

# 2021 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**

2021 was the second year our species faced the Covid-19 pandemic with the original SARS-CoV2 virus evolving into different strains and variants. We watched as millions of people became infected and saw how misinformation led to the unnecessary deaths of many thousands. It points out the need for accurate information and leaders whose policies are based on sound science.

The pandemic has also exposed the importance of being able to monitor the presence of other viruses in the environment and taking swift action to mitigate future pandemics. Despite the international challenges of managing a global heath crisis, OURF was able to continue its programs as it did the previous year.

Adjustments were made throughout 2021: no outreach events in the Spring, no trips to Indonesia, and a continued reliance on Zoom to conduct meetings especially with our growing group of volunteers. As more needles went into people's arms and Covid-19 cases started dropping in California, we held our postponed Annual Fundraiser and Pongo Awards as a Gala social event in mid-November at the Indonesian Consulate. This fabulous event was right before Omicron appeared, so we were lucky we didn't have to cancel.

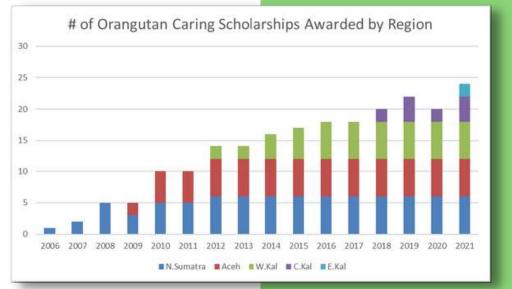
Twenty-four new Orangutan Caring Scholarships were awarded by four implementing local organizations in mainly virtual ceremonies. This means that by the end of 2021, 216 students have received the multi-year scholarships since the program began in 2006. Also impressively, 129 students have graduated in the fields of biology, forestry and veterinary science. Due to Covid-19, no LP Jenkins Fellowships were awarded in 2021.

The Sustainable Green Sumatra Foundation, completed their second year of the Community Education and Conservation Program (CECP) and also had to make adjustments to deal with the pandemic. Public schools were still off limits, but the CECP team continued education lessons and training in the remote villages including conservation, livelihood, and organic farming methods as well as tree planting actvities. With our partnership with The Orangutan Project (TOP), serving as TOP-USA, we were able to raise and disburse nearly half a million dollars to 20 organizations doing important orangutan conservation work on Borneo and Sumatra.

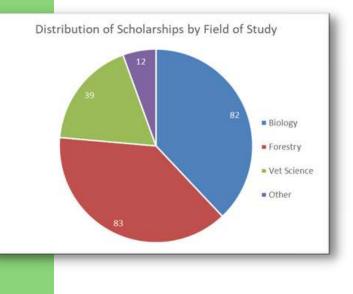
As challenging as 2021 was, OURF was able to maintain its mission and programs throughout the pandemic. This was due in large part to the dedication of many people, including our global volunteers who continually demonstrate the value of volunteerism no matter where they live. My heartfelt thanks goes to all of them and to our steadfast supporters.

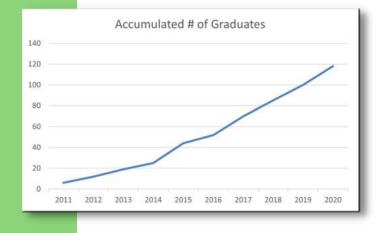


### **OUR IMPACT**



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.







"It is an honor for me to be one of the recipients of the 2020 Orangutan Caring Scholarships, because in the process I had to compete with many participants who had various advantages that could not be underestimated. -Dara Pandan Ninggara Arianto, veterinary student at the University of Syiah Kuala in Aceh.

### **COMMUNITY ED**UCATION & CONSERVATION PROGRAM



Throughout 2021 and the pandemic, the educators from the Sustainable Green Sumatra Foundation (YSHL) persevered and safely delivered formal and informal community education programs to students in several villages and hamlets around the Gunung Leuser National Park. They also worked with local farmers to mitigate ape/human conflicts in neighboring forest habitats.

In addition to tree planting work, the Community Education and Conservation Program (CECP) provided education and training to enhance organic farming techniques by providing alternatives to greater toxic and destructive agricultural practices. This dedicated team continued to helped local farmers improve their livelihoods while increasing productivity on existing farm and community forestland.

