



Borneo Orangutan Survival UK

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Annual Report

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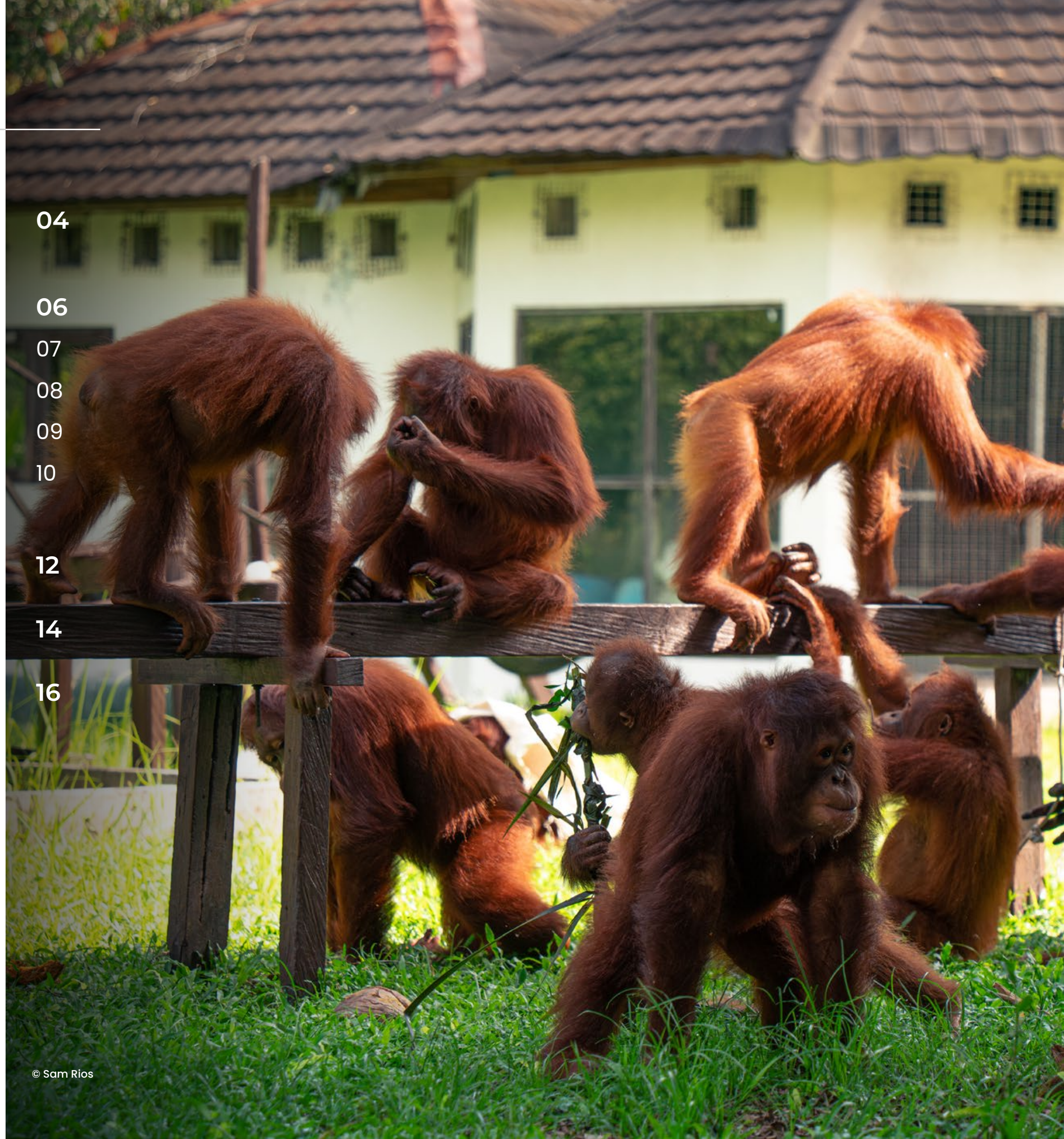
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Foreword from our CEO

Dear Supporters,

I hope this message finds you inspired by the beauty of the natural world we work so hard to protect. As we reflect on the progress we've made together, I am filled with gratitude for your unwavering commitment to preserving orangutans and the rainforests they call home.

