

THE ORANGUTAN PROJECT  
**ANNUAL REPORT**  
2014 - 2015



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Orangutans are on the brink of extinction due to habitat loss and poaching. Their remaining forest habitat must be protected so viable populations can be retained and the species can survive in the future. Captive populations of orangutans are not sustainable, so unless both the Bornean and Sumatran orangutans are protected in the wild then these precious species face imminent extinction.

As the pressure increases on wild orangutans, so too does the workload and incentive of The Orangutan Project (TOP) to help save them. In the last 12 months we have greatly increased our project funding from \$1.4 million to \$1.5 million, whilst keeping administration costs low. Thank you to the TOP Board and everyone within The Orangutan Project for this inspiring result.

TOP works cooperatively with multiple stakeholders, both in Indonesia and Malaysia. This strategy has promoted TOP to being recognised worldwide as the premier orangutan conservation organisation.

As a founding member, TOP has been working with Wildlife Asia to address the broader issues of wildlife conservation in Asia. In order to address the specific conservation needs of other species within orangutan habitat and in the broader

context of holistic effective conservation, The TOP Board runs the International Elephant Project and International Tiger Projects. Local communities must also be protected to ensure that we have win-win solutions for conservation.

If you care about either: global warming, human rights, biodiversity, sustainable economies, wildlife conservation, or just the inherent right of orangutans to live free and in safety, you should care about what is happening. Please join us as there can be no question that what we are doing is worthwhile, meaningful and most of all good!

Yours truly,

**Leif Cocks**  
Founder and President  
The Orangutan Project

## SUMMARY ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2014/15

### SAVING ORANGUTANS

**65** orangutan **RESCUES** **157** orangutans **CARED FOR** **26** orangutan **RELEASES**

### PROTECTING FOREST

**150,000** HECTARES **PROTECTED** **2,900** ORANGUTANS **PROTECTED**

### BUILDING COMMUNITY SUPPORT

**7** ORANGUTAN **CARING SCHOLARSHIPS**

**20** COMMUNITY **DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS**  
INCLUDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ORGANIC FARMING PRACTICES, IMPROVING SUSTAINABILITY AND YIELDS IN AGRICULTURE, SEEDLING PRODUCTION AND TREE PLANTING

**100** SCHOOLS AND **COMMUNITIES** GIVEN EDUCATION CLASSES, THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE REACHED

### CHANGING THE GAME

THIS YEAR TOP DONORS HAVE HELPED FUND...

**10** LEGAL **CASES AGAINST DEFORESTATION**

THE PURCHASE OF **38,000** HECTARES OF **RAINFOREST**

**1.3M** HECTARES OF THREATENED RAINFOREST HAS SCIENTIFIC AND COMMUNITY INPUT ON LAND USE PLANNING



## OUR MISSION AND VISION

### **VISION**

ALL ORANGUTANS LIVE IN THE WILD IN SECURE AND VIABLE POPULATIONS.

### **MISSION**

TO PROMOTE THE SURVIVAL OF THE SUMATRAN AND BORNEAN ORANGUTAN SPECIES IN THEIR NATURAL HABITAT BY UNDERTAKING GENUINE, MEASURABLE AND EFFECTIVE ORANGUTAN CONSERVATION.



## ACTION PLAN

Over the next ten years we want to increase the number of wild orangutans under TOP's permanent protection to 8,000, to ensure sufficient numbers of each orangutan species/subspecies survive indefinitely.

This requires TOP to secure 1,800 km<sup>2</sup> of prime lowland forest and protect it with 180 Wildlife Protection Rangers.

This will require the organisation to increase income to \$20M per annum on a sustainable basis.

## STRATEGY

### Rainforest - secure land through:

1. Purchase,
2. Leasing of Restoration Forest Concessions, and
3. Legally binding agreements with land-owners.

### Orangutans

1. Secure land that contains wild populations, and
2. Rescue/rehabilitate/release ex-captive orangutans to form new viable populations in secure habitat.

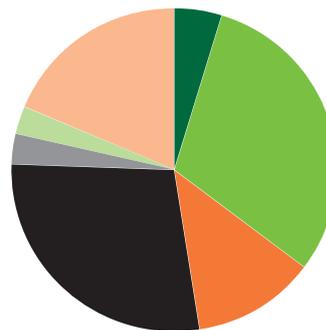
TOP will collaborate and partner with reputable orangutan conservation projects, as well as continue to run our own projects to achieve our goal with maximum effectiveness and efficiency.



## FUNDING

### How we spent our funds

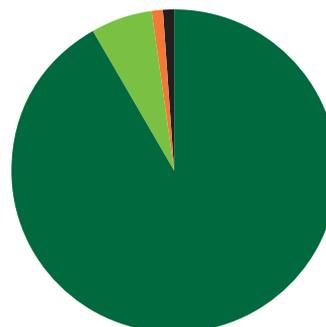
Rescue	\$70,000
Rehabilitation	\$442,707
Release	\$175,000
Protection	\$402,265
Community/Education	\$45,850
Research	\$40,000
Legal/Protest	\$266,897
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,442,718</b>



- Rescue
- Rehabilitation
- Release
- Protection
- Community/Education
- Research
- Legal/Protest

### How funds are raised

Community/Donations 91.8%	\$2,114,464.47
Supporters and partners 6.1%	\$140,730.40
Interest/dividends 1.2%	\$28,778.63
Grants 0.9%	\$20,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,303,973.50</b>



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## ABOUT THE ORANGUTAN PROJECT

The Orangutan Project was established in 1998 by founder and world-renowned orangutan expert, Leif Cocks, as a result of his 25+ year career working with orangutans. The Orangutan Project was formed with a key mission; to ensure that endangered wild orangutan species would be protected against extinction, and would continue to live in secure populations for generations to come.

