



Orang Utan Republik Foundation

Annual Report | 2018





OUR VISION

Working under the ethos “Free to be wild,” the vision of OURF is a time in the near future when the people of Indonesia accept that orangutans, and all other species that inhabit their rain forests, have a right to live in peace, and their forests can be shared and utilized sustainably for the benefit of both animals and people.

OUR MISSION

Saving the orangutans of Indonesia through conservation education, outreach initiatives, and innovative collaborative programs that inspire and call people to action—especially the next generation.



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MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT & CO-FOUNDER

GARY L. SHAPIRO, PH.D



Each year brings new challenges and opportunities. As a growing organization, the challenges for the Orang Utan Republik Foundation has been to secure funds while maintaining a robust slate of programs. The opportunities enable us to be more effective in addressing our mission of saving orangutans.

Luckily, we were able to have a successful year in 2018 by raising adequate funds and bringing a new partner into the Orangutan Caring Scholarship Program which extended our unique student support effort to Central Indonesian Borneo. Now we have a competitive scholarship program in the name of the orangutan in four of the provinces where wild orangutans still range. By the end of 2018 we had given out 20 new scholarships bringing the total number of students who have benefited from the Caring Scholarship program to 150. Over 80 students have already graduated moving into positions of influence and advocacy for the great red ape.

We were also challenged by our expansion in Sumatra as the Orangutan Caring Foundation of Indonesia completed its Memorandum of Understanding with the Gunung Leuser National Park authorities enabling the MECU team to address conservation challenges within the National Park in partnership with other NGOs. In addition to the conservation education programs that served as the starting point for the MECU program, the Indonesian foundation is taking on patrols and monitoring of illegal activities within the Park, restoration of degraded areas within the park, and community livelihood development in villages along the border of the Park.

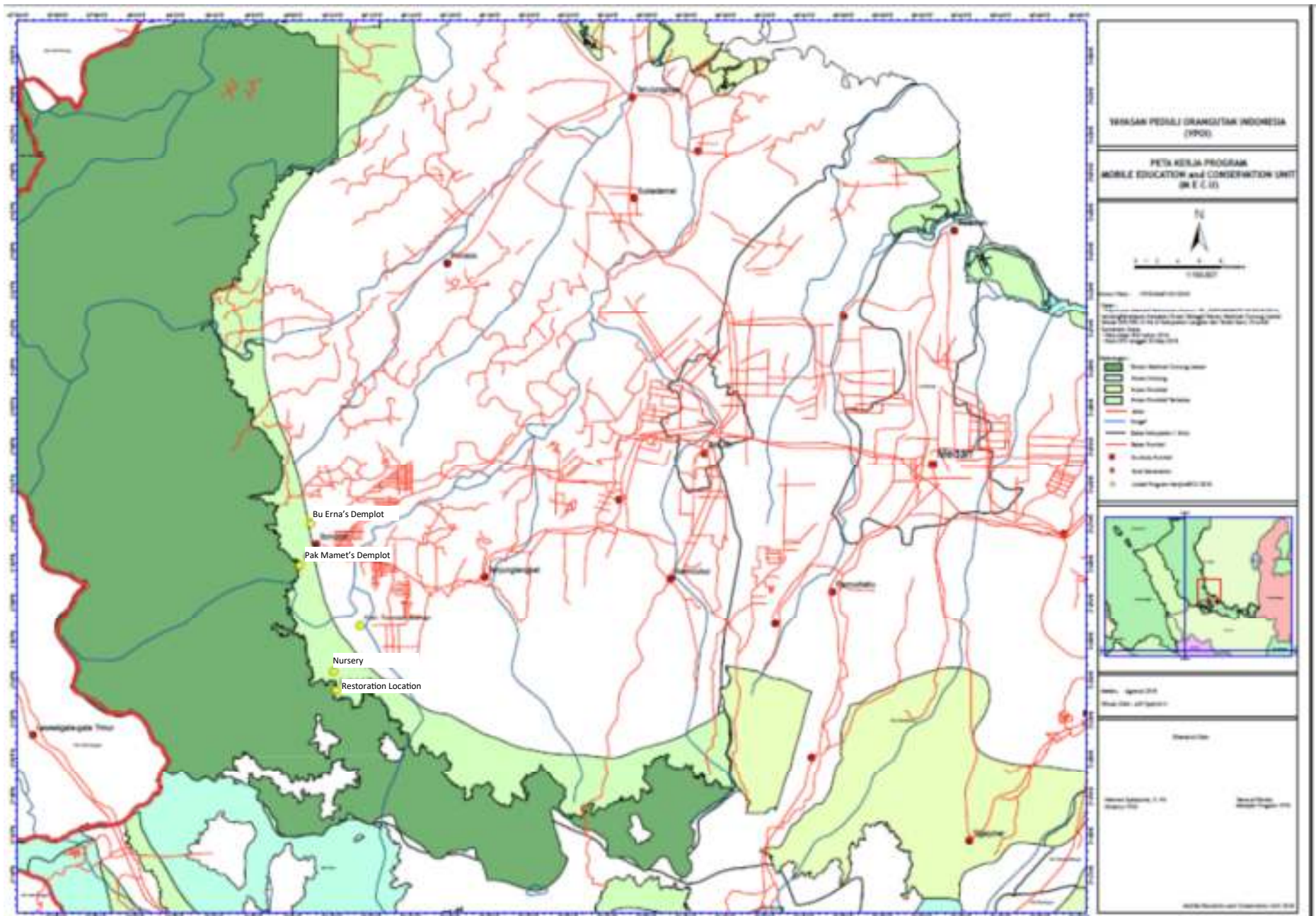
Donors should realize their support of our work is a amazing investment in the future of forest, people and wildlife, including the orangutan. Thanks to all who have supported our work in 2018.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary Shapiro". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

