

The BOS Foundation works in Kalimantan - the Indonesian portion of the island of Borneo - where it operates two orangutan rehabilitation centres:



WHO WE ARE

The Borneo Orangutan Survival (BOS) Foundation story started in 1991, with the establishment of a modest rehabilitation centre at Wanariset in East Kalimantan, in response to the many orangutan lives displaced due to the illegal pet trade. In the decades since, our role has grown immensely. Today, we work together with local communities, the Indonesian government, and the greater global community to fight extinction, and to conserve orangutans and their habitats in sites across Borneo – specifically in the Indonesian provinces of Central and East Kalimantan.

ADOPT AN ORANGUTAN

Become a conservation champion by adopting a Forest School student, and help them on their journey back to the wild!

Your gift of adoption will support our rescue and rehabilitation efforts, and help cover the cost of medicine, food, equipment, rescue operations, and hundreds of other things necessary for the ongoing wellbeing of the orangutans in our care.

With this gift you will receive:

1. A personalised adoption certificate
2. The background story of your orangutan
3. A full-colour photo

SHOW YOUR APPRECIATION

Join our conservation efforts and learn more about the rehabilitation process by adopting one of our forest school students so you can stay up-to-date on their journey.



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Tackling today's conservation challenges is no simple task. With the support of conservation champions, like yourself, we can rescue animals from conflict and work to ensure that orphaned orangutans are prepared to survive in the wild.

As one of our closest living relatives, the orangutan is a highly intelligent, sentient being. Capable of forming intimate personal bonds and experiencing emotions, such as grief over the loss of a loved one, orangutans are closer to humans than most realise. In Indonesia, this is even more apparent, as the word 'orangutan' itself derives from the two words '*orang*' and '*hutan*', which together mean 'person of the forest'.

WHY ORANGUTANS MATTER

As a keystone species, orangutans are integral to the health of the tropical forest ecosystems they occupy. They play a vital role in seed dispersal as they consume a wide variety of fruits, are capable of ingesting seeds larger than most frugivores, and travel long distances over which they deposit seeds. By protecting orangutans in their natural habitats, countless other species of flora and fauna are also protected. Conserving these forest ecosystems is just as important to humankind as it is to the biodiversity found within them.

THREATS TO ORANGUTANS

All three orangutan species – Bornean, Sumatran and Tapanuli – are currently classified as 'Critically Endangered' by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN Red Data List 2007). Threats to their survival began with hunting centuries ago but are now mainly attributed to mass deforestation and climate change.

Today, the Bornean orangutan population is estimated at approximately 57,350 individuals. Compared to the population estimate of 288,500 in 1973, this represents a decline of 80% in less than 50 years. This drastic decrease in the Bornean orangutan population is primarily due to loss of forest habitat.



Thousands of orangutans are displaced or killed every year from mass deforestation, rampant forest fires, and poaching for consumption and the illegal pet trade.

Orangutans are legally protected by national and international law, however, laws and regulations alone have proven to be unsuccessful in actively protecting this charismatic species.

HOW WE DO OUR PART

The majority of the orangutans who enter our facilities are still very young, and in need of affiliative interactions with other orangutans and daily lessons on forest survival. During rehabilitation, orangutans are taught and encouraged to build nests, select appropriate natural foods, and recognise threats.

This process starts in the Nursery Group for infants and progresses through different levels of Forest School, where each day is spent in the forest learning new survival skills. Orangutans who complete all levels of Forest School graduate to pre-release islands, where they put their skills to the test under the watchful eyes of our technicians. Release candidates are then taken to a quarantine facility to undergo a final health examination before being reintroduced into secure, natural habitats to establish new and viable populations.

Without each and every step of this process, it would be impossible for rescued orangutans to overcome their trauma and return to their true forest homes. Unlike other species of animals, orangutans are not born knowing how to survive, they must learn these vital skills early in life. This is why they need our support, and yours.

NOW IT'S YOUR TURN

Meet one of our babies, and help us provide them with care and a chance at rehabilitation.

