

Our achievements

Report for BOS AUSTRALIA– 2009/2010

TOTAL FUNDING FOR ORANGUTAN WELFARE FOR 2009/10 WAS OVER \$460,000

\$78,000.00 for the Wanariset Orangutans.

With the Indonesian government making a firm commitment to rehabilitate and release Orangutans currently held in sanctuaries over the next few years, an important component of this strategy is the transfer of the remaining Orangutans currently held at Wanariset to Samboja Lestari. The concept behind this transfer is to centralize the Orangutans held within these two sanctuaries, so that consistent enrichment and rehabilitation programs can be developed. Both of these management tools are a vital role in supporting the long term reintroduction plan – BOS Australia has contributed to this vital program by providing a portion of the funding required to achieve this goal.

\$86,000.00 for Nyaru Menteng

Nyaru Menteng houses the largest number of Orangutan orphans in any sanctuary and as a result a huge amount of resources, funding and support are essential to keep this project going. The project is run by the famous Danish woman – Lone Dröscher Neilson – this woman works alongside the Indonesian government and local staff to feed, care, rehabilitate and hopefully reintroduce these animals back to a semi wild or wild environment. This money is contribution to the overall running costs of looking after some 700 orphan Orangutans!!

\$26,000.00 for Orangutan Welfare

Orangutans are among the most intelligent and physically strong animals that exist. As they grow and mature, these animals can become challenging to manage, particularly as they need to be housed and managed as naturally semi solitary animals that often prefer the company of themselves to other Orangutans. The \$26,000.00 sent over by BOS Australia forms part of the welfare management scheme for the Orangutans that are no longer babies but are not quite adults yet. These animals are housed in” halfway houses” where animals are provided with a secure area to be housed in with tough enrichment items to manipulate and play with – a bit like Orangutan high school.

\$28,000.00 for Medical Equipment

As part of the management for the animals currently housed at Samboja Lestari, medical assessments are required for all residents. This is an essential management tool to ensure that all the animals are in good medical health to ensure they can be cared for. An Xray machine is an important tool to help provide a range of different medical and health information on all of the Orangutans held in care – this money purchased an Xray machine which enabled the staff at Samboja Lestari to develop health profiles on each individual.

\$250,000.00

This is certainly the big achievement for BOS Australia this financial year as a large scale donation, by Mr John Cochrane, was made to help support the work undertaken by our organisation in support of the projects in Indonesia. The development of this relationship is a key component of the Indonesian government's long term plan to reintroduce Orangutans back into the wild. There are many steps in this lengthy but exciting process and the funds contributed by John Cochrane was supported through negotiations by representatives from BOS Australia. A fantastic outcome.