



ANNUAL REPORT

2016

Orangutans are special animals that serve a multitude of purposes in our understanding of global conservation efforts. As a primate, they share 97% of their genes with humans, showing a close genetic relationship and acting as a bridge between humans and the animal kingdom. As a forest-dwelling species, orangutans spend most of their lives isolated high in the trees seeking out ripe fruit and other food sources, however, this important ecosystem, necessary in moderating global climate change, is threatened. Because they are so charismatic, orangutans are the ideal symbol of the tropical rainforest: saving orangutans and rainforests go hand in hand.

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FORWARD



Saving Orangutans through Education is our mission

The year 2016 demonstrated that consistency and perseverance pays off when OURF's Orangutan Caring Scholarship program crossed the 100th scholarship milestone in June. I was so pleased to have been able to present the 100th scholarship to a young Muslim woman in Medan, Sumatra named Evy. Her scores were the highest so she was chosen to be the 100th student to receive this important support. Seventeen other deserving students received scholarships in 2016 raising the total given out to 112. Importantly, over 60 of the students have already graduated with many entering positions in the labor force where their advocacy for orangutans will support the species long term survival.

More Scholarship Support Needed.

While the Orangutan Caring Scholarship program continues to provide an avenue of academic support for many students, the OCS fund is in need of financial aid. During 2016 fundraising campaigns attempted to raise funds in addition to the grants given by various organizations.

Deepening Village & School Outreach

Our Mobile Education & Conservation Unit (MECU) program entered its 6th year of operation, continuing to focusing on villages where human-orangutan/gibbon conflict is highest. In addition to the agricultural demonstration plots in two of the villages, a innovative equipment lending program was started thanks to my wife's cousin's donation of a hand tiller and hole digger. School and outreach events provided opportunities to further our more traditional education programs in Sumatra.

Continued Education, Outreach Initiatives and More

We expanded our domestic outreach capabilities at various events through a growing volunteer program, continued to provide a leadership role in spearheading Orangutan Caring Week around the globe, and honored several people and organizations with the Pongo Environmental Award during our annual fundraiser. We also deepened our relations with The Orangutan Project, becoming their US-based chapter, and the Orangutan Caring Club of N. Sumatra received its non-profit status and is now the Orangutan Caring Foundation of Indonesia.

This report will provide some greater depth in telling the story about our activities in 2016.

Thank you for your support of our efforts to make a positive difference for the orangutans and the Indonesian people.



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 rainforests, have a right to live in peace, and their forests can be shared and utilized sustainably, for the benefit of 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.



OUR STRATEGIES

STRATEGY: Improving Livelihood

Just educating villagers about orangutans is not enough. We need to provide them with options and alternatives that will improve their livelihood so they shift from destructive practices to sustainable ones.



STRATEGY: Reducing Conflict

Understanding the levels of human-orangutan conflict near habitat areas is key to developing strategies to reduce that conflict. That is the goal of the MECU program.



STRATEGY: Engaging in Policy

Participating in the Roundtable for Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) enables OURF to have a voice in the policies needed to make this global commodity less onerous to orangutans.



STRATEGY: Creating Partnerships

Leveraging the power of other organizations in the common mission of conservation education is leading towards a sustainable population of orangutans and enlightened communities that insure their survival.



STRATEGY: Capacity Building

Providing our NGO partners with the funds and support needed to implement the programs as well as move towards independent operations.



