



Orang Utan Republik Foundation

Annual Report | 2019





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.

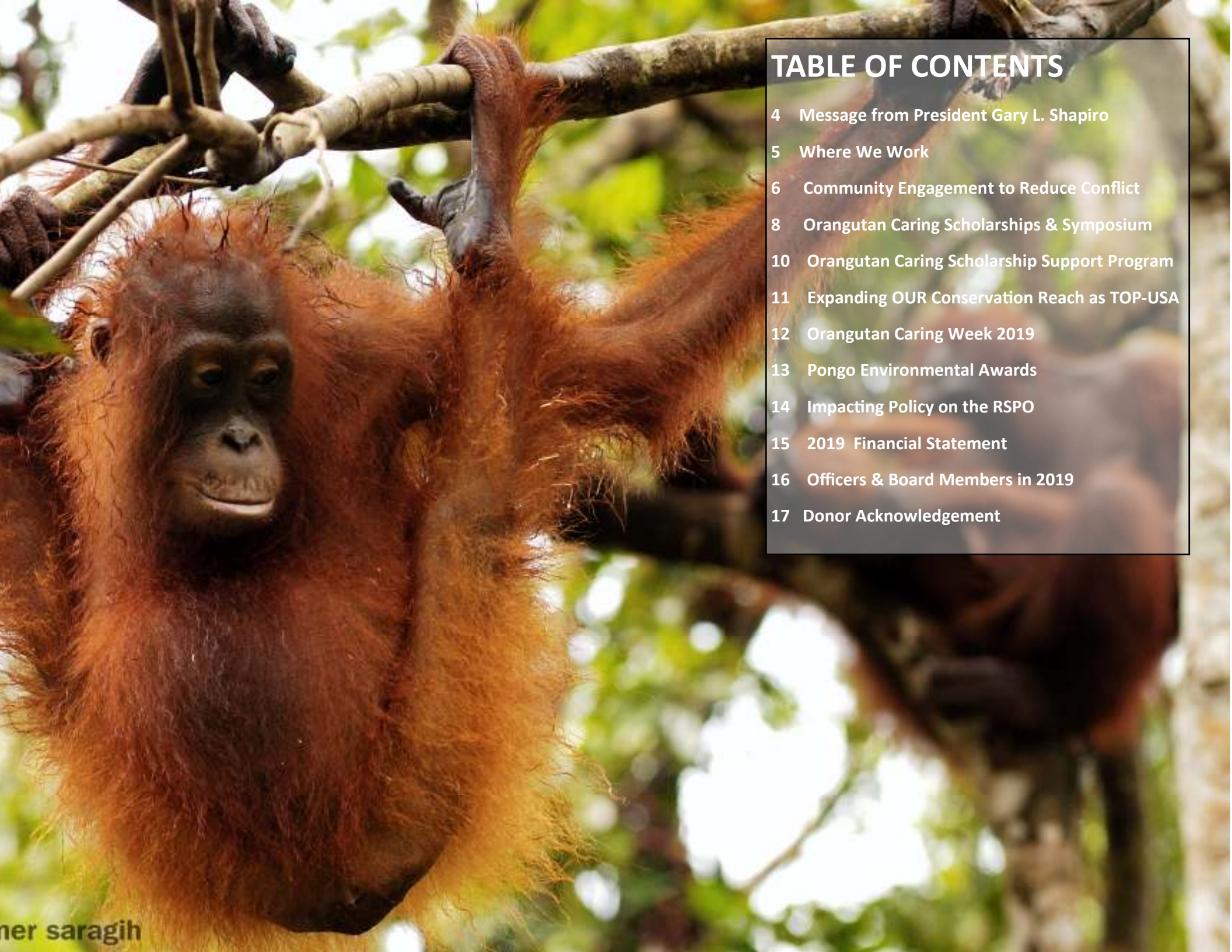


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MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT & CO-FOUNDER

GARY L. SHAPIRO, PH.D



2019 was another year of growth and change for OURF. During the first half of the year, OURF maintained its funding commitments to the Orangutan Caring Scholarship and the Mobile Education & Conservation Unit programs. Twenty-two new multi-year

scholarships were awarded during ceremonies I attended in three cities: Palangka Raya (Central Kalimantan), Ketapang (West Kalimantan), and Banda Aceh (Aceh, Sumatra). We have now awarded 172 scholarships and over 100 students have graduated to become advocates for this keystone species.