This past year, we achieved so much together, from providing new island homes for unreleasable orangutans, helping BOS Foundation release their 500th orangutan back to the wild, rebuilding a degraded rainforest, to educating the world on the palm oil and wildlife trade issues, just to name a few. These milestones are a direct result of the collective effort and passion of our community of conservationists, volunteers, and donors.

As we look ahead, our mission remains clear: to rebuild the orangutan populations so they no longer linger so close to extinction in the wild. Together, we can ensure that these extraordinary creatures and their ecosystems thrive for generations to come.

Thank you for standing with us in this vital work. With your continued support, I am confident we will create a sustainable future for orangutans and the rainforests they depend on.

With heartfelt gratitude,



Ben Callison
CEO - BOS UK



BOS UK 2023 impact

Support for BOS Foundation

BOS UK continues its support throughout 2023 of BOS Foundation's industry leading work for ape conservation. Our BOS UK donors directly support the BOS Foundation rehabilitation centre operations to ensure the highest level of care for our orangutans and sun bears.

£118,668.03 TOTAL FOR BOS FOUNDATION

BOS UK transferred £118,668.03 to BOS Foundation in 2023, all thanks to our myriad of amazing supporters. **Included in this we transferred:**

£50,000 TO GIVE UNRELEASABLES A BETTER LIFE

By raising £18,000 in public fundraising and £7000 in grants which was then matched and doubled for Sanctuary Island campaign funds to assist BOS Foundation in building safe islands covered in natural vegetation for unreleasable orangutans to live.

BUILDING SECONDARY FOREST IN SAMBOJA LESTARI

This project continues the work to ensure the existence of ecologically sound and secure forests.

REFORESTATION OF MAWAS

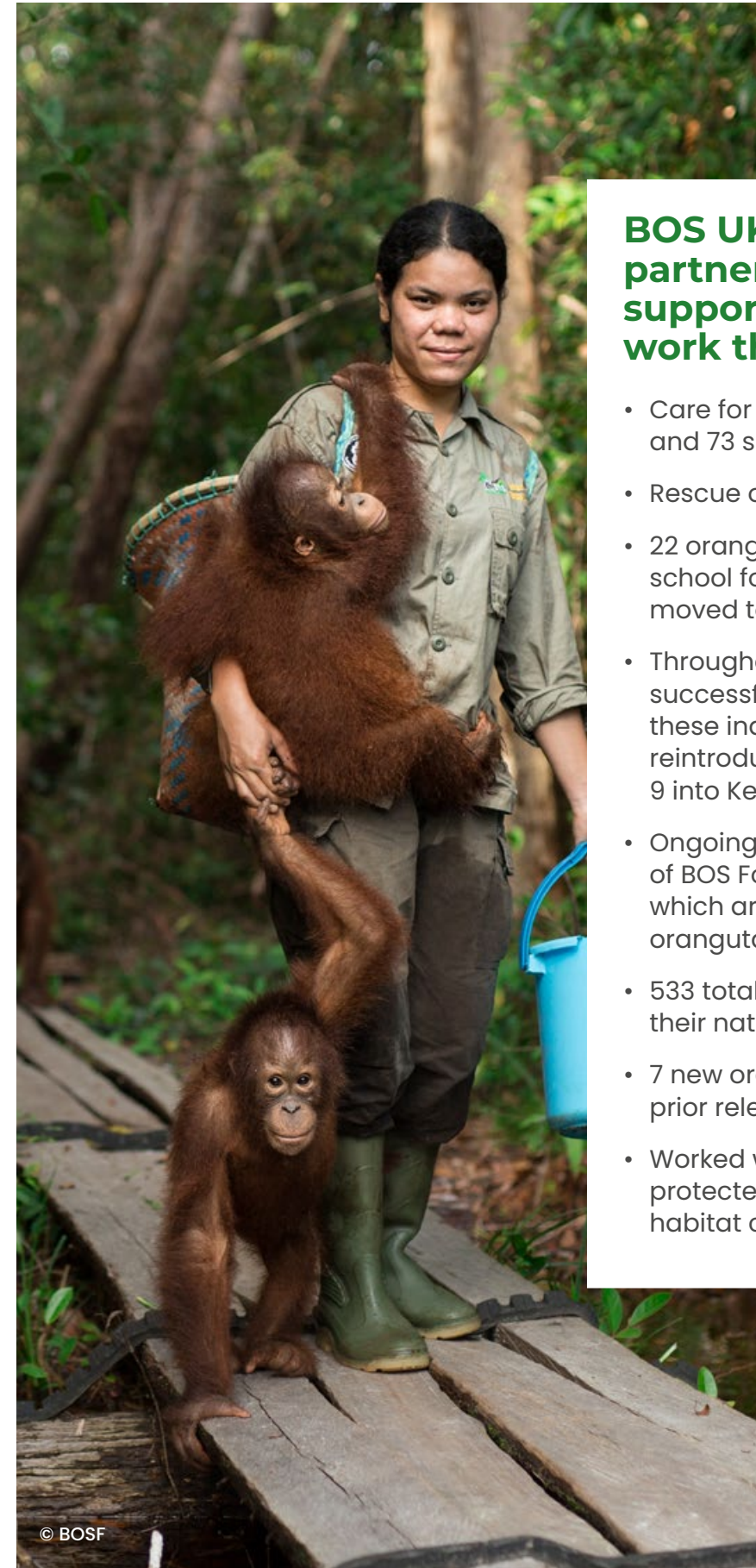
The Mawas Conservation Area in Central Kalimantan concentrates on preserving the existing population of wild orangutans living in a vast peat swamp forest. Reforestation activities include land and planting preparation.

