# 2020 ANNUAL REPORT





#### **OUR MISSION**

To save the orangutans of Indonesia through conservation education, outreach initiatives, and innovative collaborative programs that inspire and call people to action.

#### **OUR VISION**

Working under the ethos "Free to be Wild," OURF envisions a time when the people of Indonesia accept that orangutans and all other species that inhabit their rainforests have a right to live, and that their forests can be shared and utilized sustainably for the benefit of both animals and people.



# **PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT**

The Covid-19 pandemic has been one of the most significant global challenges of our lifetime. Like climate change, it affects the entire planet including the nonhuman life that share the biosphere with us.

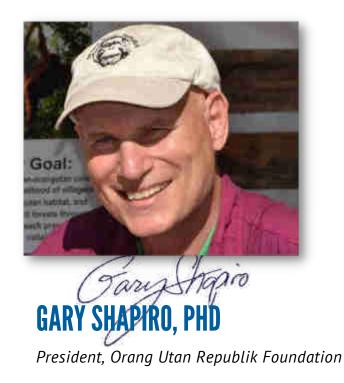
Respecting nature is at the front of what we do as we understand that keeping the biodiversity healthy and abundant is key to a prosperous future.

The Orang Utan Republik Foundation (OURF) made adjustments in 2020 to allow our signature programs to continue following Covid-19 protocols. We sheltered at home and coordinated with Zoom, and we Livestreamed our annual Pongo Awards. Impressively, we ramped up our volunteer support program with many new Indonesians who care about orangutans and the environment.

Twenty new Orangutan Caring Scholarships were awarded by the three implementing local organizations in mainly virtual ceremonies. This means that by the end of 2020, 192 students have received the multi-year scholarships since the program began in 2006. Also impressively, 115 students have graduated in the fields of biology, forestry and veterinary science. Due to Covid-19, no fellowships were awarded in 2020.

Our newest conservation educators in Sumatra, the Sustainable Green Sumatra Foundation, completed the first year of the Community Education and Conservation Program (CECP) and also had to make adjustments to deal with the pandemic. For a period of time, all outreach activities in the villages near Gunung Leuser National Park were suspended, but eventually, the education team brought lessons back to the remote locations including Covid-19 safety training. With our partnership with The Orangutan Project (TOP), serving as TOP-USA, we were able to raise and disburse over \$600,000 to 20 organizations doing important orangutan conservation work on Borneo and Sumatra.

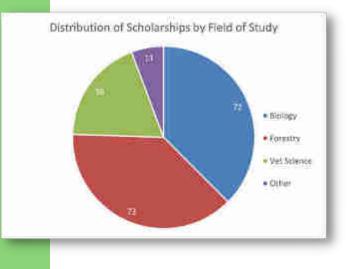
All in all, we were able to maintain our mission and programs throughout the pandemic due to the hard work and dedication of many people, including our global volunteers who continually demonstrate the value of volunteerism no matter where they live. My heartfelt thanks goes to all of them and to our steadfast supporters.

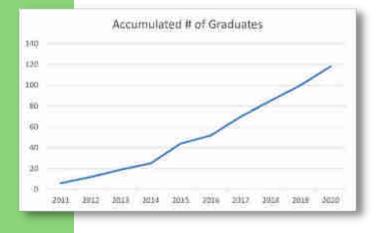


# **OUR IMPACT**



The Orang Utan Republik Foundation has made significant impacts in the lives of young Indonesians seeking higher education in the fields of biology, forestry and veterinary science, all areas that are beneficial for orangutans and wildlife biodiversity.







"Do your best, face challenges with passion. Don't forget to love your culture, your environment and your Forest O my brother. We exist because they (nature) existed first." -Prillicia Gumbang, 2018 recipient from Central Kalimantan.

# **COMMUNITY EDUCATION & CONSERVATION**

### PROGRAM







Even during the pandemic, the educators from the Sustainable Green Sumatra Foundation (YSHL) found ways to safely deliver formal and informal education programs to students in several villages and hamlets around the Gunung Leuser National Park and work with local farmers to reduce conflict with ape populations in adjacent forest habitat. Those were two aspects of the Community Education and Conservation Program (CECP). Additionally, by providing education and training to enhance organic farming techniques, the CECP team was able to provide alternatives to more toxic and destructive agricultural practices as well as help farmers improve livelihoods and increase productivity on existing farm and community forestland. Providing mentorship, capacity building training, and time-limited fiscal support are key to helping YSHL become self-sufficient and capable of seeking their own funding and independence.

