



WILDLIFE CONSERVATION INTERNATIONAL IMPACT REPORT 2024 - 2025

The Wisdom of Love in Action



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ABOVE: Students of the Sebangau Rangers Club participating in habitat restoration. Photo: Borneo Nature Foundation.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR FOUNDER

As I reflect on 2024–2025, I am struck by both the successes and challenges that define our work. At the heart of this journey lies a simple truth: conservation is the ‘wisdom of love in action’. It is through this strength of love that our actions will preserve a future for animal species, forests, and communities.

Rising to the Challenge

Nowhere is the struggle clearer than in Borneo, where coal mining expansion has driven a surge in orangutan rescues. Each rescue is a story of survival and a stark reminder of pressure on their forest home. These hardships weigh on us, yet also strengthen our resolve.

Progress continues. In the Busang–Wehea Ecosystem, we are securing habitat and expanding orangutan releases. In the Sumatran Leuser Ecosystem, we are advancing land buybacks along the Singkil River and nearing protection of vast rainforest in the north-east to restore habitat for *Critically Endangered* orangutans, elephants and tigers.

The Impact You Make Possible

In 2024–2025, your generosity fueled an additional USD \$4.2 million for conservation, bringing our total since 1998 to USD \$43 million—a testament to compassion in action.

Because of you, together we are:

- Securing and restoring vital habitat for orangutans, elephants, and tigers.
- Rescuing, rehabilitating, and releasing orangutans.
- Reducing elephant–human conflict and supporting sustainable livelihoods.
- Safeguarding tigers through habitat protection and anti-poaching patrols.
- Empowering forest communities, with stronger women’s leadership, better education, and sustainable pathways.

These outcomes affirm that conservation protects both wildlife and human dignity.

A Vision That Endures

The road ahead remains steep. Forces of extraction press hard, yet each acre of forest protected, each orangutan released, each child educated is a seed of renewal. Together, these grow into a vision of coexistence where wildlife and people thrive.

By protecting viable rainforest ecosystems, we deliver one of the most cost-effective solutions to Climate Change. Thank you for standing with us. Your commitment bridges loss and possibility.

With gratitude and determination,



Leif Cocks OAM

Founder, Wildlife Conservation International





OUR VISION

ALL ORANGUTANS, ELEPHANTS AND TIGERS WILL LIVE IN THEIR NATURAL HABITAT IN SECURE AND VIABLE POPULATIONS, ALONGSIDE PROSPEROUS AND EMPOWERED FOREST COMMUNITIES.

OUR MISSION

TO ENSURE THE SURVIVAL OF ALL ORANGUTAN SPECIES, ASIAN ELEPHANTS AND TIGERS IN THEIR NATURAL HABITAT, AND PROMOTE THE WELFARE OF ALL INDIVIDUALS WITHIN RAINFOREST ECOSYSTEMS, HUMAN AND NON-HUMAN.

OUR STRATEGY

Our approach to conservation supports a wide range of critical projects that address the holistic problem facing *Critically Endangered* orangutans, Asian elephants and tigers, and forest communities - including fighting deforestation and habitat loss at the highest levels.

1. Legally Protect Forest

- Legally change the legal status of high conservation value forests to protect wild orangutans, elephants and tigers and introduced populations of ex-captive orangutans.
- Support legal cases
- Scientific advice
- Forest community representation

2. Secure, Restore and Patrol Habitat

- Purchase, lease and manage land to secure viable ecosystems of the right type, shape and size.
- Restore degraded forest fragments adjacent to intact areas.
- Resource Wildlife Protection Units to patrol the habitat.

3. Rescue, Rehabilitate and Release Orangutans, Elephants and Tigers

- Rescue, rehabilitate and release, ex-captive and displaced orangutans into protected habitat.
- Treat and release injured and sick elephants and tigers.

4. Educate and Empower Forest Communities

- Through community engagement, education and support, empower forest communities to help restore and become guardians of natural forests within our targeted ecosystems.

