

Annual Report 2022



A tribute to Borneo's rich biodiversity and culture

It was a very special event when orangutan number 500 was released back to the wild at the end of 2022 after a successful rehabilitation. Ben is one of our adoption orangutans, and his freedom marked how many orangutans we and our partners have helped back to a life of freedom in Borneo's rainforest over the years. These are orangutans with a traumatic history who have regained freedom in a new sustainable orangutan population. This is something we, our partner BOS Foundation and not least our supporters can be proud of.

Still, it is important to remember why that work is necessary. Orangutans are hunted and traded. Forest fires, mining, plantations and illegal logging clear the rainforest, so orangutans lose their habitat. Something that also has major consequences for forest dependent communities, for the climate and for biodiversity. Therefore, it is an important priority for us to protect the rainforest, restore degraded forest areas, and fight for the rights of indigenous people to sustainably manage the forest.

In 2022, the establishment of Indonesia's new green and CO2-neutral capital Nusantara began, which will be located on Borneo. Close to this is the Samboja Lestari forest area as a green oasis surrounded by coal mines. This is also where one of BOS Foundation's two rehabilitation centres for orangutans is located. In connection with the plans for the new capital, in 2022 it has been important for us to contribute to Samboja Lestari being preserved as a green paradise in the new capital area.

In recent years, the corona pandemic has negatively affected our work. In 2022, however, it finally became possible to visit the programs that we support in Borneo. It also became possible to host physical events in Denmark and Sweden, and we held a number of them in 2022. The aim was to create engagement about our work and fascination with Borneo's diverse nature and culture.

It resulted in talks, a silent disco and a photo exhibition on tour. Every time it is a great pleasure to meet the many interested audiences. We held some of the events in close collaboration with the Indonesian embassy in Copenhagen. A rewarding collaboration that we expect to continue in the future.

Of course, all this work leads back to the orangutan and its habitat. Because even though the challenges are great, the support we receive means that we can make a difference. Therefore, I would like to send a big thank you to our partners and to all the companies, foundations and thousands of private individuals who support our work. Together we make a difference!

With best regards



Hanne Gürtler
Executive Director

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The capital's green forest: Samboja Lestari

The forest area of Samboja Lestari in East Kalimantan will soon be a neighbor of Indonesia's new capital - Nusantara. It will be one of the green areas in the region, which is why we at Save the Orangutan have had a special focus on Samboja Lestari in 2022. This involved, among other things, the launch of a new support program giving private donors a chance to help orangutans and the rainforest in the future capital's green paradise.

Sanctuaries and releases

Our Indonesian partner BOS Foundation runs the rehabilitation centre Samboja Lestari, where orphaned orangutans learn the survival skills, they need to live in the rainforest. Among the centre's little ones is the charming Galaksi, whose rehabilitation the supporters of Save the Orangutan can follow closely. At the same time, the centre houses sanctuary islands: green, safe islands where orangutans, who due to injuries or trauma will never be able to be released back into the rainforest, live a life as close to nature as possible.

Samboja Lodge

Samboja Lestari Rehabilitation Centre has its own lodge where visitors from all over the world can stay overnight and wake up to the sounds of rainforest and the distinctive long calls of male orangutans. Visitors can walk around the sanctuary islands and study the orangutans that inhabit the islands.

Mining pressures the forest and the local communities

The green Samboja Lestari is surrounded by coal mines, which have major environmental and social consequences for the area. At the same time, it contributes to the fact that the locals have very little land to cultivate and live in deep poverty. That's why we and the BOS Foundation, with support from the Civil Society in Development, work together with the local communities to make part of the forest theirs without compromising the protection of the forest area.





Engagement of the general public

It is an important goal for Save the Orangutan to engage the public in orangutans, rainforests and indigenous people. In 2022, we had a particular focus on meeting supporters and other interested parties face to face at a number of exciting events.



