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.
In 2022, the world experienced a year of mixed emotions, as we saw transition, hope, and horrors. Although Covid-19 continued to impact global society at the start of the year, towards the end of 2022, the world felt hopeful as the pandemic was gradually coming to an end. International travel started to pick up, and people were slowly taking off their masks. However, as we worked together to combat the pandemic, some individuals reminded us of the horrors that humans can inflict. The invasion and destruction of Ukraine was a stark reminder of this.

Additionally, global inflation was on the rise, and the US economy was moving towards a recession, which had a significant impact on donations in 2022. Despite these challenges, OURF was able to raise sufficient funds for its domestic and international programs.

As we slowly opened up our domestic outreach program, we participated in an outdoor event in the San Diego area, as most organizations did not have an Earth Day event in 2022 due to the pandemic. Zoom continued to be a valuable platform for conducting volunteer meetings throughout the year, and our volunteer program continued to attract interested individuals from around the country.

Meanwhile, Indonesia opened up to tourists, and I had the opportunity to visit twice in 2022. In May-June, I focused on honoring twenty-eight new students who received the Orangutan Caring Scholarships. I personally visited Medan, Sumatra; Ketapang, West Kalimantan; Palangka Raya, Central Kalimantan; and Samarinda, East Kalimantan. While ceremonies were livestreamed, most attendees were present in person. By the end of 2022, an impressive 244 students had received multi-year scholarships since the program’s inception in 2006. Moreover, 150 students had graduated in the fields of biology, forestry, and veterinary science. Unfortunately, due to Covid-19, no LP Jenkins Fellowships were awarded in 2022.

I also visited the Sustainable Green Sumatra Foundation during my two visits to conduct a site inspection of the Community Education and Conservation Program (CECP). The CECP team continued education lessons and training in the remote villages including conservation, livelihood, and organic farming methods as well as tree planting activities. Public schools opened up for our classroom lessons during the last quarter of 2022.

In late December, OURF co-founder Inggriani Shapiro and I also hosted a postponed ecotour through Orangutan Odysseys with 10 intrepid ecotourists. We visited four orangutan viewing areas which helped raise funds for OURF as well as provide a trip of a lifetime for many of the ecotourists.

Fundraising continued despite our postponing the 2022 Pongo Environmental Awards until 2023. A virtual event called the "No Fuss" fundraiser involved many dedicated volunteers and raised over $13,000.

With our partnership with The Orangutan Project (TOP), serving as TOP-USA, we were able to raise and disburse over two hundred thousand dollars to 20 organizations doing important orangutan conservation work on Borneo and Sumatra.

Despite significant global challenges, OURF has remained committed to its mission and programs. This success was largely due to the dedication of our volunteers. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all of these individuals, as well as our unwavering supporters for their contributions in maintaining our organization’s important work.

Gary Shapiro, PhD
President, Orang Utan Republik Foundation
OUR IMPACT

OURF has made significant impacts by providing 28 new scholarships to young Indonesians in the fields of biology, forestry, and veterinary science, benefiting orangutans and wildlife biodiversity.

"Don’t overdo finding a big role for yourself, until you forget that small actions have meaning; try your best to be useful in a simple way" - Ainun Zahirah. Ainun was chosen as The Most Outstanding Student of the Faculty of Forestry, University of North Sumatra in 2022.
The Sustainable Green Sumatra Foundation (YSHL) educators continued the Community Education and Conservation Program (CECP) into its third year, delivering education programs to schools and communities around the Gunung Leuser National Park. Their efforts included mitigating human-wildlife conflicts involving orangutans, tigers, and elephants.

CECP-3 also provided training to local villagers to improve organic farming techniques and support women-owned micro-enterprises. The team worked on tree-planting and forest restoration activities, as well as mentoring and capacity building for YSHL's self-sufficiency.

By providing ongoing support, training, and financial assistance, OURF helps YSHL become self-sufficient and achieve financial independence.
Orangutan Caring Scholarship Program (OCS) now in its 17th year shows the value of partnership and commitment to quality education, producing numerous conservationists in Indonesia.

In 2022, 28 new multi-year scholarships were awarded, bringing the total to 244. By year-end, 150 graduated with many obtaining jobs in environmental organizations, government, business, or academia. All became passionate advocates for orangutan survival. The OCS program's expanding reach is increasing its impact on the conservation of these magnificent creatures.
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.