During the second half of 2019, we saw the transition of our field operations from the Orangutan Caring Foundation to the Sustainable Green Sumatra Foundation as OURF shifts to a strategy of supporting potentially multiple Indonesian conservation organizations as they develop the skills needed to become independent. By investing in such capacity-

building over a finite period, we will enable the creation of a larger constellation of locally managed conservation education groups that can work effectively with small communities around the Leuser Ecosystem. Moving such communities towards a sustainable and thriving lifestyle while reducing the human-wildlife conflict via conservation education is the key to the long-term protection of the nearby forests and the wildlife.

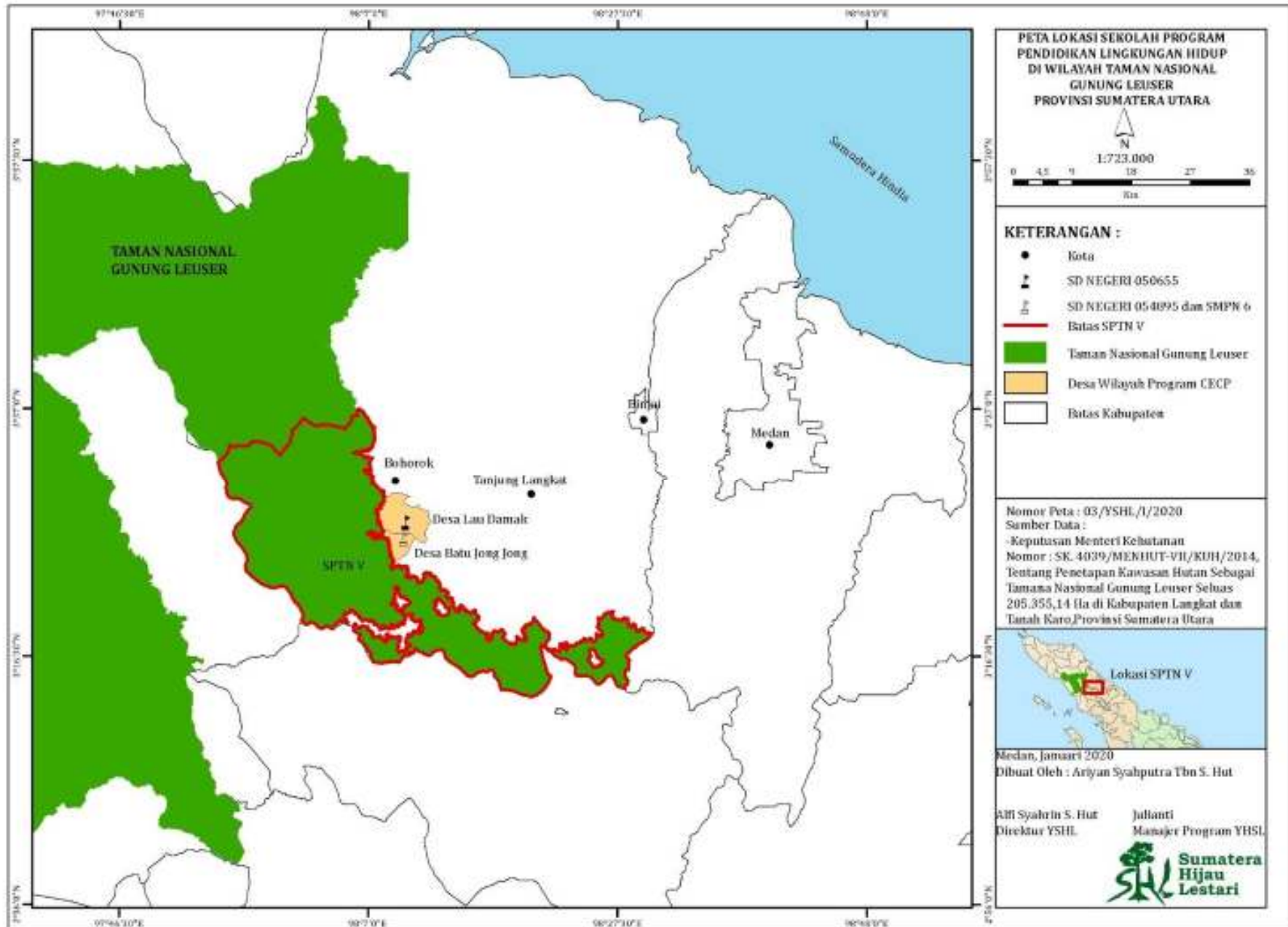
Finally, we continue to serve as the US chapter of The Orangutan Project and funded over US\$350,000 in 2019 to organizations and projects other than OURF. As TOP-USA, we can expand our mission in a way that strengthens our efficacy in guaranteeing a future for orangutans throughout their range.

