



THE ORANGUTAN PROJECT
ANNUAL REPORT
2016 - 2017

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

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





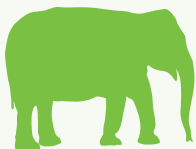
A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

"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.

This fight 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 fight back. Our bold, big-picture conservation plan can win this war – 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

200

ORANGUTANS WERE
CARED FOR IN 2016-2017

332
THOUSAND
HECTARES



OF RAINFOREST WAS
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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
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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, 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 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 8000 orangutans (2000 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 20th 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 always 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 both 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
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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 and friends, 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

SECURE HABITAT

38
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WILDLIFE
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RESCUE, REHABILITATE & RELEASE

78
ORANGUTANS



RESCUED



200
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CARED FOR



FOR RESCUED
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INTO THE WILD

40
ORANGUTANS



SUCCESSFULLY
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THE WILD

EDUCATE & EMPOWER

39
STUDENTS



HAVE GRADUATED
FROM THE ORANGUTAN
CARING SCHOLARSHIP

07
ORANGUTAN



CARING
SCHOLARSHIPS

100+
SCHOOLS &
COMMUNITIES



GIVEN EDUCATION
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COMMUNITY
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OUR 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
- Scorpion Wildlife Trade Monitoring Group



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

78

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.**

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.**

200

ORANGUTANS



CARED FOR





FOR RESCUED ORANGUTANS 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. 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 fed 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 units is also a high priority.

PROJECT COST BREAKDOWN, CENTRES & LOCATIONS:

BOSF care centre and post-release monitoring	\$32,000
BTP Sumatran orangutan release site	\$107,000
Camp Rasak release site	\$70,000
Centre for Orangutan Protection	\$80,000
SOCP Orangutan Quarantine Centre	\$87,500
West Kalimantan Rescue centre	\$40,000

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.

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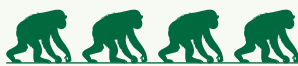


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ACHIEVING A MAJOR BREAKTHROUGH:

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



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With the help of our donors, TOP is partnering with WWF-Indonesia and the Frankfurt Zoological Society, to obtain 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
THOUSAND
HECTARES**



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Possible project cost breakdown for all geographical locations per year:

Reforestation	\$3.09M
Leasing & purchasing of land	\$1.35M
Community development	\$750,000
Security posts	\$250,000



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WILDLIFE PROTECTION UNITS

88

WILDLIFE
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"THE MORE
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THE MORE
RAINFOREST AND
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WE CAN
PROTECT."

Wildlife Protection Units (WPUs) are essential to acquiring and protecting the habitat for orangutans. A typical WPU is comprised of four rangers, deployed to patrol secured habitat areas.

The WPUs have the following essential tasks:

- Preventing illegal logging and wildlife crime, and documenting for the authorities.
- Monitoring and securing the orangutan populations.
- Providing emergency care and rescue for distressed or injured orangutans.
- Assisting in the relocation and reintroduction of rescued orangutans.
- Collecting wildlife data for the evaluation of ecosystem conditions and management planning.
- Educating local communities on the protected status of the land and wildlife populations.

Every ranger employed protects 20 orangutans and 10km² 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, 6 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

39
STUDENTS

HAVE GRADUATED THROUGH THE ORANGUTAN CARING SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT CASE STUDY

Akmal Qurazi is 28 years old and lives in Banda Aceh, North Sumatra. He received an Orangutan Caring scholarship in 2014 which enabled him to study flora and fauna STIK Pante Kulu Banda Aceh. Akmal now works for ACCIA (Aceh Climate Change Initiative)



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CARING
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MAJOR ACHIEVEMENT: CHANGING FORESTS FROM LEGALLY UNPROTECTED TO PROTECTED

This year, our donors have helped fund three legal cases against deforestation, the leasing 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:

- Tripa Peat Swamp Clearing lawsuit
- Citizen lawsuit – supporting community mobilisation to launch Aceh's first ever Citizen lawsuit (CLS)
- Supporting Aceh Civil Society Organisations

