



WILDLIFE CONSERVATION INTERNATIONAL  
**IMPACT REPORT**  
2021 - 2022



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



## A MESSAGE FROM OUR FOUNDER

I believe we are living in the most important decade in human history. This is the decade that will determine whether we hand over to future generations, a recoverable planet that can support humanity to live in prosperity, or a world that is entrapped in climate feedback loops. Without immediate action we are sending the earth into a spiral that will continue to reduce both the quality and quantity of life on earth.

Amongst many other important actions, we cannot stabilise our planet unless we stop the destruction of nature and rewild at least thirty percent of the earth's surface. However, not all forests are created equal. The biodiverse carbon stores that are the Indonesian rainforest are some of the most critical to our planet, and saving them is one of the easiest ways to start restoring the planet. Unfortunately we don't have much time. The rainforest is intricately connected to climate change. As forests disappear, there are continuous feedback loops from the loss of forest - droughts, floods, increased temperatures and fires - which then accelerates the degradation and destruction of the remaining forest.

However, if we find the love in our hearts NOW and direct that love with our intellects into meaningful action - we can do this!

We have a strategic plan to save key rainforest ecosystems of the right type, shape and size of rainforest that will support *Critically Endangered* orangutans, tigers, elephants and other wildlife through the extinction crisis. These forests will become arks of biodiversity that can be used to rewild the planet. We are also working with local communities to develop new economic initiatives beneath the rainforest canopy, which will enable both people and the forest to thrive and prosper. Leaving these ecosystems not only as models for conservation, but economies that benefit not just the few, but the many - A Future We Can Believe In!

The wonderful thing is, as we journey through the next decade, every act of kindness - every orangutan saved, every elephant herd protected, every tiger rescued, every child fed and educated - is worthy of our lifelong mission and will help us achieve our vision.

**A sincere and loving THANK YOU to all of you that have joined us on the journey and all our wonderful partners that selflessly work together to see our vision become a reality.**

Yours for conservation,

**Leif Cocks OAM**  
Wildlife Conservation International

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**ABOVE:** Leif Cocks, with staff from the Centre of Orangutan Protection, undertaking an orangutan release in the Busang Ecosystem, August 2022.

**FRONT COVER:** Siti and Sudin were rescued in May 2021 moments before they were about to be smuggled out of Indonesia. The pair are now thriving at the Orangutan Sanctuary in the Bukit Tigapuluh Ecosystem.

## OUR VISION

ALL ORANGUTANS, ELEPHANTS AND TIGERS WILL LIVE IN THEIR NATURAL HABITAT IN SECURE AND VIABLE POPULATIONS.

## 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.

## 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 - 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
- Local community representation

### 2. Secure, Restore and Patrol Habitat

- Lease and manage as much land as possible, in and around large intact forest areas.
- 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 Local Communities and Indigenous People

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



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## OUR STRATEGY IN ACTION

### SISTER PROJECTS



### JOINT ORGANISATIONS



### OUR PARTNERS



### FUNDING SUPPORT PROVIDED



# ACHIEVEMENTS FOR ORANGUTANS

## POST-RELEASE MONITORING

213



RELEASED ARE BEING MONITORED

ORANGUTANS



## LEGALLY PROTECT FOREST

\$3.7M FUNDS CONTRIBUTED

TO CONSERVATION PROJECTS IN 2021-2022

11

COMMUNITY LEGAL SUPPORT CASES

AGAINST DEFORESTATION

## SECURE HABITAT

94 THOUSAND ACRES



OF RAINFOREST LEASED

1,659,891 ACRES



OF RAINFOREST NOW PROTECTED

11,878



WILD ORANGUTANS NOW PROTECTED



121

WILDLIFE PROTECTION RANGERS



EMPLOYED

## RESCUE, REHABILITATE & RELEASE

9

ORANGUTANS



RESCUED



75

ORANGUTANS



CARED FOR IN RESCUE CENTRES

33

ORANGUTANS



SUCCESSFULLY RELEASED OR RELOCATED

## EDUCATE & EMPOWER

16 ORANGUTAN



CARING SCHOLARSHIPS

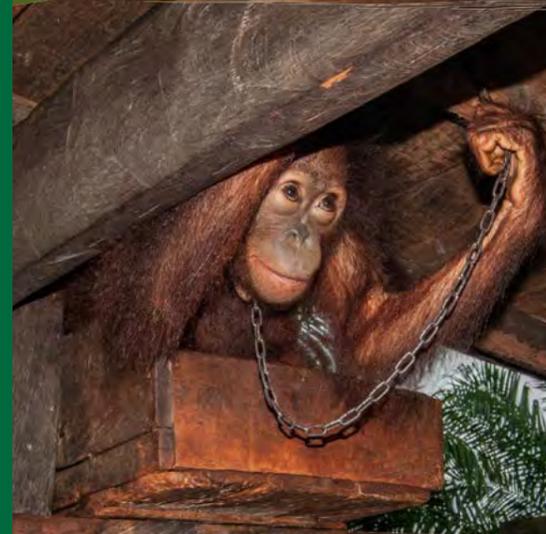
100+ SCHOOLS & COMMUNITIES



GIVEN EDUCATION CLASSES, THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE BEING REACHED

25+ COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

IMPROVING SUSTAINABILITY AND YIELDS IN AGRICULTURE



Charlotte is one of nine orangutans who were lucky enough to be rescued this year. She was rescued by our Bornean Orangutan Rescue Alliance (BORA) in July 2021. Charlotte was found shackled, huddled beneath a family home in East Kalimantan with only a tiny wooden box for shelter. She had been kept as a pet for the past four years.

Today, Charlotte is thriving at our BORA Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre, attending Jungle School to learn the skills she'll need for eventual release back to the wild.