OUR STRATEGY IN ACTION

OUR PROJECTS



JOINT ORGANISATIONS



OUR PARTNERS



FUNDING SUPPORT PROVIDED



OUR THEORY OF CHANGE

Our Theory of Change guides our actions to protect wildlife and empower forest communities. It helps us plan, measure impact, and create lasting change.

Why It Matters

Shrinking forests, poaching, and human-wildlife conflict is putting many species at risk. Disenfranchised communities, competing for limited forest resources, also face growing conservation challenges.

To secure healthy wildlife populations and empowered communities, we must tackle these issues head-on.

What It Does

Our Theory of Change outlines:

- The problems we must solve
- The actions we are taking
- The impact we expect in the short, medium, and long term

By following this plan, we ensure real, measurable change for both wildlife and people.

Measuring Our Impact

Our Impact Measurement Framework tracks our progress. It shows what works and what needs improvement. We engage with forest communities, conservation teams, and project partners to ensure our efforts are making a real difference.

To see the full Theory of Change for each of our projects, click on the project logos in the diagram below.

THE CURRENT SITUATION	OUR PROJECTS	THE CHANGE WE CONTRIBUTE TO	OUR IMPACT
Through unsustainable exploitation of natural resources, the ecosystems that support <i>Critically Endangered</i> wildlife, local communities and the global climate are collapsing.		PROTECTION	Orangutan, tiger, and elephant species are secured in viable rainforest ecosystems, alongside empowered forest communities.
		RESTORATION	
		RESCUE	
		REHABILITATION	
		REINTRODUCTION	
		ATTITUDES	
		EDUCATION	
		LIVELIHOODS	

IMPACT FOR HABITAT

94,000
THOUSAND
ACRES



OF RAINFOREST
LEASED

2,186,938
ACRES



OF RAINFOREST
NOW PROTECTED

224,227
TREES
PLANTED



752 ACRES
RESTORED

SECURING FORESTS AND RESTORING HOPE: FROM SUMATRA TO SRI LANKA

Thanks to your extraordinary generosity, we are protecting some of the world's most threatened habitats - safeguarding strongholds for orangutans, elephants, tigers and countless other species.

In **Sumatra's Singkil peat swamps**, our campaign to secure 11,164 acres is gaining momentum. With your support, 1,297 acres have already been purchased, creating a protective buffer around the Rawa Singkil Wildlife Reserve - one of the world's most critical strongholds for biodiversity and climate resilience. Restoration through community nurseries is reviving degraded land and providing farmers with sustainable livelihoods. Each acre saved is both a refuge for wildlife and an investment in people and our planet's future.

In **Sri Lanka's Wasgamuwa** region, your support is turning conflict into coexistence. Deforestation has forced elephants into farmland, intensifying clashes with communities. Through our partnerships in Sri Lanka, we have identified key lands to create a buffer zone and ecological corridor linking Wasgamuwa National Park, the Weheragala-Himbiliyakade Forest Reserve, and the Knuckles Mountain Range. Negotiations with landowners are underway to secure these areas - bringing us closer to providing a safe passage for elephants and harmony between people and wildlife.

Together, these efforts are lifelines. Because of you, forests are safeguarded, elephants and orangutans are finding refuge, and communities are building futures alongside thriving wildlife.

Thanks to you, degraded land along the Singkil River is being reclaimed and restored into a thriving forest - protecting one of the last strongholds of Sumatran orangutans.

IMPACT FOR ORANGUTANS

57

ORANGUTANS



RESCUED



57

ORANGUTANS



CARED FOR
IN RESCUE CENTRES

51

ORANGUTANS



SUCCESSFULLY
RELEASED OR
RELOCATED

12,564



WILD ORANGUTANS
NOW PROTECTED



201

ORANGUTANS



RELEASED ARE
BEING MONITORED

253

WILDLIFE
PROTECTION
RANGERS



EMPLOYED



Thanks to your incredible support, Bonti was released into the Busang-Wehea Ecosystem, January 2025.



Because of you,
Arto and Harapi
are safe today and
growing strong for a
future in the wild.



Thanks to you, orphaned infants like Felix and Pansy can play, learn, and grow in the safety of the Baby House—built with your generosity.