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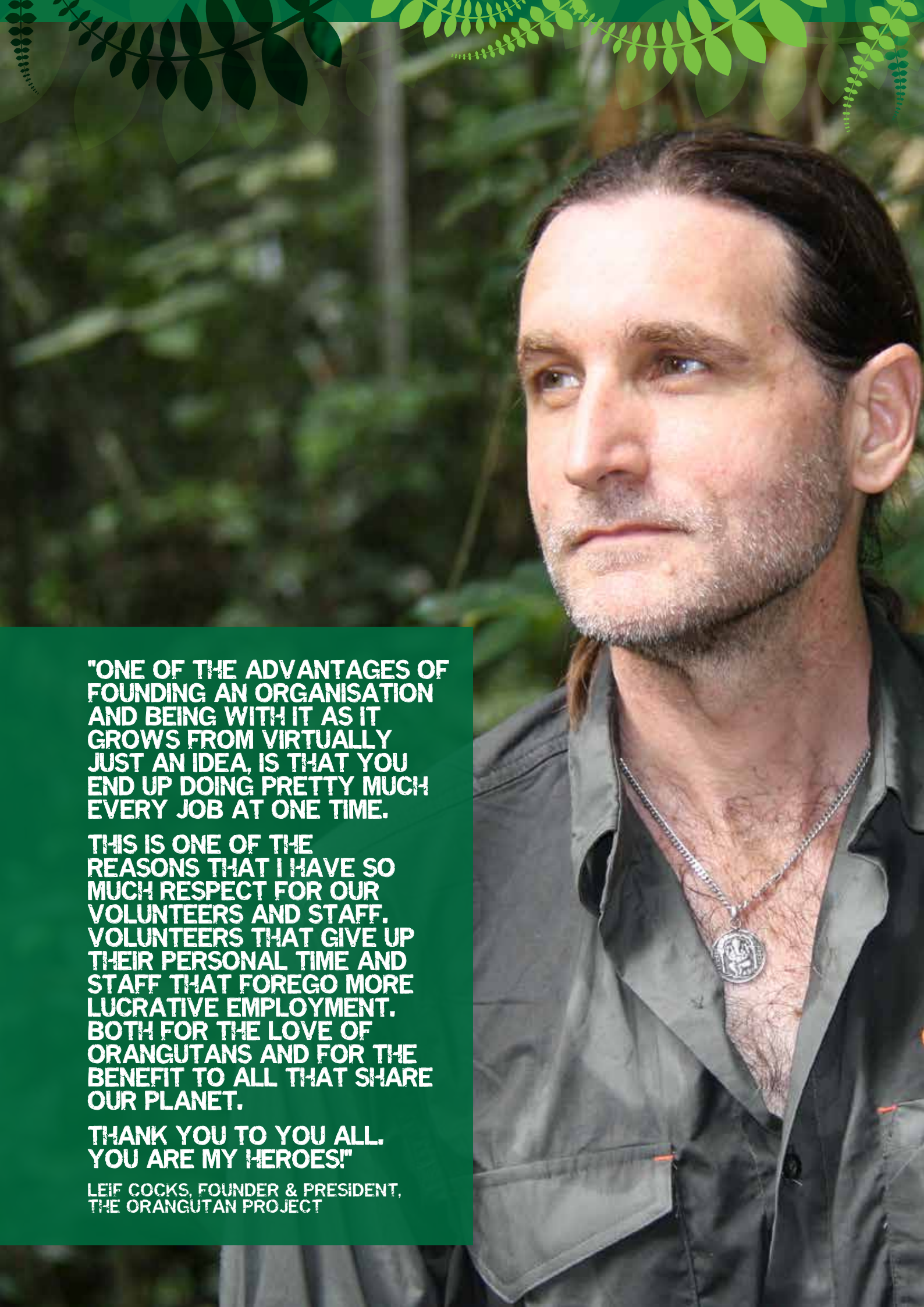
MILLION
HECTARES



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 2016-2017 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.