We invite you to learn more about our activities and to get involved. It has been my honor to serve as President. Thank you for your continued support.

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

LOCATION OF GRADE SCHOOLS PARTICIPATING IN THE CECP ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAM WITHIN THE REGION OF GUNUNG LEUSER NATIONAL PARK



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT TO REDUCE CONFLICT & ENHANCE SUSTAINABILITY

2019 Brings Change to OURF-funded Field Operations in Sumatra

OURF has always encouraged the formation of Indonesian-led environmental education organizations because the future of Indonesian ecosystem sustainability belongs to the Indonesian people. For over 10 years, OURF supported the creation and operation of the Orangutan Caring Foundation (YPOI) and its Mobile Education and Conservation Unit (MECU) to protect the Leuser Ecosystem, a globally recognized UNESCO treasure. Through MECU, the educators and conservationists of YPOI provided much-needed education and training to villagers and farmers with the intent of not only reducing human-wildlife conflict but improving villagers' livelihood. This, in turn, has also improved the outlook for orangutans in the Bukit Lawang area because as the villagers embrace the conservation ideals there are fewer conflicts with wildlife.

Recently, YPOI expressed its desire to be independent of OURF funding which gave us the opportunity to partner with a new budding organization, YSHL. This group includes some of the same staff members that were at YPOI, and thus we have been able to continue our mission and programs in the same villages as with YPOI. In this way, our Q-4 activities started by MECU were able to be completed by YSHL.

OURF will provide advice and encourage YSHL to seek diverse funding rather than depend upon the philanthropy of OURF exclusively. Over time, OURF expects that YSHL will build its capacity to a point where OURF will be able to provide seed funding and support to new organizations in other parts of Indonesia where orangutans and wildlife remain in need of more local advocacy.



YSHL Personnel as of November 2019

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT TO REDUCE CONFLICT & ENHANCE SUSTAINABILITY



Administrators and managers hold Strategic Planning meetings at the YSHL office to prepare for 2020 and beyond.



Conservation basics are presented at the “Sahabat Hijau” or “Green Friends” volunteer program in November to promote conservation and journalism skills.



Ms. Shinta, Environmental Education Coordinator interacts with and discusses learning points with children at the Reading House in Lau Damak after watching a film about orangutans (October 25, 2019).



*CECP is helping support beekeepers. Beekeepers create an artificial hive to recruit *Trigona spp.* stingless bees, to migrate towards and establish a new colony once their natural hive in the log below is full.*

THE ORANGUTAN CARING SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM & OCS RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

