

Annual report 2018

The Bornean orangutan's situation remains critical

2018 started with a clear objective: More rehabilitated orangutans had to be reintroduced to the wild, and the efforts to protect the unique Bornean rainforest – the orangutan's natural habitats – had to be intensified. New projects were initiated, and thanks to our many loyal supporters, we were able to distribute DKK 11.1 million to our partners in Borneo who are responsible for translating our objectives into actions. This is a 21% increase compared to funds distributed in 2017.

In 2018, we strengthened our efforts to help the numerous displaced and orphaned orangutans in Borneo. Not only did we support the Nyaru Menteng rehabilitation centre, which cared for 376 orangutans by the end of 2018, by covering most of their operational costs. We also provided support for a new X-ray machine for the veterinary clinic at Nyaru Menteng, a new outdoor playground for the youngest orangutans, and 17 hectares of land for new permanent sanctuaries for the magnificent males who unfortunately remain caged at Nyaru Menteng.

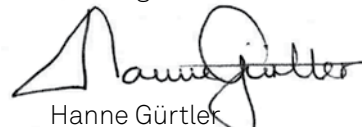
Moreover, we supported the reintroduction of 54 rehabilitated orangutans to the wild, including Nody, Grendon, and Alba, the world's only known albino orangutan. They were released to Bukit Baka Bukit Raya National Park (TNBBBR). We will follow their new life in the rainforest and protect them to the best of our ability. Thus, we increased the support for monitoring of reintroduced orangutans and the protection of the release site in 2018. Additionally, Civil Society in Development granted us nearly DKK 1m for a new project to mitigate human-orangutan conflicts in and around the national park.

In 2018, we also strengthened our efforts to protect the rainforest in Borneo and the remaining wild orangutan populations. We initiated two new projects that involve the local communities in sustainable solutions to protect the rainforest and its biodiversity, including the orangutan. We also initiated a new effort to mitigate human-orangutan conflicts in oil palm plantations surrounding the rainforest areas inhabiting the last remaining wild orangutans.

The situation in Borneo remains critical. There are still many problems to solve to ensure the orangutan's survival. We will continue supporting the rehabilitation and reintroduction of orphaned orangutans to the wild with the aim of establishing new sustainable orangutan populations. Moreover, we will increase our focus on protecting the rainforest and the wild orangutan populations.

Thank you for your support in 2018.

Kind regards


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Awareness raising in 2018

Orangutans are not pets

In 2018, Save the Orangutan revisited campaigns from prior years on illegal trade in orangutans through articles and advertisements with the message: "Orangutans are not pets". Copenhagen city busses drove around the greater Copenhagen area in 2018 with banners raising awareness of the critically endangered orangutan.

Free the males #OrangutanFreedom

Save the Orangutan launched a targeted campaign in 2018 to transfer the adult male orangutans at the Nyaru Menteng centre out of their cages and move them to protected rainforest islands. Unfortunately, 70 adult orangutans remain caged at Nyaru Menteng. Because the rehabilitation centre did not have access rights to release sites at the time, the orangutans could not be reintroduced to the wild after completing their rehabilitation in the 2000s. All of them deserve a life in their natural environment.

Alba was granted freedom in the rainforest

December 2018 brought great news, which was spread by major media outlets. Alba, the world's only known albino orangutan was released to TNBBBR National Park after she was found caged in a village on central Borneo 1.5 years earlier. BOS Foundation, who cared for her after her rescue, facilitated the release in close cooperation with Indonesian authorities. According to reports from the national park, she has successfully adapted to her new surroundings and enjoys her freedom in the rainforest.

Visit from Borneo

In 2018, we invited our supporters to an event with Jamartin Sihite, the CEO of BOS Foundation. 80 people participated and were taken on a journey to the different projects in Borneo, which Save the Orangutan supports.

