



Orang Utan Republik Foundation

Annual Report | 2017





OUR VISION

Working under the ethos “Free to be wild,” the vision of OURF is a time in the near future when the people of Indonesia accept that orangutans, and all other species that inhabit their rain forests, have a right to live in peace, and their forests can be shared and utilized sustainably for the benefit of both animals and people.

OUR MISSION

Saving the orangutans of Indonesia through conservation education, outreach initiatives, and innovative collaborative programs that inspire and call people to action—especially the next generation.



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MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT & CO-FOUNDER GARY L. SHAPIRO, PH.D



When I started my journey studying orangutan communication abilities in 1973, I had no idea that decades later I would be leading an organization dedicated to saving the species. The orangutan, an intelligent and sentient primate cousin to humanity, has felt the impact of our relentless drive to extract natural resources from the planet and its habitat. While global warming has been one of the clear consequences of our unsustainable development and consumption of fossil fuels, species like orangutans are critically endangered in their natural range— the rain forests of Borneo and Sumatra. Our mission is to be an advocate for the species and to insure their survival as we transition to a sustainable future.

In 2017, the Orang Utan Republik Foundation continued to provide an avenue of hope and fund projects in Indonesia that support our mission including our two signature programs: the Orangutan Caring Scholarship program and the Mobile Education and Conservation Unit program.



In addition, as the US chapter of The Orangutan Project, OURF was able to fund programs advocating for and protecting the Leuser Ecosystem in North Sumatra and Aceh as well as providing funding for orangutan rescues in West Kalimantan and research in the Sebangau National Park of Central Kalimantan.

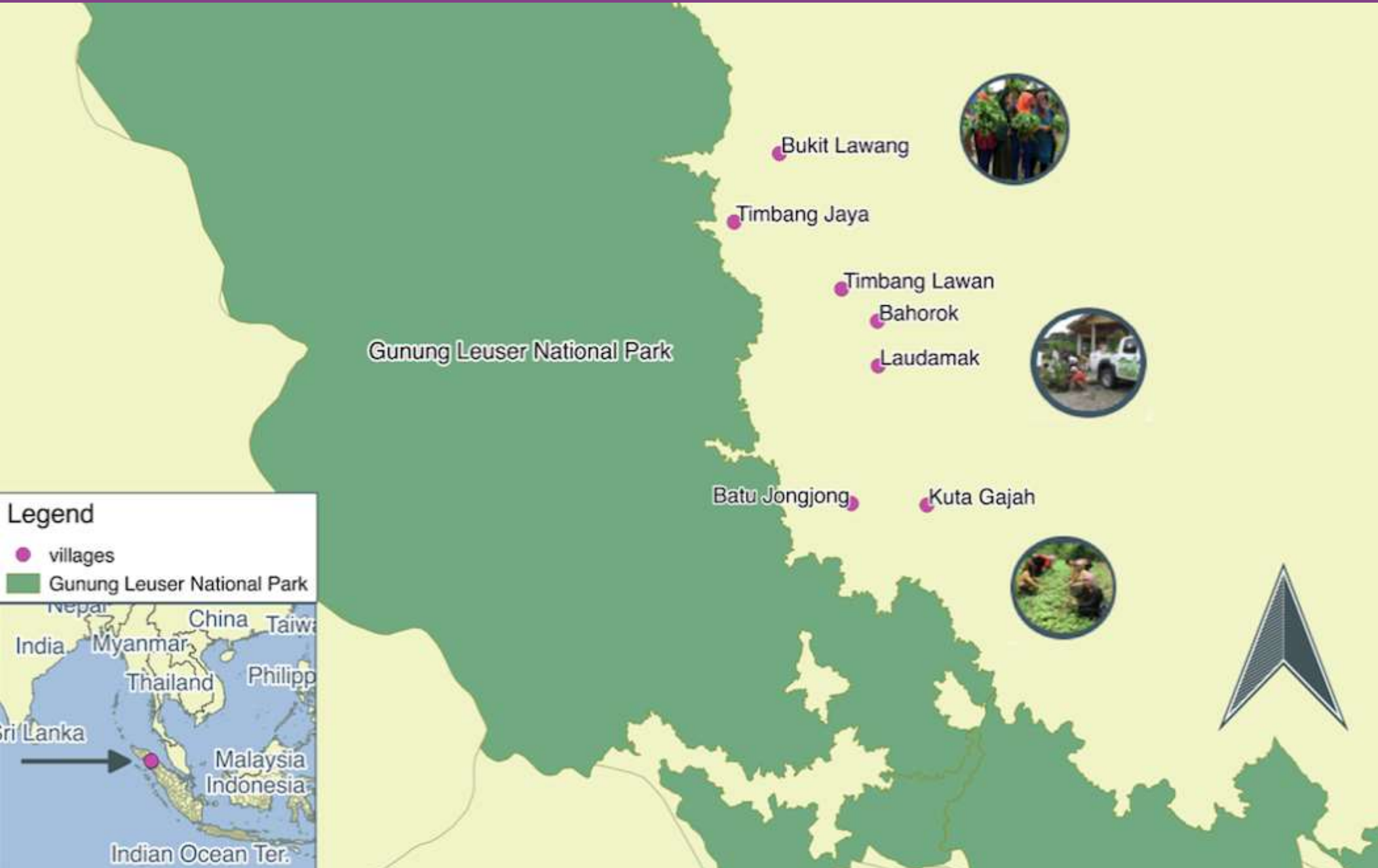
We also spearheaded other programs such as the Pongo Environmental Awards, Orangutan Caring Week, and Volunteers in the Field and behind the scenes. Finally, we participated in the RSPO once again.