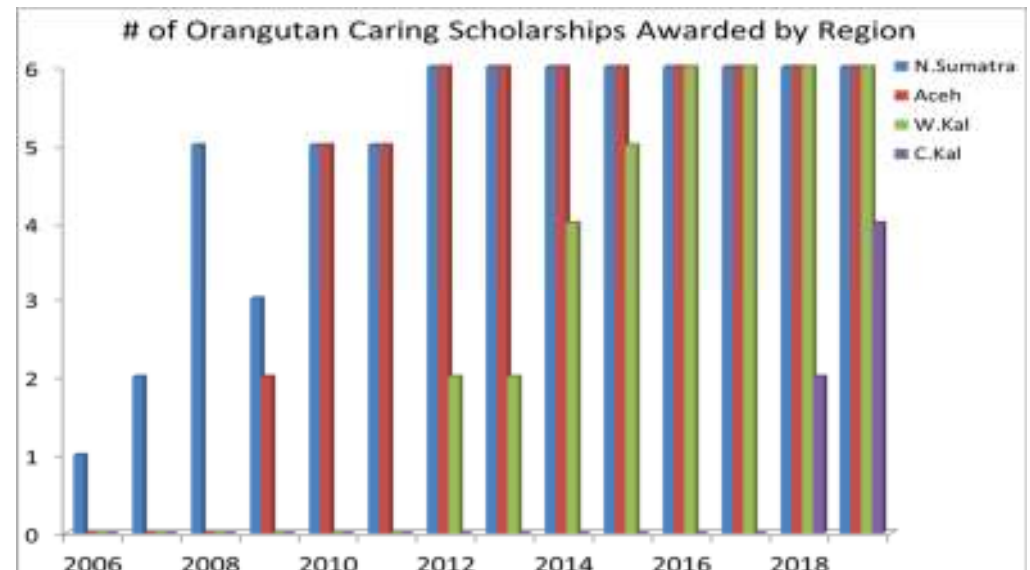
In 2019, OURF continued its successful Orangutan Caring Scholarship (OCS) program with twenty-two new scholarships given out in ceremonies in Ketapang, West Kalimantan; Banda Aceh, Sumatra; and Palangka Raya, Central Kalimantan. In addition, with funding from Indonesian coffee company Kapal Api and The Orangutan Project, the implementing organization in Sumatra, Orangutan Information Centre (OIC), hosted a OCS Research Symposium at Ar-Raniry University in Banda Aceh. Ten graduates presented their research and keynote presentations were made by Dr. Suci Utami and Misdi (a former OCS graduate).



May 21, 2019- Sumatran Orangutan Caring Scholarship award ceremony at University of Ar-Raniry in Banda Aceh with recipients from N. Sumatra and Aceh proudly holding their award certificate while faculty, family, and OIC staff look on.



May 21, 2019- Fransiska of OIC (left) speaks to Misdi (far right) while Dr. Sri Suci Utami watches during the plenary sessions of the Sumatran orangutan research symposium.



THE ORANGUTAN CARING SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM & OCS RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

By the end of this award period, OURF has given out 172 multi-year scholarships in the fields of biology, forestry and veterinary science. Over one-hundred have graduated 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, the Andrew Sabin Family Foundation, and numerous individuals.

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



May 15, 2019- Central Borneo Orangutan Caring Scholarship award ceremony. OCS recipients wearing green sashes pose with runner ups, family, faculty, and members of the implementing agency, Borneo Nature Foundation.



May 19, 2019 -West Borneo Orangutan Caring Scholarship award ceremony. Dr. Gary Shapiro poses with the six newest recipients of the OCS with family, faculty and members of Yayasan Palung, the implementing agency.

ORANGUTAN CARING SCHOLARSHIP-STUDENT SUPPORT PROGRAM

In late 2019, OURF launched an innovative online support program intended to help Indonesian youth become conservation educators.

The Orang Utan Republik Foundation (OURF), in conjunction with The Orangutan Project (TOP), announced a holiday launch of the Student Sponsorship Program, an e-certificate gifting platform that enables anyone to easily support OURF's Orangutan Caring Scholarship (OCS) program by becoming a Scholarship Guardian.

Potential donors can learn about six exceptional students who represent the entire scholarship program. The students were nominated by the implementing organizations that locally promote and manage the OCS.

Sponsors will receive a student biography and an e-Certificate of sponsorship and can also follow the student's progress as they submit periodic updates on their matriculation.

Patterned after the orangutan adoption programs, funds collected by this program will be used to support all of the students who are receiving fiscal support.

For more information, go to:

<https://www.orangutanrepublik.org/sponsor/>



Nabiliah

SPONSOR

Nabiliah Sanayaha

Since, there is how her friends called her, grew up in a small village, Kasandi in Semarang, west part of Nusa Tenggara. She is the third child of six children, her mom is working as a health worker in a local clinic and her father is working as a taxi-cab driver.

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Prilicia

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Prilicia Gumbang

Born and raised in Palangkaraya, Central Borneo, Prilicia has first-hand experience of the idyllic Bornean forest.

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Mega

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Mega Octaviani Gunawan

Mega was born in a small town called Ranpang, West Borneo. She is the third child of five siblings and lives in a humble family of Chinese-Indonesian descent. She is majoring in forestry and has a dream to be a conservationist and social entrepreneur.

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Ilham

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Ilham Pratama

Growing up in a small village, Nanga Tayap near Kelapang, West Borneo, Ilham had a genuine dream, to be a teacher.