Today, The Orangutan Project (TOP) is a dynamic, fast-growing and successful not-for-profit organisation that supports a wide range of critical projects that address the holistic problem facing remaining fragmented orangutan populations - including fighting deforestation and habitat loss at the highest level.

Since its formation in 1998, TOP has contributed more than \$8,700,000 directly into orangutan conservation projects and has earned a reputation amongst its partners and donors for being financially responsible and transparent, with 100% of all donations and orangutan adoption monies raised going straight into the field. Overall administration costs are funded via non tax-deductible fundraising activities and have increased marginally in the past financial year to 19%, in order to invest in the next level of growth within the organisation. We expect to again reduce overall administration costs in the next financial year.

The projects funded by TOP not only include direct orangutan conservation, such as orangutan rescue, rehabilitation and release programs, but also forest habitat protection and regeneration, education, research and local community partnerships. Tying funding to direct outcomes for the species has enabled TOP to partner with the majority of orangutan conservation projects operating on the ground today in Borneo and Sumatra.

This has greatly increased overall efficiency and transparency in saving the species as a whole, bringing together the key players and groups who are working tirelessly on the ground to ensure the species' survival.

The long-term growth and sustainability of The Orangutan Project has been made possible by support from our major donors and conservation partners. Through support of specific programs and major appeals, the organisation has been able to achieve more for the species than any other orangutan conservation organisation. TOP is the largest financial contributor to orangutan conservation projects and ongoing support from our major donors and conservation partners is imperative for the organisation to reach our goal of having 8,000 wild orangutans under TOP's permanent protection, thus ensuring sufficient numbers of each orangutan species/subspecies survive indefinitely.



## WILDLIFE ASIA MEMBER AND SUMATRAN ORANGUTAN CONSERVATION PROGRAMME (SOCP)



In a world where charitable organisations often lose their way, we now have a shining example of how like-minded charities can work together to increase their direct and real on the ground contributions to the conservation and welfare of wildlife.

The Orangutan Project, International Elephant Project, Asian Rhino Project, Free the Bears, International Tiger Project and the Silvery Gibbon Project, have joined to form an umbrella organisation called 'Wildlife Asia'. The primary objective of Wildlife Asia is to increase conservation contribution, capacity and efficiency for wildlife conservation.

### **Wildlife Asia**

Asian wildlife is at a crisis point. Due to habitat loss and poaching, many species now exist in extremely

precarious positions, where the survival of existing populations will not be sustainable if the current rate of destruction continues. This new holistic approach will give the Australian private, philanthropist and business communities the opportunity to contribute to broad reaching support for wildlife in Asia, backed by six of Australia's premier conservation charities.

### **Sumatran Orangutan Conservation Project**

TOP is a member for the Sumatran Orangutan Conservation Project (SOCP), in partnership with PanEco Foundation, Yayasan Ekosistem Lestari (YEL), Frankfurt Zoological Society (FZS) and Ditjen PHKA of The Indonesian Ministry of Forestry. SOCP is the largest program dedicated to the survival of the Sumatran orangutan.



## INTRODUCING THE INTERNATIONAL ELEPHANT PROJECT (IEP)



[www.elephant.org.au](http://www.elephant.org.au)

The International Elephant Project (IEP) is a not-for-profit project for elephant conservation, rainforest protection and local community partnerships, in order to protect and save the entire ecosystem and biodiversity of habitats shared by elephants. Run by The Orangutan Project Board, IEP was formed to conserve elephant's entire ecosystem in a holistic manner.

The organisation provides technical and financial assistance directly to on-the-ground conservation projects. The objectives of the IEP have many flow-on effects that both protect other Critically Endangered species, such as the orangutan, tiger, and rhino, as well as indigenous communities and the remaining rainforest in Borneo and Sumatra.

Our major strategy is to radio collar an elephant in each herd and track the herds by satellite. We then have our Human Elephant Conflict Mitigation teams follow the herds and work with local communities to see that both elephants and humans remain safe and live in harmony. Saving the rainforest is the single most cost-effective way to save our planet. Protecting the rainforest means protecting the lifeblood of our earth, and our vital stores of carbon.

The elephant's rainforest habitat is disappearing at an unprecedented rate. And much of what remains is degraded by drought, forest fires and illegal logging. This destruction is also inflicting a massive amount of suffering on a species that is highly intelligent and self-aware. Tragically, extinction in the wild is likely for both Sumatran and Bornean elephants if we do not take immediate action.

**VISION**  
THAT ALL SUMATRAN ELEPHANTS LIVE IN THE WILD IN SECURE AND VIABLE POPULATIONS.

**MISSION STATEMENT**  
TO PROMOTE THE SURVIVAL OF THE SUMATRAN AND BORNEAN ELEPHANTS IN THEIR NATURAL HABITAT BY UNDERTAKING GENUINE, MEASURABLE AND EFFECTIVE ELEPHANT CONSERVATION.