## 2021-22 ACHIEVEMENTS FOR TIGERS



## 2021-22 ACHIEVEMENTS FOR ELEPHANTS



**2**  
**TIGERS**  
RESCUED, TREATED  
OR RELEASED



**906,875**  
**ACRES**  
OF HABITAT  
NOW PROTECTED



**71**  
**WILDLIFE  
PROTECTION  
RANGERS**  
EMPLOYED



**109**  
**WILD  
INDIVIDUALS**  
PROTECTED



**83**  
**ELEPHANTS**  
RESCUED, TREATED  
OR RELEASED



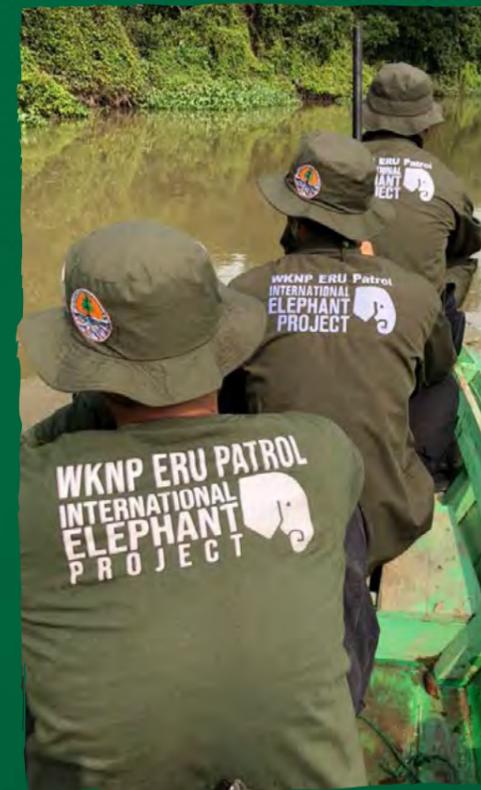
**919,231**  
**ACRES**  
OF HABITAT  
NOW PROTECTED



**76**  
**WILDLIFE  
PROTECTION  
RANGERS**  
EMPLOYED

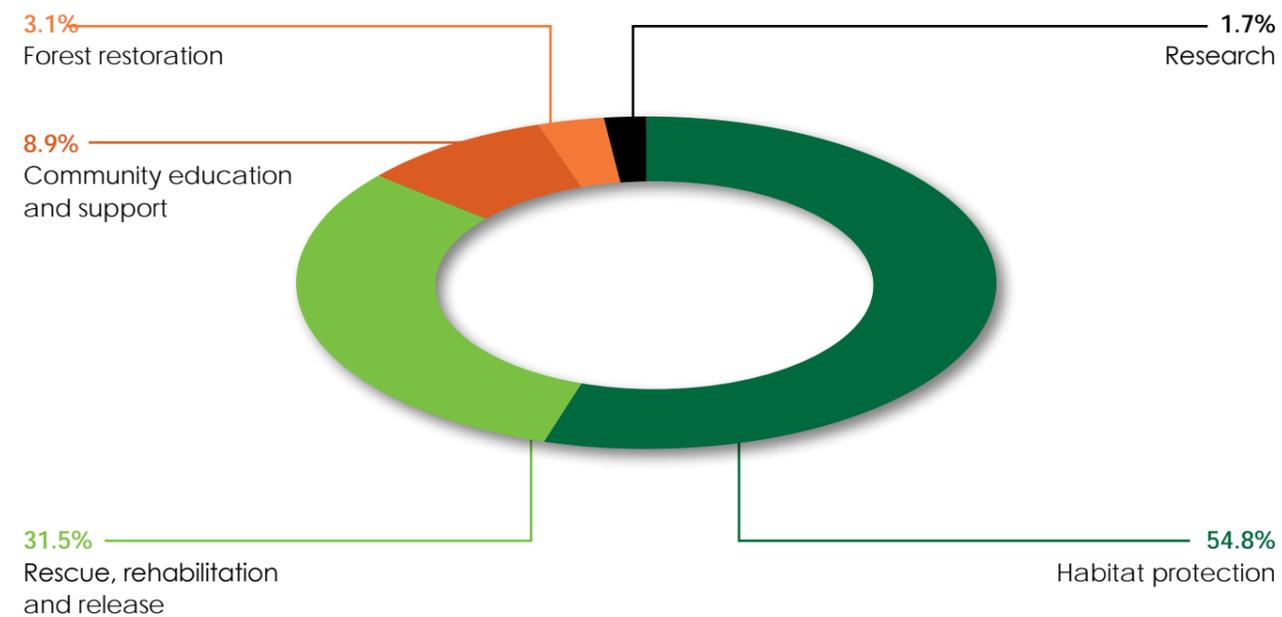


**515**  
**WILD  
INDIVIDUALS**  
PROTECTED



# FUNDS TO CONSERVATION PROJECTS

## PROJECTS YOUR DONATIONS SUPPORTED



## FUNDING PROVIDED TO CONSERVATION PROJECTS IN 2021-2022

PROJECTS AND ORGANISATIONS WE FUND	FUNDING (AUD)
Borneo Orangutan Survival Foundation	\$40,000.00
Communities for Sumatran Forests	\$47,036.68
Elephant Acoustic Monitoring Research	\$57,014.32
Elephant Conservation Centre	\$25,112.00
Elephant Conservation Education	\$2,958.72
HUTAN	\$40,000.00
International Animal Rescue- Indonesia	\$131,889.74
Orangutan Foundation	\$91,480.00
Project Monitoring, Support and Evaluation	\$299,083.31
Pro Natura	\$15,000.00
Scorpion / Wildlife Trade Monitoring Group	\$10,000.00
Seratu Aatai	\$10,180.00
Sumatran Orangutan Conservation Programme	\$40,000.00
Sumatran Ranger Project	\$11,500.00
Sustainable Green Sumatra	\$6,447.36
Tesso Nilo National Park	\$20,000.00
Wildlife Ambulance and Veterinary Care	\$143,766.37
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$991,468.50</b>