ORANGUTAN FREEDOM

After a very challenging couple of years, BOS Foundation has started the release program again, moving rehabilitated orangutans to either Sanctuary Islands, Pre-release Islands, or out to protected forests. With many releases planned, help is needed to meet our big release goals.

BORN2BEWILD IN COLLABORATION WITH BOS SCHWEIZ AND BOS AUSTRALIA

This is to prepare orangutans for their release into the wild, provide lifelong care of orangutans that we cannot release into the wild and the construction of pre-release and sanctuary islands for orangutans.



BOS UK, along with its global partner offices, provided support for BOS Foundation's work that included:

- Care for and rehabilitation of 359 orangutans and 73 sun bears
- Rescue of 4 orangutans
- 22 orangutans that graduated from forest school for their final rehabilitation phase and moved to an enclosure free, forested island
- Throughout 2023, 33 orangutans were successfully released into the wild. Amongst these individuals, 18 orangutans were reintroduced into TNBBBR, 8 into Batikap, and 9 into Kehje Sewen
- Ongoing patrols for the continued protection of BOS Foundation's forest release sites which are home to hundreds of reintroduced orangutans.
- 533 total orangutans reintroduced back into their natural habitats since 2012
- 7 new orangutan births were recorded from prior released female orangutans
- Worked with communities around our protected forests to support orangutan and habitat conservation

Fundraising

1785
DONORS

A total of 1785 donors are a part of our UK orangutan community. Of these **471** were new donors who we welcomed in 2023!

263 ADOPTERS
IN **44** COUNTRIES

Our wonderful Orangutan Allies community grew to over **213** strong, and we now have adopters around the world supporting our orangutans on their journey to freedom.

At BOS UK we have:

- Helped over 1300 people live a more sustainable and ethical life through our new palmoilpledge.com and wildlifetradepledge.com.
- Funded the planting of more than 400 trees in the Samboja Lestari Rescue Centre through our donors to create homes for the biodiversity of Borneo and reached out to communities to support orangutan and habitat conservation.
- Supported patrols and continued to protect forest release sites which are home to hundreds of reintroduced orangutans.
- Kicked off our latest project in June and later in the year funded the building of two islands in the new Nyaru Menteng location that supports the healthy lives of unreleasable orangutans
- Tripled donations for our Sanctuary Islands campaign from 18th-20th August in honour of International Orangutan Day
- Fully funded the 2023 Camera Trap campaign to further BOS Foundation's rainforest fauna health research efforts.
- Continued the work to reforest 40 Hectares (~100 acres) of peat swamp forest in Mawas, Central Kalimantan through our generous supporters

PALM OIL
PLEDGE

WILDLIFE TRADE
PLEDGE

Outreach

We welcomed over **500 people** to our London film screening of the ground-breaking documentary film 'Eyes of the Orangutan'.

