

## About OFI & Our Work

Established in 1986 by Dr. Biruté Mary Galdikas, Orangutan Foundation International (OFI) is a nonprofit charity. We care deeply about conservation *and* animal welfare, and have protected more than 1.5 million acres of rainforest habitat and saved hundreds of captive and orphaned orangutans from death or a dire life in captivity—*giving them a second chance to grow up and be free.*

**Orangutan Care Center and Quarantine.** Established in 1998, the OCCQ was created for rescued and confiscated wild-born, ex-captive orangutans needing medical and other care in preparation for their release back into the wild.

**Habitat Protection.** OFI works in cooperation with the Indonesian government and communities in Borneo to expand national parks, establish reserves, buy land, and replant degraded forest areas to create permanently-protected orangutan habitat. Through its forest ranger patrol program, OFI prevents illegal logging, mining, poaching, and palm oil encroachment in protected forest habitat.

**Outreach and Education.** OFI raises awareness about the plight of orangutans and other wildlife species through a wide variety of local and global outreach and education programs.

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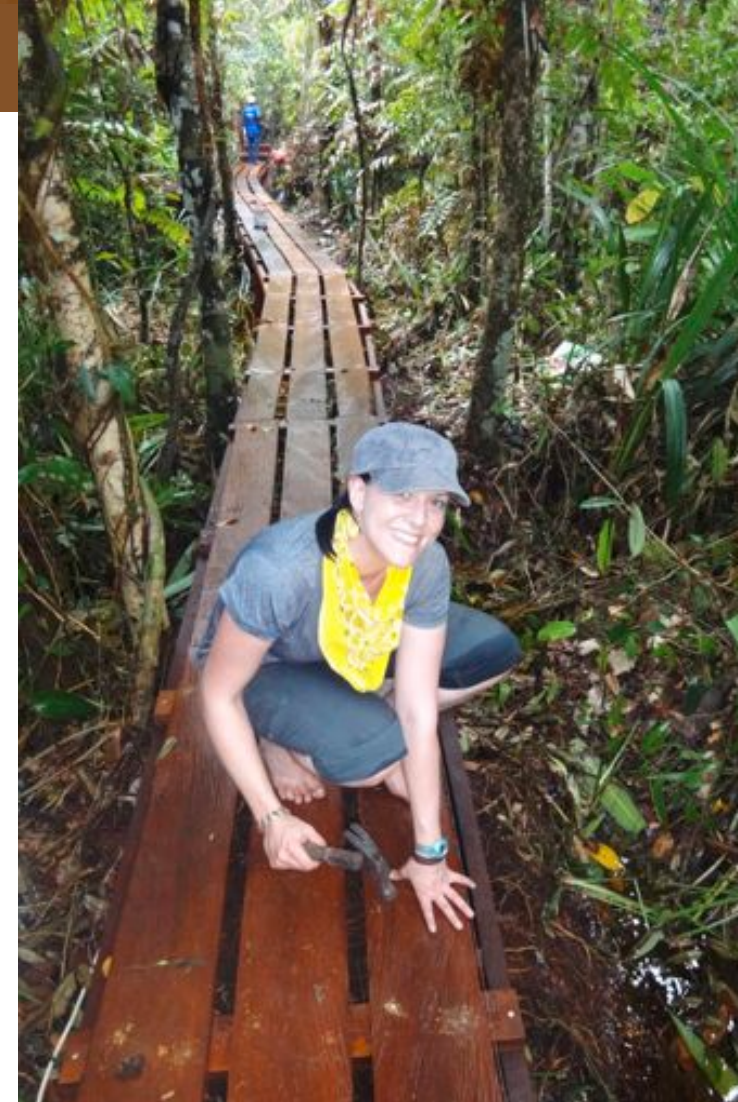


### Testimonials

**“My husband and I agree** that this was the most wonderful, life-changing adventure we’ve ever had. We loved being in the rainforest and seeing more stars in the sky than we thought imaginable. Hearing an orangutan male’s long call reverberating throughout the equatorial rainforest made us feel as if we had time-traveled back to an unspoiled planet. We did not want to come home.”

**“I loved waking up...** to the gibbons and orangutans vocalizing.”

**“So, that was our mission.** Build a walkway... with Ironwood. We sawed and chopped and carried and sweated... a lot... but it was all worth it. That walkway was made from love and compassion and laughter. It was our gift. I would do it all again...”



## Construction Teams

**Short-Term  
Volunteer Program**

# Why join us?

The situation facing orangutans in the wild is bleak but not hopeless. All orangutan populations are under threat from habitat loss caused primarily by the conversion of tropical rain forest to palm oil and other plantations, as well as illegal logging and mining. Orangutans need the rainforest to survive.

Orangutan Foundation International (OFI) is doing everything in its power to protect as much orangutan habitat (tropical rainforest), as possible, especially in and around Tanjung Puting National Park, while simultaneously re-introducing hundreds of rehabilitated orphans back into the wild

The Field Construction Volunteer Program was developed because concerned individuals asked to participate directly in the work. We believe that together we can ensure wild orangutans do not become extinct in our lifetime.



Get your hands dirty and help save one of the earth's most biodiverse areas!

For more information visit: [www.orangutan.org/construction\\_volunteering](http://www.orangutan.org/construction_volunteering)

**Come to Borneo**, the world's oldest jungle, and help OFI build a much-needed structure! You may be building a bridge, an enclosure, an infant orangutan jungle gym, or another structure to help OFI continue our work to save orangutans in the rainforest. Field volunteers complete projects that aid critically important aspects of our on-the-ground programs.

**Where:** Program projects may take place at the Orangutan Care Center & Quarantine (OCCQ), Camp Leakey, guard posts, plant nursery facilities, or other sites to be determined.

**When:** OFI brings three teams of volunteers every summer. Each team—about 12 people strong—stays for three weeks.

### A Typical Work Day:

7:00 am to 8:00 am – Breakfast  
8:00 am – Work begins  
12:00 noon – Lunch break  
1:00 pm – Work continues  
5:00 pm – Work ends; time to bathe  
7:00 pm – Dinner  
7:30 pm – Discussion of day's events & next day's work  
9:00 pm – Bed (at volunteer's discretion)

### Be Ready For:

- Hands-on manual work in a hot, humid, equatorial environment with buzzing and biting insects and poisonous snakes; basic, remote, isolated living conditions; no running hot water, rudimentary toilet and shower facilities.
- Possibly sleeping in the middle of the forest in temporary shelters.
- Three meals per day (rice and vegetables, possibly supplemented by eggs, chicken, tofu or fish).
- Construction work: building, carrying, sawing, cutting, etc.; heavy lifting is required!  
*And the opportunity to see orangutans!*

**How to Apply:** Fill out the application on our website, and send us your resume and cover letter.

Volunteers do not need experience in the field, just a desire to help, a sincere interest in forest conservation and orangutan survival, a willingness to work hard, and a passion for OFI's work!

Applicants must be 18 years of age or older, have a good level of physical fitness, and be in good mental and emotional health. Volunteers must have flexibility, patience, integrity, and the ability to adapt to changing conditions and work as part of a team.