ORGANISATIONS WE PARTNER WITH	FUNDING
Borneo Nature Foundation	\$370,000.00
Centre for Orangutan Protection	\$752,800.94
Forest Nature and Environment Aceh	\$178,902.48
Frankfurt Zoological Society	\$573,502.42
Leuser Conservation Forum	\$193,843.74
Orangutan Information Centre	\$100,000.00
Orang Utan Republik Foundation	\$108,448.50
PT Alam Bukit Tigapuluh	\$311,750.00
Sumatran Rescue Alliance	\$132,755.46
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,722,034.54</b>

**\$3,713,503**

CONTRIBUTED TO OUR

**CONSERVATION PROJECTS**



**IN 2021-2022**

## LEGALLY PROTECT FORESTS

Securing high conservation value rainforest to permanently protect wild populations of orangutans, elephants and tigers and introduced populations of ex-captive orangutans.

### ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION CONCESSIONS

To achieve our vision that all orangutans, elephants and tigers will live in their natural habitat in secure and viable populations, Wildlife Conservation International is committed to securing up to eight ecosystems of the right type, shape and size that will each genetically sustain a population of at least 2,000 orangutans, and support remaining Sumatran elephant and tiger populations.

Through the Ecosystem Restoration Concessions (ERC) licensing scheme established by the Indonesian Government in 2004, we have so far legally secured 94,000 acres of critical rainforest habitat adjoining the Bukit Tigapuluh, Lesuer and Busang Ecosystems.

To receive a restoration licence a company must be formed and a business plan presented. Initial licences are granted for 60 years, following which they can be renewed for a further 39 years.

**PT Alam Bukit Tigapuluh (PT ABT)** is an ecosystem restoration company established by Wildlife Conservation International, Frankfurt Zoological Society and the World Wildlife Fund Indonesia to secure orangutan habitat in the Bukit Tigapuluh Ecosystem on the island of Sumatra. In 2015, PT ABT successfully obtained the licence of 38,665 hectares of forest in Tebo District, Jambi Province. The area comprises two separate blocks in the buffer zone of Bukit Tigapuluh National Park.

**PT Saman Seudati Lestari (PT SSL)** is a joint company between Wildlife Conservation International and Forum Konservasi Leuser (FKL). PT SSL is working

to secure critical orangutan habitat in the Leuser Ecosystem in Aceh, the largest contiguous forest area remaining on the island of Sumatra. PT SSL has been in negotiations with the Indonesian Ministry of Environment and Forestry to secure 90,000 hectares. Once secure, the plan is to reforest degraded areas within the concession to restore and expand orangutan habitat.

**PT Hutan Orangutan Perlindungan Ekosistem (PT HOPE)** is a joint company between Wildlife Conservation International, the Centre for Orangutan Protection (COP) and Pak Soedomo, Indonesia's biggest coffee producer. PT HOPE is working to secure critical orangutan habitats in the Busang Ecosystem, on the island of Borneo. In 2021, PT HOPE's shareholder, Center for Orangutan Protection, was granted 20,000 hectares by the Indonesian Ministry of Environment and Forestry for orangutan reintroduction. Negotiations are currently taking place to secure a further 50,000 hectares. Once secure, the plan is to reforest degraded areas within the concession to restore and expand orangutan habitat and establish a successful orangutan release program.

In 2021/22 we continued the significant process of applying for critically important rainforest habitat in the key ecosystems of Leuser in Aceh (90,000 hectares) and Busang in East Kalimantan (50,000 hectares) as part of our holistic plan to save these key ecosystems. Due to the replacement of the ERC Scheme by the Indonesian Government in January 2022 to Forest Utilization Concessions (FUC's), we have had to revise and resubmit our proposals to meet the new licensing requirements.

### LEGAL SUPPORT

Wildlife Conservation International provides funding to support Indonesian-based NGO Hutan Alam dan Lingkungan Aceh (HAKA) in the legal protection of the Leuser Ecosystem. The focus of the organisation is on the protection of the Leuser Ecosystem in Aceh through policy advocacy, community awareness and community participation.

HAKA works with local communities to protect their land rights and to provide financial support for legal cases. In 2021/22 we provided support for eleven legal cases concerning land protection.

### KETAMBE RESEARCH STATION

Wildlife Conservation International supports Forum Konservasi Leuser (FKL) in managing the Ketambe Research Station in the Aceh Tenggara District within the Leuser Ecosystem. Established in 1971, the research station has long been a hub for primate research, especially the *Critically Endangered* Sumatran Orangutan. It is one of two research stations managed by FKL, with the second, Soraya Research Station, located in the Subulussalam District. The management of the research stations are conducted in collaboration with government institutions, and serve as a hub for environmental education in Aceh. Both are open for university students and academics worldwide interested in researching the unique biodiversity of the Leuser Ecosystem.

Funding provided by Wildlife Conservation International in 2021/22 supported ongoing research through flora and fauna monitoring, temperature and barometer checking and the recording of wildlife through camera traps around phenology plots.

**ABOVE:** Wildlife Conservation International is currently in negotiations with the Indonesian Department of Environment and Forestry to secure 90,000 hectares in the Leuser Ecosystem.

**BELOW:** Researchers from the Ketambe Research Station undertaking a survey in the Leuser Ecosystem.



# SECURE RESTORE & PATROL

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

## WAY KAMBAS RIVER PATROL UNIT

Wildlife Conservation International supports the Way Kambas River Patrol Unit run by Communities for Sumatran Forests. The Unit consists of three forest police and six community rangers.

