



Help Prevent Orangutans From Becoming Extinct! What You Can Do Now!

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Did you know....

That orangutans will be extinct in 10 years!

Orangutans are found in Indonesia and Malaysia only on the islands of Borneo and Sumatra.

The two species of orangutans are Bornean and Sumatran.

Orangutans are a species of great ape. Great apes are a group of mammals that have large brains. Humans are just like orangutans. We share 96.4% of our genetic make up with orangutans.

Orangutans live up to 45 years in the wild. The longest living orangutan is "Guas" who lived at the Philadelphia Zoo till age 58.

Orangutan means "person of the forest". It comes from the Malay words "orang" meaning people and "hutan" meaning forest.

Unlike other apes, orangutans are not very social. Adult males are normally found alone. Females are found with one or two offspring.

Orangutans are arboreal. Arboreal means "tree living". They are the largest arboreal animals in the world and are well adapted for life in the trees. Orangutans can swing from branch to branch with both hands and feet. This helps them go through the forest canopy. Orangutans make and sleep in a new nest every night.

Many people are not aware of what orangutans eat. Orangutans are fruit-eating apes. Ninety percent of their diet consists of fruit but, orangutans also consume nectar, honey, bark, leaves, insects, and fungi. Their favorite fruit is the durian. Durian are renowned for their horrible smell.

Female orangutans have their first baby at about 14-15 years old. Their pregnancies are shorter than humans. A typical orangutan pregnancy last for about eight and a half months. Baby orangutans learn to live and survive in the wild. They will wait till about 7 or 8 years old to finally leave their mom. Female orangutans will have babies every eight years. They will most likely have 3 or 4 offspring during their lifespans.

As many people know orangutans are an endangered species. There were over 315,000 wild orangutans at one time. Now, there are only 50,000 orangutans left in the wild. This is a decrease of 80% over the past 100 years. Only 7,000 of them now live in Sumatra. People know orangutans face extinction, but they might not know why. Increasingly growing palm oil producing companies are clear cutting and burning the natural rainforest habitats to create new agricultural spaces for farming palm oil producing trees. 80% of orangutan habitats have been destroyed over the past 20 years. Occasionally some careless plantation owner will come and kill an orangutan. They consider these animals pests. Logging and poaching are also responsible for the dramatic decline of the wild orangutan population.

Caring organizations have created rehabilitation centers to help sick, injured, and orphaned orangutans. The ultimate aim of these international groups is to save the species and reintroduce them back into the wild. Check out some of the links to the right. They are a great place to start your research and see just what you and your

Together we can make a difference and save the wild orangutan from facing imminent extinction in just 10 years!

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- [Borneo Orangutan Survival](#) Great orangutan preservation site!
- [Mrs. Carlen's Class Website](#) Website created by Mrs. Carlen's 7A Class.
- [National Zoo Orangutan Webcam](#) Great webcam of the orangutan habitat.
- [Orangutan International Foundation](#) Foundation created to help save the orangutans.
- [Philadelphia Zoo](#) Philadelphia Zoo
- [Pongo Foundation](#) Site devoted to rescuing orphaned orangutans.
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30 Possible Ways Palm Oil Can Be Named In A Label

Foods, Body Products, Cosmetics & Cleaning Agents:

- Vegetable Oil
 - Vegetable Fat
 - Sodium Laureth Sulfate (in almost everything that foams) ^
 - Sodium Lauryl Sulfate ^
 - Sodium Dodecyl Sulphate (SDS or NaDS) ^
 - Palm Kernel#
 - Palm Oil Kernel #
 - Palm Fruit Oil #
 - Palmate #
 - Palmitate #
 - Palmolein #
 - Glyceryl Stearate #
 - Stearic Acid #
 - Elaeis Guineensis #
 - Palmitic Acid #
 - Palm Stearine #
 - Palmitoyl oxostearamide #
 - Palmitoyl tetrapeptide-3 #
 - Steareth -2 *
 - Steareth -20 *
 - Sodium Kernelate #
 - Sodium Palm Kernelate #
 - Sodium Lauryl Lactylate/Sulphate *
 - Sodium Lauryl Sulfoacetate ^
 - Hydrated Palm Glycerides #
 - Sodium Isostearyl Lactylate ^
 - Cetyl Palmitate #
 - Octyl Palmitate #
 - Cetyl Alcohol ^
 - Palmityl Alcohol #
- # These ingredients are definitely palm oil or derived from palm oil.

* These ingredients are often derived from palm oil, but could be derived from other vegetable oils.

^ These ingredients are either derived from palm oil or coconut oil.

IMPORTANT:

Click here for a detailed list of companies that have chosen to become members of the RSPO (Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil). Support these companies! They have made a commitment to use only palm oil purchased from a sustainable palm oil plantation.

Click here for more information about the RSPO

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