Advocacy for the Bornean rainforest

In connection with the visit from Borneo, Save the Orangutan and University of Copenhagen held a seminar on sustainable development goal 15 'Life on Land' with participation from the Indonesian embassy in Denmark. The seminar focused on the protection of Borneo's rainforest and its biodiversity, including the critically endangered orangutan.



60 rehabilitated orangutans reintroduced to the rainforest and 60 orangutans pre-released to rainforest islands

In 2018, more orangutans were released to the protected rainforest areas, which BOS Foundation uses to establish new sustainable wild orangutan populations. By the end of the year, 376 orangutans were still in care at the Nyaru Menteng rehabilitation centre. Save the Orangutan initiated several new projects in 2018 in cooperation with BOS Foundation, both at Nyaru Menteng and in the TNBBBR release site.

In 2018, Save the Orangutan was again the single largest donor to the operation of Nyaru Menteng and supported the centre with nearly DKK 7.2m. The support allows BOS Foundation to care for the numerous orphaned orangutans needing help and support in their development. The goal for all orangutans arriving at Nyaru Menteng is to prepare them for their return to the rainforest. However, some orangutans will never be able to survive in the wild and they need lifelong care. Therefore, we also strengthened our efforts in 2018 to give these animals greater freedom on rainforest islands with sustained monitoring and provision of care.

386 reintroductions to the wild since 2012

With 60 releases in 2018, the total number of reintroductions to the wild since 2012 is near 400! Since its initiation, Save the Orangutan has supported BOS Foundation's new reintroduction programme, which apart from a thorough rehabilitation process also includes monitoring and patrolling. The TNBBBR and Kehje Sewen rainforest areas in Central Kalimantan and East Kalimantan were used as release sites for rehabilitated orangutans in 2018.

Old friends returned to the rainforest

The releases of Nody and Grendon are key highlights of 2018. These two orangutans have a special place in many of our supporters' hearts because they have followed Nody's and Grendon's journey back to freedom closely via updates on their lives and developments. They were both released to TNBBBR in Central Kalimantan and have both adapted successfully to their new life in the rainforest.

Playgrounds, X-ray machine, and new sanctuaries

Save the Orangutan has supported several enrichment projects at Nyaru Menteng during 2018. Among other projects, we supported the establishment of two outdoor playgrounds by the Baby House, a new path from the Baby House to the Forest School for the youngest orangutans, and a new X-ray machine for the veterinary clinic. The new equipment was put to use in 2018, already benefiting the orangutans greatly. Moreover, Save the Orangutan supported the acquisition of 17 hectares of land near Nyaru Menteng. The land will be used to establish sanctuaries for the adult orangutans who unfortunately cannot be released yet.

Protection of the released orangutans

In 2018, Save the Orangutan initiated two new efforts in cooperation with BOS Foundation to protect the released orangutans in TNBBBR National Park.



#ORANGUTANFREEDOM

**386 ORANGUTANS
RELEASED SINCE 2012**

60 in 2018
43 in TNBBBR
17 in Kehje Sewen

**ORANGUTANS
AT NYARU MENTENG**

376 in 2018
306 in rehabilitation
70 in lifelong care
10 new arrivals in 2018



We are increasing the monitoring of the released orangutans and the use of new technology to better monitor the orangutans' adaptation to their new surroundings. We are looking forward to bringing you new and exciting updates on the orangutans' lives in the rainforest.

In 2018, we also secured a grant of nearly DKK 1,000,000 by Civil Society in Development (CISU) to create better livelihoods for the local communities in and around the TNBBBR National Park and to mitigate conflicts between them, the national park, and the released rehabilitated orangutans. Efforts focusing on local communities are necessary to ensure the establishment of sustainable orangutan populations over time.