Established in October 2019, the River Patrol Unit is tasked with monitoring and protecting *Critically Endangered* Sumatran elephants within the northern and northwestern sections of the Way Kambas National Park. The park is home to approximately 180 Sumatran elephants representing one of the largest remaining connected populations of this unique subspecies of Asian elephant. Poaching and illegal logging threatens their survival and the integrity of their habitat. A large focus of the Unit is on patrolling the border of the Way Kambas River, its river arms and smaller waterways that reach deep within the National Park, providing an access point for poachers and loggers.

Since the establishment of the River Patrol Unit, there has been a significant reduction in the incidence of illegal activities in the areas they monitor and patrol. In 2021/22 the Unit undertook 97 patrols over 264 days with an average of three days per patrol. They detected 142 separate incidents of illegal activities such as logging, forest fires, camping, and poaching; a 23 percent decrease over the previous year.

The Unit has also been highly effective in building strong relationships with local law enforcement which has led to the highest rate of arrests and convictions in the region. In 2021/22 the Unit facilitated the arrest of eight individuals caught engaging in illegal activities including fishing, lighting fires, wildlife poaching and the trading of ivory products. All individuals were tried and sentenced.

In addition to supporting the ongoing operations of the River Patrol Unit, funding provided by Wildlife Conservation International in 2021/22 also assisted in the purchase of two new river patrol boats.



**ABOVE:** The Way Kambas River Patrol Unit is actively monitoring and protecting *Critically Endangered* Sumatran elephants within the Way Kambas National Park.

## WEST SUMATRA TIGER TEAM

In February 2022, Wildlife Conservation International established a new West Sumatra Tiger Team with long-term partner, the Centre for Orangutan Protection (COP). The formation of the team is part of the Tiger Friendly Nagari project which is focused on reducing conflict between villagers of Nagari Sontang Cubadak and tigers in the nearby Nagari Sontang Forest, and improving overall conservation in the region.

The team's mission is to monitor and protect a small, isolated population of approximately 40 *Critically Endangered* Sumatran tigers within Nagari Sontang Forest. The team currently comprises five rangers recruited from local villages. Over the past eight months, the team has been active in patrolling the forest, setting up camera traps, engaging with local farmers and undertaking education activities. In June 2022 the team was involved in the investigation and arrest of a wildlife trafficker in possession of skulls, claws and teeth of a Sumatran tiger.

## CATTLE CORRALS, SUSTAINABLE GREEN SUMATRA

In 2021/22 Wildlife Conservation International funded a new tiger protection project in a village near Gunung Leuser National Park run by Sustainable Green Sumatra. The team determined that the likely cause of increased human-tiger conflict in the area was the community's pattern of releasing their cattle into the forest edge where they are highly vulnerable to tiger attacks.

To protect livestock, the team is educating the community about how to live safely alongside tigers and to work with local farmers to build tiger-proof enclosures. Within just three months, the team built seven cattle corrals and distributed information to forty-one families in four villages identified as high potential for human-tiger conflict.



**TOP:** The West Sumatran Tiger Team is committed to protecting the last remaining *Critically Endangered* Sumatran tigers within the Nagari Sontang Forest.

**MIDDLE:** Rangers from the West Sumatran Tiger Team installing a camera trap in the Nagari Sontang Forest.

**BELOW:** Cattle corrals are proving an effective solution for reducing the incidence of human-tiger conflict.





### BUKIT TIGAPULUH WILDLIFE PROTECTION UNITS

For well over a decade Wildlife Conservation International has been funding Wildlife Protection Units (WPU) in the Bukit Tigapuluh Ecosystem in partnership with the Frankfurt Zoological Society (FZS). The area provides important habitat for *Critically Endangered* Sumatran elephants and tigers and a population of re-introduced Sumatran orangutans.

The main goal of the WPU is to protect the forest from illegal activities and to foster a harmonious existence between wildlife and local communities. The WPU currently employs 29 local full-time rangers, most of which are recruited from local communities. The WPU includes speciality trained subunits: the Ecosystem Monitoring Unit (EMU) and the Elephant Conservation and Monitoring Unit (EMCU).

In 2021/22 a total of 48 patrols were undertaken over 21 days, with an average of 4-8 rangers per patrol. Patrols were conducted on foot and where possible supported by off-road vehicles. On average, foot patrols covered over 90 kilometres per patrol.

A total of 345 cases of illegal activities were detected including 162 cases of poaching, 82 cases of encroachment and 101 cases of logging. All cases were reported to local authorities. All snares and other poaching equipment encountered were destroyed on location and/or handed over to responsible authorities.

The presence of the WPU in the Bukit Tigapuluh Ecosystem has significantly contributed to the protection of an estimated 150 Sumatran elephants, a life-boat population of 170 reintroduced Sumatran orangutans, and an estimated population of 30 Sumatran tigers, along with many other rare, threatened and endangered species.

In addition to patrolling the ecosystem to deter illegal activities, the WPU undertakes wildlife monitoring through a large network of camera traps and by collecting data such as animal tracks and sightings during patrols. A total of 1,058 wildlife records were entered into the database over the year.

Special trained rangers were also on location 24/7 throughout the year to support and train local communities during human-wildlife conflicts. Most of the conflicts involved elephants. Support includes crop guarding, elephant drives, blockades and the supervision of farmer teams. A total of 212 human-elephant conflicts were responded to. A total of 27 community teams including 289 farmers were trained, equipped and supported in elephant-human conflict mitigation.

**ABOVE:** Wildlife Protection Rangers spend an average of four days at a time patrolling the Bukit Tigapuluh Ecosystem to uncover and deter illegal activity in the forest and to monitor for signs of *Critically Endangered* wildlife.



