orangutan Protection. Both work under the appropriate Indonesian government authorities).

ROBERT RANDY MAGANTI ORANGUTAN SANCTUARY

As part of our commitment to providing every orangutan with dignity and respect, we completed construction on a permanent rainforest sanctuary for unreleasable orangutans at our SRA Centre in North Sumatra in June 2024. This 1.5-hectare forested enclosure is part of a project to offer a safe, enriching environment for individuals unable to return to the wild due to age, injury, or inability to adapt.

The sanctuary ultimately can accommodate up to twenty orangutans, improving their quality of life. While they may never return to the wild, their conservation contributions are vital, as their offspring will be released, ensuring their legacy and strengthening the species' survival. The sanctuary was made possible by the generous support of Tom and Beverly Maganti who donated in memory of their late son, after whom the sanctuary is named.

Rescued in 2016 at the age of seven after being kept as a pet, Robert will be the first orangutan to call the sanctuary home.



ORANGUTANS RELEASED

Every orangutan that is rescued, rehabilitated and returned to the wild helps to further build the population and secure the future survival of this *Critically Endangered* species. Funding provided by The Orangutan Project in 2023-2024, facilitated the release of 41 orangutans including 18 from our BORA Rescue & Rehabilitation Centre.

At our BORA Centre, orangutans undergo a two-stage release process to assist their successful return to the wild. First, they are moved onto a pre-release island where they are closely monitored to assess their adaptation to a more natural setting. Once they demonstrate the ability to thrive independently, they are released into protected forest, where they are monitored and supported until needed.



ANNIE



BERANI

Annie & Berani began their pre-release program on Bawan Island in October 2023. After demonstrating remarkable progress in adapting to independent living, they were released into their permanent home in the Busang-Wehea Ecosystem in June 2024.



KOLA



MICHELLE

Kola & Michelle entered the pre-release program in March 2024 with Michelle released onto Dalwood-Wylie Island and Kola onto Lambeng Island in the Busang-Wehea Ecosystem. They will be closely monitored to ensure they are developing their forest skills, including nest building, before their final release into protected forest.



CARLOS

Carlos was rescued in 2004 and cared for at the Nyaru Menteng Orangutan Care Centre run by our friends at the Borneo Orangutan Survival Foundation (BOSF). A beloved member of our Orangutan Adoption Program, he was released onto Kaja Island in November 2018 before his final release into the Bukit Batikap Protection Forest in November 2023.



ORANGUTANS MONITORED

Following release, orangutans are closely monitored to ensure they are adapting to their forest environment. Trackers collect key data such as feeding patterns, resting, moving and nest building to ensure they are capable of surviving on their own.

Funding provided by The Orangutan Project in 2023-2024, supported the post-release monitoring of 212 orangutans across five sites in Sumatra and Borneo.

At the Sumatran Orangutan Rehabilitation Centre in Bukit Tigapuluh, operated by our project partner the Frankfurt Zoological Society, 143 post-release orangutans were actively monitored. Since the program began in 2002, over 200 orangutans have been reintroduced to Bukit Tigapuluh, with 17 wild births confirmed.

At two Bornean sites—Bukit Batikap Protection Forest and Bukit Baka Bukit Raya National Park—run by the Borneo Orangutan Survival Foundation (BOSF), 35 orangutans are under active monitoring.

At Camp Rasak in the Lamandau Nature Reserve, managed by the Orangutan Foundation UK, we are supporting the post-release monitoring of 11 orangutans.

And through our Bornean Orangutan Rescue Alliance (BORA), 23 orangutans are being monitored in the Busang-Wehea Ecosystem.

MONITORING ORANGUTANS IN BATANG TORU ECOSYSTEM

Mitigating human-orangutan conflict requires consistent effort, with monitoring playing a key role. The Orangutan Project supports the Orangutan Information Centre (OIC) in monitoring wild orangutans in Sumatra's Batang Toru Ecosystem. The Human Orangutan Conflict Response Unit (HO CRU) collects data on isolated orangutans to map potential conflict areas and take preventive action. In addition, they held 18 outreach events, reaching 562 people, including 279 students, providing education on orangutan conservation, the importance of habitat protection, and ways to peacefully coexist with wildlife. These efforts are vital for raising awareness and reducing human-orangutan conflicts in vulnerable areas.

Orangutan nests provide the HO CRU with a tell-tale sign that orangutans are inhabiting isolated forest patches, allowing for proactive conflict mitigation.