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Glen

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Glen Widada

Glen Widada is currently studying at the University of Palangkaraya in Central Borneo, Indonesia, majoring in Forestry.

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Riyan

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Riyan Hari Ashari

Riyan was born as the eldest child of a hardworking father and a homemaker mother who has been vigorously raising Riyan and his siblings.

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EXPANDING OUR CONSERVATION REACH AS TOP-USA



OURF continued its partnership with The Orangutan Project (TOP) in 2019 as TOP-USA to increase funding for orangutan conservation and to further reduce the combined administration of two charities with a common mission.

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 2019 OURF/TOP-USA sent over \$350,000 to support the following organizations:

- **Frankfurt Zoological Society**
- **HaKA**
- **FKL**
- **Orangutan Foundation UK**
- **Orangutan Information Center**
- **Pro Nature**
- **Orangutan Caring Foundation of Indonesia**

- **Scorpion**
- **Orangutan Conservancy**
- **Hutan**
- **Center for Orangutan Protection**
- **Borneo Orangutan Survival Foundation**
- **Borneo Nature Foundation**
- **Gunung Palung Orangutan Conservation Program/Yayasan Palung**

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



ORANGUTAN CARING WEEK

Since establishing Orangutan Caring Week in 2006, OURF has directed the growth of this annual event, which has expanded to become a global opportunity for zoos, orangutan organizations and other groups to promote the species and its plight, in a special week. By creating a "critical mass" of support during the week, media attention is focused on the issues facing the orangutan.

In 2019, the theme of the week was "Respecting the Rights of Critically Endangered Species." The theme opens up the conversation of consideration of basic rights for critically endangered wildlife like orangutans whose lives and habitat should be given the guarantee of legal protection to ensure their long-term survival free from unnecessary captivity and torture with a right to life in a sovereign forest home.

Moving to sustainable land management practices and strict law enforcement will be key to the long-term survival of orangutans and other wildlife that depend on forest habitat.

During Orangutan Caring Week, dozens of organizations participated in having these discussions around the world.



ORANGUTAN CARING WEEK
November 10-16, 2019

**2019 Theme:
Respecting the Rights of Critically Endangered Species**

Photo by Andrew Walmsley for Sumatran Orangutan Society

WORKING TO SAVE ORANGUTANS AND THEIR RAIN FOREST HOMES:



WWW.ORANGUTANCARINGWEEK.ORG

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. 2019 marked our fifth Pongo Environmental Awards event. Our recipients were:



LEONARDO
DICAPRIO
FOUNDATION

For over two decades of philanthropy and advocacy supporting the conservation and protection of threatened ecosystems and wildlife across the planet.



Dr. Anne Russon

For her many years of dedication to orangutan research and conservation which has improved our understanding of orangutan cognition and their protection in the forests of East Borneo.



For educating the world through a visually stunning and inspiring documentary series that links human activities to the threatened ecosystems and wildlife of Our Planet.



For illuminating the complex and opaque world of money, power and politics behind the destruction of forests in Indonesian Borneo and beyond.

IMPACTING POLICY ON THE RSPO

OURF joined the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) in late 2011 at the request of another orangutan group to amplify our collective voice on this influential multi-stakeholder organization. In 2012, 2014, 2017 and 2018 OURF sat at the table with hundreds of other members at the annual roundtable and general assembly meetings.

In 2019, OURF maintained its membership, attended the RSPO's annual meeting, RT17 in Bangkok, Thailand, and voted at the General Assembly. The resolutions voted upon at the General Assembly were not as environmentally impactful in 2019 as they were in 2018 when the more stringent Principles and Criteria were added including No Deforestation, No planting on peat, Fire prevention, and Human and Labor rights.

OURF and its palm oil working group takes the position that it is better to engage within the process than avoid it to better ensure that the palm oil industry moves towards sustainability. Frankly, changing to another vegetable oil would lead to the degradation of other ecosystems. Abandoning palm oil for another crop would require more than three times the land needed to produce the same amount of vegetable oil.