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



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.



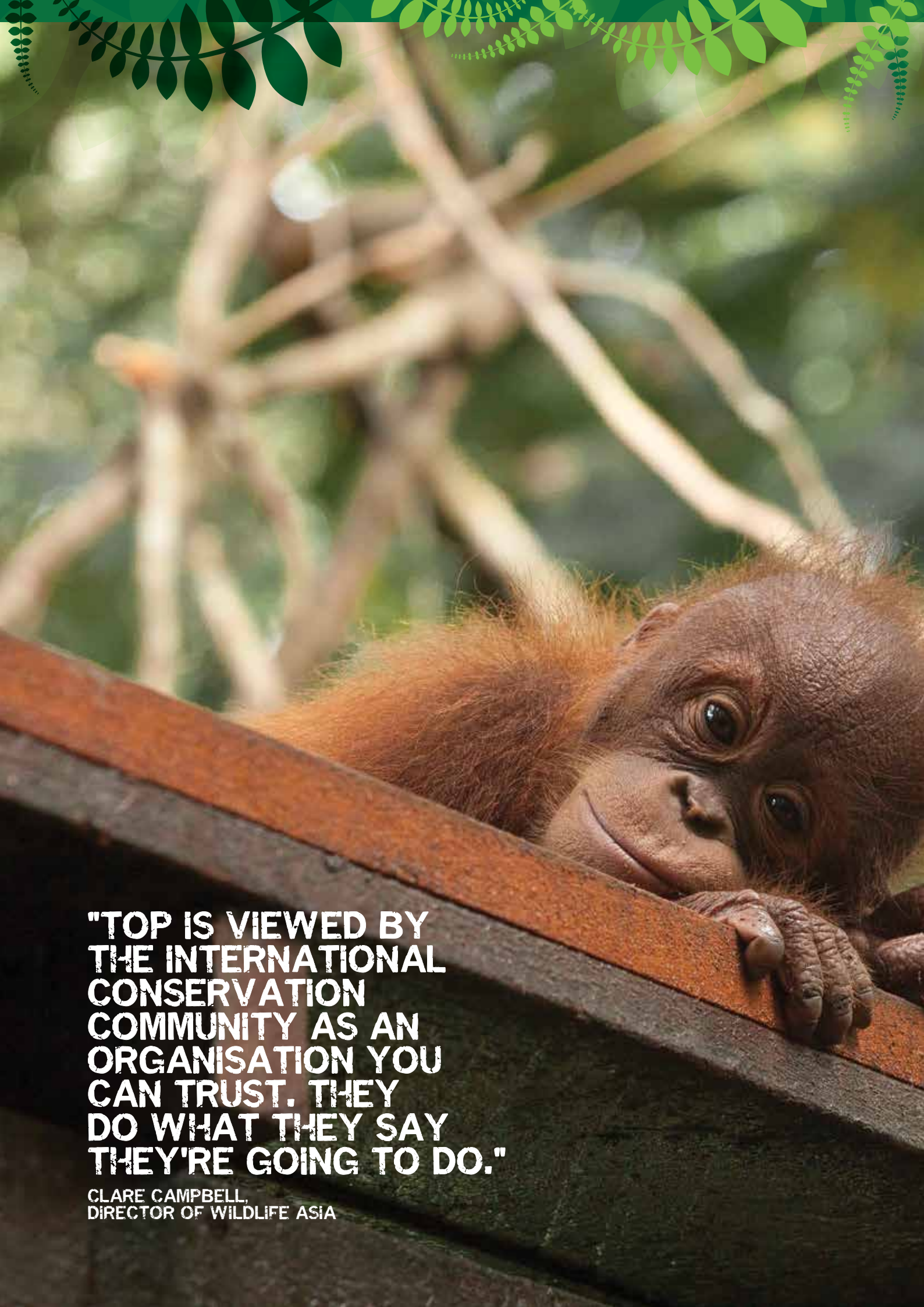
Colin Groves : Conservation Fund Member

Colin Groves is a Professor, School of Archaeology & Anthropology, Australian National University and the world's leading primatologist and author of modern orangutan taxonomy.