Save the Orangutan now protects nearly 6000 wild orangutans

Save the Orangutan strengthened its efforts to protect the wild orangutan populations in Borneo in 2018. Up to 80% of the remaining orangutans in Borneo live outside of protected areas. The species' survival is therefore dependent on a targeted effort to protect the orangutan's last habitats. Several new projects benefitting the wild orangutans were initiated in 2018, including a project in Rungan River, home to more than 3000 wild orangutans, and a project in Mawas, home to more than 2500 wild orangutans.

Mawas – Restoration, blocking of canals, and patrolling

As in prior years, the ongoing activities in Mawas progressed well in 2018. Restoration of orangutan habitat in southern Mawas has resulted in the re-planting of additionally 30 hectares of land by means of approximately 33,500 seedlings from local seed nurseries. The new trees will provide food and nesting opportunities over time for the wild orangutans in the area. The total number of trees planted since 2015 is now more than 122,000, covering approximately 110 hectares.

New drone for patrolling

Save the Orangutan raised DKK 50,000 for a new drone in 2018. The drone will help our local partner patrol against forest fires and illegal logging in the Mawas area.

Involving indigenous communities

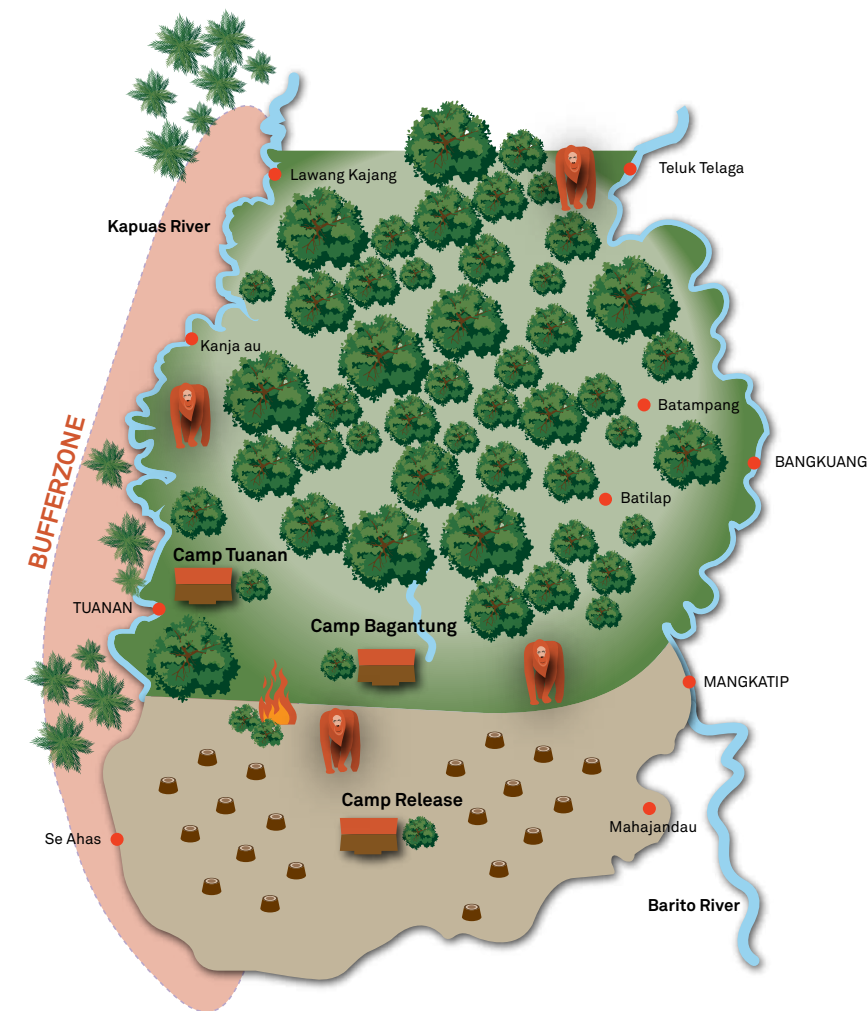
A new empowerment project, partially financed by Civil Society in Development (CISU), was initiated in 2018 near Rungan River. The project aims to support the local Dayak peoples in creating sustainable local communities and empower them in their attempt to reduce the pressure on their forest and the wild orangutans' habitat. Supporting and empowering indigenous communities have proven to be one of the most sustainable strategies for rainforest and biodiversity protection, including orangutan protection.

