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Foreword from our CEO

Dear Supporters,

2024 has been a landmark year for Borneo Orangutan Survival UK— one defined by urgency, resilience, and extraordinary collective action. As we reflect on the past twelve months, it is impossible to ignore the escalating pressures facing Bornean orangutans: continued habitat loss, human–wildlife conflict, and the challenges of a rapidly changing climate. Yet, in the face of these threats, we also witnessed remarkable progress, powered by a community of supporters who refuse to let these great apes slip into silence.

Across our partner centres in Borneo, dedicated teams continued the around-the-clock work of rescuing, rehabilitating, and ultimately returning orangutans to the wild. In 2024, our joint efforts contributed to life-changing outcomes for dozens of individuals—each one representing years of specialist care, forest skills training, and patient guidance. Every release into protected rainforest is a powerful reminder of what is possible when compassion meets long-term commitment.

This year also saw meaningful advances in the protection of critical habitat. Our support helped strengthen monitoring and forest–stewardship programmes across more than one million acres of rainforest under BOS Foundation management. These landscapes are not only vital for orangutans but act as essential carbon stores and biodiversity refuges, benefitting countless species and the health of our planet.

Within the UK, we deepened our role as a trusted international partner—expanding donor engagement, strengthening governance, and launching new efforts to broaden awareness of orangutan conservation. We welcomed an inspiring community of supporters, from school groups and individual donors to long-standing partners and new corporate allies. Their generosity fuels every rescue mission, every rainforest patrol, and every young orangutan’s chance at freedom.

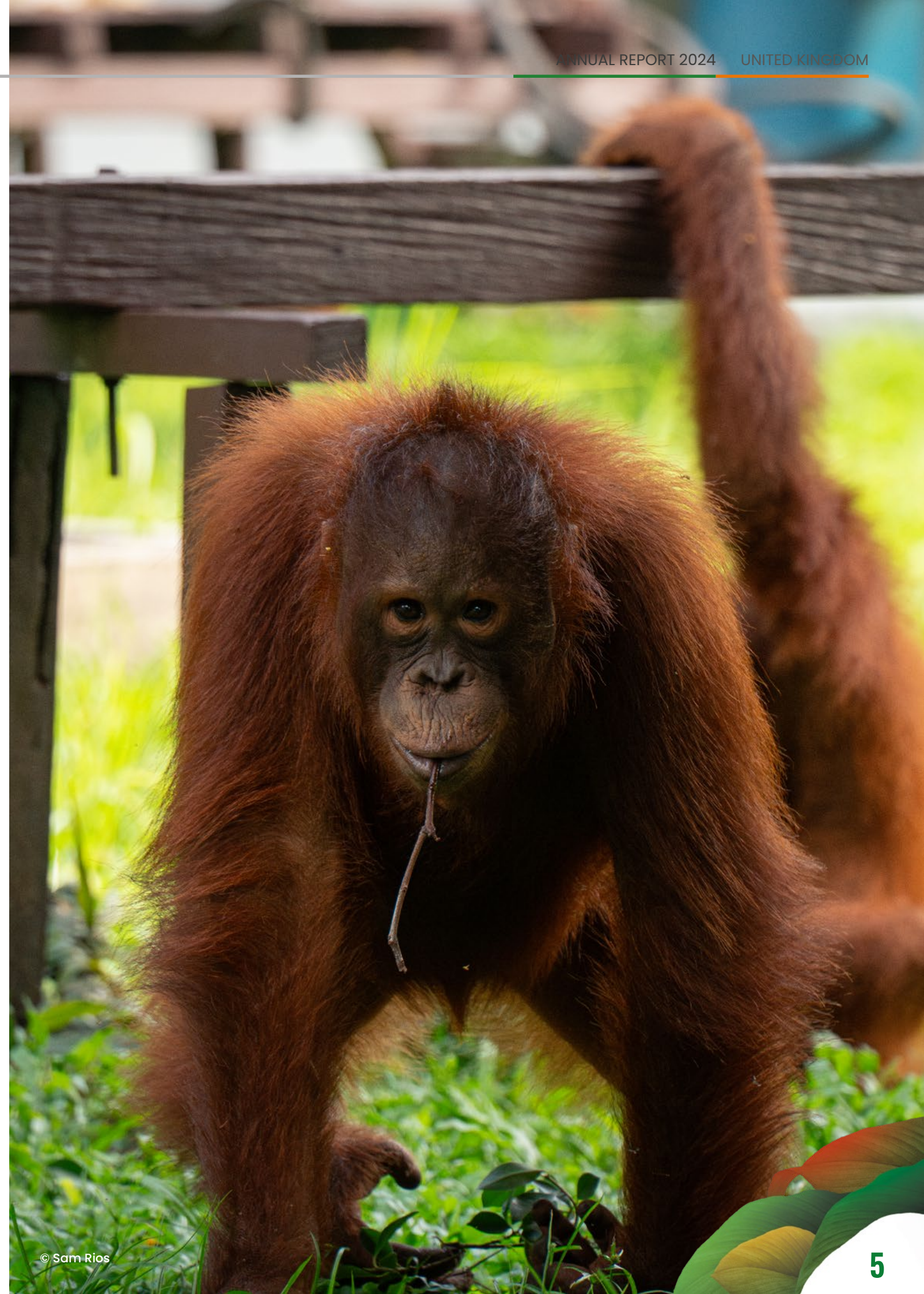
But our mission remains far from complete. Orangutans remain critically endangered, and the window to reverse their decline is narrowing. 2024 reinforced that the path forward requires unity, courage, and investment in long-term solutions: restoring forests, empowering local communities, and securing safe, viable wild populations for generations to come.