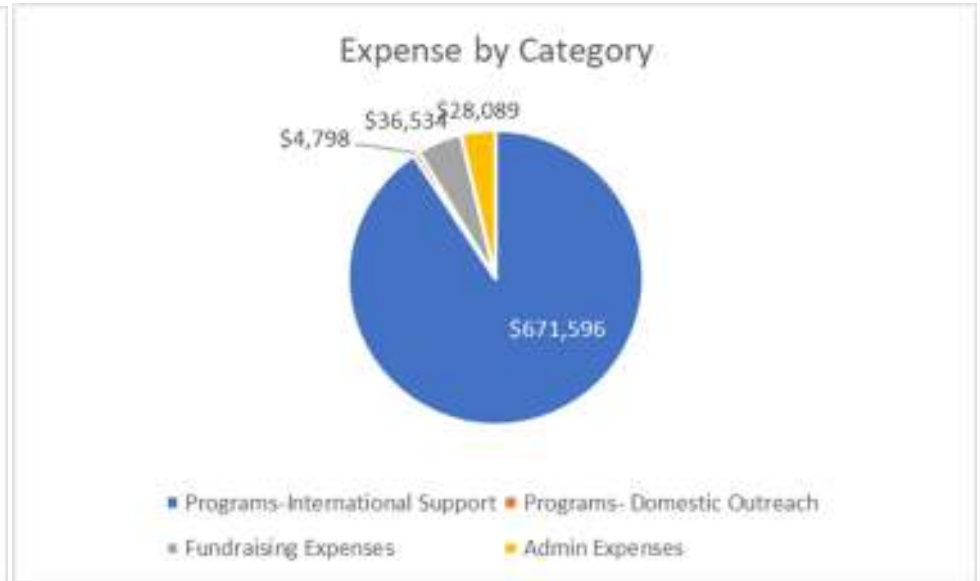
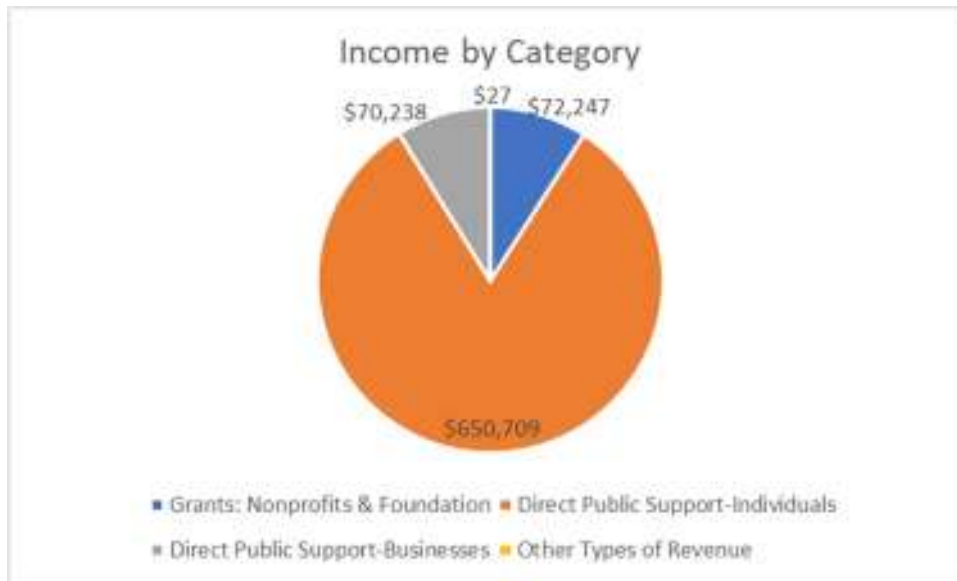
While not perfect, the RSPO provides a process that will better protect remaining forests and wildlife, including orangutans, when compared to a “business as usual” approach.



FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Fiscal Year January 1, 2019—December 31, 2019

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION



Assets (as of December 31, 2019) in US\$

Change in Net Assets \$52,873
 Net Assets Beginning of Year \$326,554
 Net Assets End of Year \$379,428
 Total Current Assets \$379,428

Liabilities and Net Equity (as of December 31, 2019)

Total Liabilities \$669
 Net Equity \$378,759
 Total Liability and Net Equity \$379,428

International Support in US\$

Orangutan Caring Scholarships (OCS) \$29,723
Mobile Education and Conservation Unit (MECU) \$98,156
LP Jenkins scholarship recipients \$2,000
The Orangutan Project (TOP) Programs \$526,191
International Program Oversight and Support \$15,998

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