

2024 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

Dear Friends and Supporters,

As we close out 2024, I am filled with pride and gratitude for what the Orang Utan Republik Foundation has achieved this year. This has been a year of transition, innovation, and renewed commitment to our mission of saving orangutans through education, empowerment, and collaborative conservation.

We celebrated the 19th year of the Orangutan Caring Scholarship Program (OCS), bringing the total number of students supported since inception to over 300, with nearly 200 graduates now serving Indonesia as biologists, foresters, veterinarians, educators, and conservation leaders. These graduates are living proof that long-term investments in human capacity yield profound benefits for orangutans and their forest homes.

2024 also marked the final full year of our Community Education and Conservation Program (CECP) in Sumatra. What began as a grassroots experiment grew into a model of school-based conservation, community outreach, organic farming training, and women-led microenterprise. CECP's legacy now passes into our next chapter: the Community Conservation Mentorship Initiative (CCMI), launching in 2025, which will train and support small, women-led groups to create impact across Sumatra and Borneo.



At the same time, we laid the groundwork for future innovation. The ROCKET initiative (Rainforest Orangutan Conservation Knowledge & Education with Technology) was developed with Indonesian universities to integrate drones, GIS, AI, and robotics into biodiversity monitoring. Partnerships with forward-thinking groups such as Lord of the Trees will allow us to pilot new tools in 2025, empowering students to apply technology in service of conservation.

PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT

We also designed the Guard-a-Wild Orangutan Program, a symbolic adoption model that, unlike traditional programs, connects supporters with wild orangutans living free in their native forests under long-term research. Its pilot phase begins in 2025 at the Tuanan Orangutan Research Station, with digital certificates funding field protection and scientific study.

Our fundraiser in Santa Monica was another highlight. With a nearly sold-out crowd at the Illusions Magic Lounge, we premiered “Ozi: Voice of the Forest”—an inspiring animated film about orangutans—while hosting a reception, silent auction, and book signing for my new memoir, *Out of the Cage*. Together, these activities raised both funds and awareness while building deeper community connections.

Finally, our Orangutan Caring Ecotour to Tanjung Puting inspired participants with firsthand encounters with orangutans in their natural habitat. These experiences not only transform hearts and minds but also generate support for ongoing conservation programs in Indonesia.



As we step into 2025, OURF is well-positioned to expand its reach, integrate innovation, and strengthen partnerships. The challenges remain urgent, but so does our determination. Together, we will continue to protect orangutans and the rainforests that sustain life for us all.

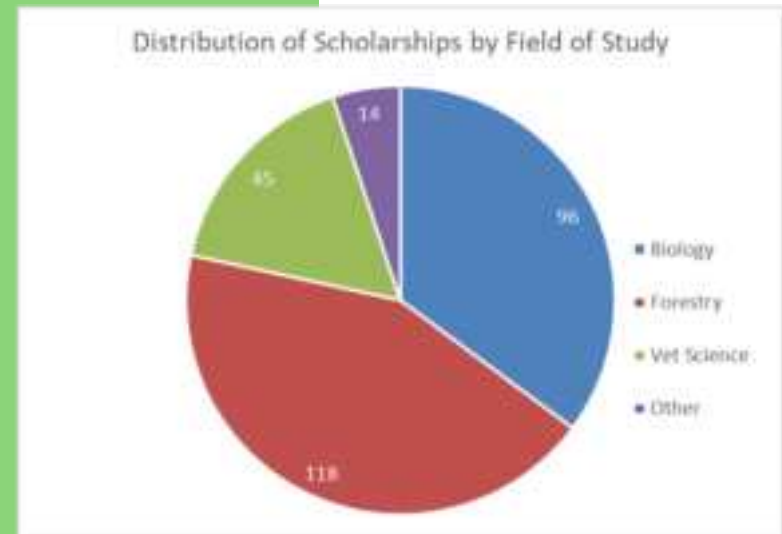
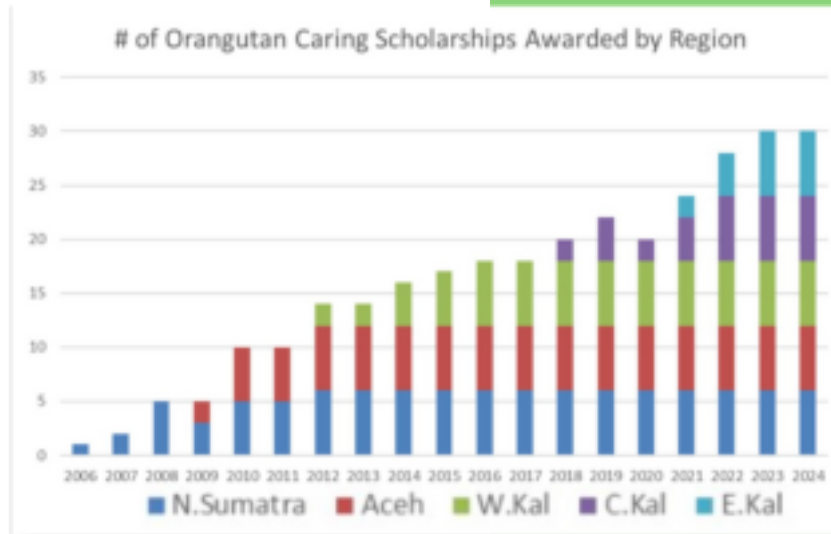
With gratitude and hope,