ELEPHANTS RESCUED, TREATED & RELEASED

WILDLIFE AMBULANCE

Since 2017, the Wildlife Ambulance, supported by the International Elephant Project, and operated through the Veterinary School of Syiah Kuala University in Banda Aceh, has been crucial in providing emergency care to injured, sick, or trapped elephants and other wildlife across Sumatra. Under the leadership of IEP Senior Veterinarian Christopher Stremme, the Wildlife Ambulance also conducts welfare checks on elephants in captive centres.

In 2023-2024, the Wildlife Ambulance completed 95 field visits, provided routine care to 276 captive elephants, administered emergency treatment to two injured elephants, assisted in GPS collaring of seven wild elephants, conducted post-mortems on nine elephants, and performed postpartum health checks on two female elephants.

With fewer than 1,200 *Critically Endangered* Sumatran elephants remaining in the wild, every elephant that is successfully rescued, treated, and released plays a crucial role in the preservation of this vulnerable species.

EMERGENCY RESCUE OF SNARED ELEPHANT CALF

In February 2024, the Wildlife Ambulance was urgently dispatched to Way Kambas National Park to save a 12-month-old elephant calf caught in a wire snare. The cruel trap had caused severe wounds to her left leg, cutting through skin, muscles, and tendons, and damaging her joint.

The team sedated the calf to carefully examine the injury, providing antibiotics, IV fluids, and anti-inflammatory treatments. They cleaned the deep wound and applied healing ointments. Despite her fragile state, the calf's spirit shone through as she quickly regained her appetite and began showing signs of recovery.

However, her leg injury will require ongoing care, and sadly, full use of her joint is unlikely. For now, she remains under close care, where her recovery continues.



IEP veterinarian Christopher Stremme, head of the Wildlife Ambulance, administering urgent care to an elephant calf severely injured in a wire snare.

EMERGENCY RESCUE OF SICK ELEPHANT CALF

In November 2023, the Wildlife Ambulance responded to a call from the Aceh Natural Resources Agency (BKSDA) to treat a baby elephant in Aceh Tengah Regency. The calf had been left behind after its herd raided crops and consumed fertiliser, which caused severe gastrointestinal illness. Tragically, the chemicals also led to blindness from infected eyes and painful ulcers, with the calf suffering multiple injuries from stumbling.

The team administered urgent care, including fluid therapy, antibiotics, and eye treatment. After three days, it was clear the calf couldn't survive alone, so it was transported to the Elephant Conservation Centre (ECC) in Saree for ongoing care. There, the Wildlife Ambulance team ensured its continued recovery.

TIGERS RESCUED, TREATED & RELEASED



RESCUE & RELEASE OF PUTI MALABIN

Human-tiger conflict poses a significant threat to wild tigers, driven by habitat loss from deforestation and land conversion. As tigers encroach on human settlements, conflicts with farmers arise, often leading to retaliatory killings and further declines in tiger populations. Preserving habitats and mitigating conflicts are crucial for their survival.

In July 2023, a Sumatran tiger began preying on livestock in Nagari Binjai Village, West Sumatra. At the request of the West Sumatran Natural Resources Agency (BKSDA), the APE Protector team captured the female tiger, later named Puti Malabin, on 4 February 2024. Named Puti Malabin, the female tiger, weighing 70kg and aged around 3-5 years, was taken to the Kinantan Wildlife and Culture Park (TMSBK) for medical assessment and fitted with a GPS collar for tracking.

Puti Malabin was released into the Malampah Wildlife Reserve in June, in a complex operation between BKSDA West Sumatra, TMSBK, Sintas Indonesia, and the APE Protector team. The team will track her movements to reduce future conflict.

The APE Protector team is funded by the International Tiger Project in partnership with the Centre for Orangutan Protection.

ABOVE: While at the Kinantan Wildlife and Culture Park, Puti Malabin was fitted with a GPS collar to track her movements after release in efforts to mitigate future conflict.

LEFT: In a challenging operation, Puti Malabin was released by helicopter into the Malampah Wildlife Reserve in June 2024.



RESCUE & RELEASE OF BEGU KLUTI

The International Tiger Project supports Forum Konservasi Leuser (FKL) in monitoring elephants and tigers in the Leuser Ecosystem, particularly in Aceh Timur and Aceh Tenggara, where human-wildlife conflict is common.

In January 2024, a Sumatran tiger attacked livestock in Kluet Timur, Aceh Selatan. A swift response was coordinated by Aceh Natural Resources Agency (BKSDA) and NGOs including FKL, and local residents to safely capture the tiger. Box traps were set to ensure community safety and the tiger's welfare.

On 1 February, the female tiger, named Begu Kluti (tiger from Kluet), was captured. After a health assessment, she was released into Gunung Leuser National Park on 20 February.

