

A close-up photograph of an orangutan in a lush green forest. The orangutan has reddish-brown fur and is looking directly at the camera with a slight smile. Its hand is visible in the foreground, reaching towards the viewer. The background is filled with out-of-focus green foliage and tree trunks.

At a glance
2025



O save the
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Change happens when we stand together



In 2025, we achieved important results that made a difference to orangutans, nature and the climate. These results are supported by local partners and communities in Indonesia, a collaboration that plays a significant role in everything we do. From training orangutan infants at the forest school to planting trees in the rainforest.

In a world where the role of civil society is becoming increasingly challenged and uncertain, we can proudly say that our work strengthens local communities and reaches even more people. This was particularly true in 2025. When we involve local people, safeguard the rights of indigenous communities and support sustainable livelihoods, we form the basis for long-term forest management that benefits wild orangutans. In 2025, we were able to expand these efforts through our first project grant from Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida). This also marks the positive developments taking place within Save the Orangutan Sweden.

Beyond this, we made other strides during the year. For instance, we reached milestones such as the long-awaited opening of the new rehabilitation centre, Nyaru Menteng II. Building an entirely new centre from scratch is a huge task, and the result gave us modern facilities that provide the orangutans with even better conditions for learning the skills they need in the wild.

With support from Save the Orangutan, BOS Foundation has released a total of 556 orangutans into the wild since 2012. There are now more orangutans being released into the wild and onto protected islands than the number of rescued orangutans being admitted to the centres. This is clear evidence of the progress made in conservation work. Naturally, as more orangutans are being released, an increasing proportion of resources will be used to monitor and protect them and the forest areas in which they live.

However, there are orangutans in the centres who will never meet the wild and we want to ensure they also have a dignified life. At the new Nyaru Menteng II, the plan is for many of the unreleasables to be moved to island sanctuaries where they can live a life close to nature in a safe and protected environment. Extensive construction is underway, which will eventually lead to the establishment of as many as 15 new sanctuaryislands. Supporting this initiative is a key priority for us.

In 2025, we continued to focus on strengthening existing partnerships and establishing new collaborations. Strong partnerships are crucial for achieving lasting results and they can also help raise awareness of the critically endangered orangutan and the importance of the rainforest for biodiversity and people.

It is also important for us to engage people in our own part of the world. In recent years, we have placed a new focus on working with the very youngest generation: the children. During the year, we engaged them through the ambitious BioRap project, in which Year 6 pupils across Denmark wrote and rapped about the climate and biodiversity crises. Change happens when we all stand together.

We also see the local engagement reflected in the support from our loyal donors. Many of us want to play our part in making a difference for the planet and the orangutans. We would therefore like to thank the many individuals, companies and foundations that support our work. You make this possible.

Kind regards,

Marie Sigvardt

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Executive Director



2025 in numbers

36,665
trees
were replanted

339
orangutans
were rehabilitated

17
orangutans were released
back into the wild

6,957
people
supported our work

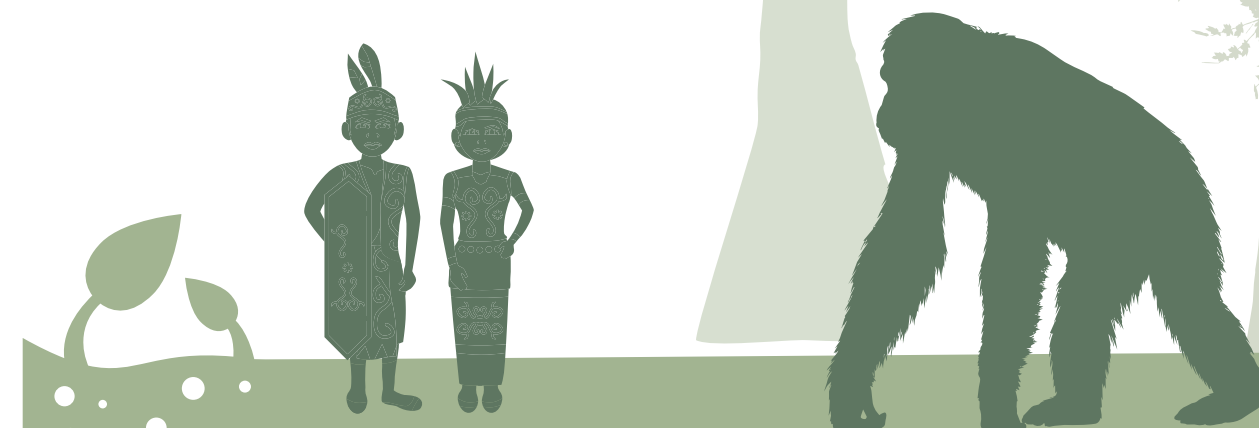
Habitats
for over
12,000
wild orangutans
were protected