I remain deeply grateful for your steadfast belief in our work. Together, we are shaping a future where orangutans thrive in healthy forests, and where protecting them strengthens the wellbeing of our planet as a whole.

Thank you for standing with us,



Ben Callison
CEO – Borneo Orangutan Survival UK
Save orangutans, save our future.



BOS UK 2024 impact

Support for BOS Foundation

BOS UK continues its support throughout 2024 of BOS Foundation's industry leading work for ape conservation. Our BOS UK donors directly support the BOS Foundation rehabilitation center operations to ensure the highest level of care for our orangutans and sun bears.

£161,866 TOTAL FOR BOS FOUNDATION

BOS UK transferred £161,866 to BOS Foundation in 2024, all thanks to our myriad of amazing supporters. **Included in this we transferred:**

£91,855.85 FOR CONSTRUCTION AT NYARU MENTENG 2

As part of a global, multi-year campaign to relocate the Nyaru Menteng Rehabilitation Centre, funding supported BOS Foundation with essential furnishings and infrastructure, for the female dormitory, workstation, and night enclosures. All this contributes to the development of a new centre of excellence.

REFORESTATION OF MAWAS

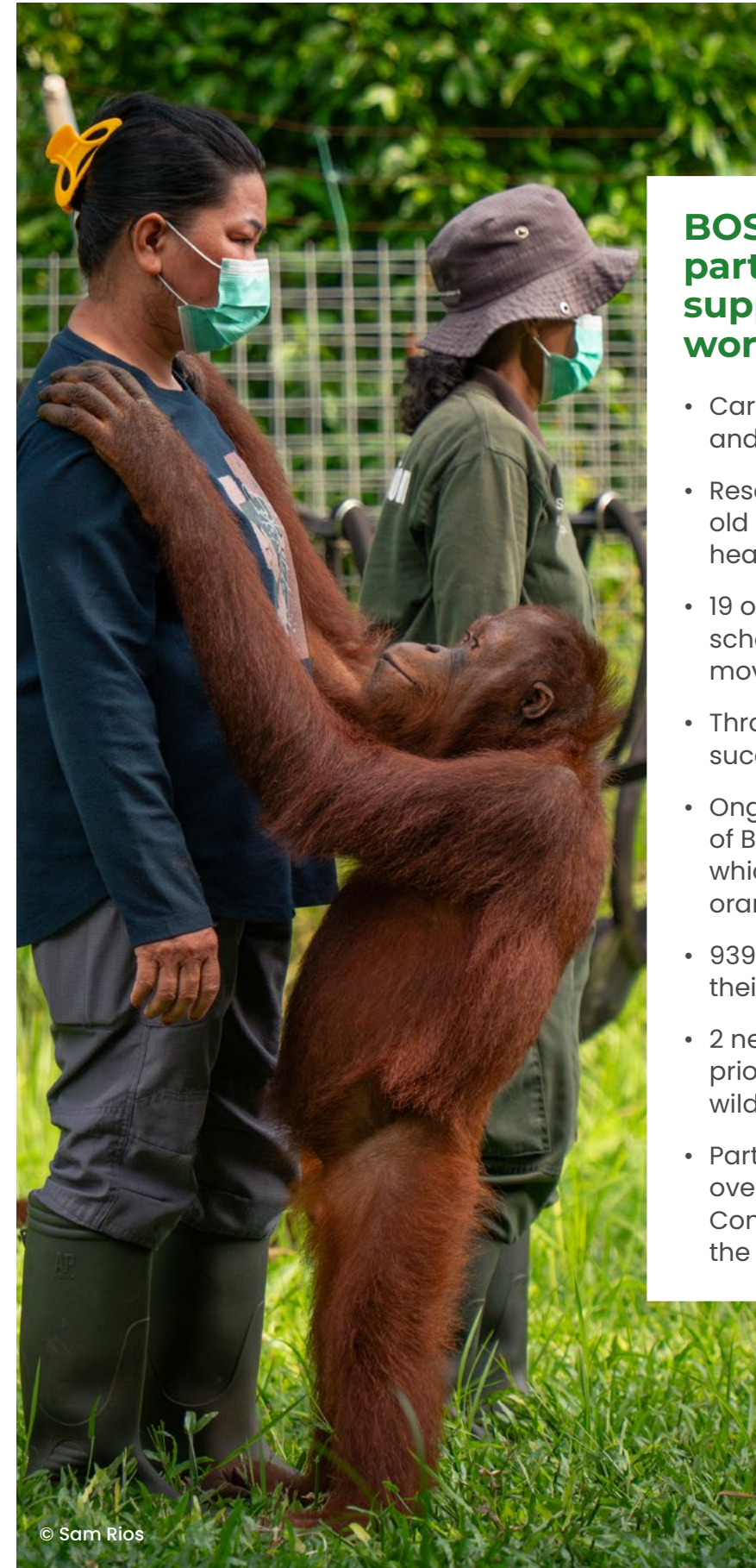
The Mawas Conservation Area in Central Kalimantan concentrates on preserving the existing population of wild orangutans living in a vast peat swamp forest. Reforestation activities include land and planting preparation.

ORANGUTAN FREEDOM

