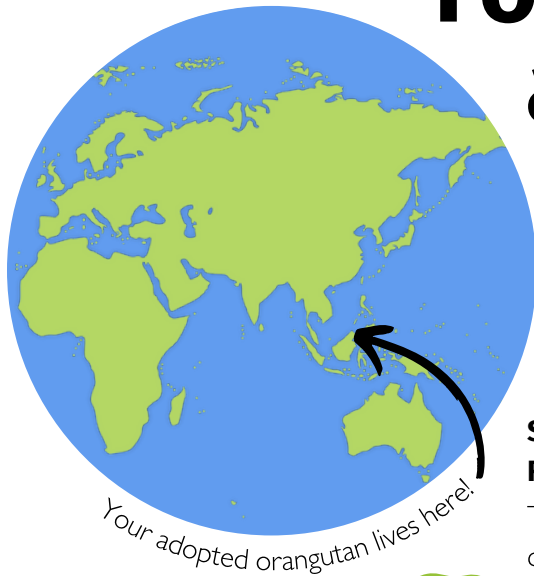


You've adopted an orangutan

You are now part of their story

Once found throughout much of Southeast Asia, orangutans are now limited to the remaining rainforests of Borneo and Sumatra.



Your adopted orangutan lives here!

Person of the forest

The word orangutan comes from the Malay language, blending the word 'orang' (person) with 'hutan' (forest). Literally translating as person of the forest.



Sepilok Orangutan Rehabilitation Centre

The world's first orangutan rehabilitation centre to rescue orphaned, injured and displaced orangutans and ultimately release them back into the wild.

Nest builders

High in the treetops, orangutans weave a nest out of branches and leaves, to sleep in every evening.



Critically endangered

There are fewer than 105,000 Bornean orangutans left in the wild.

Bornean orangutan

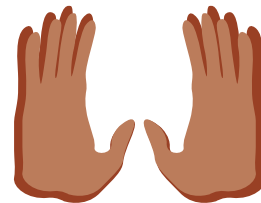
Their scientific name is *Pongo pygmaeus*. Pygmaeus, meaning dwarf, distinguishes the species from their larger Sumatran counterparts.

Illness

Orangutans can suffer from the same health issues as humans, including coughs and fevers.

Great ape

Part of the Great Ape family, along with gorillas, chimpanzees, bonobos & humans!

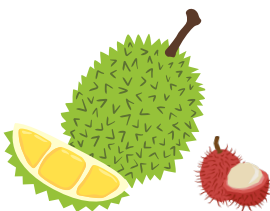


Hand-like feet

Opposable thumbs on their feet and hands with long, flexible fingers and toes make orangutans expert climbers.

Fruit lovers

Orangutans are primarily frugivores, meaning they eat mostly fruit including figs, durian and rambutan. They also like bark, roots, leaves and termites.



Long lifespan

Orangutans can live for around 40 years in the wild. An infant orangutan stays with its mother for up to 8 years before being able to live independently.

Highly intelligent

Problem solving, tool use, memory skills, navigation, social intelligence and emotional awareness are just some of the traits which make orangutans one of the most intelligent primates.

Self-reliant

Wild orangutans lead predominantly solitary lives, with adult males and females generally living alone.

Individual personalities

Just like humans they have distinct personalities, and exhibit a wide range of emotions such as joy, fear, compassion and curiosity. Sharing 96.4% of our DNA, they are one of our closest cousins.

Gentle giants

Males can weigh up to 90kg. Despite their formidable size, they are rarely aggressive and have a very docile nature.



Why do orangutans need our help?

Orangutans are critically endangered meaning they face an extremely high risk of extinction in the wild.

The main threats to their survival are:

- Habitat Loss & Deforestation
- Illegal Logging & Mining
- Hunting & Poaching
- Illegal Wildlife Trade
- Climate Change

Source: IUCN Red List of Threatened Species

Orangutan Appeal UK is working hard to create a sustainable future for the orangutans. Read more about our efforts and follow our progress on our website.