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.



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**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 175,000 facebook likes, 36,000 email subscribers, 13,000 Twitter followers and around 21,500 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 in over 250 media features across TV, radio, print and online and reached an audience of over 22 million. Numerous feature stories appeared throughout the year in mainstream print media including: Sydney Morning Herald, The Age, The Weekend Australian, Huffington Post, The West Australian, and many regional publications.

In March 2017, Leif Cocks and the work of The Orangutan Project and its partners were filmed as part of a feature story. The story appeared on Studio 10 the daily current affairs program for the Australian free-to-air Network 10.

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 **175**
THOUSAND



FACEBOOK LIKES

22
MILLION



PEOPLE REACHED

OVER **250**
FEATURES



IN THE MEDIA







**FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
30 JUNE 2017**

HOW WE SPEND OUR FUNDS

Organisations / Centres We Fund / Partner With

Organisations We Fund	Funding
Borneo Orangutan Survival Foundation	\$32,079.57
Friends of the Orangutan	\$12,500
International Animal Rescue	\$145,000
Hutan	\$30,000
Orangutan Conservancy	\$10,000
Orangutan Foundation UK	\$70,000
Orangutan Information Centre	\$27,500
Pan Eco/Sumatran Orangutan Conservation Programme	\$118,552.73
Pro Natura	\$11,692
Scorpion	\$6,000
Elephant monitoring and protection	\$170,500
Elephant rescue and veterinary care	\$225,500
Total	\$859,324.30

Organisations we partner with	Funding
Borneo Nature Foundation	\$106,500
Centre for Orangutan Protection	\$87,476.67
Forest Nature and Environment Aceh	\$142,107
Bukit Tigapuluh (joint foundation with FZS)	\$424,832.04
Orangutan Republik Foundation (USA chapter)	\$48,125
Total	\$809,050.76

Note: This gives a grand total of \$1,668,364.97 sent to projects in 2016-2017. It does not include the \$114,582.30 that covered Project monitoring and wages.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

Income	Amount (AUD\$)
Trading Profit (Loss)	(2,660,556)
TOP Income	2,711,748
Grants Income	256,764
Interest Income	5,175
Other Income	57,383
Total Income	370,514
Expenses	
Administration Expenses	5,469
Audit/Accountant Fees	1,747
Bank Fees and Charges	2,980
Insurance	3,282
Printing, Stationary & Office Equipment	1,602
Stamp Duty	323
Salaries - Ordinary	481,648
Staff Amenities	199
Other Employment Expenses	408
Parental Leave Payments	9,416
Superannuation	45,053
Provision for Annual Leave	29,559
Subscriptions	2,127
Travel, Accomodation & Conference	7,736
Total Expenses	591,549
Profit From Ordinary Activities Before Income Tax	221,035
Income Tax Revenue Relation to Ordinary Activities	0.00
Net Profit Attributable To The Association	(221,035)
Total Changes in Equity Of The Organisation	(221,035)
Opening Retained Profits	2,757,697
Net Profit Attributable To The Association	(221,035)
Closing Retained Profits	2,536,661