The safe return of Puti Malabin and Begu Kluti to the wild highlights the power of collaboration and dedication in protecting *Critically Endangered* species and safeguarding forest communities.



EDUCATE & EMPOWER

Providing forest communities with the knowledge, resources and power to be guardians of their own forest resources through community engagement, education and support.

GROWING A GREENER FUTURE

Forests for People supports the Community Education and Conservation Program (CECP), run by Yayasan Sumatra Hijau Lestari (YSHL). This program started in 2019 to help forest communities earn a living through sustainable farming, while also protecting the environment in the Leuser Ecosystem, Sumatra.

One of the main activities is setting up training farms (or demo plots), where local farmers learn about permaculture, making organic fertiliser, and natural pest control. They grow crops such as

green eggplant, water spinach, mustard greens, and chilli. In 2023-2024, this project earned farmers IDR 11,550,900 (USD \$753) in extra income, helping them become more financially secure. Additionally, 113 homemakers turned their homes into organic vegetable gardens, boosting their daily incomes.

This program is helping to improve both the local economy and the environment, giving hope for a better future for people and wildlife in the Leuser Ecosystem.



BLAZING A TRAIL

Founded in 2022 by Yayasan International Animal Rescue (YIARI), and supported by Forests for People, the Power of Mama (PoM) is a women-led group dedicated to preserving the forests of Katapang Regency, Borneo. With 92 members from six villages, PoM patrols the area, educates forest communities about environmental issues, and collaborates with farmers to enhance crop production. They also team up with local police to prevent land burning.

In 2023-2024, PoM completed 1,711 patrols (5,920 hours), and reached out to 2,184 farmers and residents. They also put out 71 fires, including eight major blazes over seven days. Their outstanding efforts earned them the 'Clean Air Championship Award 2023' as part of Indonesia's Clean Air Program.

Their remarkable efforts were also highlighted in a BBC documentary, released in January 2024, showcasing their commitment to safeguarding their community and environment

View online at:
<https://bbc.in/3MP60th>
or scan the QR Code.





GROWING MINDS AND SAVING FORESTS

In 2023-2024, we continued our support of YIARI's Education and Environmental Care Program in Ketapang Regency, Borneo. The program includes various educational activities that aim to improve the lives of women and children while fostering a deeper connection to nature.

In Sungai Awan Kiri and nearby areas, a Literacy Program engages women and children to improve their reading and writing skills. Since its initiation, the program has positively impacted 271 students, 50% of whom are women. The Green Garden Reading Program engages 20-43 children monthly, encouraging parents to also participate. This fosters a love of reading while raising awareness of environmental issues.

The After-School Program in Sungai Besar and Pematang Gadung villages engages up to 50 children with English and computer classes held twice weekly. Since 2011, 363 children have participated, with classes enriched with environmental educational activities.

The Women's Literacy Program, started in April 2023 in Mawang Mentatai Village near Bukit Baka Bukit Raya National Park, currently engages 15 women. Since the program commenced, 80% have become fluent readers, and five have completed computer training, helping them gain new skills and better job opportunities.



EMPOWERING FUTURE GUARDIANS

Every year, our partner, the Centre for Orangutan Protection (COP), runs COP School, an inspiring program that empowers young Indonesians to become wildlife protectors. Students from diverse fields—veterinary science, biology, social studies, economics—come together for an immersive six-day workshop. They gain hands-on experience in wildlife care, combating illegal wildlife trade, disaster response, conservation education, online advocacy, and improving conditions for orangutans and other species.

From August 14-19, 2023, 25 students attended COP School in Yogyakarta. Since its launch in 2011, over 450 graduates have emerged, with many now serving in government and NGOs to protect wildlife and the environment.

Forests for People is proud to support COP School, helping to equip the next generation of conservationists to create lasting change for wildlife and nature.



Hardi Baktiantoro, Founder of the Centre for Orangutan Protection and Program Manager for The Orangutan Project, welcomes students to the 13th annual COP School.

