



WHAT YOU CAN DO

ADOPT

By adopting one of our orangutans, you can help to ensure that the orangutans at our centres are being given high quality care around-the-clock.

DONATE

Help us with a donation, as this is the backbone of our funding. By simply giving what you can, you - together with thousands of others - make our work possible.

SHOP

Our Orangutan Shop is a gift shop for orangutan and wildlife lovers, with all proceeds supporting our cause. The best thing is, when you purchase with us you are also assisting the orangutan conservation effort!

GET INVOLVED

Explore more options to see how you can get involved:
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We love making new friends and are always happy to hear from you!

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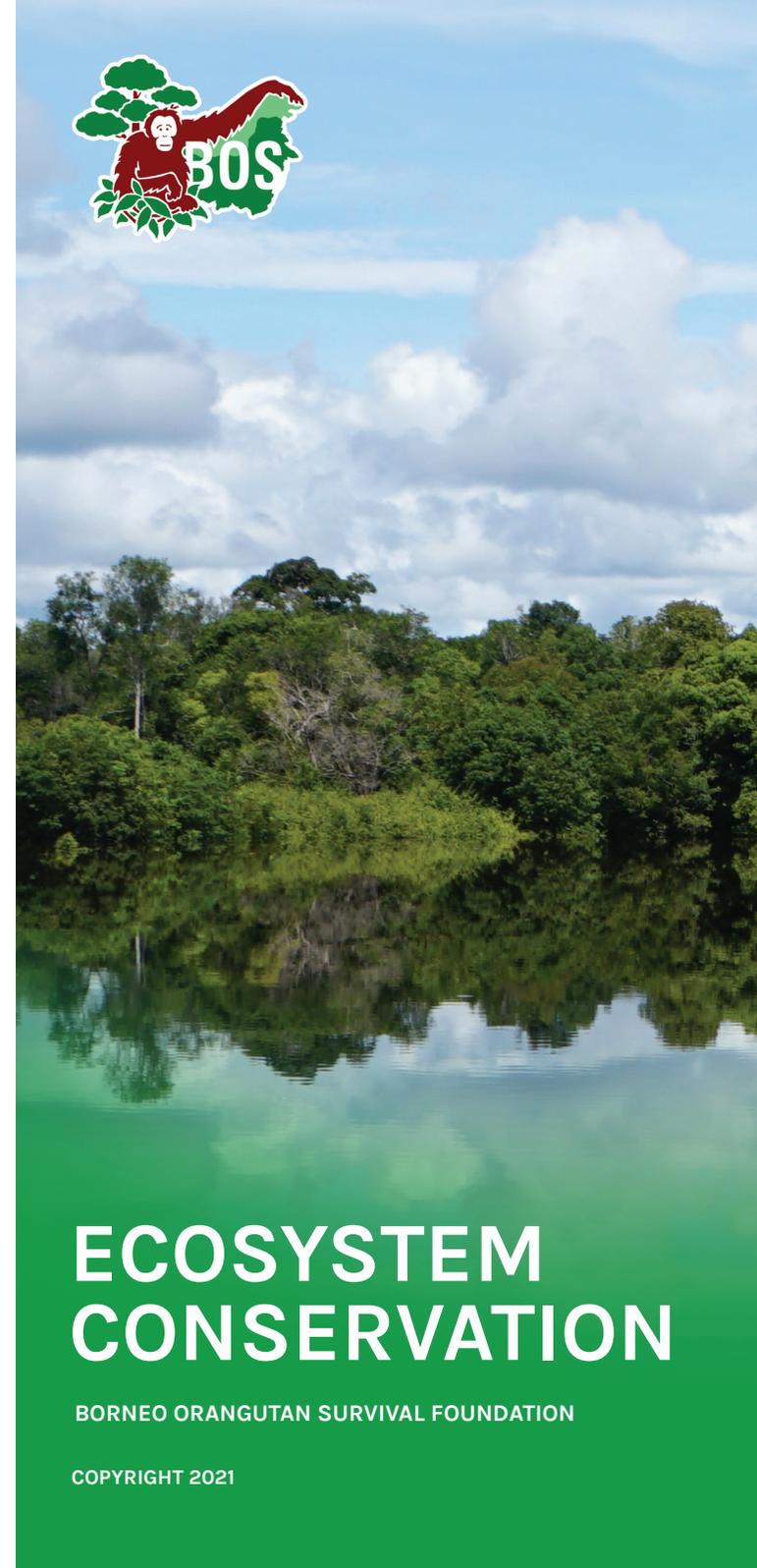
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Orangutans are a protected species, under both Indonesian and international law - but their precious forest homes are often not. Habitat loss, degradation, and fragmentation are the leading causes of decline in orangutan populations. The Borneo Orangutan Survival (BOS) Foundation strives to protect Indonesia's unique forest ecosystems and restore those that have already been exploited, so that orangutans and other Indonesian wildlife will have homes for countless generations to come.

Our reforestation work started when we opened our Samboja Lestari Orangutan Rehabilitation Centre in East Kalimantan, on a 1,853-ha plot of land that was nothing more than grass and weeds. It was there that we planted our first tree. Today, what stands there is a thriving secondary forest; but our work is far from complete. The BOS Foundation continues to restore the forest through continued reforestation, maintenance of newly-rehabilitated land, and fire management.



The BOS Foundation works in Kalimantan – the Indonesian portion of the island of Borneo – where it manages three long-term habitat protection areas and operates orangutan release activities in three protected landscapes:



In 2009, we took our forest protection efforts to new heights when we founded RHOI, or Restorasi Habitat Orangutan Indonesia. The sole purpose of this company was to secure safe forest areas for wild and rehabilitated orangutans. In 2010, this vision was realised with the procurement of an Ecosystem Restoration Concession (ERC), a business license issued by the Ministry of Environment and Forestry, which gives the receiving company the rights to use and manage the land for a period of 60 years. We obtained the rights to 86,450 ha of rainforest in East Kalimantan; known as the 'Kehje Sewen' Forest, which translates to 'orangutan' in the local Dayak Wehea language. Today, we continue to release orangutans and protect this ecosystem through sustainable forest management practices.

In Central Kalimantan, the BOS Foundation protects 309,000 ha of natural wild orangutan habitat in the Mawas Conservation Area. This vast expanse of land was

once the location of a failed, large-scale rice cultivation project; but the remaining peat swamp forest is home to one of the largest Bornean orangutan populations comprised of approximately 2,550 wild orangutans.

Through multi-stakeholder collaborations within Mawas, we continue to protect the remaining natural ecosystems and orangutans through active management, patrolling for illegal and environmentally damaging activities, and mitigation of human-orangutan conflicts and forest fires. In the previously degraded areas, we work to rehabilitate the forest through engaging with the local communities to block canals and implement large-scale replanting projects. Also, in collaboration with Universitas Nasional Indonesia and Rutgers University, the Tuanan Research Station carries out ground-breaking research in the fields of wild orangutan behaviour and peatland ecology.

But all this work is still not enough. An estimated 70% of the wild orangutans in Borneo live outside of protected areas. To ensure a future for them as well, we are playing an active role in the Indonesian government's National Orangutan Action Plan. We are also working with the corporate sector, offering our support to companies in the areas of palm oil, timber, and other industries, in the form of Best Management Practices (BMP) for Orangutan Conservation. This program enables us to work with companies throughout the development and implementation of procedures and processes relating to sustainable land management, in ways that protect biodiversity and mitigate conflict with orangutans. Together, these partnerships have proven fruitful for humans and orangutans alike.

WHERE WE WORK

Get to know us, and explore our interactive map to learn more about where we work.

