

Rescuing, rehabilitating, and reintroducing displaced orangutans to the wild



Save the Orangutan's efforts to help Borneo's displaced orangutans

Rescuing and rehabilitating orphaned and displaced orangutans

Establishing self-sustaining wild orangutan populations by reintroducing rehabilitated orangutans to the wild

Protecting released orangutans via monitoring, patrolling, and involvement of local communities

Providing long-term care for orangutans who cannot be reintroduced to the wild due to illness or injuries

Nyaru Menteng – the world's largest orangutan rehabilitation centre

Nyaru Menteng is located in Central Kalimantan – the Indonesian part of Borneo. Together with our Indonesian partner Borneo Orangutan Survival Foundation we care for almost 400 orphaned orangutans at various phases in the rehabilitation process at the centre.

Hundreds of orangutan infants and youngsters are left orphaned every year because their mothers are killed due to conflicts with human development or unscrupulous hunters. The rescued orangutans undergo a comprehensive rehabilitation process at Nyaru Menteng. They develop and acquire the skills necessary to survive in the rainforest when they return.

The orangutans are released into protected rainforest areas after completing their rehabilitation. The centre also provides lifelong care for those orangutans who cannot be released due to illness or injuries.

Your support to Save the Orangutan and Nyaru Menteng helps:

- Rescue displaced and orphaned orangutans
- Rehabilitate the rescued orangutans
- Reintroduce rehabilitated orangutans to the wild
- Provide protected island sanctuaries for un-releasable orangutans



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Nyaru Menteng

Orangutan Reintroduction Programme

Rescue

In cooperation with local authorities, the rescue team from Nyaru Menteng saves orphaned orangutans who have lost their mothers, have been kept as pets, or are otherwise in distress.

Rehabilitation

At the rehabilitation centre, the orphaned orangutans are taught the skills necessary to survive in the wild. In place of their mothers, the caretakers take the rescued orangutans through a rehabilitation process. This process can take up to 7 years.

Reintroduction to the rainforest

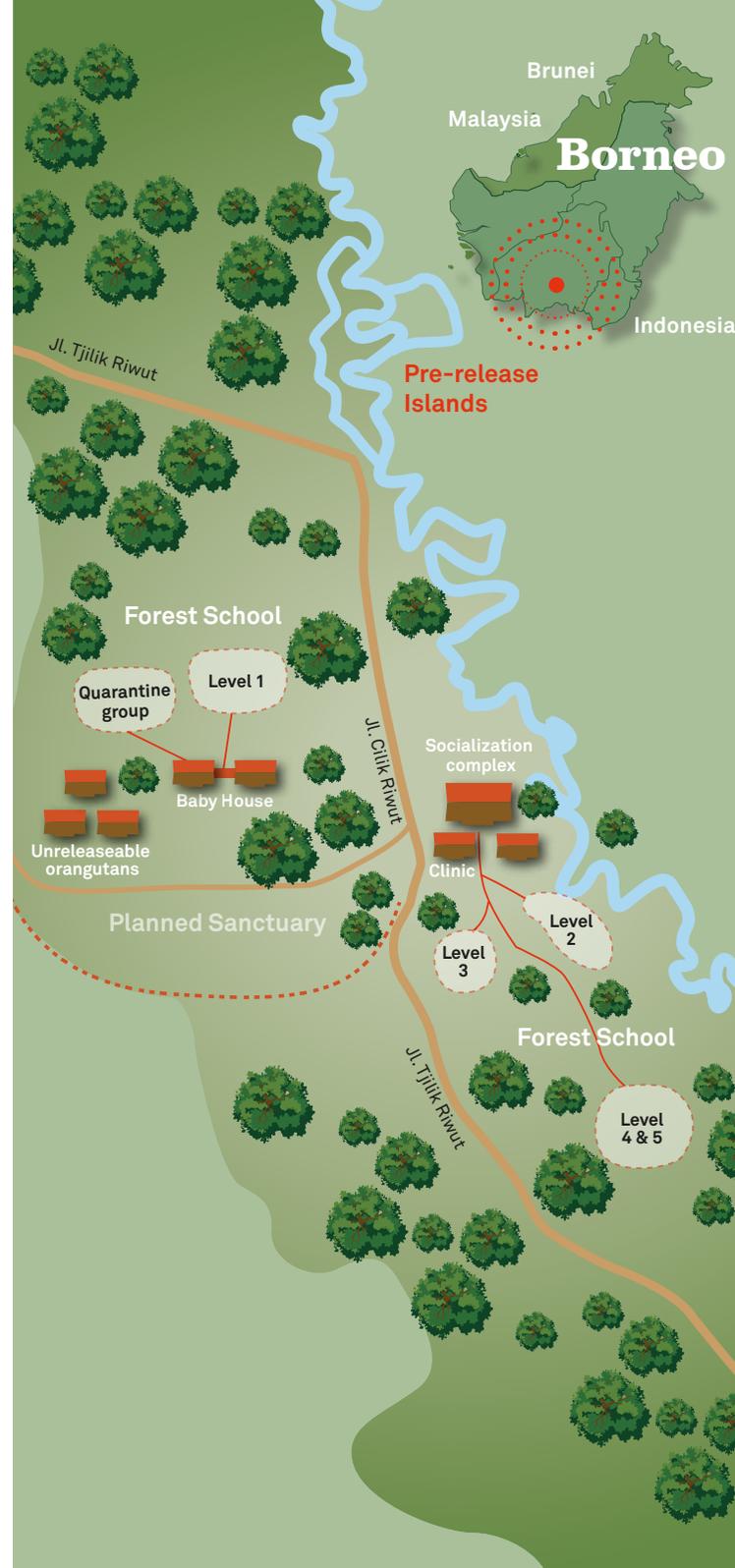
The goal of rehabilitation is to reintroduce the orangutans to their natural habitat. Nyaru Menteng has two release sites: Bukit Baka Bukit Raya National Park and Bukit Batikap National Park.

Post-release monitoring of reintroduced orangutans

The released orangutans in the protected release sites are monitored via implanted transmitters. The monitoring teams also patrol for illegal activities or other threats to the forest and the orangutans.

Long-term sanctuary

Unfortunately, due to illness or injuries, not all orangutans can return to the wild. Instead of the reintroduction they are provided with long-term care.



Healthcare and Quarantine

All orangutans arriving at Nyaru Menteng undergo routine quarantine procedures and health checks – both physical and psychological checks. This is very important since many rescued orangutans have been exposed to human diseases.



Nursery

Orangutans aged 0-3 years stay in the baby house where they are being taken care of 24 hours a day. They go to the forest every day to learn and be encouraged to nest, select appropriate natural foods, encode danger signals, and recognise predators.



Forest School

Orangutans aged 3-7 or 8 years go to forest school, where they continue to improve their nesting skills and develop more advanced skills such as climbing and foraging. They progress through different levels.



Pre-release Islands

When the orangutans have mastered the skills necessary to survive in the wild, they are moved to a protected pre-release island where they will try to live as wild orangutans. The orangutans have to prove they are able to survive on their own during one drought and one rainy season.



Reintroduction to the forest

Once an orangutan has passed the 'test' of living as a wild orangutan on a pre-release island, it is ready to be reintroduced to the rainforest. The release sites have camps and equipment for trained personnel to ensure post-release monitoring of the orangutans until they have successfully adapted to their new surroundings.