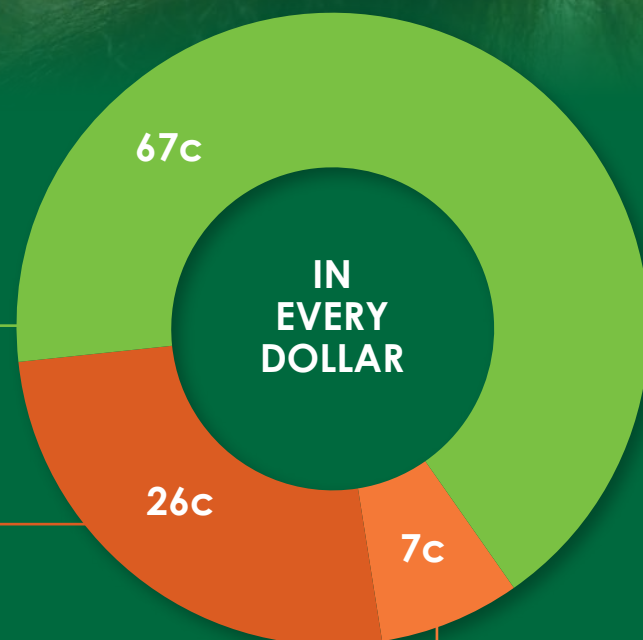
FINANCIAL OVERVIEW FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

HOW YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS WERE INVESTED IN 2023-2024

Conservation programs for orangutans, elephants, tigers and indigenous forest communities: Habitat and wildlife protection, wildlife rescue, rehabilitation and release, as well as forest community support.

Investment in future income to secure the future for orangutans, elephants, tigers and forest communities: So we can continue to fulfil our conservation mission and increase our impact.

Making sure we do things right: Ensuring our organisation and projects run effectively and efficiently.



INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

INCOME	AMOUNT (AUD\$)
Donations/Fundraising Income	\$4,819,565
Grants Income	\$396,652
Donations/Fundraising Income - International Chapters	\$4,147,046
Other	\$772,464
TOTAL INCOME	\$10,135,727

EXPENDITURE	AMOUNT (AUD\$)
Administration	\$38,442
Accountant/Audit Fees	\$6,283
Bank Fees and Charges	\$951
Currency Gain/Loss	\$38,947
Insurance	\$27,784
Investment to generate future income	\$2,006,129
Legal Fees	\$2,455
Printing, Stationery and Office Equipment	\$2,000
Provision for Annual Leave	\$16,023
Provision for Long Service Leave	\$18,473
Salaries - Ordinary	\$332,836
Subscriptions	\$4,200
Superannuation	\$36,612
Meetings/AGM Costs	\$347
Funds spent on International Projects	\$5,065,329
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	\$7,596,811

PROFIT FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE INCOME TAX	AMOUNT (AUD\$)
Profit from Ordinary Activities before Income Tax	\$2,538,917
INCOME TAX REVENUE RELATED TO ORDINARY ACTIVITIES	\$2,538,917
TOTAL CHANGES IN EQUITY OF THE ORGANISATION	\$2,538,917
Opening retained profits	\$10,474,397
NET PROFIT ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE ORGANISATION	\$2,538,917
CLOSING RETAINED PROFITS	\$13,013,314

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CURRENT ASSETS	AMOUNT (AUD\$)
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$2,634,498
Accounts Receivable and other debtors	\$4,912
Financial Assets	\$10,526,414
TOTAL ASSETS	\$13,165,824

LIABILITIES	AMOUNT (AUD\$)
Trade Creditors	\$10,418
PAYG Withholding Payable	\$16,556
Credit Card	-\$32,086
GST Liabilities	-\$7,603
Provision for Annual Leave	\$69,730
Provision for Long Service Leave	\$95,494
2024-2025 Projects Commitment	\$7,034,250
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$7,186,760
Land Trust	\$5,826,554
NET SURPLUS ASSETS	\$0

FUNDS RAISED BY INTERNATIONAL CHAPTER PARTNERS

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Wildlife Conservation International Ltd. (Australia)

\$4,964,782



WCI Canada Foundation (Canada)

\$87,867



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€185,765



Forests for People (New Zealand)

\$2,872



Borneo Nature Trust (United Kingdom)

£264,672



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\$177,888



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\$1,673,434

OUR LEADERSHIP TEAM

Wildlife Conservation International consists of many regionally registered charities that are supported by a highly skilled Advisory Board who volunteer their time and passion to provide overall governance and to ensure that fundraising activities are coordinated to help best achieve our Vision and Mission.

Our conservation projects are overseen by our Founder Leif Cocks, our Conservation Project Manager Kylie Bullo and our Program Managers, Hardi and Alex, based in Indonesia.



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After his rescue in January 2024 and urgent surgery to address a severe facial wound, Talian was successfully released into the Busang-Wehea Ecosystem in June 2024.

WITH GRATITUDE

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the following organisations, as well as to all our individual donors and volunteers, for their invaluable support throughout the 2023-2024 financial year.

Your generosity has been the driving force behind our achievements over the past year. We are deeply thankful for your commitment to our conservation efforts and the positive impact you've made.

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