



## Fact Sheet: BOS

Borneo Orangutan Survival (BOS) does the following:

- rescues sick and injured orangutans in the two rehabilitation centres in Borneo (Nyaru Menteng, Wanariset).
- protects the forest that the orangutans are dependent upon by replanting new forest in collaboration with the local populations and by lobbying to preserve the most important forest areas.
- conducts and supports research and spreads information about problems facing orangutans and how to solve them.

BOS is an Indonesian non-governmental organization that is working to preserve the orangutans and their habitat.

The idea for the organization came about in the beginning of 1990 when a group of committed scientists together with their students took care of a few orangutans who were in dire need of help after having been rescued from previous captivity. After the large forest fires that struck Indonesia in 1997 and 1998, when hundreds of orangutans needed to be care for in a larger and more constructed way the organization was founded in it s current form.

Today around 300 people, consisting of veterinarians, researcher, park rangers and many others, work together in the world largest rehabilitations project for orangutans.

Since 2003 BOS has grown and now has a number of national affiliates in countries like the UK, Germany, Denmark, Sweden, Holland and the United States. The number of projects in Indonesia has also increased. In 2003 the name of the organization was changed to Borneo Orangutan Survival *Foundation* (BOSF). The United States is the latest country to start up a national office under the name of Orangutan Outreach.

The main BOS office is in Bogor just outside Jakarta. The BOSF board is lead by Ir. Djameludin Suryohadikusumo, former Minister of Forestry in Indonesia. The board is assisted by a scientific counsel that consists of orangutan experts and other experts (such as forestry, deforestation, biology) from around the world.

*Borneo Orangutan Survival International* is the umbrella organization for BOS affiliates and supporting organizations worldwide. The BOS affiliates (National Member Organization) are all supporting the projects carried out and managed by BOS Foundation in Indonesia. In respect to the need for financial support to run these projects, BOS International is supporting its National Member Organizations with tools to conduct fundraising. BOS International also supports its members and partners with news and updates from BOS Foundation's projects in Indonesian Borneo, Kalimantan.