Providing ongoing mentorship, capacity building training, and time-limited fiscal support are paramount to helping YSHL become self-sufficient and capable of seeking their own funding and independence.

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

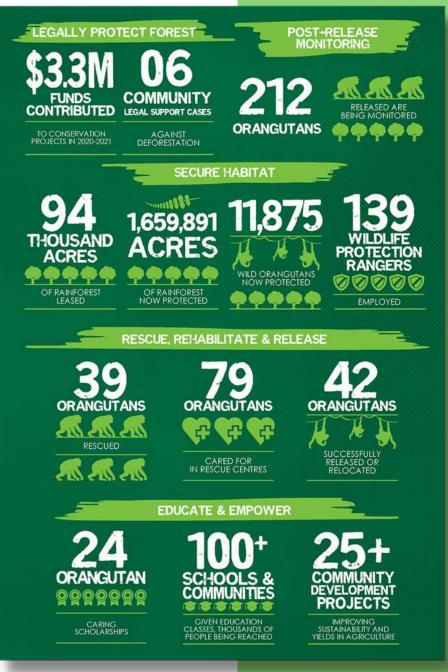


Now in its 16th year, the Orangutan Caring Scholarship Program (OCS) continues to demonstrate the value of partnership and commitment towards quality education that has produced numerous conservationists in Indonesia. Due to Covid-19, the process of evaluating and honoring the selected recipients in 2021 required adjusting to a virtual environments for all of the partnering organizations.

Twenty-four new multi-year scholarships were awarded in 2021, raising the total number of scholarships given to 216. By the end of 2021, 129 recipients graduated with many obtaining jobs with environmental organizations, government, business, or academia. The OCS program continues to grow in scope and more graduates are 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 2021, OURF aka TOP-USA distributed \$492,487 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

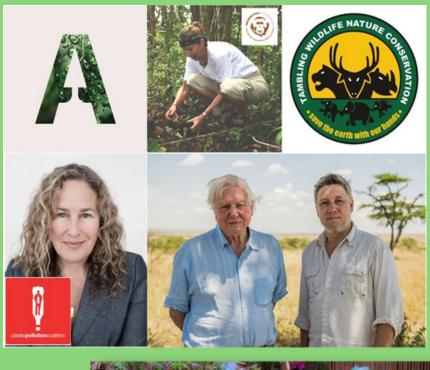
# THE PONGO ENVIRONMENTAL AWARDS

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, environmental issues and for improving conditions for orangutans and other animals globally.

In 2021, five winners were honored during OURF's in-person Gala event at the Indonesian Consulate in Los Angeles on November 13, during which OURF also held its annual fundraiser.

More information about the Pongo Award recipients can be found at https://www.orangutanrepublik.o rg/what-we-do/the-pongo-awards/

#### **2021 AWARD WINNERS**





## THE PONGO Environmental Awards Gala



### 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 is held every November. 2021's theme was "Respecting nature to save orangutans, biodiversity, and our collective nature. To recognize the global event, OURF published an article on Newswire and posted on social media. Additionally on the last night of OCW, along with the Consulate General of the Republik Indonesia, the Orang Utan Republik Foundation hosted the 8th Annual Pongo Environmental Awards and Benefit at the Indonesia Consulate in Los Angeles.



The 2021 Orangutan Caring Week poster

#### **GIVING TUESDAY**

GivingTuesday is a Movement that Unleashes the Power of Radical Generosity Around the World. GivingTuesday was created in 2012 as a simple idea: a day that encourages people to do good and to reimagine a world built upon shared humanity and generosity.

2021's event took place on Tuesday, November 30th. OURF asked our members and our social media audience to join us in our effort to save critically endangered or angutans by purchasing one of our custom T-shirts. One of the t-shirts was designed by Indonesian artist Anton Susanto!

All profits proudly went to support OURF's Community Education and Conservation Program (CECP). This program helps to reduce humanwildlife conflict between local farmers in villages and their ape counterparts.

Tee Designed by Indonesian artist Anton Susanto

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#### SAVE THE ORANGUTAN SAVE THE RAINFOREST



The OURF is dedicated to ensuring the survival of Bornean and Sumatran Orangutans and their rainforest habitat. Village Education for conservation is vitally important, especially when local farmers work in the palm oil sector. Through increasing community education initiatives, human-wildlife conflict— specifically ape conflict— is significantly reduced.