We invite you to learn more about our activities and to get involved. It has been my honor to serve as President.

Thank you for your continued support.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary Shapiro". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

WHERE WE WORK IN THE FIELD



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT TO REDUCE CONFLICT

2017 Mobile Education and Conservation Unit

The Mobile Education and Conservation Unit (MECU) program continues to enrich the lives of local villagers and to reduce human-wildlife conflict. Most are family farmers and smallholders that benefit by learning organic and sustainable farming techniques as well as ways to humanely repel orangutans from their orchards. Additionally, MECU educators go into the local schools, create Orangutan Caring Clubs, to inspire young people to appreciate orangutans and nature then take action.

Now in its seventh year, MECU-7 continued providing various programs to the served communities including: Agricultural Demonstration Plots, the

Smart House in Kinangkong, the Smart Car program, Forest Restoration program, Volunteer and Ecotour programs, Community Tree-planting activities, Orangutan Caring Week events, School and Extra-curricular education programs, and Program Monitoring.



Q&A WITH MECU PROGRAM VOLUNTEER KIM RILEY



Kim Riley is an OURF volunteer and serves as Social Media Chair. She also loves to travel and spent time in the Bukit Lawang area where MECU-7 was in full gear. She participated in supporting the mission of the MECU program and learned a lot in the process.

What inspired you to become involved with OURF's field volunteer program?

KR: I'd been volunteering with OURF for almost a year when I had the chance to spend some time in Indonesia last summer. I knew a good amount about field operations from reports from OURF's President and I knew that if I were close, I had to take the opportunity to see and to participate myself. I absolutely love the outdoors and it has been one of my top priorities in the last six years to preserve and to conserve parts of the natural world. The beautiful diverse tropical rainforests of Sumatra were a huge draw and it was a dream come true to contribute towards its protection.

What was a typical day for you while in the field?

KR: Nothing was typical at all spending time in Bukit Lawang! Days were filled with a variety of activities - picking kang kung, feeding the sheep,

preparing beds for planting or propagating, planting seeds, learning home trade skills such as roof- and tofu-making, identifying plants, making signs, and sharing stories about orangutans and rainforests.

What surprised you the most by your experience?

KR: My gracious host Ibu Erna and the rest of the MECU team made me feel right at home, even though I was 8,900 miles away from my home in LA. I am forever grateful for the experiences we shared together and for all that I learned spending time with them.

Did you feel your experience was worthwhile and would you recommend volunteering to others?

KR: I 115% feel my experience was worthwhile and would certainly recommend volunteering with OURF and YPOI (MECU) to others. My experiences with the field volunteer program were filled with interesting and important insights in history and culture. My curious mind was satiated with walks, hikes, and swims in ancient dipterocarp rainforests. I walked away with an invaluable connection to people and to nature nurtured by the incredible place of Bukit Lawang.



KINANGKONG SMART HOUSE OPENS



One of the exciting MECU-7 projects was the creation of the Smart House in the village of Kinangkong at the border of the National Park. The village area is also known as Kuta Gadja (*see the map on page 5*). This very rural area is far from the other villages and cities where students must travel to attend school. It is also an area where tigers and orangutans

wander into villager's farmland.