At London Vegfest 2023 we reached ~900 people with many trying out our VR headsets to visit Borneo's rainforests in London.

We continued hosting our Rainforest Yoga Retreat at Samboja Lodge in the heart of our Samboja Lestari Rescue Centre.

Charlotte & Dan, Rainforest Retreat attendees

*"It was epic, there's no other word for it, we did so much. We're going to remember this forever. **Being surrounded by the rainforest and hearing orangutans in the morning is really special.** We'll be back for sure, we're bringing the family."*

BOS UK held hiking events including walking across Seven Sisters, East Sussex. Anna from one hike said "I had such a fantastic time on the BOS hike! So well organised and such lovely people too! I made friends with fellow orangutan lovers and would highly recommend getting involved in any of their events!"



Global collaboration across BOS partners



From 7-10 August 2023, the global BOS Fundraising and Communication Partner Network gathered for a 4-day meeting in Wokingham, United Kingdom. The session provided a platform for open sharing of progress, knowledge exchange on fundraising strategies in various markets, and collaborative problem-solving for challenges faced in the previous year. Together, partners strategised for the upcoming year, fostering a sense of unity and shared purpose.

Education & Young Orangutan Warriors



- We held talks across the UK to nearly 300 people, educating them on the issues facing wildlife, our mission, and our work.

- Our Young Orangutan Warrior programme for taking action offers opportunities to speak with classes or community groups of any age with virtual presentations, in-person class/group discussions and education collaborations in support of rainforest and orangutan conservation.
- When attending one of our events, Young Orangutan Warrior Edward adopted Koprul after learning that Koprul has no arms and resides on a sanctuary island. His kind adoption has helped us in ensuring Koprul continues to live in a safe, rainforest environment.