## SUMATRAN TIGERS. ABOUT THE INTERNATIONAL TIGER PROJECT (ITP)



The International Tiger Project (ITP) is a not-for-profit project for tiger conservation, rainforest protection and local community partnerships, in order to protect and save the entire ecosystem and biodiversity of habitats shared by tigers. Run by The Orangutan Project (TOP) Board, ITP was formed to conserve the entire ecosystem of tigers in a holistic manner.

The organisation provides technical and financial assistance directly to on-the-ground conservation projects. The objectives of the ITP have many flow-on effects that protect other Critically Endangered species, such as the orangutan, elephant, and rhinoceros, as well as indigenous communities and the remaining rainforest in Borneo and Sumatra.

Our major strategy is to monitor tigers with camera traps. We then have our Wildlife Protection Units patrol and work with local communities to see that both tigers and humans remain safe and live in harmony. Saving the rainforest is the single most cost-effective way to save our planet. Protecting the rainforest means protecting the lifeblood of our earth, and our vital stores of carbon.

The tiger's rainforest habitat is disappearing at an unprecedented rate. Much of the forest that remains is degraded by drought, forest fires and illegal logging. Tragically, extinction in the wild for the Sumatran tiger is likely if we do not take immediate action.

### VISION

THAT ALL TIGERS LIVE IN THE WILD IN SECURE AND VIABLE POPULATIONS.

### MISSION STATEMENT

TO PROMOTE THE SURVIVAL OF TIGERS IN THEIR NATURAL HABITAT BY UNDERTAKING GENUINE, MEASURABLE AND EFFECTIVE TIGER CONSERVATION.



## ORANGUTAN CONSERVATION SUPPORT (1999 - 2015)

The Orangutan Project (TOP) is the world's foremost, not-for-profit organisation, supporting orangutan conservation, rainforest protection, local community partnerships and the rehabilitation and reintroduction of displaced orangutans back to the wild, in order to save the two orangutan species from extinction.

**Total Financial  
Contribution to Orangutan  
Conservation – over  
\$8.7 Million**

**Total Financial Contribution to Orangutan Conservation**

Previous Years	Totals
2014-15	\$1,464,050
2013-14	\$1,212,395
2012-13	\$1,100,000
2011-12	\$660,929
2010-11	\$757,297
2009-10	\$934,364
2008-9	\$612,899
2007-8	\$416,833
2006-7	\$708,775
2005-6	\$591,911
2004-5	\$297,117
2003-4	\$42,239
2002-3	\$40,370
2001-2	\$17,750
2000-1	\$5,500
1999-0	\$33,564
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$8,776,593</b>

# ORANGUTAN CONSERVATION SUPPORT (2014 - 2015)

<b>TOP Supported Projects 2014-2015</b>	<b>Funds</b>
Forest Protection, Aceh Sumatra	\$136,785
Agricultural Management Training, Jambi, Sumatra	\$24,500
Bukit Tigapuluh Elephant Patrols, Jambi, Sumatra	\$30,000
Bukit Tigapuluh Land Concession, Jambi, Sumatra	\$4,685
Bukit Tigapuluh Orangutan Release Site, Jambi, Sumatra	\$80,000
Bukit Tigapuluh Wildlife Protection Units, Jambi, Sumatra	\$275,000
Batu Mbelin Orangutan Care Centre/release site, North Sumatra	\$221,189
Centre for Orangutan Protection	\$78,155
Earth 4 Orangutans, North Sumatra	\$65,648
Honorary Wildlife Wardens, Sabah	\$30,000
Ketapang Orangutan Rescue Centre, West Kalimantan	\$102,020
Ketapang Orangutan Rescue Unit, West Kalimantan	\$70,000
Lamandau Release Site, Central Kalimantan	\$65,000
Orangutan Welfare and Awareness, Malaysian	\$12,500
Orangutan Release Site Monitoring Unit, Central Kalimantan	\$30,000
Nyaru Menteng Orangutan Rescue Centre, Central Kalimantan	\$10,000
Nyaru Menteng staff training, Central Kalimantan	\$6,000
Orangutan Caring Scholarships, Aceh and North Sumatra	\$10,000
Orangutan Veterinary Workshop	\$10,000
Orangutan Land Trust	\$5,973
Pangkalan Bun Orangutan Care Centre, Central Kalimantan	\$21,000
Sabangau Orangutan research, Central Kalimantan	\$30,000
Sabangau Wildlife Protection, Central Kalimantan	\$80,000
Education, Community projects, Forest Restoration, Aceh and North Sumatra	\$65,595
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,464,050</b>