A member of the ELOC Project Team installing an acoustic recorder within an Oil Palm plantation to monitor for the presence of nearby elephants.

### SUSTAINABLE GREEN SUMATRA REFORESTATION

Wildlife Conservation International supports rainforest reforestation in two main ecosystems on the island of Sumatra: Leuser and Bukit Tigapuluh. One project we have supported since the start of 2021 is Sustainable Green Sumatra. The main objective of this activity is the enrichment of native tree species within the boundaries of the Gunung Leuser National Park to maintain the buffer zone and provide a natural barrier to prevent wildlife from entering community gardens. The project involves approximately fifty families from Damak Village who volunteer with tree planting, and at least fifteen women involved in managing the nursery.

In 2020/21, 26,800 seedlings were planted over 50 hectares along the Leuser Ecosystem Buffer Zone. The project was generously supported by One Tree Planted.

### ELEPHANT LOCATOR PROJECT

Led by Dr Alexander Mossbrucker, Field Manager for the International Elephant Project, our team in Sumatra is testing an innovative new way to track elephant herds. The Elephant Locator (ELOC) Project is an acoustic system that detects the presence and location of elephants through their wide range of vocalisations. This will allow our teams to implement an early warning system to help reduce the incidence of human-elephant conflict. Currently GPS collars are being used on elephants to monitor their location and movements. If the ELOC Project is successful it will reduce the need to anaesthetise elephants in order to fit collars. The two-year research project is a partnership between the International Elephant Project, Sumatran Elephant Conservation Initiative (SECI), Gadjah Mada University, and the University of Colombo School of Computing. The project is generously funded through a grant from the US Department of Fisheries and Wildlife.

Members of the Damak Village in the Leuser Ecosystem are engaged in the restoration of the buffer zone to provide a natural barrier to protect community gardens and support *Critically Endangered* wildlife.





## RESCUE REHABILITATE & RELEASE

In September 2021 the newly formed Ape Sentinel Team helped facilitate the rescue of four eagles being illegally traded in a market in Lampung.

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

### SRA RESCUE CENTRE OFFICIALLY OPENS

Delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, our Sumatran Rescue Alliance (SRA) Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre was officially opened by Indonesia's Vice Minister of Environment and Forestry, Mr. Alue Dohong in January 2022. The SRA Rescue Centre is an alliance between Wildlife Conservation International, the Orangutan Information Centre (OIC) and the Centre for Orangutan Protection (COP).

Constructed in 2020, the Centre, located in North Sumatra, provides a refuge for *Critically Endangered* Sumatran orangutans confiscated from the illegal wildlife trade. In April 2021, Asto and Asih (pictured above) were the first orangutans to be admitted to the Centre. The pair were being housed illegally at a private property on the island of Java.

Construction of this wonderful new rescue and rehabilitation facility was made possible thanks to the generous support of our donors.



### A NEW BORA RESCUE CENTRE

In 2021/22 construction commenced on a new Bornean Orangutan Rescue Alliance (BORA) Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre near the Busang Ecosystem in East Kalimantan.

The existing centre, located in the Labanan Research forest, is leased. To ensure the long-term security of the centre, it was decided to construct a new centre on land owned by our BORA alliance partner the Centre for Orangutan Protection (COP).

Construction commenced in December 2021 and was completed in August 2022. The new facility includes a state-of-the-art medical clinic, treatment room, quarantine centre and a modern-equipped office building.

Orangutans brought to the centre will receive the first stage of care through quarantine, medical and rehabilitation programs followed by forest school for infants. Adult orangutans brought into the centre will be sent to our new release site on land we have been granted adjacent to the Busang Ecosystem.

In August 2022, Januil and Popi (pictured right) were the first two orangutans to be translocated from the existing centre to the new facility. Planning is underway to translocate the remaining 19 orangutans from the existing BORA facility over the coming year.

Thanks to Dr Amy Myers for her generous donation which enabled the construction of the Dr. James T. Myers Office Building, named in honour of her late father. The state-of-the-art John Cochrane Veterinary Clinic was named in honour of the late John Cochrane who was a passionate supporter of The Orangutan Project. His daughter, Lisa Cochrane, travelled to BORA with Founder Leif Cocks in August 2022 to unveil a plaque in his honour.



### NEW WILDLIFE PROTECTION TEAM

In July 2021, Wildlife Conservation International Foundation Canada (WCI Canada), in partnership with the Centre for Orangutan Protection (COP), formed a new wildlife protection team in North Sumatra to cover the northern provinces of Aceh and North Sumatra.

Based in Medan, the Ape Sentinel team is tasked with investigating and campaigning against crime and abuse of wild animals, undertaking the rescue of illegally held wild animals and providing assistance to improve conditions of those held in captive facilities.

In its first twelve months of operation, the team has successfully assisted in the arrest of five wildlife poachers, providing valuable intel to relevant authorities. The work of the APE Sentinel team in northern Sumatra, alongside other COP teams in Sumatra, Java and Borneo, is critical to combating the illegal wildlife trade.

The Ape Sentinel team is funded exclusively by donations through WCI Canada, a registered Canadian charity and an affiliate organisation of Wildlife Conservation International.



**LEFT:** Mungil enjoying her first taste of freedom on the Dalwood-Wylie Island.  
**BELOW:** Ucokwati with her infant Mungil at the Wildlife Rescue Centre in Yogyakarta.



### FOUR ORANGUTANS RELEASED TO THE BUSANG ECOSYSTEM

Four orangutans were released from our Bornean Orangutan Rescue Alliance (BORA) Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre into the Busang Ecosystem between April and June 2022.