556
released orangutans
were protected

31
orangutans
were rescued

63
villages supported in
sustainable forest management
and improved living conditions

+7,000
fire patrol hours
were carried out



Adopted orangutans reach the final stage before the rainforest

In 2025, three of the orangutans that our supporters are following were moved to the protected pre-release islands, marking the final stage of their rehabilitation. This is one of the victories we have achieved this year for orangutans who would otherwise have been doomed to a tragic fate.

Rescuing and rehabilitating orangutans in distress is a vital part of our work. As more orangutans are released back into the wild, monitoring and protecting the release sites takes up an increasing proportion of our work. However, this does not alter the fact that the orangutans in the centres and their welfare remain a top priority. In 2025, we were delighted to announce new initiatives for even better animal welfare, whilst once again celebrating the orangutans who have taken the final step towards a life in their natural habitat.

Adopted orangutans move to the pre-release islands

Once the orangutans in the forest school have learnt the skills needed to survive as wild orangutans, they move on to the final stage before reintroduction. The pre-release islands are protected rainforest islands where the orangutans test their skills in a safe environment. In 2025, 17 orangutans were moved to the pre-release islands, three of whom were part of our adoption programme: Hope, Topan and Monita. They have all adapted well to their new surroundings.

A new life begins

A further 17 orangutans passed the big test, as, after many years at the forest school, they were able to start a new life in the rainforest. This is the absolute highlight of many years of rehabilitation. At the end of the year, we

also had the pleasure of welcoming Denmark's Ambassador in Indonesia, Sten Frimodt Nielsen, to join us for one release mission where he got to bid Otan farewell.

Orphaned infants found safety

The rehabilitation journey ends for some and begins for others. During the year, 31 orangutans were rescued, including 10 orphaned infants, who are now being rehabilitated at the BOS Foundation's two rehabilitation centres, Nyaru Menteng and Samboja Lestari. One of these was Momo, who had a fever and an old fracture to one of her toes when she was rescued. Fortunately, she recovered after receiving medical treatment. Today, she is gradually recovering from her early traumas and is now part of the nursery group, where she is making great progress.

Orangutan care based on new knowledge

In recent years, there has been a particular focus on improving animal welfare at BOS Foundation's rehabilitation centre. A new research department is dedicated to gathering research on enrichment materials and studying each individual orangutan closely to monitor their development and wellbeing. At Save the Orangutan, we have also strengthened our capacity in animal welfare and our knowledge of orangutans over the past year.



Nyaru Menteng and Samboja Lestari Rehabilitation Centres

- 339 orangutans in rehabilitation
- 137 orangutans in sanctuary care
- 10 newcomers
- 3 orangutans born at the centres in 2025
- 17 orangutans released back into the wild in 2025



The new forest school was inaugurated

In 2025, all forest school pupils were able to move into a brand-new rehabilitation centre offering even better conditions for ensuring good animal welfare.

We have supported the world's largest orangutan rehabilitation centre, Nyaru Menteng, since its inception. Therefore, it was a major milestone for us to see the BOS Foundation open the new Nyaru Menteng II rehabilitation centre in March 2025.