# ORANGUTAN CONSERVATION SUPPORT (2015 - 2016)

## Current Annual Conservation Fund Budget 2015-16

TOP Supported Projects 2015-2016	Funds
Bukit Tigapuluh Elephant Patrols, Jambi, Sumatra	\$153,000
Bukit Tigapuluh Land Concession, Jambi, Sumatra	\$60,000
Bukit Tigapuluh Orangutan Release Site, Jambi, Sumatra	\$80,000
Bukit Tigapuluh Wildlife Protection Units, Jambi, Sumatra	\$228,000
Bukit Tigapuluh Elephant vet	\$50,000
Batu Mbelin Orangutan Care Centre/release site, North Sumatra	\$150,000
Centre for Orangutan Protection	\$70,000
Earth 4 Orangutans, North Sumatra	\$75,000
Forest Protection, Aceh Sumatra	\$100,000
Honorary Wildlife Wardens, Sabah	\$30,000
Ketapang Orangutan Rescue Centre, West Kalimantan	\$80,000
Ketapang Orangutan Rescue Unit, West Kalimantan	\$70,000
Lamandau Release Site, Central Kalimantan	\$65,000
Orangutan Welfare and Awareness, Malaysian	\$10,000
Orangutan Pre-Release island infrastructure, Central Kalimantan	\$30,000
Orangutan Rehabilitation centre staff training, Central Kalimantan	\$10,000
Orangutan Caring Scholarships, Aceh and North Sumatra	\$10,000
Orangutan Land Trust	\$5,000
Orangutan Veterinary Workshop	\$10,000
Sabangau Orangutan research, Central Kalimantan	\$30,000
Sabangau Wildlife Protection, Central Kalimantan	\$75,000
Education, Community projects, Forest Restoration, Aceh and North Sumatra	\$50,000
Emergency funds	\$125,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,566,000</b>



*The relentless habitat destruction in the Leuser ecosystem*

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### **SUMATRA**

The Sumatran orangutan is on the verge of extinction with approximately only 14,000 remaining in the wild. Most of these orangutans live in unprotected areas and are extremely vulnerable. Given the rapid pace at which Sumatra is losing its rainforests to deforestation, protection for Sumatran orangutans is needed now!

### **CONSERVATION PROJECT TO SAVE SUMATRA'S THIRTY HILLS**

In a landmark decision for the protection of flagship Asian wildlife species, the National Investment Board of Indonesia (BKPM) has given approval for a Conservation Concession ensuring critically endangered Sumatran orangutans and other species will be protected.

Through a unique collaboration, The Orangutan Project (TOP) alongside WWF-Indonesia and the Frankfurt Zoological Society have achieved a tremendous victory for Sumatran wildlife, obtaining the management rights for two forestry concession blocks adjacent to the Bukit Tigapuluh National Park (also known as 'Thirty Hills'), in Sumatra. This licence for an Ecosystem Restoration Concession, will provide an innovative way to preserve 38,000 hectares of tropical rainforest areas from logging.

TOP President Leif Cocks states, 'The company will focus on restoring parts of the concession that have been deforested and protecting the majority of forest to benefit the wildlife and people of the area. This is an extraordinary

feat for our organisation, as we have also set a precedent for future environmental blueprints of this kind.'

TOP has provided extensive funding for Wildlife Protection Units and the Sumatran orangutan reintroduction program in the BTP ecosystem since 2008. With these new concessions, comes the vital need to fund further Wildlife Protection Units since poaching, encroachment and illegal timber harvesting are all serious problems in the area.

This is an amazing and exciting opportunity to provide real hope for the critically endangered Sumatran orangutan.

### **ACEH FOREST PROTECTION: North Sumatra, Indonesia**

The Leuser ecosystem, located in the Sumatran provinces of Aceh and North Sumatra, is one of the richest expanses of tropical rainforest in Indonesia. It is the only place on earth where the Sumatran orangutan, tiger, elephant and rhinoceros can be found in the same area. This area contains the highest densities of orangutans anywhere in the world. Despite these amazing attributes, the Leuser ecosystem is under huge threat from a spatial plan that will allow massive commercial exploitation of these forests. This will ultimately result in the extinction of multiple species.

The Orangutan Project is supporting the work involved with the conservation of the Leuser ecosystem. This includes funding legal proceedings against the spatial plan, field mobilisation to uncover illegal activities and



*Released orangutan Candi thriving with her wild born infant Chilli*



*Orphan orangutan infant Megaloman eating a coconut in the baby play room*

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empowering communities to politically engage and object to the spatial plan.

### **ORANGUTAN QUARANTINE CENTRE:**

#### **North Sumatra, Indonesia**

Orphaned infant orangutans are a tragic result of the relentless habitat destruction in Sumatra. With their habitat shrinking, orangutan mothers, starving and desperately searching for food, will sometimes venture into agricultural land to eat crops including oil palm fruits. They then become easy prey for hunters or plantation workers who will often kill them and then sell the infant illegally as a pet. These youngsters are highly traumatised from witnessing the brutal murder of their mother and often don't survive the ordeal.

The Orangutan Project funds the running costs of the only orangutan quarantine centre in Sumatra. Located in North Sumatra, it is a refuge for young orangutans that have been confiscated as illegally held pets, often living in horrendous conditions.

Orangutans are given thorough medical care at the centre and undergo a quarantine period before being introduced to other compatible orangutans. A total of 297 orangutans have entered the Quarantine centre since 2002. When orangutans are deemed suitable for release they are either sent to the Bukit Tigapuluh release site in the province of Jambi or to the Jantho Reintroduction centre in the province of Aceh.

### **BUKIT TIGAPULUH SUMATRAN ORANGUTAN REINTRODUCTION SITE: Jambi, Sumatra, Indonesia**

The Bukit Tigapuluh ecosystem, located in the provinces of Jambi and Riau in Sumatra, is one of only two Sumatran

orangutan reintroduction sites in the world. The Sumatran orangutan is critically endangered, so it is imperative that viable released populations are established outside of the troubled Aceh province.