# ORANGUTAN C<mark>aring Scholarship</mark> Program

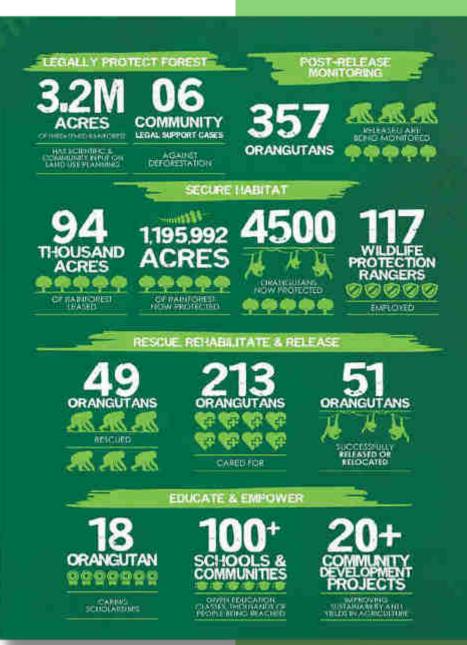


Now in its 15th year, the Orangutan Caring Scholarship Program (OCS) continues to demonstrate the value of partnership and commitment towards quality education that has produced numerous conservationists in Indonesia. Due to Covid-19, the process of evaluating and honoring the selected recipients in 2020 required adjusting to a virtual environments for all of the partnering organizations.

Twenty new multi-year scholarships were awarded in 2020, raising the total number of scholarships given to 192. By the end of 2020, 118 recipients graduated with many obtaining jobs with environmental organizations, government, business, or academia. Like planting trees, the OCS program continues to grow in scope and bears fruit as more and more "graduates become advocates" for orangutan survival.



# TOP-USA



OURF also serves as The Orangutan Project-USA, thus embracing a larger portfolio of projects and programs implemented by dozens of other organizations. Through the efforts of The Orangutan Project (TOP), OURF is able to raise significant funds that are applied to conservation and education projects that align with our values.

In 2020, OURF aka TOP-USA distributed \$623,000 to organizations including: Orangutan Information Centre International Animal Rescue, HaKA, Frankfurt Zoological Society, Centre for Orangutan Protection, Borneo Nature Foundation, Borneo Orangutan Survival Foundation, PT HOPE, FOTO, PT-ABT, PT SSL, Hutan, International Animal Rescue, Orangutan Foundation UK, Pro Natura, Sumatra Rescue Centre, BTP Reforestation Jambi III, Forum Konservasi Leuser Scorpion, Sumatran Orangutan Conservation Programme

# THE PONGO ENVIRONMENTAL AWARDS

The Pongo Environmental Awards honors individuals and organizations annually that have contributed to the improved understanding and appreciation of orangutans and endangered species, rainforest habitat, and for improving conditions for orangutans and other animals globally.

In 2020, five winners were honored during OURF's first livestream event on August 15, during which OURF also held its annual fundraiser.





### ORANGUTAN C<mark>aring week</mark>

OURF has been a leading force in establishing and promoting Orangutan Caring Week (OCW) since we transformed Orangutan Awareness Week to Caring Week. This was done in recognition of the need to move beyond awareness to action. Bringing about positive change only takes place when people care.

OCW takes place in early November. In 2020, Covid-19 forced everyone to conduct virtual events. OURF and its volunteers held a contest which resulted in the submission of 60 short video clips. Amazingly, all but one entry came from Indonesia. The top-rated clip (seen to the right) can be found on OURF's YouTube channel.



youtube.com/user/orangutanrepublik



The 2020 Orangutan Caring Week poster and theme.

### **VOLUNTEER ENGAGEMENT**





Since OURF's inception, volunteers have played a vital role in the operations of the Orang Utan Republik Foundation. Caring people work from the heart, thereby benefiting both the organization and the volunteers themselves.

Towards the end of 2020, Indonesian volunteers were instrumental in creating a more formalized volunteer program within OURF. Over a dozen committees have been set up to allow the volunteers to work with a committee chairperson on various projects that support OURF's mission.

# IMPACTING PO<mark>licy on RSPO</mark>

OURF joined the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) in 2011 to amplify our collective voice on this influential multi-stakeholder organization. While we do not believe that the conversion of biodiverse forests to plantations can ever make a commodity "sustainable," we can influence this industry from the inside and make the growing of this versatile and productive crop less harmful to the remaining orangutans and the environment.