#### The 2021 Giving Tuesday post

#### **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.

While Covid limited the number of in-person events, volunteers from around the world worked in virtual environments to conduct projects benefiting OURF including program oversight, article and report writing, membership and development activities, and grant management.

# 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.

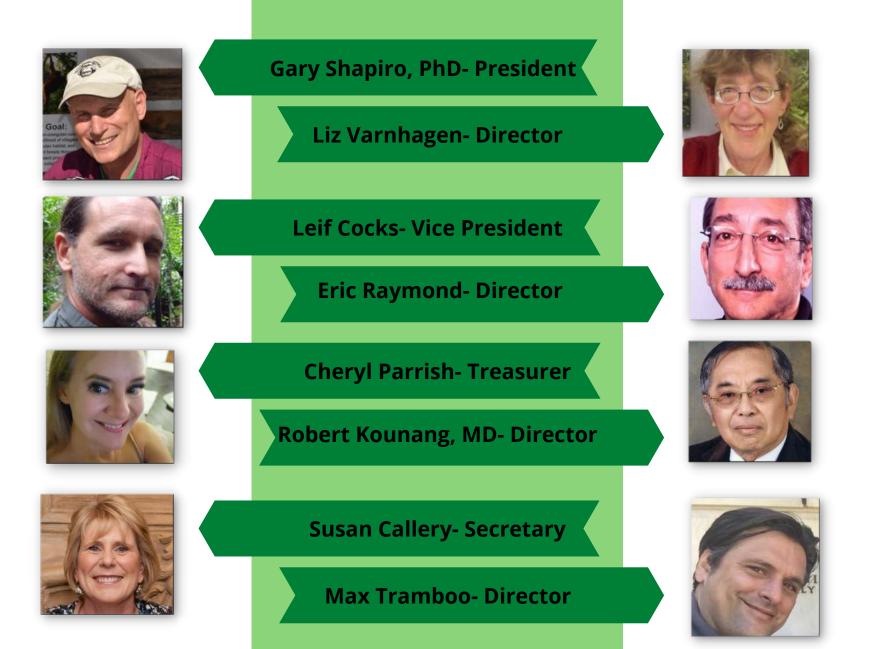
OURF did not attend the RSPO's virtual roundtable event this year due to logistical issues.







### **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 2021.

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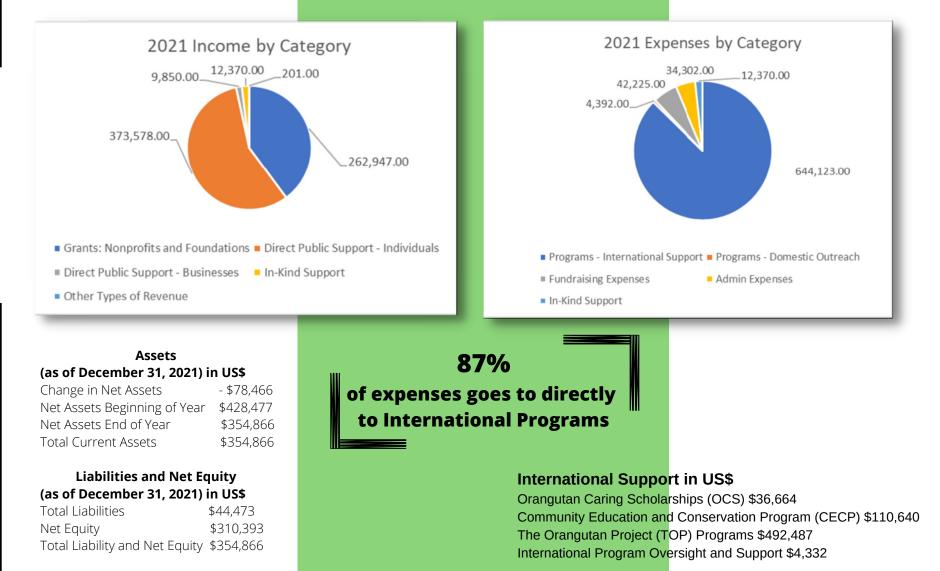


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#### FINANCIALS

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#### **Statement of Financial Position**



# **ORANG UTAN REPUBLIK FOUNDATION**