GARY SHAPIRO, PHD



President, Orang Utan Republik Foundation

OUR IMPACT

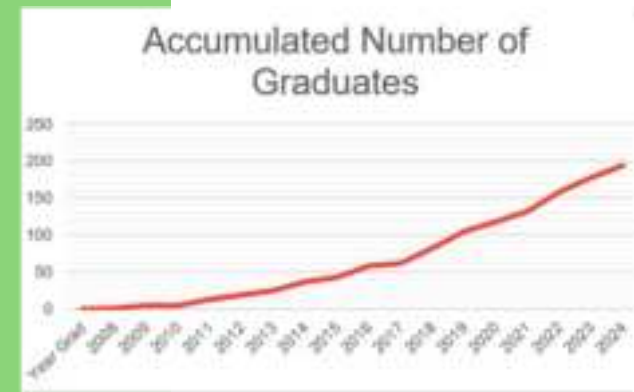


OURF has made significant impacts by providing 30 new scholarships to young Indonesians in the fields of biology, forestry, and veterinary science, benefiting orangutans and wildlife biodiversity.



Salsa Tania - OCS and Matthew Jordan Hamilton Foster Scholarship recipient involved in extracurricular activities required with the OCS

"During our month in Tongging, I saw how eager the children were to learn and how proud the community is of their village. Teaching reading, writing, and arithmetic to the younger students, and English to the older ones, gave me hope that one day Tongging will have its own local guides to welcome visitors from around the world. This experience showed me that education and community care can go hand-in-hand in creating a brighter future for Tongging."
-Salsa Tania



COMMUNITY EDUCATION & CONSERVATION PROGRAM



2024 marked the final full year of CECP, our foundational program supporting local conservation education teams.

We continued support for grassroots efforts in Sumatra to raise awareness of orangutan conservation while enhancing livelihood, reducing human-wildlife conflict, and planting trees for the future.

CECP's legacy will carry forward as we transition to the Community Conservation Mentorship Initiative (CCMI) in 2025, expanding our impact through women-led and community-based leadership development.



COMMUNITY EDUCATION & CONSERVATION PROGRAM

Livelihood Support with women-owned micro-industry



Wildlife Conflict Reduction Support with Farmers



CECP Five-Year Impact (2020-2024)

Empowering People • Restoring Forests • Supporting Livelihoods • Protecting Orangutans



ORANGUTAN CARING SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Orangutan Caring Scholarship Program (OCS) now in its 19th year shows the value of partnership and commitment to quality education, producing numerous conservationists in Indonesia.

OCS Nineteen-Year Impact (2006-2024)



Award ceremonies in Medan, Pontianak, Palangkaraya and Samarinda



Highlights of 2024

- Awarded 30 new scholarships in 2024 across key orangutan range provinces.
- Celebrated OCS award ceremonies with visits to partner universities in Borneo and Sumatra.
- Supported over 300 students since the program's inception in 2006.
- Nearly 200 students graduated by the end of 2024.
- Laid the groundwork for university-based program innovation in 2025, including drone and GIS collaboration.

ORANGUTAN CARING SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



Dian Atma Sari: A Promising Forestry Student

Dian Atma Sari, a forestry student at the University of Palangkaraya, has demonstrated a strong commitment to her academic and extracurricular pursuits. With a GPA of 3.88, Dian has excelled in her coursework, particularly in areas such as forest plantation practices, restoration ecology, and conservation planning.