The release programme moves rehabilitated orangutans to either Sanctuary Islands, Pre-release Islands, or out to protected forests. Each release involves months of planning and careful execution, followed by two years of monitoring and tracking to ensure the species thrives for generations.

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 349 orangutans and 76 sun bears
- Rescue of 2 orangutans, including 10-month-old baby, Selfie, and the translocation of 3 healthy wild orangutans
- 19 orangutans that graduated from forest school for their final rehabilitation phase and moved to an enclosure-free, forested island
- Throughout 2024, 6 orangutans were successfully released into the wild at TNBBBR.
- Ongoing patrols for the continued protection of BOS Foundation's forest release sites which are home to hundreds of reintroduced orangutans.
- 939 total orangutans reintroduced back into their natural habitats since 1991
- 2 new orangutan births were recorded from prior released female orangutans totalling 39 wild-born babies
- Partnered with 20 local villages to maintain over 474,399 seedlings in the Mawas Conservation Area and planted 41,200 trees in the Samboja Lestari Rehabilitation Centre

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Fundraising

1667
DONORS

A total of 1667 donors are a part of our UK orangutan community. Of these **289** were new donors who we welcomed in 2024!

144 ADOPTERS

Our wonderful Orangutan Allies community grew to over **144** strong, and we now have adopters around the world supporting our orangutans on their journey to freedom.