WHERE WE WORK IN THE FIELD



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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT TO REDUCE CONFLICT

2018 Mobile Education and Conservation Unit

The Mobile Education and Conservation Unit (MECU) program continues to enrich the lives of local villagers and to reduce human-wildlife conflict. Most are family farmers and smallholders that benefit by learning organic and sustainable farming techniques as well as ways to humanely repel orangutans from their orchards. Additionally, MECU educators go into the local schools, create Orangutan Caring Clubs to inspire young people to appreciate orangutans and nature then take action.

During its eighth year, MECU-8 continued providing various programs to the served communities including: Agricultural Demonstration Plots, the

Smart House in Kinangkong, the Smart Car program, Forest Restoration program, Volunteer and Ecotour programs, Community Tree-planting activities, Orangutan Caring Week events, School and Extra-curricular education programs, and Program Monitoring.



Memorandum of Understanding Signed

After months of negotiations between the leadership of the Orangutan Caring Club of Indonesia (YPOI), and the relevant officials from the Gunung Leuser National Park, a letter of agreement, Memorandum of Understanding and Annual Work Plan were signed allowing YPOI to conduct various conservation related activities within the national park. The activities include forest restoration in degraded areas within the park, investigation and monitoring of human-orangutan conflict as well as illicit activities including illegal logging, illegal farming, and wildlife poaching. MECU staff were given specific training by other agencies and NGOs that have conducted such activities.

The MOU will enable YPOI and the MECU program to complement the various conservation activities being conducted by other NGOs in coordination by the national park authorities within a very large landscape. So while the MECU program will continue to provide education, training, and community livelihood enhancements, it will also expand its portfolio of activities which will increase the capabilities and value of this local NGO within the region.



KEMENTERIAN LINGKUNGAN HIDUP DAN KEHUTANAN
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25 Januari 2018

Nomor : S. 119 /BBTNGL/KBTU/PKS/1/2018
Lampiran : 1 (satu) berkas
Perihal : Rencana Kerjasama Penguatan Fungsi Antara BBTNGL dengan Yayasan Peduli Orangutan Indonesia (YPOI)