Iskandaruddin: A Rising Conservation Star

Reflecting on his academic journey, Iskandaruddin is profoundly grateful for the SOCS, which played a crucial role in his timely completion of his Bachelor's degree in Biology. Although he was already working in conservation, the scholarship provided an opportunity to deepen his academic understanding of flora and fauna, broadening his perspective on wildlife preservation.



Rainforest Orangutan Conservation Knowledge Education with Technology (R.O.C.K.E.T.)

- Conceived and outlined during OCS university visits in Borneo, where the concept was met with enthusiasm by university leadership.
- ROCKET aims to engage students and faculty in high and low technology including drone-assisted biodiversity monitoring, conservation robotics, and AI-based forest mapping.
- Early partnerships were initiated, including exploration with Lord of the Trees and plans for pilot testing in Central Kalimantan.



Guard-a-Wild Orangutan Program

focused on orangutan conservation support in a population outside a national park

- An alternative to classical orangutan adoption programs
- Created the concept and materials for Guard-a-Wild-Orangutan, a unique symbolic adoption initiative supporting wild orangutans under long-term study.
- The pilot phase in 2025 will begin with orangutans at the Tuanan Orangutan Research Station in Central Kalimantan.
- Offers supporters meaningful engagement and a digital certificate that funds critical research and protection.



<https://www.orangutanrepublik.org/get-involved/guard-a-wild-orangutan/>

The Orangutan Project Achievements

TOP-USA



OOURF 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), OOURF is able to raise significant funds that are applied to conservation and education projects that align with our values.

In 2024, OOURF aka TOP-USA distributed \$80,396 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

2024 FUNDRAISER

At our 2024 Annual Fundraiser, the Orang Utan Republik Foundation hosted an exclusive screening of *Ozi: Voice of the Forest* at the Illusions Magic Lounge in Santa Monica. The heartwarming, family-friendly animated film captivated a full house of conservationists, families, and supporters. The evening included a lively reception, silent auction, and book signing with OURF President Dr. Gary Shapiro. Guests were inspired by Ozi's journey and our mission to protect orangutans and their rainforest homes. The event raised vital funds and awareness, reinforcing OURF's commitment to education, empowerment, and conservation. It was a magical night for a meaningful cause.

Experience OURF's Annual Benefit in Santa Monica, CA!

November 17, 2024
5 - 9 pm at the Illusion Magic Lounge

Be among the first to watch a private screening of an inspiring animation about an amazing orangutan who takes on a big cause

Your attendance will benefit the real orangutans whose future is still at risk.

Evening includes Indonesian tapas, snacks, drinks, silent auction, book signing, conservation comradery and a great new family-friendly film!

visit: tinyurl.com/ozi-4-OURF



ORANGUTAN CARING WEEK

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.



Orangutan Caring Week starts with a theme to focus our efforts. In 2024, our theme was "Orangutans Leading The Way: One Planet, One Future," which demonstrated the powerful intersection of cutting-edge technology and conservation.

VOLUNTEER ENGAGEMENT

From its inception, the Orang Utan Republik Foundation has relied on the dedication and passion of volunteers. Their time, skills, and energy have strengthened every facet of our work—while also providing them with meaningful opportunities to connect with others who share their commitment to conservation.

In 2024, volunteers from around the world supported OURF in diverse ways. Some joined us on the ground at outreach events such as the *LA Zoo's Wild for the Planet*, while others contributed remotely by writing articles and reports, assisting with program oversight, organizing membership and development activities, or managing grants and social media. Each contribution, large or small, advanced our mission and amplified our impact.

The selfless efforts of our volunteers remain essential to protecting orangutans and their forest homes while promoting conservation education. OURF extends heartfelt gratitude to every individual who offered their time, skills, and passion in 2024. Their unwavering support ensures our mission continues to move forward with strength and purpose



OURF's booth at LA Zoo's 'Wild for the Planet' Earth Day Event featured volunteers Hyla Douglas (right), Allison Saldana (left) and Michelle Guire (center) providing additional event support.



COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

In 2024, OURF's committees provided vital leadership and energy, ensuring our programs and outreach remained strong.

The Social Media/Content Creation Committee expanded OURF's reach across platforms, creating consistent and engaging content to raise awareness about orangutan conservation and highlight OURF's programs. Their work boosted engagement and helped drive traffic to fundraising campaigns and events.