BOS UK's impact, with your help:

- In June, BOS UK launched a joint fundraising effort to support the relocation and construction of the Nyaru Menteng Rehabilitation Centre to Nyaru Menteng II. This funding enabled BOS Foundation to break ground on two new forest islands, providing safe, natural habitats for unreleasable orangutans. Construction began on Island C which will be home to 2-3 orangutans.
- International Orangutan Day was celebrated on 19 August 2024, raising funds with matched donations doubling impact and awareness for the Nyaru Menteng II campaign and engaging supporters globally.
- BOS UK participated in Giving Tuesday for the first time, raising £1,980 through matched funding. The campaign also promoted volunteer recruitment, celebrated corporate partnerships, and attracted new supporters with 14% of donors giving for the first time.
- With the support of our generous donors, work continued to reforest 40 hectares (approximately 100 acres) of peat swamp forest in Mawas, Central Kalimantan, helping to restore vital orangutan habitat and protect carbon-rich ecosystems.
- At the end of the year, BOS UK published its first donor magazine, Orangutan, delivered directly to supporters' homes to strengthen donor care and support future fundraising.

"Wonderfully published. Quality on every page. Photos and stories were very relevant and educational. Will be an excellent tool to raise awareness and gain new followers and donors."

- Through BOS UK's wildlife trade and palm oil pledges, almost 1,500 people in the UK and worldwide were supported to live more ethical and sustainable lives, reducing pressure on orangutan habitats.

Rainforest Retreat



12 supporters welcomed across two Rainforest Retreats in March and August at Samboja Lestari Rehabilitation Centre, offering an immersive introduction to the work of BOS Foundation in Borneo. Guests stayed at Samboja Lodge and took part in yoga sessions within the heart of the rescue centre, fostering meaningful engagement, reflection, and a deeper understanding of orangutan rescue and rehabilitation.

Eloise, Rainforest Retreat guest

*"The location of the lodge, in the heart of it all, was the most incredible feeling. It was grounding and like nothing I'd ever experienced before...The yoga was wonderful and **to be starting my day with those views across the rainforest and the sound of the rain coming down was the perfect start to each adventure.**"*

Education &

YOUNG
ORANGUTAN
WARRIORS
CLUB

17 Education and Outreach talks were held by volunteers and BOS UK staff, including two reaching as far as Portugal and one on World Environment Day for educators to encourage the education programme, continuing our mission to inspire the young conservations of the future. These both bolstered our mission to raise funds and awareness in the UK and beyond for orangutan conservation.

Outreach



A really good partnership

Through the 1% For the Planet platform, BOS UK began a partnership with a wonderful B-Corp company called Doisy & Dam (Nurture Brands) who are driven to create a better world with better chocolate. As well as supporting BOS UK, they produce the best-quality chocolate and source from cocoa cooperatives backing hard-working cocoa farmers, which means more money going back into the local community.

During Easter, Doisy & Dam debuted the Really Good Egg, their first large Easter egg, and to celebrate we had a little party together. With piles of chocolates, VR headsets to experience young orangutans at Forest School and inspiring talks from BOS UK and Doisy & Dam, this was a sweet experience with a mission! The confectionery and conversations were flowing with the main takeaway (apart from bulging bags of delicious Doisy & Dam chocs) being that businesses can be used for good!

BOS UK egg hunter

"I never knew there were so many ways I could help this species."