A NEW CHAPTER FOR ORANGUTANS AT BORA

Your incredible generosity helped us to achieve two major milestones in our mission to protect *Critically Endangered* Bornean orangutans. Our Bornean Orangutan Rescue Alliance (BORA) rescue and rehabilitation centre has grown to include a purpose-built Baby House, as well as expanded grounds for Jungle School and a dedicated sanctuary. Together, these new spaces mark a transformative step in giving orphaned and displaced orangutans the safety, care, and second chance at life they deserve.

The Baby House: A Safe Haven for the Tiniest Rescues

Our brand-new Baby House is a safe and nurturing sanctuary designed specifically for the youngest orangutans in our care. This purpose-built haven provides everything they need to thrive: climbing structures to build strength and confidence, nesting pods for rest, and play areas to encourage natural behaviours essential for survival. It also offers shelter during harsh weather, enabling caregivers to provide dedicated care while fostering independence and resilience.

Centre Expansion: Growing Space, Growing Hope

To meet the rising need for rehabilitation, BORA has expanded onto six new adjoining land plots, adding 6.9 acres of precious space. This land will be used for Jungle School - where young orangutans learn the skills they'll need to return to the wild - and to create a permanent rainforest sanctuary. This sanctuary will provide a lifelong home for orangutans who cannot be released but who will play a vital role in a managed breeding program to safeguard the future of their species.

BORA is collaboration between The Orangutan Project, the Centre of Orangutan Protection, and the Indonesian Ministry of Forestry.



IMPACT FOR ELEPHANTS

126

ELEPHANTS



RESCUED, TREATED
OR RELEASED

565



WILD INDIVIDUALS

PROTECTED

112

WILDLIFE PROTECTION RANGERS



EMPLOYED

857,178 ACRES



OF HABITAT
NOW PROTECTED



With your support, the Way Kambas River Patrol Unit is removing snares and stopping wildfires—safeguarding precious habitat for the Sumatran elephant.



SAFEGUARDING ELEPHANTS OF WAY KAMBAS

Thanks to you, the Way Kambas River Patrol Unit plays a frontline role in safeguarding the *Critically Endangered* Sumatran elephant in Way Kambas National Park, South Sumatra.

Over the past year, patrol teams have dismantled more than 65 snares - including an 8-kilometre electric trip-wire - disrupted poaching attempts, and helped extinguish fires across 5,800 hectares of forest. Their vigilant presence protects elephants - and other wildlife - from harm.

Yet protection goes beyond patrols. The team works hand in hand with local communities, supporting farmers in safeguarding their crops, reducing human-wildlife conflict, and nurturing long-term trust.

The Unit also provides vital support to the National Park authority by monitoring wild elephant herds, assisting with DNA sampling, and recording wildlife sightings - work that helps showcase and safeguard the rich biodiversity of this fragile ecosystem.

None of this would be possible without your generosity. Your support empowers the River Patrol Unit to protect elephants, preserve forests, and strengthen bonds with local communities. Together, we are securing a future where people and wildlife thrive side by side.

Way Kambas rangers collect elephant dung for DNA sampling helping to protect the last wild Sumatran elephants.



IMPACT FOR TIGERS

3
TIGERS



RESCUED, TREATED
OR RELEASED

124
**WILD
INDIVIDUALS**



PROTECTED

109
**WILDLIFE
PROTECTION
RANGERS**



EMPLOYED

844,822
ACRES



OF HABITAT
NOW PROTECTED



Your support funds Wildlife Protection Units to safeguard Bukit Tigapuluh—home to tigers, elephants, and orangutans.



WATCHING OVER THE LAST TIGERS OF BUKIT TIGAPULUH

Thanks to your support, the Wildlife Protection Unit (WPU) has completed the most extensive trail camera survey in Bukit Tigapuluh, one of the last strongholds for the *Critically Endangered* Sumatran tiger. With fewer than 300 left in the wild, every individual matters.

The survey identified seven tigers, including males and females never before recorded. Each was catalogued by its unique stripe pattern, adding vital evidence to the national database and guiding protection strategies. Trail cameras do more than capture images – they provide proof of tiger presence and data essential for survival.