Since 2002, 170 Sumatran orangutans have been transferred to and released into the BTP ecosystem. Orangutans entering the release programme have usually been orphaned and kept illegally as pets. They must undergo extensive forest adaptation training including forest school so they can learn how to survive in their new jungle home before they are released. Skills needed include being able to find enough food, staying off the ground and being able to build sleeping nests in the canopy. Extensive monitoring of orangutans occurs during and after the release process. The recent estimated survival rate of released orangutans in BTP is approximately 70% which is excellent. Six females have now given birth and are successfully raising their wild-born infants.

TOP provides funding to the running costs of this highly successful release programme that provides orangutans a second chance at the life that was cruelly stolen from them.

### **WILDLIFE PROTECTION UNITS: Jambi, Sumatra, Indonesia**

TOP has provided over 1.6 million dollars since 2008 to fund Wildlife Protection Units (WPU) in the Bukit Tigapuluh ecosystem. This important example of community participation translates to a heightened level of awareness of endangered wildlife in the area. With an emphasis on training, wildlife crime investigation, survey techniques and report writing, the WPU's have been hugely successful in deterring illegal activities within the ecosystem.



Left: Wildlife Protection Units in training. Right: A traumatised and neglected male orangutan named Bujing, rescued in 2015

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### Borneo (Kalimantan)

The Bornean orangutan is classified as endangered. Populations are highly fragmented and severely threatened by human population pressure and habitat loss due to oil palm plantations, industrial timber plantations, small-scale agricultural areas and other extractive industries, all of which result in the destruction of quality orangutan habitat. As well the direct effects of habitat loss on orangutan numbers, this loss of habitat has increased human-orangutan conflict, with many orangutans being brutally killed if they enter agricultural areas.

Disturbingly, there are currently over 1,500 orangutans housed in rescue centres across Kalimantan, representing a significant percentage of the world's orangutan population. TOP provides considerable funding to an orangutan rescue centre and orangutan rescue team in West Kalimantan to assist with this ongoing battle. Release sites are also funded in Central Kalimantan.

### KETAPANG ORANGUTAN RESCUE CENTRE:

#### West Kalimantan, Indonesia

TOP provides funding to assist with the running costs and infrastructure of the West Kalimantan Rescue centre, currently home to over 80 orangutans. Medical care and rehabilitation training is provided to orphaned and rescued orangutans. Forest enclosures and islands have been established to provide opportunities for orangutans to develop forest skills for future release. Many orangutans have been rescued from highly traumatic situations and need years of rehabilitation before they can be considered ready for release.

### KETAPANG ORANGUTAN RESCUE UNIT:

#### West Kalimantan, Indonesia

TOP provided funding to establish and run the first ever Human-Orangutan Conflict Response Team (HOCRT) in West Kalimantan in 2013. The long-term goal of this project is to establish and/or maintain self-sustaining orangutan populations in the wild, by protecting wild populations (through human-orangutan conflict mitigation activities, education and awareness and working with local communities), re-establishing extinct populations, or supplementing a wild population that is under carrying capacity or not currently large enough to be viable in the long term.

### CAMP RASAK ORANGUTAN RELEASE SITE

#### Lamandau Reserve, Central Kalimantan, Indonesia

The Lamandau River Wildlife Reserve in Central Kalimantan has become a release site for ex-captive Bornean orangutans into the wild. TOP has supported this



The HOCRT save a female orangutan as her home is cleared for an oil palm plantation



*Orangutan Amoi and her infant son Alex, born wild at Camp Rasak*

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programme since 2005 and currently funds the running costs of the Camp Rasak release site. Since January 2006, 22 ex-captive orangutans; 8 males and 14 females have been reintroduced to the wild at Camp Rasak. Most of the females have reproduced and have successfully reared their young.

With its experience of soft releases and adoptions, Camp Rasak is one of the pivotal release sites within the Lamandau River Wildlife Reserve. More orangutans are being rescued due to increased habitat destruction and consequently the pressure on camps such as Rasak will increase. The funding of these release camps and guard posts is crucial in maintaining the Lamandau River Wildlife Reserve as a safe haven for the reintroduction of orangutans back to the wild.

### **BATIKAP FOREST ORANGUTAN REINTRODUCTION PROJECT Central Kalimantan, Indonesia**

Orangutans from the Nyaru Menteng Care Centre in Central Kalimantan are now being released into the Batikap Hill Conservation Forest in Central Kalimantan. This forest is one of the most remote regions of Indonesia. Orangutans undergo extensive pre-release training before release and most spend time on pre-release islands. Over 100 orangutans have been released into the Batikap forest. The focus is now on providing the best possible post-release care and monitoring to ensure that the orangutans have an excellent chance at survival.

TOP provides funding to assist with monitoring the released orangutans using radio-tracking equipment. Detailed behavioural observations are made to check that the orangutans are adapting well. The overall conservation



*Young orangutan Meki at forest school*

aim of this project is to re-establish a viable orangutan population in the Batikap Hill Conservation Forest and provide long-term protection to the orangutans and their precious remaining habitat.