The Google Grant/SEO Committee took important steps toward improving OURF's digital visibility. By refining ad campaigns and keywords, the committee began laying the foundation to maximize the value of our Google Ad Grant and improve search engine optimization, ensuring OURF reaches broader audiences.

The Fundraising Committee organized our annual Santa Monica fundraiser featuring the film *Ozi: Voice of the Forest*, supported Giving Tuesday efforts, and worked on donor cultivation strategies to sustain core programs.

The Development and Membership Committee focused on strengthening donor relationships, building membership, and exploring new opportunities for major gifts and recurring support. Their work reinforced OURF's commitment to long-term sustainability.

Together, these committees kept OURF's mission thriving in 2024.

BORNEO ECOTOUR-2024

The Orangutan Caring Ecotour program to Tanjung Puting took place in mid-2024. The tour provided an opportunity for participants to experience the unique natural beauty of Borneo, encounter orangutans in their natural habitat, and contribute to the conservation efforts for these endangered primates.



The participants recognized the critical role of the ecotour in promoting conservation efforts. The highlight of the trip was the opportunity to hike through the breathtaking rainforests of national parks, witnessing the diverse flora and fauna, including orangutans in their natural habitat. The experience emphasized the urgency to protect these rainforests, as logging, coal mining, and palm oil plantations continue to threaten their existence.

BORNEO ECOTOUR-2024

Orangutan Caring Ecotour group successfully conducted the ecotour in Borneo/Indonesia, providing participants with a unique and meaningful experience. The well-organized itinerary, exceptional service by the local guides and hosts, and the opportunity to witness the beauty of the rainforests and orangutan habitats made the trip unforgettable. The tour served as a reminder of the importance of conservation efforts and the need to protect the environment for future generations. The participants strongly recommend this ecotour as a transformative experience for both individuals and the orangutans.



IMPACTING POLICY ON RSPO

OURF joined the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) in 2011 to support a significant multi-stakeholder organization. We recognize that transforming diverse forests into plantations is unsustainable, but we remain hopeful that by working together with the sector, we can address the damage to orangutans and their environment.

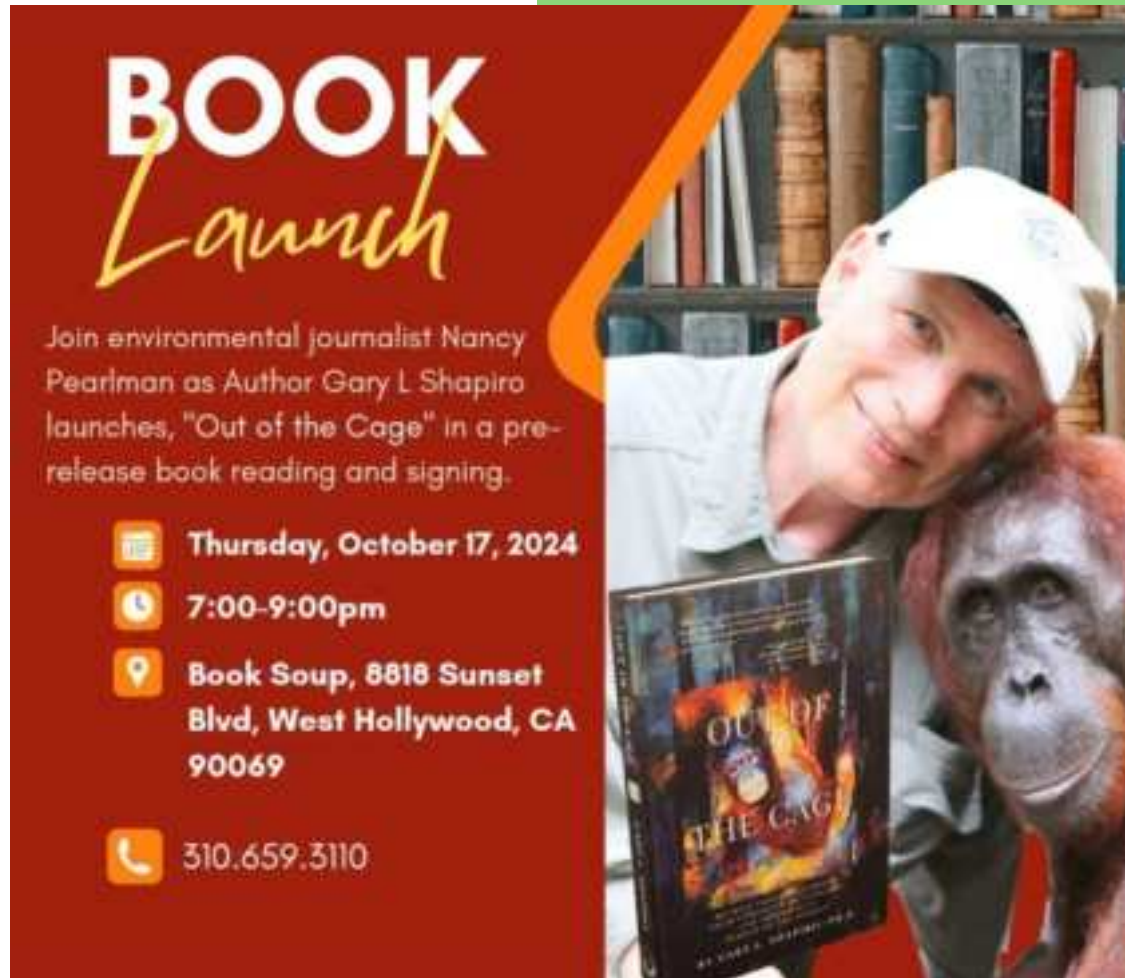
Despite challenges, OURF is optimistic about collaborating with the industry to address harm to orangutans and their habitat. Through RSPO membership, OURF actively participates in efforts to mitigate negative palm oil production effects and promote sustainability. By fostering collaboration and advocating responsible practices, OURF aims to create a sustainable future that respects environmental conservation and orangutan well-being.