ASSETS & LIABILITIES

Current Assets	
WBC - Working Acc 173837	334,990
WBC - Investment Acc 173829	253,312
WBC - Conservation Acc 173810	4,388
WBC - Daniel Clark Acc 177686	3,695
WBC - Debit Card Acc 581235	8,018
WBC - Term Deposit 182456	40,690
WBC - Term Deposit 337450	20,000
PayPal Account AUD/CAD	39,777
USD OURF Exchange	1,265
NAB - 84-383-1320 AUD	754
NAB - 84-383-1320 CAD Exchange	35,146
NAB - 84-383-1320 EUR Exchange	36,313
NAB - 84-383-1320 GBP Exchange	33,029
NAB - 84-383-1320 NZD Exchange	89,422
NAB - 84-383-1320 USD Exchange	990,274
WBC - IEP Working 647214	30,492
WBC - IEP Conservation 647222	50
WBC - ITP Working 647636	1,635
WBC - ITP Conservation 647628	49
Ord Minnett - Acc 1410865	143
Ord Minnett - ANZ Notes	204,000
Ord Minnett - NAB Notes	204,480
Ord Minnett - Bendigo Notes	50,975
Ord Minnett - Macquarie Notes	214,300
Trade debtor	1,759
GST Receivable	11,922
Total Current Assets	2,610,877
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Current Liabilities	
Trade Creditors	12,186
Unearned Grant Revenue	20,000
	32,186
Current Tax Liabilities	0
Payroll Liabilities	
PAYG Withholding Payable	9,143
Superannuation Payable	3,329
Provision for annual leave entitlements	29,559
	42,031
Total Current Liabilities	74,217
Total Liabilities	74,217
Net Assets	2,536,660
Members' Funds	
Reserves	
General reserve	2,757,697
Accumulated Surplus (Deficit)	(221,035)
Total Member Funds	2,536,660

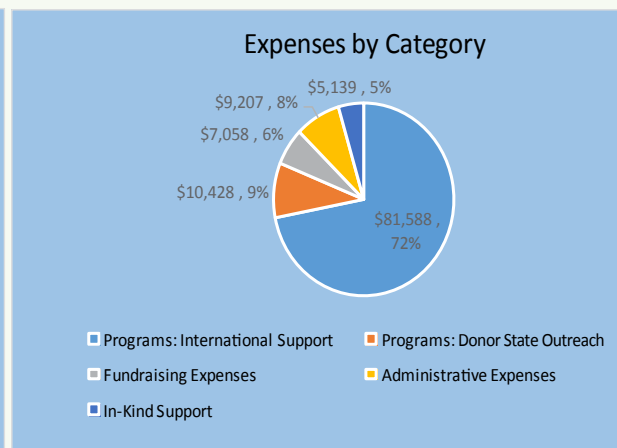
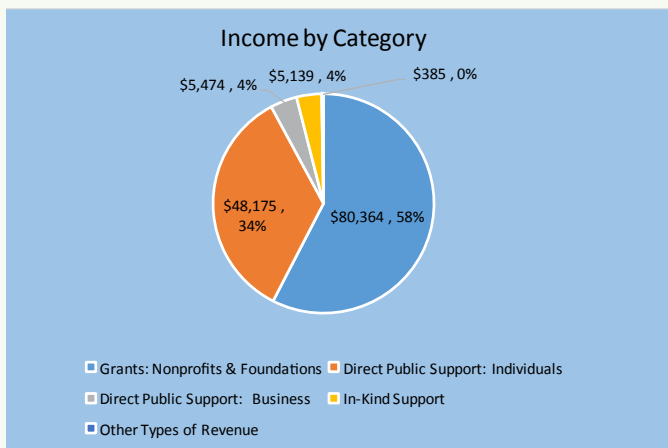
THE ORANGUTAN PROJECT (USA)

ORANG UTAN REPUBLIK FOUNDATION

TOP's long-term partner, Orang Utan Reuplik 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.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Fiscal Year: January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016



Assets (as of December 31, 2016)

Total Current Assets: \$65,858

Liabilities and Net Equity

Total Liabilities: \$0

Net Equity: \$65,828

Total Liability and Net Equity: \$65,828

International Support

- > Orangutan Caring Scholarships: \$20,398
- > MECU-6: \$34,717
- > TOP Programs: \$19,012
- > International Program Oversight and Support \$7,190
- > RSPO: \$271

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. The lighting is soft, filtering through the canopy.

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

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