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Financial Summary

Revenue

£278,496 total annual income for 2023

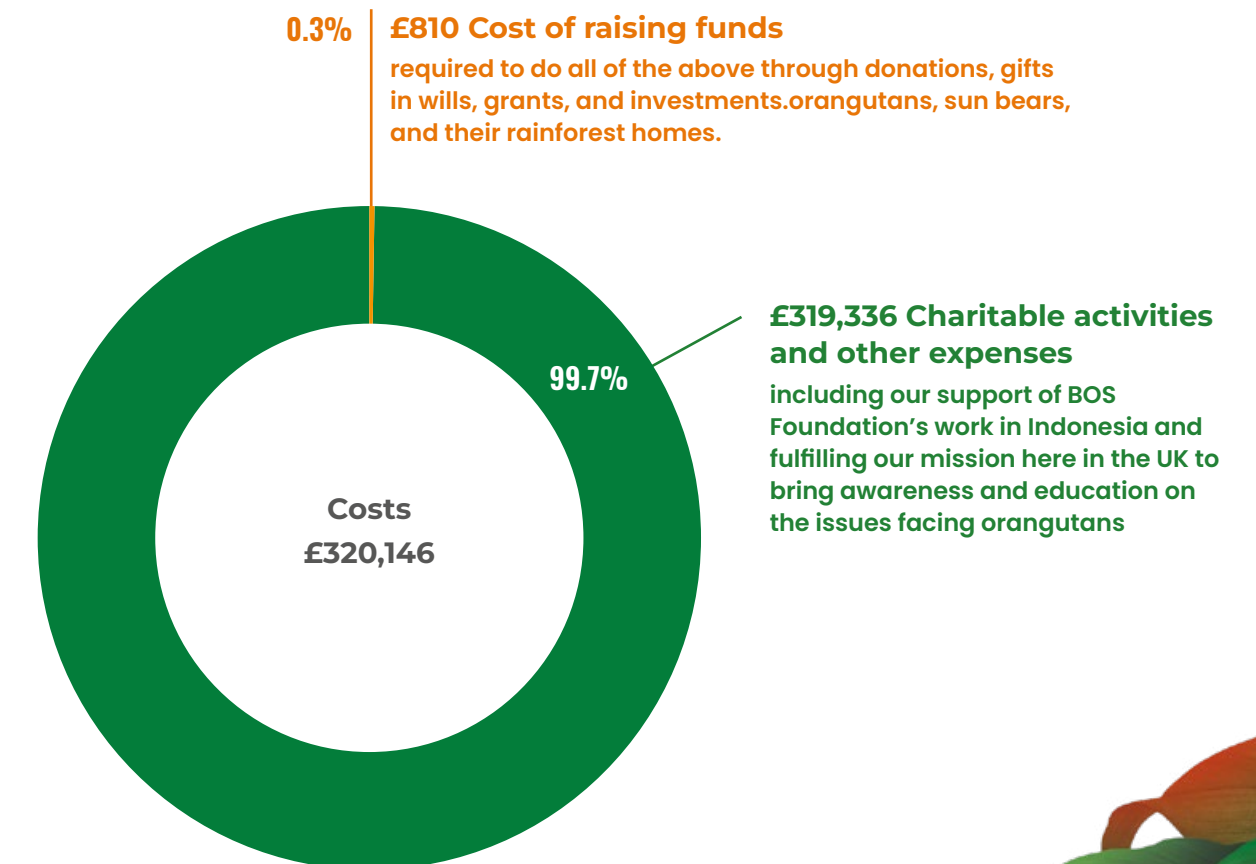
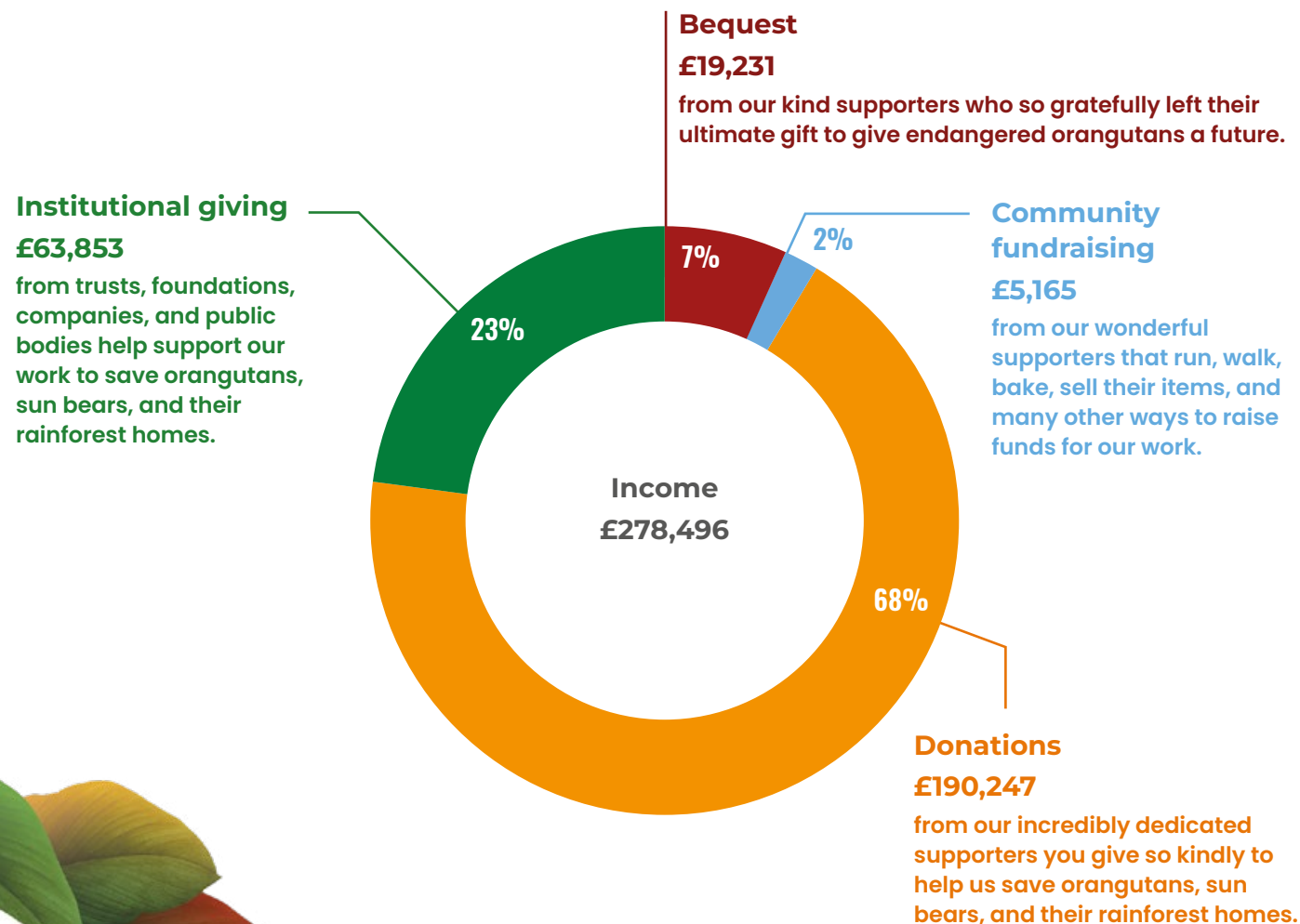
Income and endowments from (£)