As a voting member along with 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.

In that regard, Board Member Max Tramboo attended the November 2024 Roundtable in Bangkok to represent OURF.

OURF PRESIDENT RELEASES NEW BOOK



Orangutan conservationist and OURF President Dr. Gary L. Shapiro released his much-anticipated new book, "Out of the Cage," at the legendary, *Book Soup* book store chronicling his 50-year journey working with one of the planet's most intelligent and endangered species.

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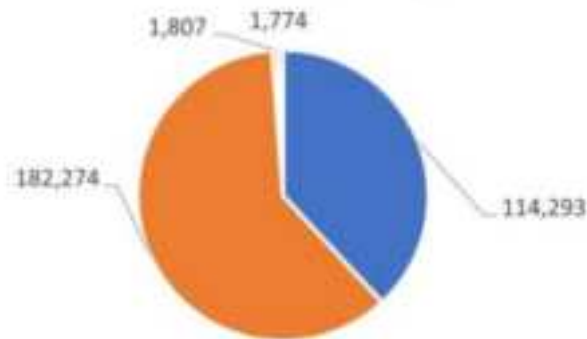
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FINANCIALS

Fiscal Year January 1, 2024 —December 31, 2024

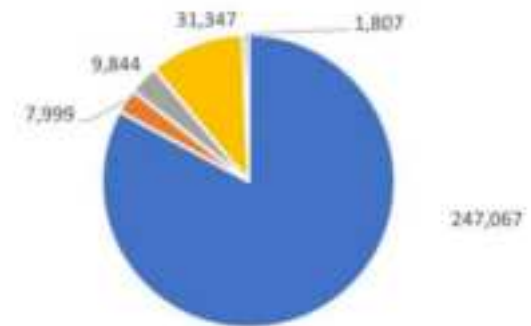
Statement of Financial Position

2024 Income by Category



■ Grants: Nonprofits and Foundations ■ Direct Public Support
■ In-Kind Support ■ Other Types of Revenue

2024 Expenses by Category



■ Programs - International Support ■ Programs - Domestic Outreach
■ Fundraising Expenses ■ Admin Expenses
■ In-Kind Support

Assets (as of December 31, 2024) in US\$

Change in Net Assets \$3,745
Net Assets Beginning of Year \$323,091
Net Assets End of Year \$326,836
Total Current Assets \$326,836

Liabilities and Net Equity (as of December 31, 2024) in US\$

Total Liabilities \$56,428
Net Equity \$270,408
Total Liability and Net Equity \$326,836

83%
of expenses goes
directly
to International
Programs

International Support in US\$

Orangutan Caring Scholarships (OCS) \$47,506
Community Education and Conservation Program (CECP) \$95,112
The Orangutan Project (TOP) Programs \$80,396
International Program Oversight and Support \$24,052

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