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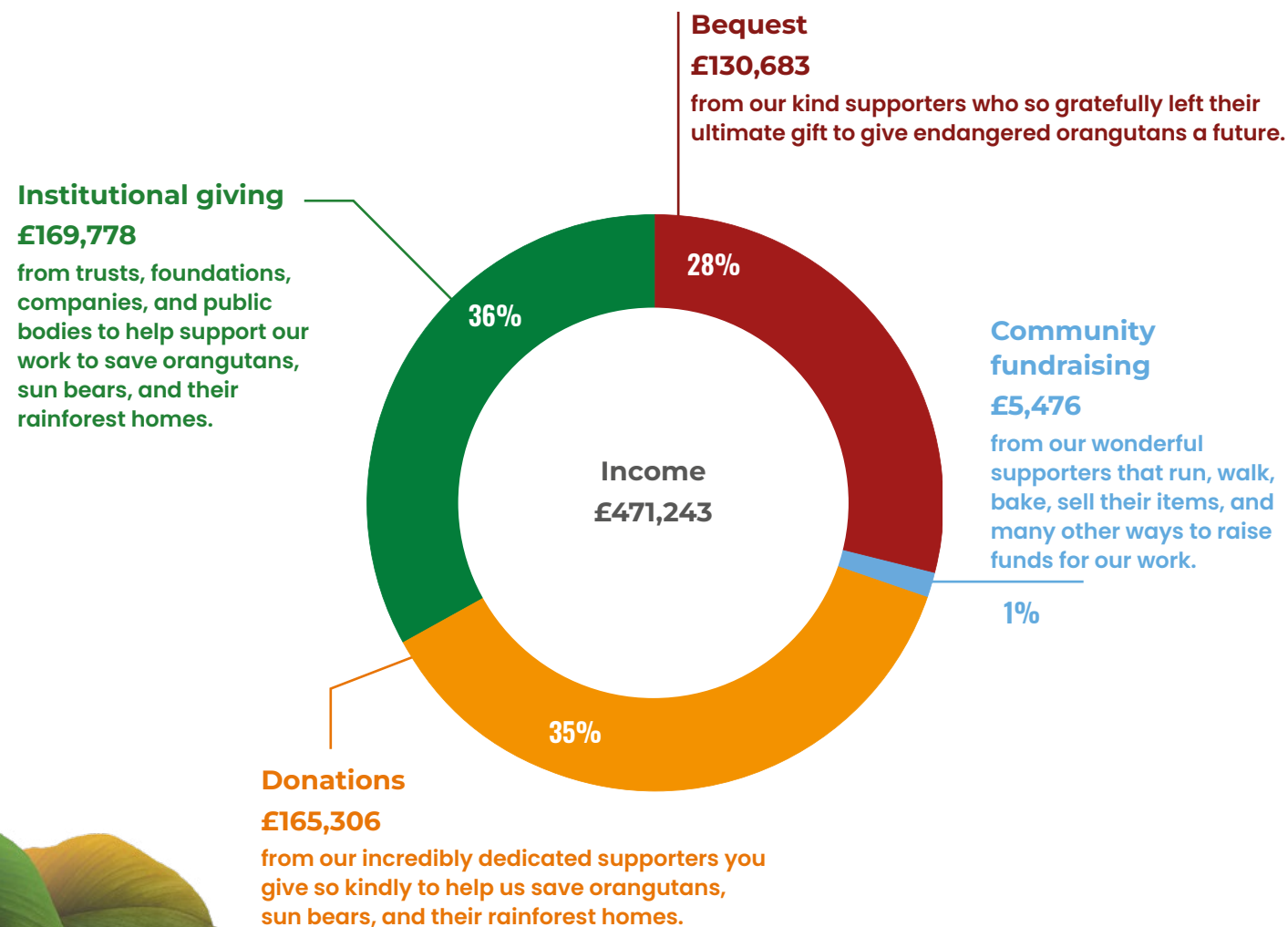
Financial Summary

Revenue

£471,243 total annual income for 2024

Income and endowments from (GBP)