The postponed Pongo Awards were replaced by a Zoom webinar called the 'No Fuss' fundraiser on November 19th, organized and conducted by OURF volunteers.

Anthony Porter (aka the Archer Ninja Warrior) and Youth Ambassador Jack Dalton (aka the Kid Conservationist) co-hosted the event with Development Director Nicky Massara, IT Chair John Page, and many others providing support.

Attendees learned about the work of Orang Utan Republik Foundation and The Orangutan Project, enjoyed musical performances by volunteers David Blake and Hyla Douglas, and had the opportunity to bid on an online silent auction.

OURF volunteers continue to play a vital role in the organization, including fundraising for its programs.
OURF has been a leading force in establishing and promoting Orangutan Caring Week (OCW) since we transformed Orangutan Awareness Week to Caring Week in 2004. 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. 2022's theme was "Orangutan Superheroes Don't Wear Capes" highlighting the fact that regular but dedicated humans are doing extraordinary actions to help save the great red ape. To recognize the global event, OURF held an international art and video contest, published press releases, and posted on social media. Additionally on the last day of OCW, OURF held the "no fuss" fundraiser, put on by OURF volunteers.
ART & VIDEO CONTEST

OURF organized a graphic art and video clip contest in October as a prelude to Orangutan Caring Week (13-19 November 2022).

The contest, promoted through OURF's social media platforms, was open to graphic artists and digital creatives worldwide and featured cash prizes for the top three entries in each category.

Participants were asked to create pieces based on this year's OCW theme, "Orangutan Superheroes Don't Wear Capes."

The contest was judged by volunteers from the artistic community who ranked the many entries received.
SOCIAL MEDIA

Throughout 2022, OURF prioritized increasing our Social Media presence on Facebook and Instagram in an effort to educate our followers on our programs, campaigns and social holidays as well as increase our reach with the goal of converting new people into our Membership program.

The 2022 Projects & Campaign Calendar tool allowed us to plan out our social posts and ensure that we were acknowledging and participating in relevant calendar dates such as International Day of Education, World Animal Day and National Volunteer Month.
Social Media

Per Meta Analytics our efforts paid off as our FB reach was up 12.8% over LY and Instagram was up 160% or a combined 60K increase in reaches.

Our Page Visits were also up on both platforms. Facebook saw an increase of 1,300 visits (+14.4%) and Instagram had an increase of 2,246 visits (+126.4%)

It is also important to note that we gained 348 new followers while decreasing the quantity of unfollowers by 14%.
Volunteers have played an indispensable role in the Orang Utan Republik Foundation's operations from the very beginning. By contributing their time and expertise, they have not only benefited the organization but have also enriched their own lives with a sense of purpose.

Despite the challenges posed by the Covid pandemic, volunteers from across the globe continued to support OURF in various capacities throughout the year. Whether it was through remote program oversight, writing articles and reports, organizing membership and development activities, or managing grants, these volunteers remained dedicated and committed to OURF's cause.

Their selfless efforts have been instrumental in ensuring that OURF's mission to protect and conserve orangutan habitats and promote education about these magnificent creatures remains on track. OURF is immensely grateful to all its volunteers for their unwavering support and commitment.
IMPACTING POLICY ON RSPO

To contribute to an influential multi-stakeholder organization, OURF became a member of the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) in 2011. We acknowledge that converting biodiverse forests into plantations is not a sustainable approach.

Nevertheless, we are optimistic that we can make a positive impact by collaborating with the industry to mitigate the harm caused to orangutans and their habitat.

OURF is a member of an environmental NGO coalition that speaks on behalf of vulnerable species like orangutans. We are committed to advocating for these species and using our collective voice to ensure that the palm oil industry operates in a more responsible manner. We believe in holding the industry accountable and promoting sustainable practices that protect wildlife and their habitat.
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Fiscal Year January 1, 2022 — December 31, 2022

Statement of Financial Position

84% of expenses goes to directly to International Programs

Assets
(as of December 31, 2022) in US$
Change in Net Assets - $39,377
Net Assets Beginning of Year $354,866
Net Assets End of Year $315,459
Total Current Assets $315,459

Liabilities and Net Equity
(as of December 31, 2022) in US$
Total Liabilities $58,682
Net Equity $256,777
Total Liability and Net Equity $315,459

International Support in US$
Orangutan Caring Scholarships (OCS) $49,489
Community Education and Conservation Program (CECP) $100,500
The Orangutan Project (TOP) Programs $205,716
International Program Oversight and Support $7,127