### **Orangutan research, community involvement and education**

TOP provides funding for wild orangutan research, community projects and education programs in order to assist with orangutan awareness and conservation.

Long-term research activities in the Sabangau peat swamp in Central Kalimantan, include work to monitor orangutan population, behaviour, diet and health, plus habitat quality and orangutan food availability. This work is important for understanding both how orangutans survive in logged and regenerating peat swamps which is one of their most important habitats. Well-targeted, scientifically-sound, long-term ecological monitoring is now widely recognised as an essential complement to direct conservation activities. This provides essential information



Data collection at Sabangau research site - photo credit Bernat Ripoll



Young orangutan rescued by COP

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for conservation managers and strengthens conservation initiatives. TOP has assisted with funding this vital research team since 2012.

TOP has funded various community projects to support, promote and improve eco-friendly agro



Young school children involved in a colouring competition



Education camp run by COP

forestry systems such as rubber polyculture. People are given training in how to produce higher yields of crops with minimal environmental impact and learn about sustainability. TOP also funds reforestation projects of degraded forest areas in orangutan habitat and provide funds to grow thousands of seedlings in protected nurseries.

TOP funds a Mobile Education and Conservation Unit in Sumatra that is used to deliver targeted conservation education in remote areas around the Gunung Leuser ecosystem where human-orangutan conflict exists, as well as conduct conservation related programmes benefiting orangutan survival. The project's intent is to provide a multipurpose, reliable vehicle for educators and conservation specialists in North Sumatra to access locations near orangutan habitat. Many schools are visited and the children participate in numerous activities to increase their understanding of the need for forest conservation.

The Centre for Orangutan Protection (COP) is a direct action group who campaign to bring an urgent end to the destruction of Indonesian rainforest and the killing of orangutans. COP focuses on the cause of the problems and they conduct numerous rescues of orangutans. They recognise the importance of working with and empowering local communities who are the best people in the long-term to protect the rainforest and the orangutans. Education camps are held for young people to discuss and study conservation issues.

TOP provides funding to help with the running costs of COP, including orangutan rescues. A new rescue and rehabilitation centre has recently been built in East Kalimantan to house rescued orangutans.

# THE ORANGUTAN PROJECT LEADERSHIP TEAM



## **Leif Cocks** : President TOP / Conservation Fund Member

Leif is the founder of The Orangutan Project and has been the President since its inception. He has worked hands on with and for orangutans for more than 27 years, including the most successful breeding colony of orangutans in the world, orangutan rescues and the successful reintroduction of numerous orangutans into the wild, including the first two ever zoo-born reintroductions.

In respect to his professional, animal, human and financial management skills, Leif has been the longest standing Australasian Species Management Program Committee Member; a Quarantine-Approved Assessor; Zoo Husbandry Adviser; Zoo Accreditation Officer; UN GRASP in-country point of contact, an International Species Coordinator, International Studbook Keeper and Chair of a World Aquarium and Zoo Association global conservation program.

Current positions include - President: Wildlife Asia, President: International Elephant Project, President: International Tiger Project, Conservation Fund Manager: Silvery Gibbon Project. A small population biologist and curator by trade; Leif has several academic qualifications, including a Masters of Science studying orangutans. He lectures at universities, is a seasoned public speaker, supervises university students and has published several papers on orangutans in peer reviewed journals. Leif is author of the book – Orangutans and their Battle for Survival.

Leif's years in the field have earned him respect within the conservation field. He has been a key player in developing conservation plans for orangutans and influencing positive change for orangutan protection and survival. This respect has given The Orangutan Project world standing in conservation, and allows Leif to successfully negotiate conservation agreements with the Indonesian Ministry of Forestry and other government officials. It has also allowed The Orangutan Project to attract major sponsors.



## **Troy Kenah** : Vice President

Troy has been an active member of TOP since 2004 and on the Board since 2007. Troy's professional background is based primarily in the world of computing and management of computing services. Over the past 25 years he has worked in New Zealand, Australia, Germany and the UK with companies such as Mitsubishi, MCI WorldCom, Oz email, the NSW Treasury and Research International. With more than 10 years experience in statistical analysis of social and marketing research, he has a very good understanding of markets, people and attitudes.

## THE ORANGUTAN PROJECT LEADERSHIP TEAM



### **Clare Campbell** : Treasurer/Conservation Fund Member

Clare is the Director and Chairperson of the Asian Rhino Project, President of the Silvery Gibbon Project and sits on the Conservation Fund Committee of The Orangutan Project and is a member of the IUCN Asian Rhino Specialist Group and Primate Specialists Group, Section on Small Apes. Clare has a particular passion for gibbons and has extensive experience in zoos, in particular the management of captive primates. She has worked with Exotic species for over 14 years. Clare has extensive experience in species management and has developed conservation strategies and assisted with rehabilitation and reintroduction programs for the Javan gibbon. She is committed to developing and assisting with more collaborative and holistic in situ conservation projects in Indonesia and South East Asia. Clare holds B.Sc. in Zoology/Marine Biology and Post Graduate Certificate in Captive Vertebrate Management and was awarded James Cook University Alumni of the Year for Science in 2013 for her contribution to wildlife conservation.