STRATEGY: Facilitating Events

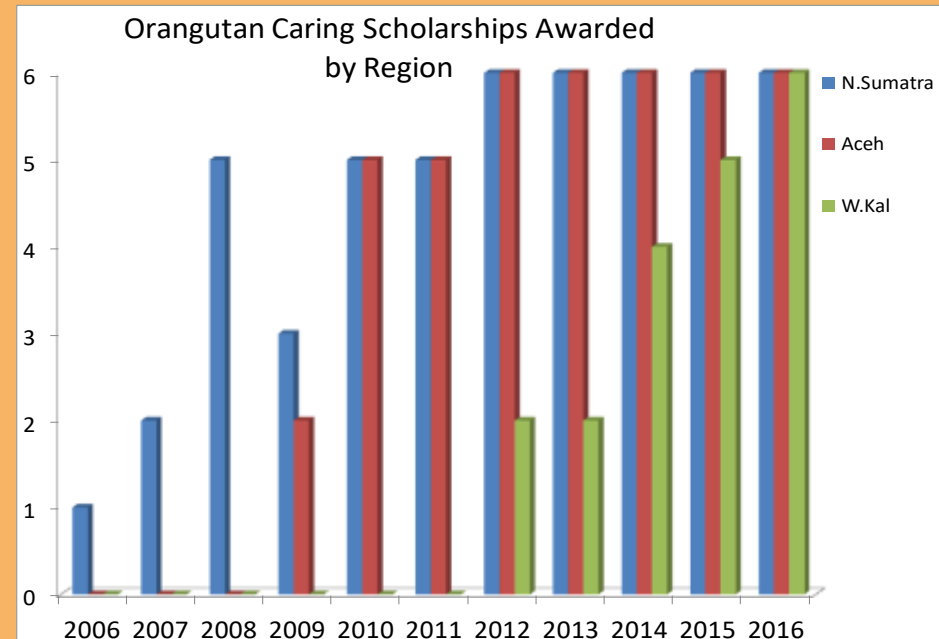
Spreading the message of our organization requires using the technologies available (website, Facebook, Twitter) as well as person-to-person approach typical of outreach events.



100th SCHOLARSHIP MILESTONE REACHED



Students from N. Sumatra & Aceh (above) and W. Kalimantan (below) holding their awards.



CREATING GRADUATES WHO BECOME ORANGUTAN ADVOCATES THROUGH THE ORANGUTAN CARING SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Since the beginning of this collaborative program, 112 competitive scholarships have been given out to students in North Sumatra, Aceh, and West Kalimantan entering or continuing college or university in the fields of biology, forestry and veterinary science. Over 60 students have graduated and have entered the job force or graduate school. The four-year scholarships are administered by our partners, Orangutan Information Center (in Sumatra) and Yayasan Palung in West Kalimantan. OURF is grateful to the many organizations who have contributed towards this important program.

Main funding organizations



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT TO REDUCE CONFLICT



Our conservation educators completed their 6th year of the Mobile Education & Conservation Unit (MECU) program intensifying their involvement with village communities along the southern border of Gunung Leuser National Park where human-wildlife conflict had been determined previously. Program achievements include formal and informal conservation education sessions in schools and village community centers regarding orangutans, environmental and sustainable agriculture, compost and biochar production, waste management and permaculture, especially with the creation of Demonstration Plots or Demplots.

The Demplot component was a main aspect of efforts in 2016. Demplots in two villages were maintained with funding from The Orangutan Project as experimental agricultural areas for the local farmers. Providing them with relevant training and support in their livelihood has been valuable in building trust and respect regarding attention to the conservation education message. The Demplots showcase techniques that provide proof of concept for the various permaculture methods adapted from other areas and countries.

An additional element of the MECU and Demplot program was an equipment “loan for time” program to farmers in the MEUC program. MECU staff tracked time saved by a donated powered hand tiller and hole digger on a farmer’s field in exchange for non-compensated time to learn about orangutans and sustainable agricultural techniques. Normally farmers are paid to attend education presentations.



PRIMARY & SECONDARY SCHOOL PROGRAMS IN SUMATRA



School room education about orangutans as national treasures has been one of the Orangutan Caring Club's main activities whether in urban areas or in the villages (as part of the MECU). Since its inception, the Orangutan Caring Club of North Sumatra has been going into public and private schools to deliver quality education about the orangutan and what the new generation should do to insure their survival. The programs are created by the conservation educators and scheduled into the school curricula.