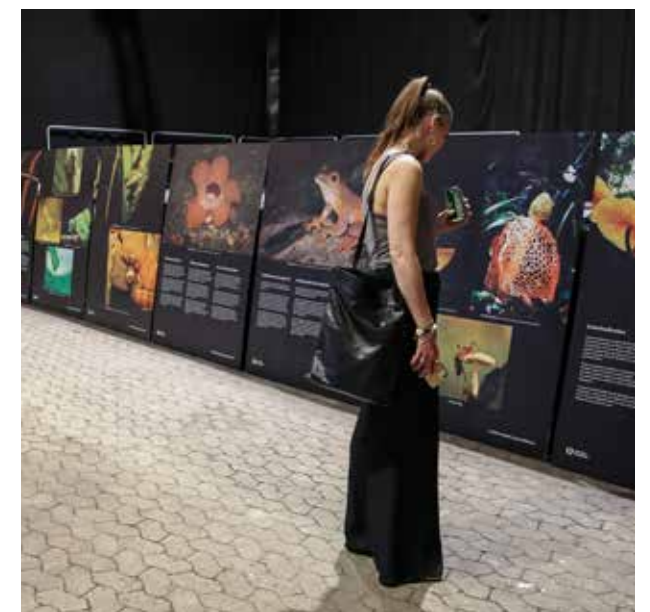
The BOS Foundation provided a special insight

In September, our Indonesian partners from the BOS Foundation visited Denmark and Sweden. We had an open house in the Botanical Garden in Copenhagen, where stalls were set up for both children and adults with videos from Borneo and Indonesian food. Employees from Save the Orangutan and the BOS Foundation talked about our important work in the field. Subsequently, BOS Foundation's director Jamartin Sihite went to Malmö, where he gave a talk on the efforts to protect orangutans and the rainforest.



Open House with the Indonesian Embassy

Our collaboration with the Indonesian Embassy to promote Borneo's rich biodiversity and culture was confirmed at a joint open house at Asia House in Copenhagen in the spring of 2022. Nature and culture were celebrated through speeches, Indonesian dances and food, videos and not least the presentation of our photo exhibition "I Am the Forest," which consists of over 50 photographs of Borneo's unique biodiversity.



A celebration of Borneo's biodiversity

The exhibition "I Am the Forest" was also shown in even more festive surroundings. The photos were surrounded by dancing guests at a Silent Disco on Refshaleøen in April. It became a popular and different celebration of Borneo's biodiversity. The event was held in collaboration with Reffen209 and was supported by the Danish Agency for Culture and Palaces.

Behind the Scenes with Björn Vaughn

Several hundred people turned up when nature photographer Björn Vaughn visited Denmark to talk about his fascinating work. Björn Vaughn is the photographer behind Save the Orangutan's films and images. He has also been a photographer on the series "Orangutan Jungle School" about the orangutans at Nyaru Menteng. It was a very interesting evening with exciting stories, beautiful pictures and lots of questions after the presentation.



Youth Lab: young people engage young people

A group of young creative people were the heart of the project when Save the Orangutan and our partner Fremtidsfabrik put focus on orangutans, rainforests and local development at festivals in the summer of 2022. The young people in the Youth Lab had developed audiovisual narratives which aimed to engage other young people in our work. The project was created with support from the Engagement funds under Civil Society in Development.

The stories were presented at the Copenhagen Harbor Festival, Ungdommens Folkemøde and Together Festival. The experience was a good starting point for the young audience to talk more about the themes with Save the Orangutan employees.



The Danish youth in the Youth Lab had close contact with young people in Borneo during the project. It gave a very personal understanding of the reality, culture and everyday life that young people experience on the other side of the world.



The audiovisual stories were presented in a large dark tent with a vibrating floor, a projector in the ceiling and atmospheric sound effects. This meant that the audience was completely absorbed in the messages of the stories and got a vivid insight into Borneo's rainforest.

Cross-functional collaboration

Partners meeting

In 2022, for the first time since the corona pandemic, it became possible to hold a physical meeting with our international partners, who are all part of the BOS collaboration. It took place at the rehabilitation centre Samboja Lestari, where we further developed the important collaboration between organizations in Europe, Australia, the USA and Indonesia.



The seed was laid for a new strategy

In autumn 2022, we were visited by a delegation from our Indonesian partner BOS Foundation. We held a workshop together to strengthen our collaboration, develop our organizations and begin a new strategy for our complex work. All so that we can protect orangutans and rainforests to an even greater extent and at the same time contribute to sustainable development for forest-dependent communities. The strategy work is supported by Civil Society in Development.



Climate and Energy Committee on Borneo

In 2022, representatives from the Danish Parliament's Climate and Energy Committee visited Borneo. Together with the Danish embassy in Indonesia, they were shown around Samboja Lestari, which is one of the program areas that Save the Orangutan supports. Together with our local partner BOS Foundation, we had the opportunity to present our work to the Danish politicians.