### **Kylie Bullo** : Board Member/Conservation Fund Member

Kylie has been an active member of TOP since 1999 and has held a Board position since 2001, as well as being TOP Conservation Project Manager. Kylie has a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Biology (with Distinction) and First Class Honours in Primate Behaviour and numerous other qualifications including a Certificate III in Zoo-keeping

As the Senior Orangutan Keeper at Perth Zoo for over twelve years, Kylie oversees the behavioural, diet, enrichment, health and breeding management of the orangutan colony. Kylie has extensive knowledge and experience in the care and management of orangutans including husbandry techniques, captive and wild behaviour, ecology and diet, reintroduction and release

Kylie was the keeper in charge of the world's only two zoo born orangutans to be released into a protected area of Sumatran rainforest. Her book 'Reaching for the Canopy', published in 2015, details this world-first orangutan release in the Sumatran jungle.



### **Marion Wall** : Board Member

Marion is a founding member of TOP (1999) and joined the board in 2003. Marion has seen first-hand the devastation occurring in Indonesia and Sumatra through her frequent trips for workshops and her work at the orangutan care centre in Kalimantan. Marion has many years' experience coordinating volunteers and fund raising. Marion is a Director of a successful Engineering support company in Brisbane. Now semi-retired she volunteers at the RSPCA as an assistant to the Ambulance Officers. Marion has a Certificate in Native Animal Rescue and Rehabilitation. She has also written, illustrated and published a children's book on orangutans selling over 2,000 copies.

## THE ORANGUTAN PROJECT LEADERSHIP TEAM



### **Rebecca Wright** : Board Member

Rebecca has extensive experience in international investment and corporate knowledge (a significant proportion of which within Asia) particularly as it relates to non-profit organisations/charities, fundraising from private sector and government donors.

Rebecca also brings high level connections with international/multilateral organisations, such as the UN, UNEP FI, World Bank, and grass roots investors across Asia. In addition, Rebecca has a high level of understanding of international climate change negotiations.



### **Jess McKelson** : Board Member

Jessica McKelson is Founder Director of Raw Wildlife Encounters, co-founder of Earth 4 Orangutans and former Supervisor Primates at Melbourne Zoo as well as sitting on the boards of The Orangutan Project and The Orangutan Land Trust (UK).

Jessica is currently working alongside her mentor Dr Ian Singleton at the Sumatran Orangutan Conservation Program (SOCP) Centre where she is working with carers on orangutan care, enrichment and enclosure maintenance programs, as well as centre operations, international awareness and fundraising campaigns and media. Jessica is also project managing the development of a vital island sanctuary for rescued orangutans unable to be released back into the wild due to ill health or injury and who require long-term care, the sanctuary will also become a crucial conservation education resource centre for the region.



### **Colin Groves** : Conservation Fund Member

Professor, School of Archaeology & Anthropology, Australian National University, world's leading primateologist and author of modern orangutan taxonomy.



## AUDIENCE AND REACH

The Orangutan Project reaches a broad public demographic via its media and marketing initiatives. With over 85,000 facebook likes, 30,000 email subscribers, 12,000 Twitter followers, the organisation enjoys an active and loyal supporter base who are engaged in the issues surrounding environmental and orangutan species conservation.

The Orangutan Project has appeared in over 160 media features across TV, radio, print and online and reached a national audience of over 9,000,000. Numerous feature stories appeared throughout the year in mainstream media including: ABC radio and TV, Channel Nine ACA, Channel Nine Today Show, Woman's Day Magazine, Take 5 Magazine, New Idea Magazine, The West Australian, The Daily Telegraph, The Herald Sun, Sunday Mail QLD, New Zealand Herald, Huffington Post, 3AW Melbourne and 4BC Brisbane



## OUR AMBASSADORS



### **Bianca Dye**

Bianca Dye is one of the sassiest and most outspoken media celebrities in Australia - a role model for all women and she isn't afraid to tell it like it is! Bianca is the only female radio announcer to win "Best Radio Personality" in Australia two years in a row and has won numerous radio awards after 15 years in radio. She is passionate about animals and has previously worked with Humane Society International and the RSPCA as an ambassador and fundraiser.

***"Ever since I can remember I have had a fascination with orangutans. They are the most incredibly peaceful and friendly creatures and it breaks my heart that they are a dying breed due to human greed," says Bianca. "They need a voice, they need to be heard and I want to do whatever I can to help them."***



### **Zoë Foster**

Author, columnist and founder of the Go To skincare range, Zoë has always had a deep fondness and great awe for orangutans, and has been privately supporting TOP for over ten years now. Zoë has had a successful career in the magazine industry as a beauty editor and is a best selling author.

***"The orangutans are in dire straits, and it is our duty to help those who cannot help themselves," Zoë says, adding "their numbers are diminishing rapidly, their habitat is being destroyed, poachers hunt them – why wouldn't we help them?"***



### **Cornelia Frances**

Cornelia Francis is a renowned Australian actress who has appeared on several Australian TV shows including The Box, The Young Doctors, Sons and Daughters and her most memorable role as Morag Bellingham in Home and Away, which she has starred in for over 20 years. She also hosted the Australian version of the quiz show, The Weakest Link.