The survey also revealed Bukit Tigapuluh's extraordinary biodiversity, documenting over 30 species from elephants and sun bears to key prey animals like muntjac and wild boar - clear signs of a thriving ecosystem. At the same time, threats such as poachers, snares, and illegal logging were exposed, prompting immediate ranger action to dismantle traps, report activity, and strengthen patrols.

Your commitment is safeguarding this landscape as a vital sanctuary for tigers and other wildlife - ensuring these magnificent cats have a future for generations to come.

The WPU is run by our partners Frankfurt Zoological Society, Indonesian Ministry of Forestry and the Bukit Tigapuluh National Park.



IMPACT FOR FOREST COMMUNITIES

90

SUSTAINABILITY
LIVELIHOOD



PROGRAMS
SUPPORTED

14,800
MEALS
PROVIDED



THROUGH SCHOOL
FOOD PROGRAM

1,270

ADVOCACY,
COMMUNITY
AWARENESS &
EDUCATIONAL



WORKSHOPS

27,850
INDIVIDUALS



ENGAGED AND
EMPOWERED

16
ORANGUTAN



CARING
SCHOLARSHIPS

122
SCHOOLS



ENGAGED

With your generosity, women in West Kalimantan are leading conservation efforts through the Power of Mama.



Because of you, families can thrive while protecting forests through eco-friendly livelihoods.





Thanks to you, children in Simerantihan hamlet receive daily nutritious meals—fueling their minds and futures in the heart of the Bukit Tigapuluh Ecosystem, Sumatra.

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF CONSERVATION LEADERSHIP

This year we celebrate a powerful milestone - 20 years of the Orangutan Caring Scholarship (OCS) Program. Run by our Advisory Board Member Dr Gary Shapiro and universities and local organisations across Indonesia, the program has awarded more than 300 scholarships since 2006. Today, over 200 graduates are serving as teachers, veterinarians, researchers, and conservationists - shaping a brighter future for Indonesia's people, forests, and wildlife.

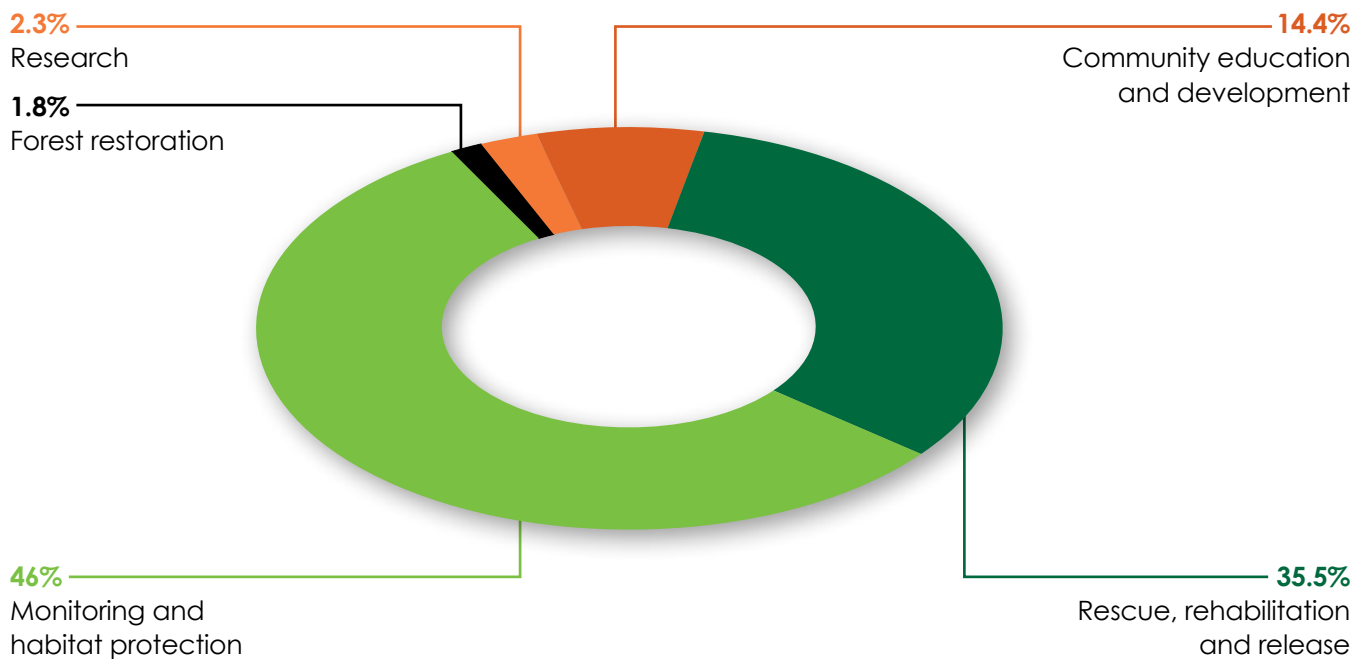
Take the story of Darsimah Siahaan. Growing up near Sumatra's forests, she dreamed of studying biology but had no way to pursue her education. In 2013, thanks to an OCS scholarship funded by supporters like you, her life changed. She began planting seedlings, monitoring wildlife, and gaining skills that launched her conservation career. Today, she manages the very program that once lifted her up and has founded the Leuser Nature School, where children are learning to treasure their forests as part of their heritage. Because of her leadership, her community - once dependent on logging and hunting - is now turning toward sustainable livelihoods.