The first were mother and daughter Ucokwati and Mungil who were released to the Dalwood-Wylie (pre-release) Island in the Busang Ecosystem. The pair had been at the BORA Rescue Centre since April 2021 after being translocated from the Wildlife Rescue Centre (WRC) in Yogyakarta. Ucokwati had been at WRC since 2011 after being rescued from an amusement park. She gave birth to daughter Mungil in May 2013.

Their release onto the island provides an opportunity for the pair to experience the freedom of life on a forested island while still being closely monitored by staff from BORA. It is expected they will make their full transition back to the wild within several months as they become increasingly independent and are given access to the Busang Ecosystem from their island home

Nigel and Antak are two adult male orangutans who were also granted their freedom this year. The pair were rescued from a zoo in 2010, along with Hercules and Memo, found severely malnourished and almost bald from lack of sunlight. They spent five years attending Jungle School before being deemed eligible for release.

Nigel had been living on the Bawan (pre-release) Island for the past three years with Hercules. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic their release had been delayed. In late June, Nigel was finally released making way for Antak to be transferred to Bawan Island which he now co-shares with Hercules. Antak and Hercules will be released to the Busang Ecosystem in coming months, making way for Memo to move onto Bawan Island.

**LEFT:** Antak was forced to live in the same cramped cage with fellow orangutans Nigel and Hercules at a zoo in East Kalimantan.



### CECE FINDS FREEDOM IN BUKIT TIGAPULUH

After nine years of captivity, Cece was finally released into her forever home in the Bukit Tigapuluh Ecosystem in Sumatra in October 2021. Stolen from her mother as an infant, Cece had been kept illegally as a pet for three years before she was rescued from a theme park in North Sumatra. She was estimated to be around five years old when she arrived at Jungle School in Bukit Tigapuluh in 2015. Although shy at first, Cece quickly settled in and became the dominant orangutan. After passing Jungle School with flying colours, Cece was transferred to the Sumatran Orangutan Reintroduction Centre in April 2019. Finally, in October 2021, Cece was granted her freedom, joining the other 180 orangutans who have been released into Bukit Tigapuluh. Cece is still being closely monitored and supported by orangutan trackers as she adapts to life in the wild. Thank you to all our donors who supported Cece through our Orangutan Adoption Programme.



**ABOVE:** Cece with Panut Hadisiswoyo, Founder of the Orangutan Information Centre, who was involved in her rescue.

**BELOW:** Cece is adapting well to a life of freedom within the Bukit Tigapuluh Ecosystem.





Amil is recovering well at the Wildlife Rescue Centre in Yogyakarta and will be transferred to a Sumatran rehabilitation facility where he will continue to recover and eventually be released back to the wild.



### NINE ORANGUTANS RESCUED

Funding provided by Wildlife Conservation International in 2021/22 supported the rescue of nine orangutans; four by International Animal Rescue Indonesia, one by Orangutan Foundation UK and four by our Bornean Orangutan Rescue Alliance (BORA). Every individual orangutan that is rescued, rehabilitated and returned to the wild helps to further bolster the population and secure the future survival of this *Critically Endangered* species.

Amil is a sub-adult male orangutan who was rescued by our BORA team, alongside the Indonesian Nature Conservation Agency in East Kalimantan, from an illegal zoo on the Island of Madura in April 2022. Following his rescue he was transported to the Wildlife Rescue Centre in Yogyakarta. Initially it was thought that Amil was a Bornean orangutan, however subsequent DNA testing showed that Amil was in fact a Sumatran orangutan. Since his time at WRC, Amil has put on weight, and his coat has become thicker and shinier. Importantly, his mental condition has significantly improved due to his new surroundings and access to enrichment activities.

Eboni is a two-year-old female orangutan who was rescued in April 2022 by our BORA team. Having become separated from her mother, she was found by a local villager in a rubber plantation. She had subsequently been kept as a pet in a one by two metre chicken cage. After receiving a report from a local villager that a baby orangutan was being kept in captivity, our BORA team immediately set out to the village to undertake the rescue mission. Eboni is now safe at our BORA Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre, where she is attending Jungle School along with other orphaned orangutans.



Eboni is assessed on her arrival at the BORA Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre. Eboni was being kept as a pet in a backyard chicken coop.



Permata is translocated and released back to her herd in the Bukit Tigapuluh Ecosystem after her injury had successfully healed.

### ELEPHANT RESCUE AND RELEASE

Permata is a young Sumatran elephant who was rescued and cared for by our partner Frankfurt Zoological Society in December 2020. Permata had suffered a severe snare injury to her left front foot which had prevented her from keeping up with her herd as they travelled through the forest to find food. Permata was treated by vets from the Wildlife Ambulance in the field then closely monitored by rangers from the Elephant Monitoring Unit (EMU) as she slowly recovered. In September 2021, Permata was reunited with her herd after being transported 50km by vehicle. Translocating even a small juvenile elephant like Permata from one part of the forest to another is a huge operation, involving many people and intricate planning.



The rope from an illegal wildlife snare had become embedded in Permata's left front foot, making it impossible for her to keep up with her herd.

# EDUCATE & EMPOWER

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

## TALANG MAMAK COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Developing the capacity of local communities to be guardians of their own forests and to sustainably manage forest resources is crucial to guaranteeing the long-term success of our conservation projects. Wildlife Conservation International supports a number of community engagement and education programs to empower local communities. One such project is the Talang Mamak Community Development Project.

The Talang Mamak are an indigenous community that live within the Bukit Tigapuluh Ecosystem in Sumatra. They traditionally engage in low-tech subsistence farming, so yields are relatively low. Their low income often leads community members to participate in illegal activities such as land clearing and poaching for short term income.

Through our joint organisation, PT Alam Bukit Tigapuluh (PT ABT), we manage an Ecosystem Restoration Concession in the Bukit Tigapuluh Ecosystem that is home to a community of 210 within the Simerantihan hamlet, with 53 children enrolled in the local elementary school.