Building this multipurpose school room provides an opportunity for children to learn various subjects when they are unable to attend school. It also enables special classes for adults who do not know how to read to learn basic reading skills.

MECU educators who live in the village provide daily lessons so the Smart House remains an active and vibrant part of this community of several hundred people.

Field volunteers have an opportunity to visit Kinangkong when they come to the MECU field operations area and meet the children and their parents.

FACILITATING TREE PLANTING AROUND THE PARK

The MECU team isn't only concerned with the survival of orangutans but also the forest in which they live. That is why the MECU team works with community groups and students from kindergartens, primary schools, junior and senior high schools to involve them with tree planting.



BY THE NUMBERS

Years #Trees Planted

2011 1,060

2012 2,620

2013 1,750

2014 20,340

2015 2,550

2016 4,440

2017 1,800

Total 34,560

During this time, they have planted trees on community walkways, along the river bank, and in the buffer zone between Gunung Leuser National Park and local community farms and other critical places.

The MECU team is also negotiating with the National Park authorities to begin planting within the Gunung Leuser National Park in 2018.



ORANGUTAN CARING SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

In 2017, eighteen new Orangutan Caring Scholarships were given out in ceremonies in Ketapang , West Kalimantan and in Banda Aceh, Sumatra.

For the Orang Utan Republik Foundation, we see the seeds of our earlier scholarships bearing fruit with so many of the graduates going into positions of responsibility and serving for advocates for orangutan survival.

By the end of this award period, OURF has given out 130 multi-year scholarships in the fields of biology, forestry and veterinary science. Over sixty graduates have completed their studies and are working for NGOs, government, the private sector or continuing their studies.

This unique, competitive scholarship program is the only one of its kind to provide tuition and research funding to students in the name of the orangutan. Such branding shifts the perception of the word orangutan in rural and urban Indonesian communities from a circus clown to proud animal uplifting the future of a village or a community.

OURF thanks our Indonesian partners: Orangutan Information Centre in Medan, Sumatra and Yayasan Palung in Ketapang, West Kalimantan for implementing this program.



EXPANDING OUR CONSERVATION REACH AS TOP-USA



OURF continued its partnership with The Orangutan Project (TOP) in 2017 as TOP-USA to increase funding for orangutan conservation and to further reduce the combined administration of two of the leanest charities on the planet today.

Through the new relationship, OURF aka TOP-USA is supportive of TOP's many conservation projects on Borneo and

Sumatra. OURF's board insures that the projects being supported are consistent to the founding mission.

In 2017 OURF/TOP-USA funded the following organizations and programs:

- **International Animal Rescue (IAR) Rescue Center in Ketapang, West Kalimantan**
- **Leuser Ecosystem Protection & Advocacy- Wildlife Asia & HaKA, Aceh, Sumatra**
- **Borneo Nature Foundation (BNF)- Sabangau Research Unit, Central Kalimantan.**

Together we are saving more orangutans and their habitat so that they can all one day live free in the wild.



ORANGUTAN CARING WEEK



Since establishing Orangutan Caring Week in 2006, OURF has directed the growth of this annual event, which has expanded to become a global opportunity for zoos, orangutan organizations and other groups to promote the species and its plight in a special week. By creating a "critical mass" of support during the week, media attention is focused on the issues facing the orangutan.

In 2017, OURF's team of international Indonesian volunteers promoted an art contest in Indonesia and around the world to encourage people to create art with the theme, "*Sketch for the Orangutan and Rainforest, Act Now to Preserve the Future!*" Social media was used to promote the contest. Contest rules and prizes were announced. Submissions were posted on Instagram with **#OrangUtanCaringWeek** and



#OrangUtanCaringWeek2017, and evaluated by judges who awarded the finalists. The contest was a success with over **100** submissions received. The contest showed how a well conceived and managed campaign can yield amazing results.

HONORING EXCEPTIONAL LEADERS

OURF honors environmental achievement and sustained support of orangutan conservation by awarding the Pongo Environmental Award each year. Recipients come from various fields of endeavor including the nonprofit, for profit, and entertainment worlds. 2017 marked our fourth Pongo Environmental Awards event. Our recipients were...



IMPACTING POLICY ON THE RSPO

OURF joined the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil in late 2011 at the request of the Orangutan Land Trust. In 2012, 2014, OURF sat at the table with hundreds of other members at the annual meeting.