This is the power of your support. When you invest in education through the OCS Program, you do more than fund a scholarship. You ignite potential, transform futures, empower communities, and build conservation leaders who will protect wildlife and their forests for generations to come.



FUNDS TO CONSERVATION PROJECTS

PROJECTS YOUR DONATIONS SUPPORTED



FUNDING PROVIDED TO CONSERVATION PROJECTS IN 2024-2025

PROJECTS AND ORGANISATIONS WE FUND	FUNDING (AUD)
Borneo Nature Foundation	\$545,000.00
Centre for Orangutan Protection	\$2,285,458.00
Communities for Sumatran Forests	\$139,074.95
Elephant Acoustic Monitoring Research	\$77,782.04
Elephant Conservation Centre	\$31,641.00
Elephant Forest and Environment Conservation Trust	\$50,000.00
Forest Nature and Environment Aceh	\$441,916.66
Frankfurt Zoological Society	\$553,683.00
HUTAN	\$45,000.00
International Animal Rescue Indonesia	\$140,000.00
Leuser Conservation Forum	\$299,623.27
Orang Utan Republik Foundation	\$106,353.00
Orangutan Conservancy	\$10,000.00
Orangutan Foundation	\$95,000.00
Orangutan Information Centre	\$106,710.00
Pro Natura	\$23,000.00
Project Monitoring, Support and Evaluation	\$385,462.56
PT Alam Bukit Tigapuluh	\$359,297.75
PT Hutan Orangutan Perlindungan Ekosistem	\$130,549.73
PT Saman Seudati Lestari	\$118,755.88
Scorpion	\$12,510.00
Sri Lanka Wildlife Conservation Society	\$20,000.00
Sumatran Rescue Alliance	\$205,613.84
Sustainable Green Sumatra	\$69,128.00
Tesso Nillo National Park	\$43,132.00
Wildlife Ambulance and Veterinary Care	\$214,922.93
	\$6,509,614.61