Since 2019, Wildlife Conservation International has funded an innovative project that aims to improve the quality of life and education of Talang Mamak children in order to build an educated workforce that will ultimately lift the standard of living for the entire community and reduce the need to engage in illegal activities. Children enrolled in the Sumerantihan Elementary School are provided with breakfast and lunch daily to encourage attendance and to improve overall health and academic achievement. Funding also provides resources such as uniforms for students and teaching aides.

The positive impact on the children and the community is already clear with a marked increase in average grades and increased attendance over the three years the project has been in operation. The project has also provided employment for local women in the school kitchen and provided additional income for local farmers through the purchase of local produce.

Children from Sumerantihan Elementary School are provided daily nutritious meals to encourage attendance and improve overall health and academic achievement.



## REGENERATIVE FOOD AGRICULTURE PROJECT

In partnership with Swah Bali and PT Alam Bukit Tigapuluh (PT ABT), Wildlife Conservation International supports training in regenerative food agriculture for Talang Mamak communities within the Bukit Tigapuluh Ecosystem.

Traditionally the Talang Mamak are nomadic peoples, utilising slash and burn techniques as they traverse the forest to harvest food and hunt animals. Deforestation has forced them to live in settlements on the edge of the Bukit Tigapuluh National Park. Without knowledge of farming, the community continues to engage in slash-and-burn agriculture within the National Park which further diminishes remaining habitat for *Critically Endangered* species such as orangutans and increases the likelihood of human-animal conflict.

The objective of the Regenerative Food Agriculture Project is to shift away from slash-and-burn agriculture to regenerative farming such as permaculture which will provide ongoing food security and a sustainable income source for local communities.

Funding provided by Wildlife Conservation in 2021/22 facilitated a six-day training workshop in basic permaculture principles, held at the Sumerantihan Elementary School in July 2021.

Members of the Talang Mamak community were provided training in regenerative farming to provide for food security and a sustainable income source.





The Rangkong Farm Pilot Project in West Kalimantan will assist local communities to develop a sustainable system of agriculture.

### SUSTAINABLE FARMING PILOT PROJECT

In 2021/22, Wildlife Conservation International provided funding to International Animal Rescue Indonesia (YIARI) to develop a new pilot project focused on sustainable agriculture, community development and education of farmers. Sustainable agriculture preserves the environment, while also providing food for the community and livestock and generating income for local communities.

The Rangkong Farm Pilot Project, situated within the Sungal Awan sanctuary in West Kalimantan, aims to safeguard nearby bushland which is prone to burning, provide nutritional food for orangutans housed at the nearby YIARI Orangutan Sanctuary, and function as an integrated agricultural education and training hub for local community groups.

The project will be undertaken in two phases. The first phase involves preparing the farm plot, developing infrastructure and purchasing necessary equipment. The second phase involves planting and maintenance of varied food crops.

Using a participatory learning approach, YIARI will provide local communities with knowledge on how to work with undeveloped land and turn it into productive land via non-burning techniques.

### ORANGUTAN CARING SCHOLARSHIPS

Educating and empowering the next generation of Indonesian conservationists is imperative to securing a future for *Critically Endangered* orangutans, elephants and tigers. Higher education and awareness about environmental and sustainability issues affecting their communities empowers young Indonesians to make positive change and be strong advocates for the conservation of their forests.

Since 2006, Wildlife Conservation International has supported a university scholarship program in Indonesia through our partnership with Orang Utan Republik Foundation. Scholarships are awarded to students commencing university degrees in biology, forestry and veterinary science. The program is administered by local NGO partners across Sumatra and Borneo who evaluate submitted proposals, oversee the selection process and disburse funds to recipients.

Since the program began, 244 scholarships have been awarded. Many of the students who have graduated have successfully gained employment in the conservation and sustainability fields within the private, nonprofit and government sectors, while others have continued on with post-graduate degree programs. At least half of the graduates have been women which helps to increase the ability of women to gain employment and support their families.

In 2021/22 funding provided by Wildlife Conservation International supported a further 16 scholarships. We have supported a total of 111 scholarships since the program's inception.

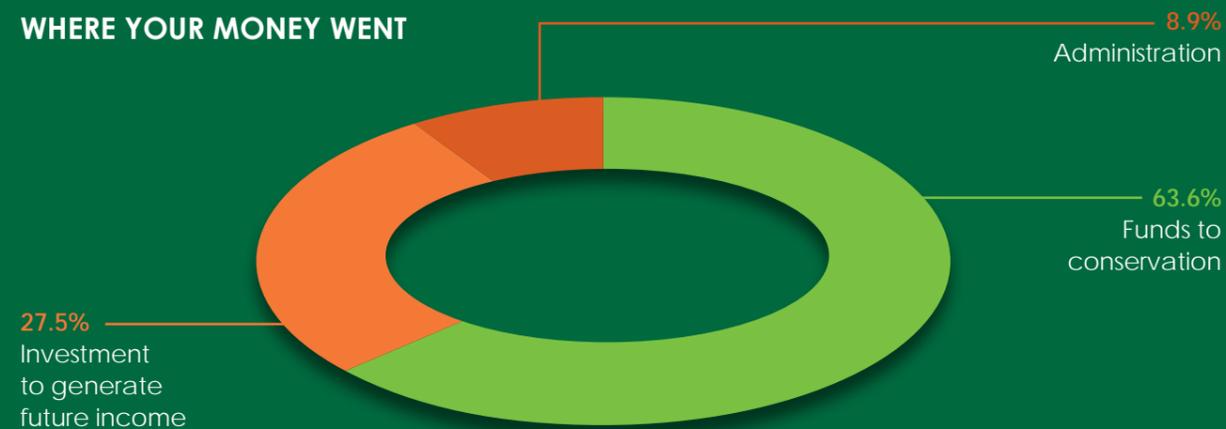


Maria Angela Canthika Putri (above) and Rianti Sandriani (right) from West Kalimantan receiving their Orangutan Caring Scholarship by Gary Shapiro, Advisory Board Member of Wildlife Conservation International and President of Orang Utan Republik Foundation.