Yth,
Direktur Jenderal Konservasi Sumber Daya Alam dan Ekosistem
di
Jakarta

Sehubungan dengan rencana kerjasama penguatan fungsi kawasan dan konservasi keanekaragaman hayati Taman Nasional Gunung Leuser (TNGL) yang dimohonkan oleh Ketua Yayasan Peduli Orangutan Indonesia (YPOI) kepada Kepala Balai Besar TNGL, terakhir melalui surat Nomor S.03/YPOI/XII/2017 tanggal 29 Desember 2017 perihal Permohonan Kerjasama YPOI, bersama ini kami sampaikan hal-hal sebagai berikut:

1. Terhadap permohonan kerjasama dari YPOI tersebut telah kami proses sesuai mekanisme yang diatur dalam Peraturan Menteri Lingkungan Hidup dan Kehutanan Nomor P.44/MenLHK/Setjen/KUM.1/6/2017 tentang Perubahan Atas Peraturan Menteri Kehutanan Nomor P.85/Menhut-II/2014 tentang Tata Cara Kerjasama Penyelenggaraan Kawasan Suaka Alam dan Kawasan Pelestarian Alam, khususnya pada Pasal 20 (a), Pasal 21 (c) dan Pasal 24;
2. Berdasarkan proses penilaian persyaratan berkas permohonan kerjasama yang telah dilakukan, kami sampaikan kelengkapan berkas permohonan kerjasama terlampir sebagai berikut:
 - a. Proposal kerjasama, antara lain memuat maksud, tujuan, sasaran, bentuk kegiatan, jangka waktu kerjasama, peta dan pendanaan;
 - b. Profil lembaga YHUA;
 - c. Draft Perjanjian Kerjasama, Rencana Pelaksanaan Program (RPP) dan Rencana Kerja Tahunan (RKT) Tahun 2018.
3. Selanjutnya kami mohon arahan Bapak terkait dengan tindak lanjut dari rencana kerjasama tersebut.

Demikian disampaikan, atas perhatian dan arahan Bapak diucapkan terimakasih.


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1. Sekretaris Direktorat Jenderal KSDAE;
2. Direktur Insup Direktorat Jenderal KSDAE;
3. Ketua Yayasan Peduli Orangutan Indonesia

ORANGUTAN CARING SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS SPEAK OUT

Petrus Yendri — Geography Student from West Kalimantan— Received Orangutan Caring Scholarship in 2014.

“As the one of Bornean Orangutan Caring Scholarship recipients, I am so grateful. There were so many experiences I got. The activities held by Yayasan Palung were very helpful me to my personal development. I will use my experience and ability in the campus to learn more related information in my studies on campus. The BOCS training by Yayasan Palung taught me to how to be a citizen reporter (write reports for the news), how to speak publicly, how to make a simple campaign use social media, and more.”



Student Petrus and one of his professors.



*Veterinary student Agustina
and OURF President Gary
Shapiro*

Agustina—Veterinary Student from Aceh—Received Orangutan Caring Scholarship from funds donated by World Veterinary Service in 2017.

“From September 2018 I designed my research method. In October-November 2018, I conducted my research. The location of my first study was at the Pematang Siantar Animal Park, North Sumatra. There I took orangutan feces and recorded orangutan behavior and visitor behavior. Oh yeah, I forgot, there are 4 orangutans in Siantar and 3 Sumatran Orangutans (Stip, Bonaria, Corporal) and 1 Bornean Orangutan (Dino). During my research I had to go back and forth between Pematang Siantar- Banda Aceh. Which takes a lot of time and energy (because I don't use airplanes).

In December 2018, I processed orangutan feces as part of my research. My research method uses ELIZA (enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay) to look at the level of cortisol hormone metabolites in the stool. The reason I use fecal samples is because I avoid excessive restrain behavior that will make cortisol levels invalid and the data doesn't match what I expected. And this research will be completed in January 2018.

Even though my time and energy were divided into research. I also take part in conservation activities. Because that is my nature. I participated in mangrove tree planting activities. And reforesting the forest, which I hope contributes to the survival of humanity. I also attended seminars held at the Unsyiah veterinary faculty.”

FACILITATING TREE PLANTING AROUND THE PARK

The MECU team isn't only concerned with the survival of orangutans but also the forest in which they live. That is why the MECU team works with community groups and students from kindergartens, primary schools, junior and senior high schools to involve them with tree planting.