The presentations are frequently accompanied by tree-planting and the students are encouraged to have active discussions about orangutans. Most of the students take an active interest in all aspects of the subject matter and the most motivated are chosen as classroom ambassadors.



FACILITATING TREE PLANTING IN & AROUND THE PARK



FACILITATING TREE PLANTING IN SCHOOLS, HOMES, VILLAGES, AND DEGRADED FORESTS

The Orangutan Caring Club makes tree-planting one of its main outdoor activities with the Sumatran community. Not only does tree-planting satisfy OURF's objectives, it is consistent with the national and provincial policies of planting trees throughout the country. The Caring Club planted 4,430 trees in 2016.

The Caring Club purchase or grow out seedlings comprising numerous species in polybags. They take the young trees to schools, pass them out on streets during Orangutan Caring Week, honor newly married couples in the "Greening of Wedding" ceremony, and supply villages with fruit and non-fruit trees to plant on their property and in degraded areas near the national park.

Tens of thousands of trees have been planted by the Orangutan Caring Club over the past several years.



VOLUNTEERISM IN THE FIELD AND AT DOMESTIC OUTREACH EVENTS

Meeting people, face-to-face is the most powerful way to engage them in learning about the plight of the orangutan and enroll them to take action.

OURF has both a field and a domestic volunteer program. We place motivated and qualified people who want to help in our Sumatran field sites with the Orangutan Caring Club. Jill Sexton and Marisa Strange (left) spent time in the Bukit Lawang region in 2016 assisting the team with tree planting and community event participation. Our domestic outreach program allows volunteers like Lisa Siegel (below) to meet people and explain OURF's mission at various events held during the year.

Volunteers play a critical role in helping OURF not only conduct education and outreach programs, but fundraising, grant writing, and communicating through our website and other social media.



VOLUNTEERS SUPPORTING THE MISSION AT HOME

Through our website or [Volunteermatch.org](https://www.volunteermatch.org), OURF has attracted numerous volunteers who have supported the foundation's mission at home, especially in the areas of fundraiser support, but also on the Social Media and Grant Writing committees. Many thanks to volunteers who have put in hundreds of hours helping OURF raise its profile with campaigns as well as seeking funds to support its programs overseas.



Volunteers Alison and Richard Shirer helping to check in attendees to OURF's Annual Fundraiser and Pongo Environmental Awards and Sekar Sosronegoro, volunteer coordinator for OURF's Social Media Committee with the first of four hashtag campaigns on social media platforms.



HONORING EXCEPTIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL 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 non-profit, for profit, and entertainment world. Our recipients in 2016 were Dr. Ian Singleton (with SOCP), Rainforest Connection, documentaries: “Racing Extinction” and “River of Gold”, and actor/activist Ed Asner.



ORANGUTAN CARING WEEK

November
13-19, 2016

2016 Theme:
Critically
Endangered,
Critically
in Need



WORKING TO SAVE ORANGUTANS AND THEIR RAIN FOREST HOMES:



WWW.ORANGUTANCARINGWEEK.ORG



BUILDING WORLDWIDE CONCERN & COMPASSION

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.



PARTICIPATING IN MAKING PALM OIL SAFER FOR ORANGUTANS AND WILDLIFE

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 2016, OURF maintained its membership but gave its proxy to another eNGO for the General Assembly. 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

Currently, 12.15 million tons or 17% of all palm oil is 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.



NEW PARTNERSHIP TO STRENGTHEN REACH



Creating and nurturing partnerships with trustworthy organizations is one of OURF's Strategies for leveraging the limited funds to achieve large results.

The Orangutan Project (TOP) asked OURF to serve as their USA-based chapter; OURF's Board approved this appointment in late 2015.

This joining of forces will:

- increase funding for orangutan conservation
- allow us to further reduce the combined administration in order to maximize the impact of our limited funding.



Through the new relationship with The Orangutan Project (TOP), OURF is now supportive of TOP's many conservation projects on Borneo and Sumatra. For a complete list visit www.theorangutanproject.org.