A modern centre

The opening meant that all the orangutans in the forest school were moved to new facilities. But it is not just the forest school that has been given a new home. A large construction project is underway at Nyaru Menteng II, which includes a new modern veterinary clinic, new sleeping quarters for the orangutans and new premises

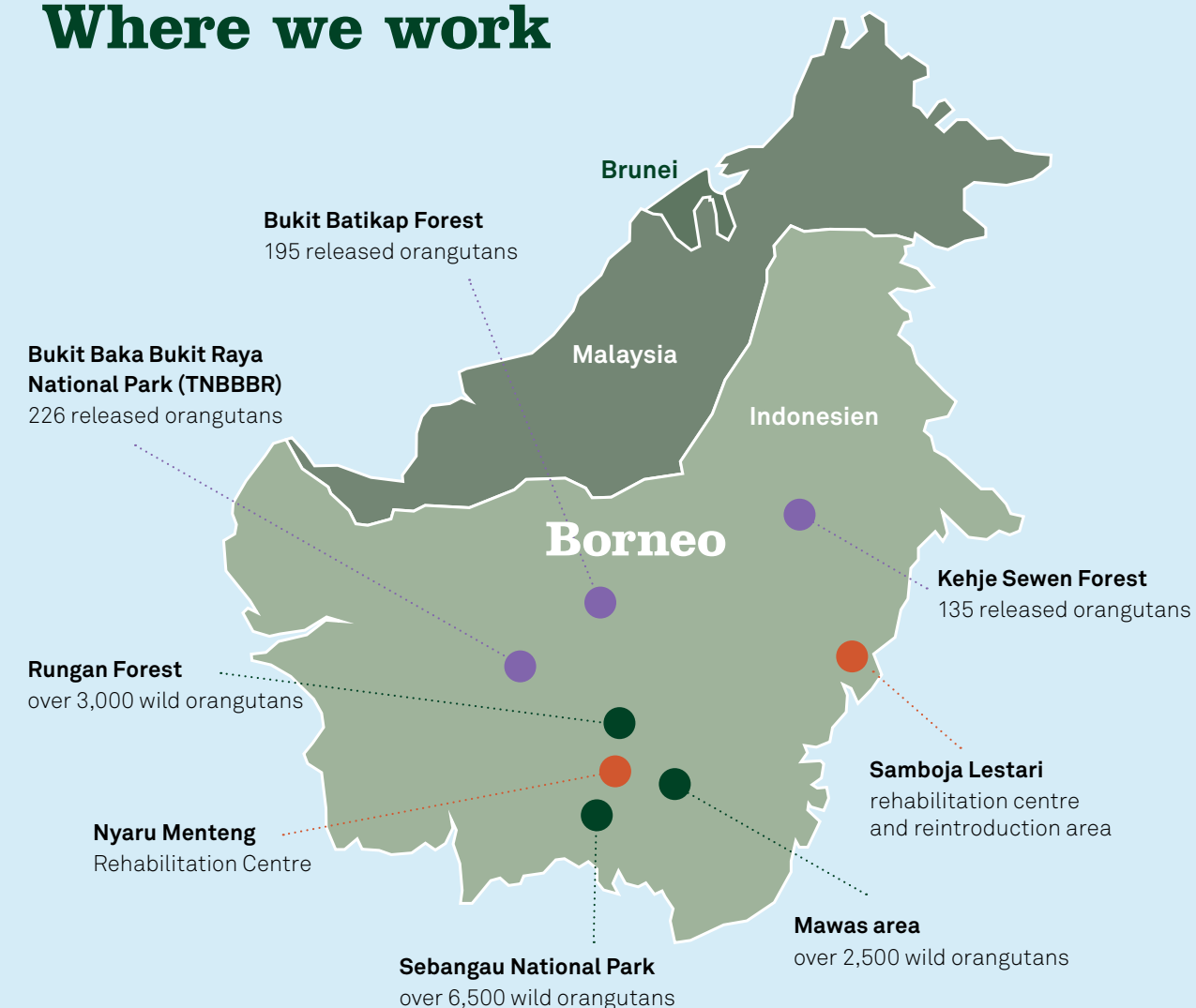
for the staff. In addition, the rehabilitation centre offers modern equipment and improved enrichment materials, which further enhance the conditions for orangutans in rehabilitation.

New sanctuary islands in the pipeline

One of the largest projects at Nyaru Menteng II is the creation of a series of new islands which in the future will be home to orangutans that, for various psychological and physical reasons, cannot be released into the wild. Once the islands are complete, these adult orangutans will be able to live a life close to nature even if they cannot survive in the wild rainforest.