***"I am extremely excited to be part of the TOP Ambassadors team to help raise awareness about the plight of the orangutan. I am so happy to be able to bring awareness to the dire situation orangutans face from habitat loss and help raise much needed funds to ensure the survival of the species"***

# OUR AMBASSADORS



## Georgia Nanscawen

Georgia has always had a deep fondness and great awe for orangutans and by joining TOP as an Ambassador she hopes to spread the word and encourage more people to adopt an orangutan. Being selected in the Hockeyroo's in 2009 at the age of 17, Georgia instantly became one of the youngest Hockeyroo's in history and at 20 years of age she became the youngest woman in history to play 100 games for Australia.

***"On the hockey field my red hair is a very defining feature and it is something that I have always been very proud of," says Georgia. "I can't help but feel a certain closeness to our furry friends and I feel very passionate about doing what I can to help them."***



## Jarryd Roughead

Jarryd is currently a professional AFL athlete and Vice-Captain at the Hawthorn Football Club. Since becoming aware of the orangutan and its ever-decreasing population, Jarryd has become incredibly interested in these amazing creatures and hopes that by becoming an ambassador for TOP he can help educate individuals on the orangutan's importance and their brilliance.

***"Through education we can then work as one to eliminate the threats to their existence. The orangutan is such a beautiful animal and through our efforts in conserving the orangutan's habitat and halting the illegal pet trade we can make a difference to their survival."***



## Lara Shannon

As Founder of the eco lifestyle website Ecochick.com and Host/Producer of Eco TV, Lara Shannon is a passionate and inspiring advocate for the environment. Lara produced a documentary in 2014 that aired on Channel 9 about the Trans Borneo Challenge with 7 other women to raise awareness about the plight of the orangutans, palm oil and to raise funds for The Orangutan Project's conservation work.

***"I wanted to see for myself how dire the situation was for the orangutans and other species living in the rainforests of Indonesia and Malaysia, and embark on a campaign to raise international awareness about what is going on and how we all need to take action NOW to help. The result was not only developing an even greater personal commitment to this cause, but has also given rise to my debut Ecochick Adventures documentary, The Trans Borneo Challenge."***



## Natasha Stott Despoja, Ian Smith & Conrad Stott Smith

Natasha Stott Despoja, former politician and Leader of the Australian Democrats and husband Ian Smith joined The Orangutan Project as Ambassadors in early 2013 alongside their eight-year-old son, Conrad Stott Smith, in an effort to raise awareness about Critically Endangered orangutans.

***"Orangutans are animals so closely related to humans, yet as a species we do so much to hurt them" Ian says, adding "we must change that".***

# INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015

<b>Income</b>	<b>\$</b>
Trading profit (loss)	(1,844,445.25)
TOP Australia Income	2,171,981.68
TOP Foreign Income	19,424.47
International Projects Income	84,321.76
Interest Received	23,997.00
Foreign exchange profit	15,951.43
Other income	4,427.31
<b>Total income</b>	<b>475,658.40</b>

<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$</b>
Administration Expenses	54,096.01
Audit fees	7,545.45
Bad Debts	649.85
Bank Fees And Charges	2,993.00
Depreciation - Furnitures & Tools	910.68
Insurance	2,842.98
Printing & stationery	1,239.61
Rates & taxes	268.62
Registration & insurance	1,412.38
Salaries - ordinary	240,777.98
Staff amenities	230.82
Staff training	742.50
Subscriptions	895.00
Superannuation	74,179.33
Travel, accom & conference	4,516.89
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>393,301.10</b>
Profit from ordinary activities before income tax	82,357.30
Income tax revenue relating to ordinary activities	
Net profit attributable to the association	82,357.30
<b>Total changes in equity of the association</b>	<b>82,357.30</b>
Opening retained profits	
Net profit attributable to the association	82,357.30
<b>Closing retained profits</b>	<b>82,357.30</b>

## DETAILED BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE 2015

<b>Current Assets</b>	<b>\$</b>
Cash Assets	
WBC Working ACC 173837	147,249.23
WBC- Investment Acc 173829	765,678.65
WBC- Conservation Acc173810	79,369.58
WBC- Daniel Clark Acc 177686	3,035.79
WBC- Community Acc 187091	68.33
WBC- Debit Card Acc 581235	3,919.07
WBC- Term Deposit 182456	38,425.86
WBC- Term Deposit 337450	20,000.00
WBC- USD 015034	50.68
WBC- USD 015034 Exchange	12.58
Paypal Account AUD	3,130.27
NAB- 84-383-1320 AUD	265.63
NAB- 84-383-1320 CAD	21,848.23
NAB-84-383-1320 CAD Exchange	254.18
NAB-84-383-1320 EUR	14,864.79
NAB-84-383-1320 EUR Exchange	5,936.76
NAB-84-383-1320 GBP	11,727.11
NAB-84-383-1320 GBP Exchange	11,335.05
NAB-84-383-1320 NZD	51,965.69
NAB-84-383-1320 USD	220,565.16
NAB-84-383-1320 USD Exchange	54,728.39
Ord Minnett - Acc 1410865	117.69
Ord Minnett- ANZ Notes	200,000.00
Ord Minnett- NAB Notes	200,000.00
Ord Minnett - Crown Notes	50,000.00
Ord Minnett - Bendigo Notes	50,000.00
WBC- IEP Working 647214	320.79
WBC- IEP Conservation 647222	49.50
WBC- ITP Working 647636	50.15
WBC- ITP Conservation 647628	49.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,955,018.66</b>



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