Visit to the Indonesian ambassador

In connection with a visit to Copenhagen by our Indonesian partner, the Indonesian ambassador invited Save the Orangutan and the BOS Foundation to a cozy dinner at the ambassador's house. Here we had the opportunity to talk about our work and meet Indonesians living in Malmö who work with similar efforts.

Over 500 orangutans have now been reintroduced

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Since our Indonesian partner BOS Foundation began releases in 2012, many rehabilitated orangutans have started a new life in the rainforest. In 2022, orangutan number 500 was released into the wild.

Ben released as number 500 since 2012

Not only is the reintroduction of so many orangutans a milestone in itself, but orangutan number 500 was very special for Save the Orangutan. Ben is part of our adoption program and many of our loyal supporters have followed him since he was born at Nyaru Menteng Rehabilitation Centre in 2010. Here he was a bright forest school student, so it was no surprise that at the end of 2022 he was ready to occupy the rainforest as a free orangutan.

Orphaned orangutans rescued

Every year new orangutans come to the rehabilitation centres. They can be adult orangutans who are either injured or in danger, or they can be orphaned orangutans who have lost their mother. This year, the Nyaru Menteng and Samboja Lestari centres received a total of 18 orangutans who were either rescued in the rainforest or handed over from authorities or locals.

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500 ORANGUTANS
REINTRODUCED
FROM 2012-2022

ORANGUTANS
AT NYARU MENTENG
259 in rehabilitation
18 in lifelong care
17 newcomers

ORANGUTANS
AT SAMBOJA LESTARI
53 in rehabilitation
75 in lifelong care
5 newcomers

Two new orangutans in the adoption program

The adoption program is constantly developing, and as orangutans are reintroduced, new orangutans enter the program. In 2022, it became possible to adopt two new orphaned orangutans: Jeni and Monyo. Monyo is a male orangutan who came to Nyaru Menteng in 2019. A villager said he had found the then 6-month-old baby orangutan all alone. Jeni was rescued from a traumatic life in captivity in 2020 at the age of 10 months. Both orangutans now go to the forest school and, despite a heavy luggage, are doing incredibly well.



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Jeni



Monyo

We are restoring the rainforest

Over a number of years, we have worked closely with our Indonesian partners and local communities to plant trees and restore destroyed rainforest areas. We do this with BOSF Mawas in the peat swamp forest Mawas, which is home to 2,500 wild orangutans, and with the Borneo Nature Foundation in Sebangau, which is home to almost 6,000 wild orangutans.



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In 2022 we restored:

126 hectares
orangutan habitat
by replanting
91.892 trees

The rainforest is being protected

Save the Orangutan works closely with our partners in Borneo to develop and run efforts that protect the rainforest and the wild orangutans. This is always done in close cooperation with the local communities, who through the efforts are supported in the sustainable development and management of the rainforest.

Moving forward after the corona pandemic

COVID-19 has taken a toll on our work in recent years. We and our partners have, among other things, worked to prevent the disease in several local communities on Borneo, and thus prevent infection of wild orangutans in the area. At the end of the efforts, we could see that there was less disease in the villages we worked in than in the surrounding villages. At the same time, the efforts have also created a greater understanding of how human health is connected to nature conservation, and supported the local communities in becoming self-sufficient, so that they could better get back on their feet financially after the pandemic.

Technology makes forest monitoring better

Local community groups patrol the rainforest to keep an eye on forest fires and illegal logging. It is an effort that we and our partners are constantly working to improve. And here technology and data collection is a way forward! In 2022, we completed a project where DHI GRAS taught BOSF Mawas to use satellite data to observe where there is a particular risk of forest fires. At the same time, we are working

with the University of Copenhagen to further develop an app that will make data from the field better. These efforts will support our work to protect the more than 2,500 wild orangutans in Mawas.