Where we work



We are now protecting even more wild orangutans

In 2025, our long-standing partner, the BOS Foundation, expanded its areas of operation to include parts of Sebangau National Park. As Yayasan Borneo Nature Indonesia, our other partner, is also active in Sebangau, we are now strengthening our joint efforts to protect the forest area that is home to the second-largest population of wild orangutans.

How many people follow our work

Total number of followers across our Danish, Swedish and English channels.



45.700 followers



900 followers



15.500 followers



17.500 subscribers



The climate crisis is being felt on Borneo

Climate change is exacerbating extreme weather events, putting pressure on local communities in Indonesia and destroying orangutan habitats. At the same time, deforested areas and damaged ecosystems increase the pressure on the climate.

The consequences of climate change, natural disasters and extreme weather are clearly felt on Borneo. This causes problems for local communities whilst floods and forest fires are destroying the rainforest that serves as the orangutans' habitat. Climate adaptation and climate resilience are therefore key focus areas in our work on Borneo.

Villages under water

Among other things, increasingly extreme weather is leading to recurring floods. These regularly affect Borneo but have become significantly worse in recent years. During one of Save the Orangutan's project visits, our staff visited two villages that were under water. At the time, boats were needed to get around in the streets. Fortunately, together with the BOS Foundation and the local community, we have strengthened preparedness and improved flood defences so that the villages are better equipped for future extreme weather events.

Enhanced fire preparedness

Fire preparedness measures to prevent and manage forest fires have been further strengthened during the year. We have provided training in analysing satellite data for staff at BOS Foundation so that they can use this data to identify areas at increased risk of forest fires. In the Mawas area, significant work has also been carried out to ensure we are well prepared for future forest fires. This included workshops, improved fire-fighting equipment, increased capacity and clearer guidelines

for fire patrols. These measures are of crucial importance not only to the local communities in these areas but also to the forest and, consequently, the orangutans.

Resilient forests

On Borneo, Save the Orangutan works with our partners to restore damaged forest areas. We do this alongside local communities by planting new trees, blocking artificial drainage channels and patrolling forest areas to respond swiftly to illegal logging and fires. When the damaged forests are allowed to regrow, new habitats are created for orangutans and other species. At the same time, the forest areas also become more resilient to natural disasters and climate change.



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Orangutans return to replanted forest

In Mawas, where we have been planting new trees since 2015 in partnership with the BOS Foundation and the local community, we can now see that many different species have moved into the restored forest. The success was complete in 2025, when orangutan nests were observed in several locations across the area! This shows that it really is possible to reverse the trend. What was once a destroyed forest is now a place where orangutans can settle once again.

When the orangutans' forest is protected and restored, it also safeguards the habitats of many other species. As part of our efforts to protect the forests, we and our partners are working to gather more data on the tangible impact of our work on biodiversity. This is extremely important to us at a time when the biodiversity crisis is threatening up to a million species and the ecosystems on which people depend.

Other highlights

Visit by the BOS Foundation

In early 2025, a delegation from our Indonesian partner, the BOS Foundation, visited Scandinavia to take part in partner meetings and workshops – and to meet our donors. The director of the BOS Foundation, Dr Jamartin Sihite, gave presentations in Copenhagen and Stockholm on the important work the organisation carries out to protect orangutans and their habitats.



Together for the orangutans

The BOS network comprises organisations in several countries and in September we organised a multi-day seminar on fundraising, communication and knowledge-sharing with our partners. These were some inspiring days, centred on a shared determination, strong commitment and professional efforts across national borders. We are all working towards the same goal, and together we are stronger.

Orangutan Days at Aalborg Zoo

Save the Orangutan has an ongoing communications partnership with Aalborg Zoo, which is the only zoo in Denmark where visitors can see orangutans. In 2025, we took part in Aalborg Zoo's Orangutan Days, amongst other activities. Together with staff from the BOS Foundation, we visited the zoo, where they gave talks to the keepers about the work involved in rescuing, rehabilitating and protecting orangutans.



Indigenous peoples gain rights to their forests

The best stewards of the rainforest are the people who have lived in and off it for generations. That is why we work closely with our partners and indigenous communities to support them in the process of securing rights to their forest areas. It is a laborious and protracted process, but in 2025 a further two villages succeeded in securing social forestry rights to a total of 3,448 hectares of forest. This means they now have the right to manage the forest sustainably for several years. It is a significant success for both people and nature!