BY THE NUMBERS

Years #Trees Planted

2011 1,060

2012 2,620

2013 1,750

2014 20,340

2015 2,550

2016 4,440

2017 1,800

2018 10,020

Total 44,580

During this time, they have planted trees on community walkways, along the river bank, and in the buffer zone between Gunung Leuser National Park and local community farms and other critical places.

The MECU team is also beginning to plant within the National Park as part of the MOU with the National Park authorities.



THE ORANGUTAN CARING SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM EXPANDS AGAIN

In 2018 OURF added a new partner to implement the Orangutan Caring Scholarships in Central Kalimantan. Borneo Nature Foundation had already established a relationship with the University of Palangka Raya so they were an ideal organization to promote and administer the unique program for students in biology and forestry. Dr. Shapiro met with the BNF team and the university administrators in May to officially set up the program starting with two new scholarships. BNF team members accepted applications, interview and evaluated numerous applicants and awarded the scholarship later that year. All in all twenty new Orangutan Caring Scholarships were given out in ceremonies in Ketapang, West Kalimantan, Medan, Sumatra, and Palangka Raya, Central Kalimantan.

By the end of this award period, OURF has given out 150 multi-year scholarships in the fields of biology, forestry and veterinary science. Over eighty graduates have completed their studies and are working for NGOs, government, the private sector or continuing their studies.

This unique, competitive scholarship program is the only one of its kind to provide tuition and research funding to students in the name of the orangutan. Funding for the scholarships have come from The Orangutan Project, Andrew Sabin Family Foundation, Australian AID, and numerous individuals.

OURF thanks our Indonesian partners: Orangutan Information Centre in Medan, Yayasan Palung in Ketapang, and now Borneo Nature Foundation in Palangka Raya for implementing this program.



West Kalimantan Ceremony



Medan Ceremony



Central Kalimantan Ceremony

EXPANDING OUR CONSERVATION REACH AS TOP-USA



OURF continued its partnership with The Orangutan Project (TOP) in 2018 as TOP-USA to increase funding for orangutan conservation and to further reduce the combined administration of two of the leanest charities on the planet today.

Through the new relationship, OURF aka TOP-USA is supportive of TOP's many conservation projects on Borneo and Sumatra. OURF's board insures that the projects being supported are consistent to the founding mission.

In 2018 OURF/TOP-USA funded the following organizations:

- **Frankfurt Zoological Society**
- **HaKA**
- **International Animal Rescue**
- **Orangutan Foundation UK**
- **Orangutan Information Center**
- **Pro Nature**
- **Orangutan Caring Foundation of Indonesia**
- **Sumatran Orangutan Conservation Programme**

- **Scorpion**
- **Orangutan Veterinary Aid**
- **Orangutan Conservancy**
- **International Animal Rescue**
- **Hutan**
- **Wildlife Asia**
- **Center for Orangutan Protection**
- **Borneo Orangutan Survival Foundation**
- **Borneo Nature Foundation**
- **Borneo Nature Foundation**
- **Gunung Palung Orangutan Conservation Program**

Together we are saving more orangutans and their habitat so that they can all one day live free in the wild.

HONORING EXCEPTIONAL LEADERS

OURF honors environmental achievement and sustained support of orangutan conservation by awarding the Pongo Environmental Award each year. Recipients come from various fields of endeavor including the nonprofit, for profit, and entertainment worlds. 2018 marked our fourth Pongo Environmental Awards event. Our recipients were...



Hardi Baktiantoro—Center for Orangutan Protection

**ANIMAL
A PLANET**

GREENPEACE



Bill Weir—CNN

ECOTOURS TO EDUCATE & INSPIRE

In 2018, OURF partnered with Australian-based Orangutan Odysseys to conduct a mid-year ecotour of Tanjung Puting National Park. OURF President Dr. Gary Shapiro served as tour host to bring a small group of guests to observe orangutans and monkeys within the Sekonyer River system, including Tanjung Harapan, Pondok Tenggui, and the famous Camp Leakey. It was at the latter research and conservation area where Dr. Shapiro conducted his own pioneering research on sign learning abilities of free-ranging, ex-captive orangutans in the late 1970s.

