Preface

2020 marks the 20th anniversary of the founding of YEL. With the Covid-19 pandemic, it has also been a year full of challenges for everyone, and for many if not most of us, a chance for self-reflection, which for YEL has had us considering our overall strategy looking ahead.

YEL has become one of the pioneer organizations in our efforts to conserve natural resources in a sustainable manner, in collaboration with the Indonesian Government along with many other partners, including local, national and international communities. We are proud to collaborate and embrace such diversity, and indeed it may actually be such a large key to our success, and what makes us stronger as an organization.

I am very proud of YEL's achievements, which are wide-reaching and incredibly efficient. Our work focus on immediate conservation needs with a cost-effective and practical approach, has allowed YEL to be successful in achieving much over such a relatively short period of time.

I, on behalf of the entire YEL family, would like to express my gratitude to all YEL's partners and supporters, across Indonesia and beyond, for our joint achievements over the past 20 years.

I firmly believe that there is reason for hope and optimism, every day. The world is by the day gaining a better understanding of interconnectivity, in terms of our place as humans in nature, but also too how all of our actions can affect one another, even across the planet. More and more we hear news of conservation threats and the climate crisis, but so too are there calls to action to do something about it, and steps taken towards doing so. With that then we at YEL are gratified to play our part, but we're most excited to keep pushing forward, towards achieving more towards our mission. So, thank you for taking an interest in our work, and we look forward to working together with you, for the good of our planet!

dr. Sofyan Tan
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YEL Established
The non-profit organization focused on conservation, environmental education and community development.

2004

Community Development
Actively involved in the post-disaster support for the tsunami in Aceh.

2008

Orangutan Coffee
Initiate Orangutan Coffee. Involving local coffee farmers of Gayo Highland.

2010

Orangutan Survey
Conduct Orangutan survey.

Jantho Reintroduction Center
Jantho Reintroduction Center established.

YEL - 20 Years of Conservation Actions
2011

Jantho Reintroduction Center

Sikundur Monitoring Station
The station provides exciting new knowledge about Sumatra orangutans in previous logged lowland dipterocarp tropical rainforest.

2012

Repeat Orangutan Survey
Repeat Orangutan survey.

2014

Orangutan Tapanuli
Introduction of a new orangutan species, Orangutan Tapanuli (Pongo tapanuliensis)

2018

Batang Toru Ecosystem
Increased land status for the Batang Toru Ecosystem, from 25% to 85% protection and conservation

2019

2020

YEL’s 20th Anniversary
Throughout its 20 years, YEL has conserve the critical habitat, to save the endangered species through local partnership and community engagement.
YEL - 20 Years of Conservation Actions
Orangutan Rescue, Rehabilitation and Reintroduction to the Wild

Creating New Wild And Independence Population in Jantho and Jambi

Started in 2001, YEL under its Sumatran Orangutan Conservation Programme (SOCP) maintains the first and largest centre in Sumatra that cares for and rehabilitates orangutans confiscated from the illegal pet trade. To date, the SOCP has rescued over 500 orangutans, and successfully reintroduced over 180 back since 2003 at its reintroduction stations next at the Bukit Tigapuluh National Park in Jambi province, and an additional 120 since 2011 at its station in the Jantho Pine Forest Nature Reserve in Aceh province. The goal at both locations is to establish entirely new, genetically viable, self-sustaining populations of this Critically Endangered species in lush, biodiverse forests spread out across the island. In case you are wondering, we’ve got a lot more orangutans still at our Quarantine and Rehabilitation Centre, but especially now out of an abundance of caution with the pandemic – reintroductions are not permitted by the Government, meaning we’ve got to hold onto them a while longer!
YEL - 20 Years of Conservation Actions
Biodiversity Research & Survey

Long-term data collection and analysis on orangutans in Sumatra

YEL and its Sumatran Orangutan Conservation Programme (SOCP) continue to conduct field research across three stations spanning different habitat types and distribution of orangutans in Sumatra: Suaq Balimbing Station in the district of Aceh Tengah, Aceh province, Sikundur in the district of Langkat, North Sumatra, and Camp Mayang in South Tapanuli, North Sumatra. In addition to orangutan behavioral data collected from painstakingly following them from dawn-dusk, climatological and phenological data are also collected to create a more complete long-term picture of orangutan ecology. These data are a vital contribution to the scientific community’s overall understanding of the needs of both species of orangutan in Sumatra, and they provide insight into the dynamics of orangutan behavior and how they adapt to a changing world. These are then used by the Indonesian Government and other important stakeholders to develop and enhance conservation actions related to orangutans and their remaining forested habitat, in addition to many other threatened species (e.g., Sumatran tigers, Sumatran elephants, Sumatran rhinos) found in these same areas.
YEL - 20 Years of Conservation Actions
For the last 20 years YEL has been actively involved in the conservation of the two main strongholds of both species of orangutan on Sumatra, the Leuser Ecosystem and the Batang Toru Ecosystem. The 2.6 million hectare Leuser Ecosystem is one of the most biodiverse environments on earth, home to orangutans, tigers, elephants, rhinos, and countless other species, while the 800,000 hectare Batang Toru Ecosystem is the last and only home for less than 800 individuals of the recently identified Tapanuli orangutan – making this the most endangered great ape on the planet, nearly immediately after it was discovered. In addition to providing a home for many, many species of wildlife, both ecosystems also play important roles in providing valuable ecosystem services to communities living in and around them – but also too to the global community (e.g. carbon). As such, all of our work is ultimately based around trying to prevent deforestation and habitat loss from taking place, such that orangutans are never displaced, and the ecosystem services that both people and wildlife depend on alike are left intact.

One of YEL’s highlighted plans in 2020 was to conduct an updated orangutan distribution survey across the Sumatra, as this was last carried out in 2009-2011. The results from these surveys allow us to evaluate population trends and re-evaluate the conservation management of both the Sumatran and Tapanuli orangutans. Unfortunately, with the pandemic our ability to deploy across so much of the island was hindered, but as conditions allow, we are continuing to survey the forests – as it’s of vital importance to have an accurate picture of current conditions. Knowledge is power, as they say!
YEL - 20 Years of Conservation Actions
The Covid-19 pandemic has brought many challenges to all of us throughout the world, affecting most everything in our daily lives. However, we’re pleased to share it has also highlighted the resiliency and adaptability of the environmental education team at YEL. We’ve gone online with new information materials and workshops, allowing us to stay engaged with communities, teachers, and students throughout Sumatra.

A real highlight of 2020 was the formation of an outreach and education team to flesh out the learning experience we’ll offer visitors to our Orangutan Haven. We have solicited input from local communities on the issues related to conservation that most affects their daily lives, and used these suggestions to produce an educational concept catered to the needs of those people that would have the most direct impact on the forests of Indonesia. Of course, we plan on hosting people from all over the world, so that more can know of the amazing diversity of life on our shared planet, and we can all gain the skills, knowledge and confidence to make for a better world for everything and everyone.
Community Development

Giving the world some really great coffee!

YEL has been a co-implementor of the Orang Utan Coffee Project since 2007. Partnering with more than 500 smallholder coffee farmers around the Gayo Highlands of Aceh Province, the Project integrates sustainable development, nature conservation, and promotes corporate social responsibility. Orang Utan Coffee follows a strict set of guidelines, and grants a premium to help improve the livelihoods of partner farmers and as well as to SOCP, to support all its work to help save the rainforests of Sumatra.
FINANCIAL REPORT
### Balance Sheet (in IDR) 2020

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### Statement of Activities (in IDR):

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**Surplus**

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