Ambassador in the rainforest

In 2025, Denmark's ambassador to Indonesia, Sten Frimodt Nielsen, visited our project partners in the project area on Borneo. During the visit, he also met with representatives from the villages and gave a speech at a joint seminar organised by the BOS Foundation and Save the Orangutan as part of a project funded by the Danida Green Business Partnership (DGBP). The ambassador also took part in the release of a rehabilitated orangutan back into the wild.



Major Sida-funded project supports Borneo's indigenous peoples

Save the Orangutan has for the first time been awarded funding from the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida). This means that, together with our local partner, Yayasan Borneo Nature Indonesia, we can strengthen the rights of indigenous peoples, protect the rainforest and create sustainable livelihoods for forest-dependent communities through a three-year project on Borneo.

Through this new Sida-funded project, indigenous peoples will receive support to organise themselves, secure rights to their forest areas and create sustainable livelihoods. By combining nature conservation, climate action and local development, the project helps to preserve some of the world's most valuable rainforests. The aim is to strengthen local communities' capacity to manage their forests in the long term, whilst creating better conditions for future generations.



Rap and hope for young minds



Through the BioRap project, over 60 Danish Year 6 classes made music on issues such as climate anxiety, solidarity with children on Borneo and hope for the future.

Climate change, the biodiversity crisis and endangered species are not just issues for the 'adult generation'. Children and young people are deeply concerned about these issues, but all too often we do not do enough to listen to their concerns and help them turn a sense of powerlessness into hope.

With support from the Danish OpEn Foundation, Save the Orangutan and our Indonesian partner Yayasan Borneo Nature Indonesia have developed the nationwide educational project BioRap. In 2025, the project concluded with a competition between the participating classes.

More than 60 Year 6 classes from across Denmark took part in the project. Over two themed days, the pupils worked with video-based educational material that gave them an insight into how climate change and the loss of biodiversity are affecting children in Indonesia, and how these challenges are linked to their own everyday lives in Denmark. The Danish pupils then translated their knowledge and feelings into lyrics and rap songs performed to a beat created for the occasion by the producer Chief1.

Through music and rhymes written by the children themselves, we wanted to reinforce the belief that their voices matter, whilst giving them a global perspective and the courage to get involved.

Several teachers reported that it was an eye-opening experience for many of the pupils to see how climate change is having a tangible impact on children in other parts of the world. The video call with children on Borneo was particularly effective in fostering recognition, understanding and solidarity on both sides.

The project concluded with a national competition, won by Class 6C from Mårslet school with their song 'Rejs Dig Op'. In the song, the pupils urge us to stand together and act for the climate. It's a genuine hit that truly inspires hope.

Click here to watch the music video for 'Rejs Dig Op'



The educational material consisted of:

- Digital meetings with Indonesian children from Yayasan Borneo Nature Indonesia's Nature Clubs. They talked about how climate change and biodiversity loss are affecting their rainforest and their efforts to protect it.
- Nature educator Sebastian Klein put these topics into perspective with both seriousness, hope and self-confidence.
- Rap coach MC Caffé gave an introduction on how to write your own rap song.



We think it has been good and inspiring material. We have appreciated the different videos and in general, the students have been very motivated.

- Tina Ebbe, teacher, Rødby School

BioRap on the move

The music video for the winning song 'Rejs Dig Op' premiered at the Jelling Festival in Denmark. At the release party, festival participants had the opportunity to meet some of the students behind the song and tried writing their own climate rap.

In autumn 2025, we participated in a Danish conference on education for sustainable development, presenting a workshop version of the BioRap project to teachers.

We are happy to share our experiences and witness the enthusiasm that comes from addressing difficult issues.



Finances

Save the Orangutan's financial situation has developed positively during 2025. The three organisations within Save the Orangutan together raised 2.83 million pounds, of which 2.63 million pounds was raised in Denmark, 0.11 million pounds in Sweden and 0.08 million pounds in England and Wales.