	2023			2022
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Total funds	Total funds
Donations and legacies	257,032	–	257,032	329,771
Charitable activities	20,536	–	20,536	47,626
Other Trading Activities	363	–	363	5,662
Other	565	–	565	1,647
Expenditure on: Grants made to BOSF	(112,089)	–	(112,089)	100,046
Net Income	278,496	–	278,496	484,752

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Summary income and expenditure Account

	2023	2022
Income	278,496	384,706
Gross income for the year	278,496	384,706
Expenditure	208,897	195,003
Grants made to BOSF	112,089	100,046
Total expenditure for the year	320,986	295,049
Net (expenditure)/income before tax for the year	(42,490)	89,656
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Thank you to all who supported us...

A warm thanks to all who have donated and supported us

- Constance Travis Charitable Trust
- Berkshire Healthcare Foundation Trust
- Mrs D M Hayhurst Foundation
- Green Asia Network
- The ROB Trust

And to our corporate partnerships who offered financial support to BOS Foundation through our UK-based collaborations

Borneo Benefactor £5000+

- Canto Corvino (2020)
- Comyn Ching (2016)
- Doisy & Dam (2022)
- Manicomio Restaurants (2020)

Orangutan Advocate £1000-£5000

- Artist 4 Apes (2020)
- Buff Motion (2022)
- For the Love of Earth (2020)
- IJPR Media (2023)
- Quadrato Limited (2021)
- Turnstyle Designs (2023)
- Under the Skin of Endangered Animals (2021)
- Vui Vui (2019)

Survival Supporter Below £1000

- 34sp.com (2017)
- Backhouse Bet (2023)
- Gouranga Music (2022)
- Incognito (2023)
- London Law Collective (2021)
- Nicola Jane Art (2022)
- Pymatek Automation (2023)
- Sunlover Ltd (2023)
- SunVit-D3 (2023)

A special thank you to those who reached out to us in support. We love hearing from you!

Having watched the amazing work you do on tv, we have been moved so much by the magical stories. Like many, Beni made us laugh and cry in equal quantities. Thank you so much for the work you do for these magnificent creatures.

Neil, Bumi adopter

I believe it is our responsibility as humans to protect our fellow species.

Chloe, Kopral adopter

We love Topan and want the best for her!

Sam, Topan adopter

And our deepest gratitude to the thousands of dedicated individual donor around the world!



Annual Report for BOS Foundation



BOS UK supports the BOS Foundation and in 2023 they implemented great progress across our 4 global core strategies. [Read BOS Foundation's 2023 Annual Report*](#) for more details.


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