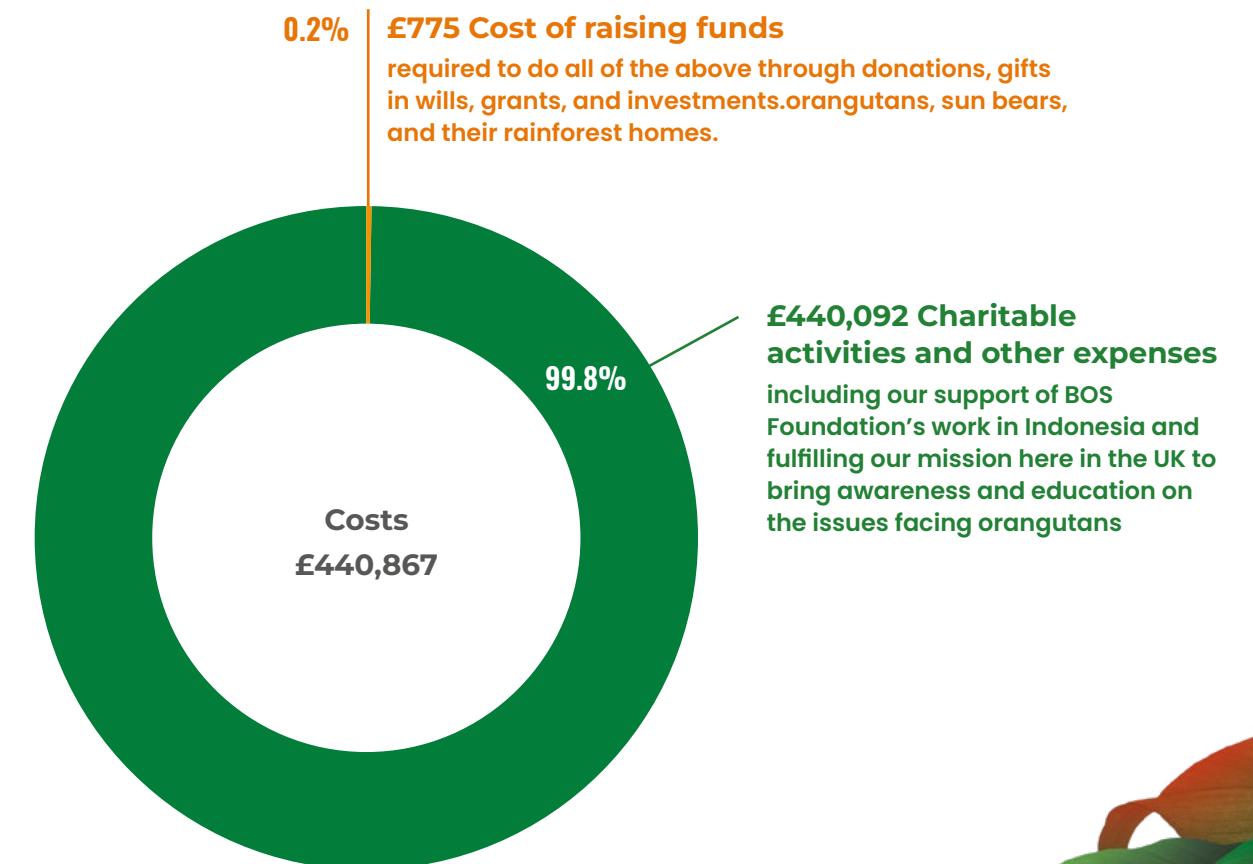
	2024			2023
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
Income and endowments	373,348	97,895	471,243	278,496
Expenditures including grants made to BOSF	(66,000)	(97,895)	(161,866)	(112,089)
Net Income			309,377	116,407



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Summary income and expenditure Account

	2024	2023
Gross income for the year	471,243	278,496
Expenditure	440,867	208,897
Grants made to BOSF	161,866	112,089
Total expenditure for the year	602,733	320,986
Net (expenditure)/income for the year	30,376	(42,490)



Thank you to all who supported us...

A warm thanks to all who have donated and supported us

- Constance Travis Charitable Trust
- Mrs D M Hayhurst Foundation
- The ROB Trust
- The David Burrows Charitable Trust
- Charities Aid Foundation ADF
- Mitchell Trust
- Kenneth Hargreaves Charitable Trust
- Tyldesley Charitable Settlement
- Jutta Riesenger EstateP

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)
- Truant (2024)
- Turnstyle Designs (2023)
- Under the Skin of Endangered Animals (2021)
- Vui Vui (2019)

Survival Supporter

Below £1000

- 34sp.com (2017)
- Backhouse Bet (2023)
- Incognito (2023)
- London Law Collective (2021)
- Nicola Jane Art (2022)
- Pymatek Automation (2023)
- Sunlover Ltd (2023)
- SunVit-D3 (2023)
- The Truthbrush Ltd (2024)
- QRFY.com (2024)

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

The cause of this foundation is very noble and admirable.

Rodrigo, Orangutan Ally

We need to save these beautiful creatures - they don't deserve to lose their habitat...

Maureen, Orangutan Ally

I love that you are saving these amazing beautiful Orangutans. Bless you all.

Helen, Orangutan Ally and adopter

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



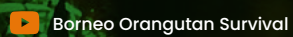
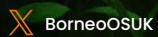
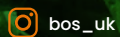


BOS UK supports the BOS Foundation and in 2024 they implemented great progress across our 4 global core strategies. [Read BOS Foundation's 2024 Annual Report*](#) for more details.

* <https://www.orangutan.or.id/cfind/source/files/annual-reports/bosf-annual-report-2024.pdf>

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