In 2017, OURF maintained its membership, attended the RSPO in Bali, and voted at the General Assembly. While the erupting Mount Agung kept many delegates away from the annual event, the meeting took place with eNGOs forming a block supporting the social and environmental agenda. The aim was to provide another vote in the evolving organization with a mission of making the most versatile and productive vegetable oil sustainable for orangutans and the environment.

By creating procedures and criteria that members must abide by, everyone in the supply chain, from planters and growers to manufacturers will understand what actions will be necessary to have their products certified as sustainable.

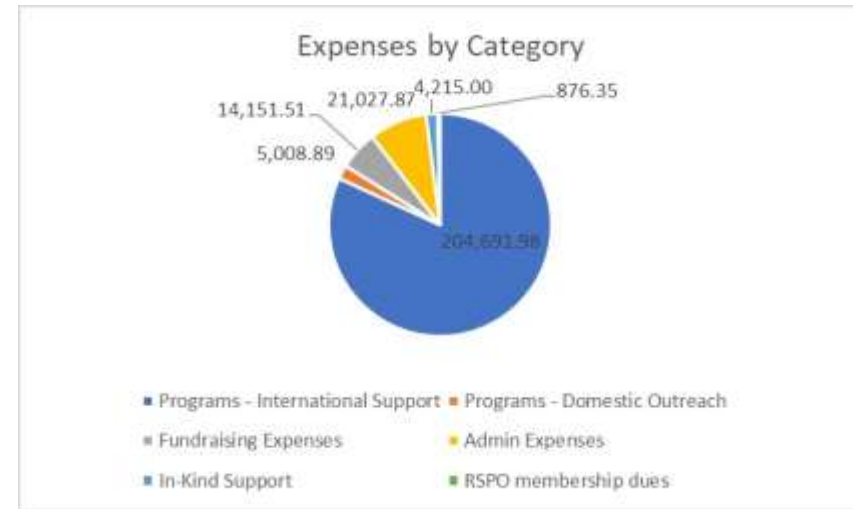
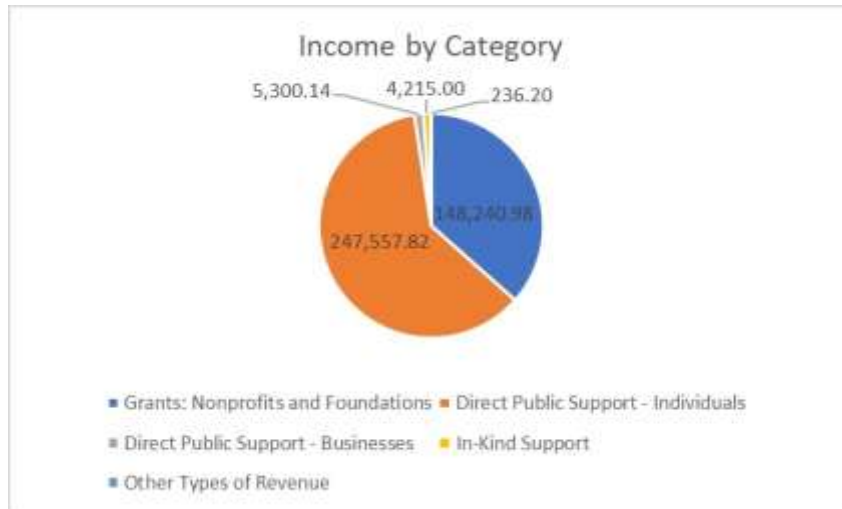
By the end of 2017, 20% of global palm oil production was certified sustainable. It is up to consumers as well as manufacturers to be mindful of what they purchase in order to put pressure on the industry to increase the production of certified sustainable palm oil. Until then, OURF will continue to advocate strategies that are in the best interest of the orangutan.



FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Fiscal Year January 1, 2017—December 31, 2017

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION



<u>Assets (as of December 31, 2017 in US\$)</u>	
Change in Net Assets	155,578
Net Assets Beginning of Year	65,858
<u>Net Assets End of Year</u>	<u>221,436</u>
Total Current Assets	221,436
<u>Liabilities and Net Equity (as of December 31, 2017)</u>	
Total Liabilities	0
<u>Net Equity</u>	<u>221,436</u>
Total Liability and Net Equity	221,436

<u>International Support in US\$</u>	
<i>Orangutan Caring Scholarships (OCS)</i>	24,832
<i>Mobile Education and Conservation Unit (MECU)</i>	51,000
<i>The Orangutan Project (TOP) Programs</i>	120,000
<i>International Program Oversight and Support</i>	8,860

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