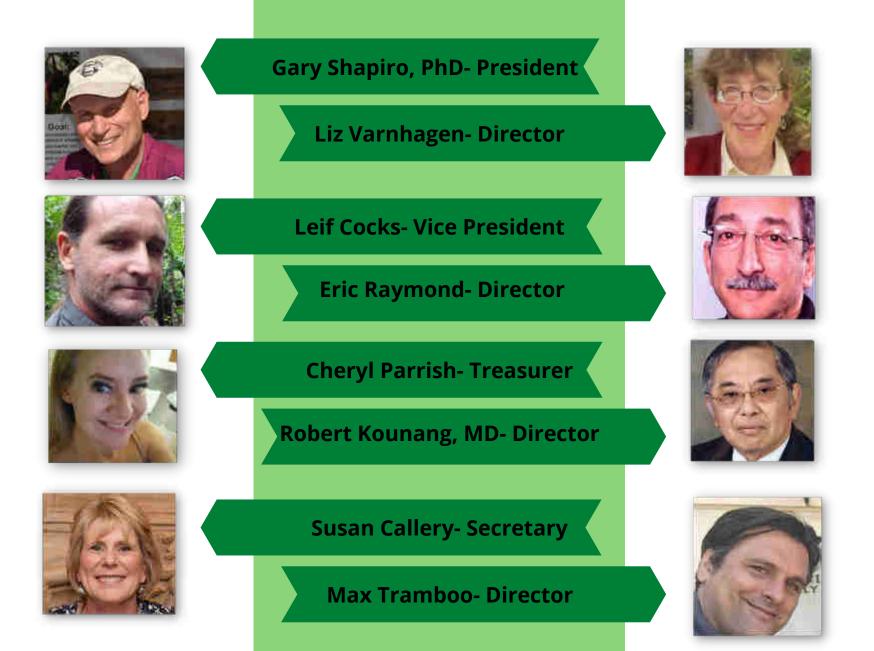
Along with other environmental NGOs, OURF speaks out on behalf of orangutans and other species that cannot speak for themselves.







# **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**



# THANK YOU TO OUR SUPPORTERS

### While we appreciate all supporters of OURF, we are pleased to recognize those listed below who contributed at the Orangutan Guardian level (\$1,000) and above during 2020.

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### FINANCIALS

**Liabilities and Net Equity** 

Total Liability and Net Equity \$428,476.98

\$1,624.50

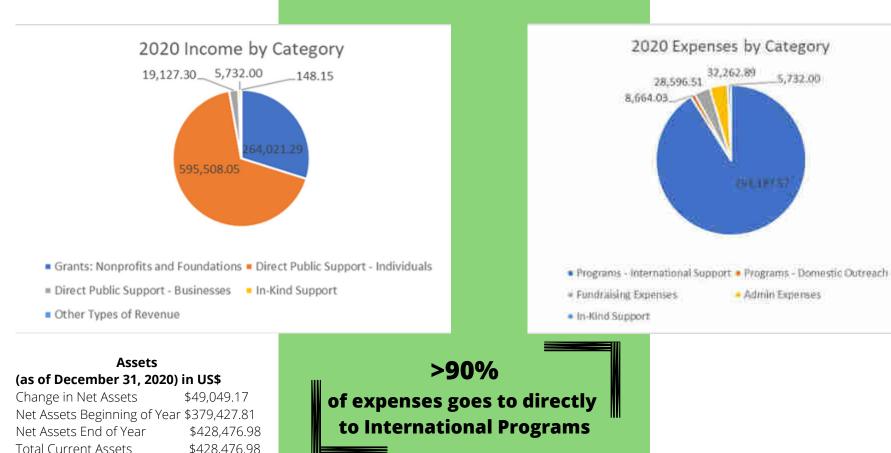
\$426,852,48

(as of December 31, 2020) in US\$

Total Liabilities

Net Equity

### Fiscal Year January 1, 2020—December 31, 2020 Statement of Financial Position



#### **International Support in US\$**

Orangutan Caring Scholarships (OCS) \$29,629.00 Community Education and Conservation Program (CECP) \$104,120.69 The Orangutan Project (TOP) Programs \$622,927.00 International Program Oversight and Support \$4,510.88

# **ORANG UTAN REPUBLIK FOUNDATION**



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