US\$4.2M
CONTRIBUTED TO OUR



**CONSERVATION
PROJECTS
IN 2024-2025**

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

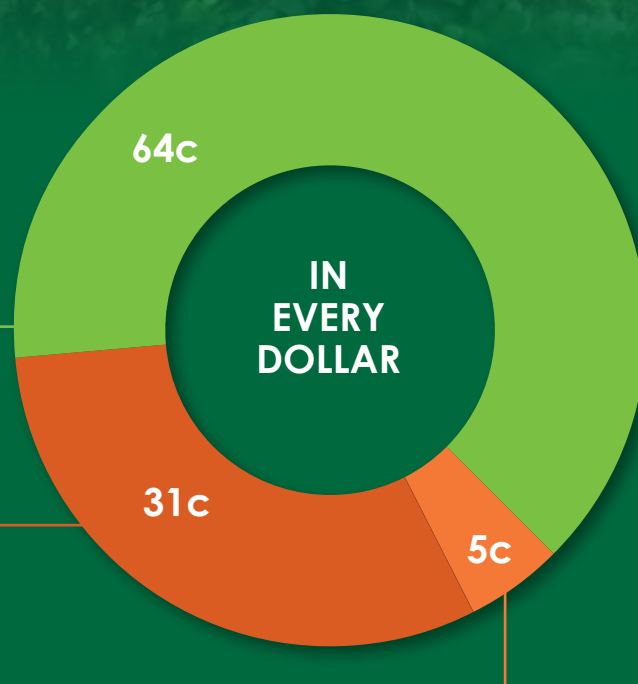
HOW YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS WERE INVESTED IN 2024-2025

Conservation programs for orangutans, elephants, tigers and forest communities:

Habitat and wildlife protection, wildlife rescue, rehabilitation and release, as well as forest community support.

Investment in future income to secure the future for orangutans, elephants and forest communities: So we can continue to fulfil our conservation mission and increase our impact.

Making sure we do things right: Ensuring our organisation and projects run effectively and efficiently.



INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

INCOME	(AUD)
Donations/Fundraising Income	\$4,359,752
Grants Income	\$783,435
Bequest Income	\$141,788
Donations/Fundraising Income - International Chapters	\$3,984,590
Currency Gain/Loss	\$20,430
Other	\$685,083
TOTAL INCOME	\$9,997,523
EXPENDITURE	(AUD)
Administration	\$55,114
Accountant/Audit Fees	\$7,900
Bank Fees and Charges	\$1,411
Insurance	\$32,642
Investment to Generate Future Income	\$2,791,913
Legal Fees	\$5,045
Printing, Stationery and Office Equipment	\$915
Annual Leave	\$17,999
Long Service Leave	\$2,371
Salaries	\$325,807
Subscriptions	\$3,215
Superannuation	\$39,106
Meetings/AGM Costs	\$5,183
Conservation Projects	\$5,877,212
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	\$9,165,384
PROFIT FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE INCOME TAX	(AUD)
Before Income Tax	\$831,689
INCOME TAX REVENUE	\$831,689
TOTAL CHANGES IN EQUITY	\$831,689
Opening Retained Profits	\$13,013,314
Net Profit	\$831,689
CLOSING RETAINED PROFITS	\$13,845,004



ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CURRENT ASSETS	(AUD)
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$2,521,950
Accounts Receivable and other debtors	\$32,406
Financial Assets	\$11,505,283
TOTAL ASSETS	\$15,059,639
LIABILITIES	(AUD)
Trade Creditors	\$13,051
PAYG Withholding Payable	\$16,954
Credit Card	-\$23,586
GST Liabilities	-\$6,106
Provision for Annual Leave	\$87,730
Provision for Long Service Leave	\$97,865
2025-2026 Projects Commitment	\$7,273,782
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$7,459,690
Land Trust	\$6,385,314
NET SURPLUS ASSETS	\$0

FUNDS RAISED BY INTERNATIONAL CHAPTER PARTNERS

FUNDS RAISED (IN LOCAL CURRENCY)



Wildlife Conservation
International Ltd. (Australia)

\$2,475,049



WCI Canada
Foundation (Canada)

\$236,740



Stichling Wildlife Conservation
International (Netherlands)

€354,800



Forests for People
(New Zealand)

\$5,987



Borneo Nature Trust
(United Kingdom)

£332,120



Orang Utan Republik
Foundation Inc. (United States)

\$219,832



Wildlife Conservation
International (United States)

\$2,385,192

OUR LEADERSHIP TEAM

Wildlife Conservation International consists of many regionally registered charities that are supported by a highly skilled Advisory Board who volunteer their time and passion to provide overall governance and to ensure that fundraising activities are coordinated to help best achieve our Vision and Mission.

Our conservation projects are overseen by our Founder Leif Cocks, our Conservation Project Manager Kylie Bullo and our Program Managers, Hardi Baktiantoro and Dr Alex Mossbrucker, based in Indonesia.



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