Sustainable buffer zones around the rainforest

Additionally, a new forestry project in Mawas was initiated in 2018, which is partially financed by CISU as well. The project will ensure the development of 'sustainable buffer zones' around Mawas and the 2500+ orangutans in the area. The buffer zones are established by developing and testing the possibilities of sustainable rubber production in an agro-forestry system. The project is carried out in cooperation with 80 smallholder rubber producers from the village of Timpah. The aim is to improve their livelihoods and reduce the pressure on the natural resources in the Mawas area.

Mitigating conflicts in and around oil palm plantations

Save the Orangutan and BOS Foundation have increased the joint efforts to mitigate human-orangutan conflicts in 2018. Thus, we have initiated a new project focusing on best management practices for orangutans moving into oil palm plantations near the protected Mawas area.



MAWAS RESTORATION OF DEGRADED RAINFOREST

Eight drainage canals of more than 50km long have been blocked to restore the ecosystem of the peat forest.

• More than 110 hectares of natural forest have been restored since 2015.

• 122,000 seedlings of 29 different local tree species have been planted.

• 227 patrols have been conducted in 2018 to prevent and fight forest fires and illegal logging



Distribution of funds in 2018

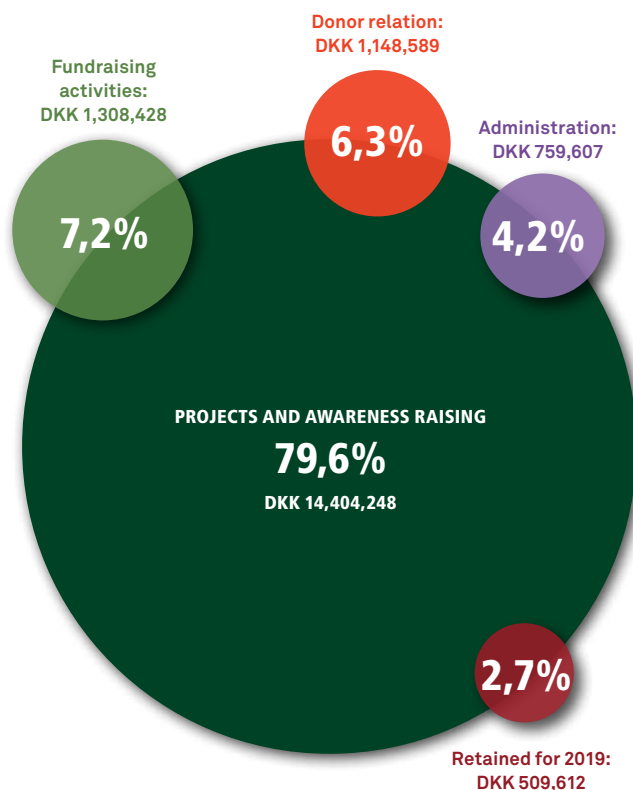
Funds raised

Save the Orangutan raised DKK 18.1 million in 2018 from private donors, foundations, and businesses, DKK 16.8 of which were raised in Denmark and DKK 1.3 in Sweden.

Distribution of funds

In 2018, Save the Orangutan distributed DKK 14.4 million to purposeful activities, corresponding to 79.6% of funds raised. DKK 11.1 million were transferred to our partners in Borneo, a 21% increase compared to 2017.

Save the Orangutan spent a total of DKK 3.2 million, corresponding to 17.7% of funds raised, on donor relation, administration, and fundraising activities in 2018. The administrative expenses were 4.2% in 2018. 2.8% of funds raised were retained for new efforts in 2019.



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