Today, ecotourists can come to Borneo and Sumatra to observe wildlife and to support local communities through their patronage of tour operators and ecolodges. In addition, organizations such as the Orang Utan Republik Foundation and The Orangutan Project benefit from each ecotourist that takes a trip through Orangutan Odysseys. For more information visit www.orangutanodysseys.com.



Ecotourists at an orangutan feeding station for public viewing



An adult male proboscis monkey near the river

IMPACTING POLICY ON THE RSPO

OURF joined the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil in late 2011 at the request of the Orangutan Land Trust. In 2012, 2014, and 2017 OURF sat at the table with hundreds of other members at the annual meeting.

In 2018, OURF maintained its membership, attended the RSPO's RT16 in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia, and voted at the General Assembly. This particular meeting was significant in advancing the Principles & Criteria (P&Cs) for the RSPO which is done each 5 years. With work done by technical teams between changes, the resolutions voted upon added environmental and social improvements including No Deforestation, No planting on peat, Fire prevention, and Human and Labor rights.

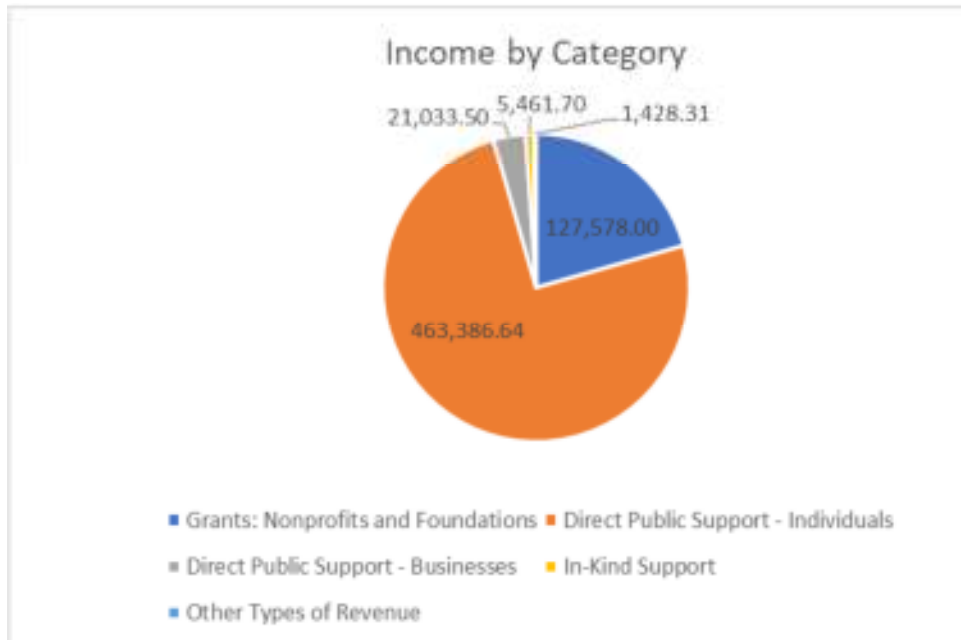
By creating P&Cs that members must abide by, everyone in the supply chain, from planters and growers to manufacturers will understand what actions will be necessary to have their products certified as sustainable. While not perfect, the RSPO provides a process that will better protect remaining forests and wildlife, including orangutans.



FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Fiscal Year January 1, 2018—December 31, 2018

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION



Assets (as of December 31, 2018) in US\$

Change in Net Assets 105,118
 Net Assets Beginning of Year 221,436
 Net Assets End of Year 326,654
 Total Current Assets [326,654](#)

Liabilities and Net Equity (as of December 31, 2018)

Total Liabilities 0
 Net Equity 326,654
 Total Liability and Net Equity 326,654

International Support in US\$

Orangutan Caring Scholarships (OCS) 26,196
Mobile Education and Conservation Unit (MECU) 72,001
Wildlife Asia 50,000
The Orangutan Project (TOP) Programs 300,000
International Program Oversight and Support 10,482
RSPO membership 893

OFFICERS & BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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