Save the Orangutan's total expenditure amounted to 2.53 million pounds, the majority of which was used for the organisation's objectives and programme activities.

Of the funds raised, 0.18 million pounds was carried forward to next year's programme activities. The unrestricted equity of the organisations in Denmark, Sweden, and England and Wales increased by 0.12 million pounds in 2025.

Make a difference with us

There are several ways to support our work for orangutans, the rainforest and the people who live there.



One-off donation

Support our work with a one-off donation through our website. You can also plant trees and help restore the orangutan habitat.



Become a monthly donor

As a monthly donor, you can support our work where it's needed the most, contribute to our rainforest programme or adopt an orangutan and follow its progress through regular updates.



Leave a legacy

By including Save the Orangutan in your will, you can help protect orangutans and their rainforest for future generations.

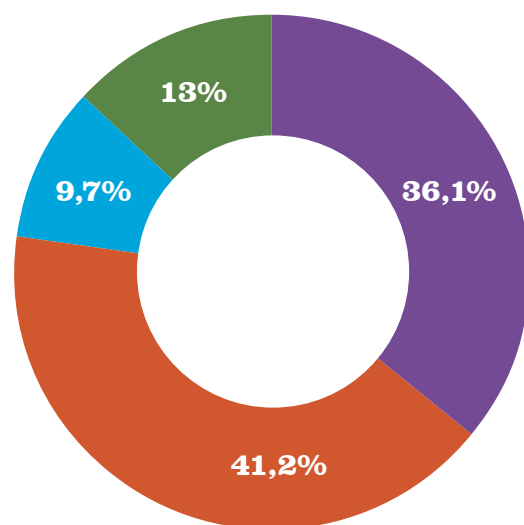


Corporate partnerships

As a business, you can support us through sponsorship or a strategic partnership and, together with us, contribute to a sustainable future.

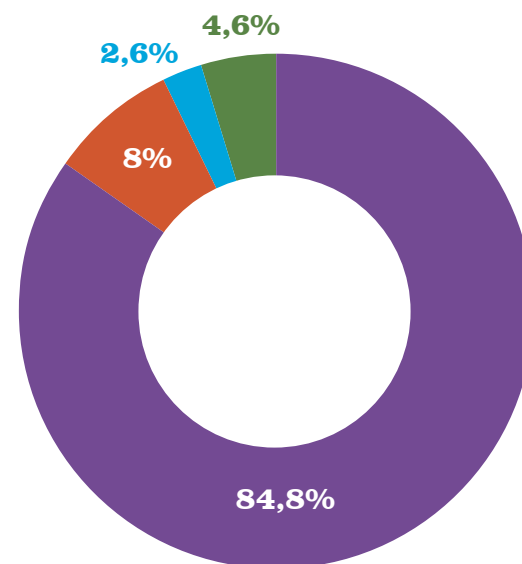
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How our work was funded



- Private donors**
1.02 million GBP
36.1% of funds raised
- Foundations and public grants**
1.17 million GBP
41.2% of funds raised
- Companies**
0.27 million GBP
9.7% of funds raised
- Inheritances and other contributions**
0.37 million GBP
13.0% of funds raised

How the money was spent



- Programmes, awareness raising and engagement**
2.14 million GBP
84.8% of funds used
- Fundraising activities**
0.20 million GBP
8.0% of funds used
- Donor services**
0.07 million GBP
2.6% of funds used
- Administration**
0.12 million GBP
4.6% of funds used



I've always been an animal lover. For many years, I've supported the organisation with a monthly donation and, over the years, have adopted Miko, Juliet, Grendon and Onyer. When my circumstances changed, I was no longer able to give as much, but I wanted to continue contributing. Today, I support the organisation with 12 pounds a year and have also included Save the Orangutan in my will. Thank you for being there and for your work to save the orangutans.

Agneta Olsson, supporter

Thank you

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Save the Orangutan is a non-profit organisation working to protect the critically endangered orangutan and its rainforest habitat on Borneo.

Our mission is to rescue, rehabilitate and reintroduce endangered orangutans, as well as to protect wild populations.

Deforestation poses the greatest threat to the survival of the orangutan. That is why we also work to restore and conserve the rainforest – all in close collaboration with Indonesian civil society organisations and local communities.

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