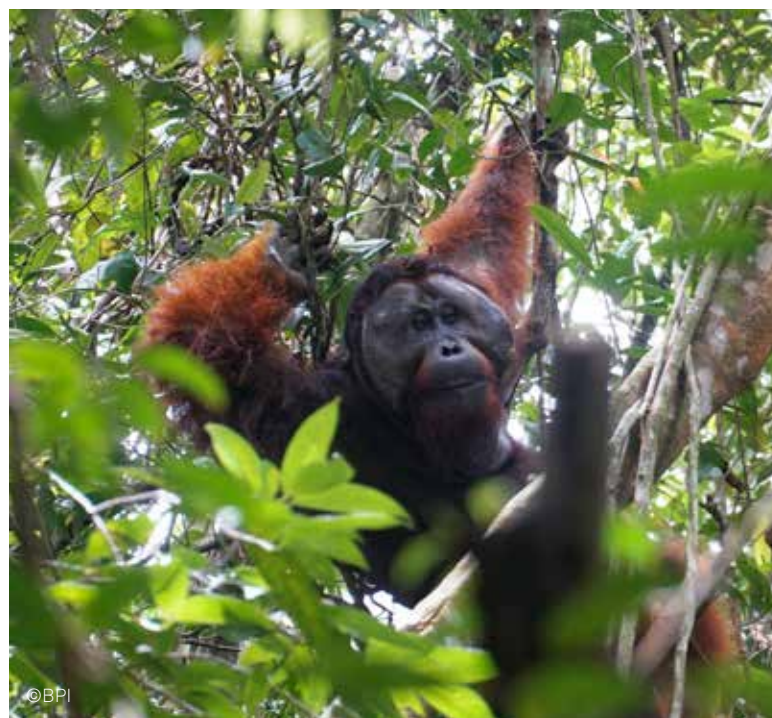
Indigenous peoples get the right to their forest

With the support of Save the Orangutan and our partner Borneo Nature Foundation, the indigenous people of the Rungan Forest, home to more than 3,000 wild orangutans, have finally obtained the rights to their forest areas. The forest is the basis of life for these people, and at the same time, rights for indigenous peoples is the best protection for nature and the wildlife in it. That is why we work in several projects to ensure that indigenous communities get the legal rights to rainforest areas.

The project was supported by the Civil Society in Development.

Sustainable results in the rainforest

In 2022, we received a large grant from the Civil Society in Development for a project where we and the BOS Foundation work across several rainforest areas in Borneo. The project's focus is especially to help indigenous people through the complicated process of getting rights to the forest areas that they have traditionally managed for generations. It helps to ensure that the work to protect the rainforest and the critically endangered orangutan is sustainable in the long term.



This is how the money was spent in 2022

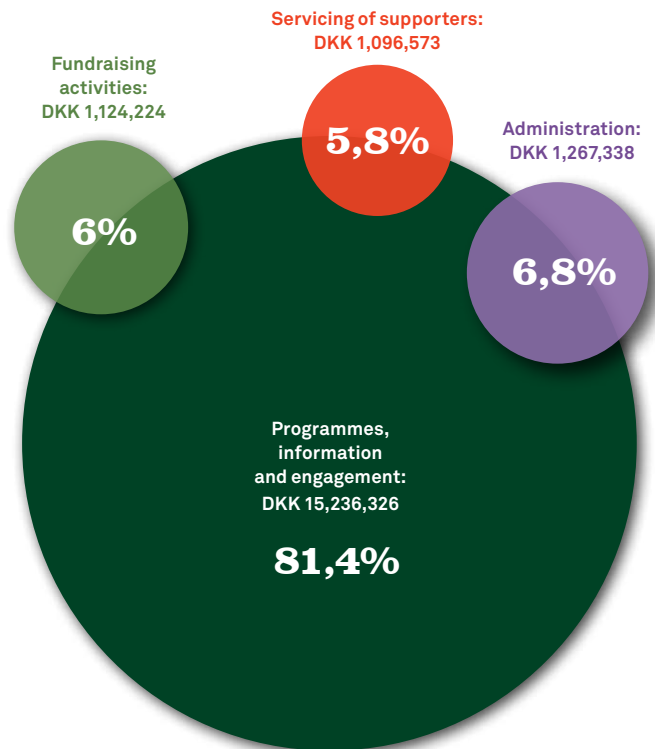
Funds raised

In 2022, Save the Orangutan Group raised DKK 17.6 million from private donors, companies, foundations and institutional donors, of which 16.4 in Denmark, 1.0 in Sweden and 0.2 in England and Wales.

Distribution of the funds

In 2022, Save the Orangutan Group used DKK 15.2 million for program efforts, information and engagement, which corresponds to 86.5% of the funds raised in 2022, and 81.4% of the funds used in 2022. DKK 11.1 million was transferred in direct support to our partners in Borneo.

In 2022, Save the Orangutan Group has spent a total of DKK 3.5 million, corresponding to 18.6% of the funds used, for servicing supporters, administration and fundraising activities. In 2022, the costs for administration were 6.8% of the funds used. The total available equity for the organizations in Denmark, Sweden and England & Wales was reduced by DKK 1.1 million in 2022.



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