# FINANCIAL OVERVIEW FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

## WHERE YOUR MONEY WENT



## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

INCOME	AMOUNT (AUD\$)
Donations/Fundraising Income	\$5,350,942
Grants Income	\$146,129
Other Income	-\$82,763
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$5,414,308</b>

EXPENDITURE	AMOUNT (AUD\$)
Administration	\$20,949.91
Accountant/Audit Fees	\$3,000.00
Bank Fees and Charges	\$801.70
Insurance	\$19,473.72
Staff Training	\$2,515.02
Investment to generate future income	\$1,372,691.83
Other employment expenses	\$5,259.53
Printing, Stationery and Office Equipment	\$1,426.88
Provision for Annual Leave	\$2,803.18
Provision for Long Service Leave	\$11,259.10
Salaries - Ordinary	\$341,922.00
Subscriptions	\$2,459.76
Superannuation	\$34,112.36
Travel/Meeting Costs	\$122.73
Funds spent on International Projects	\$3,181,647.60
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>\$5,000,445.32</b>

PROFIT FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE INCOME TAX	AMOUNT (AUD\$)
Profit from Ordinary Activities before Income Tax	\$629,812
<b>INCOME TAX REVENUE RELATION TO ORDINARY ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>\$629,812</b>
<b>NET PROFIT ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE ORGANISATION</b>	<b>\$629,812</b>
Total changes in equity of the organisation	\$629,812
Opening retained profits	\$8,228,686
<b>NET PROFIT ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE ORGANISATION</b>	<b>\$629,812</b>
<b>CLOSING RETAINED PROFITS</b>	<b>\$8,858,498</b>

## ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CURRENT ASSETS	AMOUNT (AUD\$)
WCIL AUD Accounts	\$2,148,212
Ord Minnett Holding Account	\$2,598,488
Foreign Currency Accounts	\$4,096,081
Undeposited Funds Account	\$145,341
Trade Debtors	\$2,764
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$8,990,886</b>
LIABILITIES	AMOUNT (AUD\$)
GST Payable	\$136
Trade Creditors	\$15,332
Mastercard	-\$2,679
Amex	-\$24,950
PAYROLL LIABILITIES	
PAYG Withholding Payable	\$19,238
Superannuation Payable	\$0
Provision for Annual Leave Entitlements	\$63,301
Provision Long Service Leave Entitlements	\$62,010
FUNDS RAISED BY INTERNATIONAL CHAPTER PARTNERS	
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$132,388</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$132,388</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$8,858,497</b>
MEMBERS FUNDS	AMOUNT (AUD\$)
2022/2023 Projects Commitment	\$4,715,628
Land Trust	\$3,000,000
2022-2023 Contractual Commitment	\$870,840
<b>ACCUMULATED SURPLUS (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>\$272,029</b>
<b>TOTAL MEMBERS FUNDS</b>	<b>\$8,858,497</b>

## FUNDS RAISED BY INTERNATIONAL CHAPTER PARTNERS

### FUNDS RAISED



Wildlife Conservation International Ltd. (Australia)

**\$5,414,308**



WCI Canada Foundation (Canada)

**\$91,044**



Stichling Wildlife Conservation International (Netherlands)

**\$58,625**



Forests for People (New Zealand)

**\$88,884**



Borneo Nature Trust (United Kingdom)

**\$222,328**



Orang Utan Republik Foundation Inc. (United States)

**\$312,697**



Wildlife Conservation International (United States)

**\$1,289,343**

## 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 Leif Cocks, our Conservation Project Manager Kylie Bullo and our Field Managers, Hardi and Alex, based in Indonesia.



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Asto and Asih hanging out at the Sumatran Orangutan Rescue Alliance (SRA) Rescue Centre. The pair have a close bond after being rescued together in April 2021.

## YOUR SUPPORT

There are many ways you can contribute to the protection and conservation of *Critically Endangered* orangutans, elephants and tigers.

### MAKE A DONATION

You can make a donation to support our conservation priorities, or you can join our monthly giving program to maximise your benefit and provide continuity on our conservation projects.

Donations are tax-deductible in Australia, USA, Canada, United Kingdom, New Zealand (expected in 2023), and the European Union. Visit our website for more information.

### ADOPT AN ORANGUTAN, ELEPHANT OR TIGER

Through our adoption program you can provide care and support for orphaned orangutans undergoing rehabilitation at our rescue centres in Sumatra and Borneo, and help fund vital elephant and tiger protection projects. You'll receive six-monthly updates on your chosen adoptee (orangutans and elephants only). Visit our website for more information.

### LEAVE A GIFT IN YOUR WILL

Leaving a Gift in your Will is one of the most effective and enduring ways you can help safeguard the future of *Critically Endangered* orangutans, elephants and tigers, and their rainforest habitat. Your gift, no matter how small, can help create a lasting conservation legacy for your loved ones and for future generations. Contact [bequests@theorangutanproject.org](mailto:bequests@theorangutanproject.org) for more information.

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Our profile and reputation as a leading conservation organisation presents unique opportunities for businesses and organisations to partner with us to deliver meaningful conservation outcomes. Support may include cash donations, event sponsorship and/or workplace giving. For more information contact [partnership@theorangutanproject.org](mailto:partnership@theorangutanproject.org).

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