Donors in the USA who wish to support a wider range of orangutan conservation programs via TOP can now get a tax-deduction for their donation in 2016.

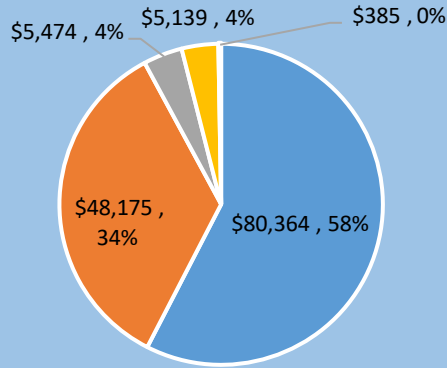
Together we will now be saving more orangutans and their habitat so that they can all one day live free in the wild.



FINANCIAL INFORMATION

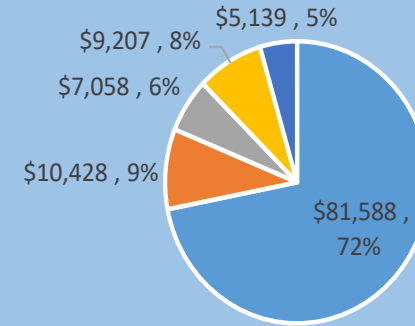
Fiscal Year: January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016

Income by Category



- Grants: Nonprofits & Foundations
- Direct Public Support: Business
- Direct Public Support: Individuals
- In-Kind Support
- Other Types of Revenue

Expenses by Category



- Programs: International Support
- Programs: Domestic Outreach
- Fundraising Expenses
- Administrative Expenses
- In-Kind Support

Assets (as of December 31, 2016)

Total Current Assets: \$65,858

Liabilities and Net Equity

Total Liabilities: \$0

Net Equity: \$65,828

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International Support

- ◆ Orangutan Caring Scholarships: \$20,398
- ◆ MECU-6: \$34,717
- ◆ TOP Programs: \$19,012
- ◆ International Program Oversight and Support \$7,190
- ◆ RSPO: \$271



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The Board of the Orang Utan Republik Foundation (OURF) appreciates the generous support of donors and volunteers who provide the funds and sweat equity to allow OURF to pursue its mission of orangutan survival through its programs.

The following organizations and individuals who donated \$1,000 or more (in funds and/or in-kind donations) during 2016 included:

The Orangutan Project	Animal Health Foundation
Andrew Sabin Family Foundation	Orangutan Outreach
Shared Earth Foundation	Panomatics: Henrica & Max
Susan Callery	PT Rutan, Indonesia
Innovative Media Productions	Ronna Phelps
Inggriani Shapiro	Dana Lorenz
Soedomo Mergonoto	Glide Foundation Trust
Silicon Valley Community Foundation	Geoffrey Chen
S. Florida Chapter AAZK	Terilynn Langsev
Elizabeth Varnhagen	Carol Pinkerton
International Primatological Society	Art at Denver

Numerous individuals who donated \$10-\$999 are appreciated for their contributions as well.

OURF also expresses its appreciation of the following businesses and organizations who have partnered with OURF in the USA during 2016:

Indyplush	Shanaman Sculptures
Multimedia Communications	Google Grants

VOLUNTEERS

OURF Volunteers have provided a wealth of assistance and support during 2016. The following people were instrumental in helping to continue our various programs:

Outreach Committee: Lisa Siegel, Lesa Miller, Allison Shirer,
Fundraising Committee: Susan Callery (Chair), Harvey Jordan, Allison Saldana; Scientific Committee: Graham Banes; Grants Committee: Emily Baker, Kathryn Craig, Todd Cravens; Social Media Committee: Sekar Sosronegoro, Kimberly Riley; IT Committee: John Page; Content Development: Chris Wiggs, Gary Shapiro; Field Volunteers: Elizabeth Varnhagen, Jill Sexton, Marisa Stange.

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