



SOS Sumatran
Orangutan
Society

Gifts in Wills Guide

Seeds of hope for future generations

A message from our CEO

At Sumatran Orangutan Society, our mission is simple but profound: to protect wild orangutans, their forests, and their future. Every step we take towards that goal is powered by compassion, generosity, and a shared belief in a world where people and nature can thrive together.

The work that SOS and our dedicated partners are doing to protect, connect, and rewild the orangutans' forest home fills me with optimism every day. Together, we are securing lasting protection for the forest corridors that are vital to the survival of orangutans and countless other species who share their home.

I am continually bowled over by the kindness of those who choose to leave a gift in their will to SOS. It is one of the most meaningful and humbling acts of support we can receive. A gift in your will is a promise - a belief that the forests of Sumatra, and the wildlife within them, deserve to thrive long after we are gone.

To everyone who has already made that extraordinary decision, and to those considering it, thank you. Your generosity will help future generations of orangutans swing freely through healthy forests once more and ensure our shared hope for a wilder world endures.

Thank you,



Helen Buckland, CEO



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Why Leave a Gift in Your Will to SOS?

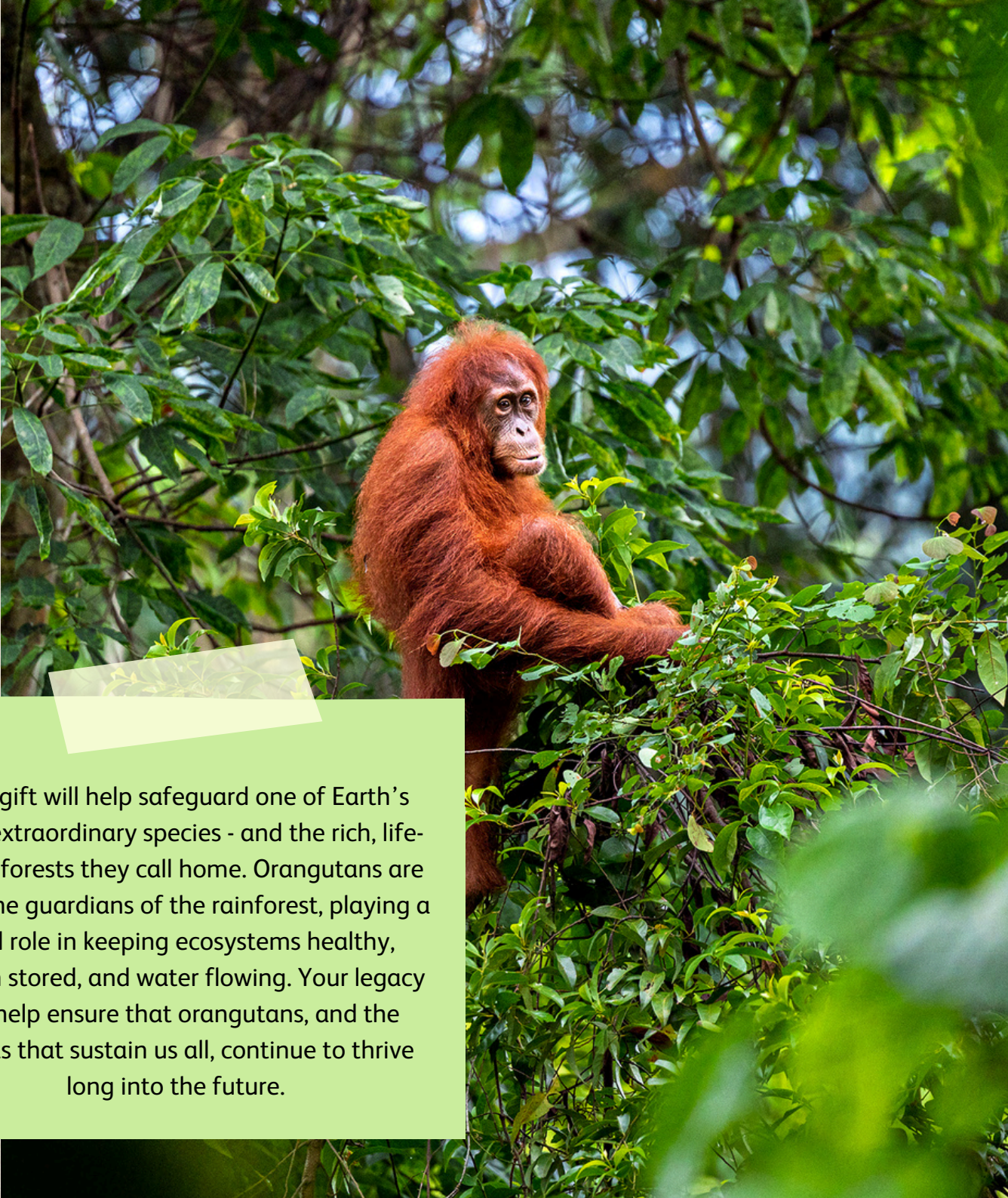
Leaving a gift in your will to your chosen charity is a powerful way to make a lasting impact for the causes you care about.

By choosing to leave a gift to SOS, you can help us protect, connect and rewild the irreplaceable rainforests in Sumatra.

Your gift can help orangutans, as well as the people living alongside them, to thrive in flourishing forest landscapes.

From over two decades supporting frontline conservation partners, we know that orangutan conservation is a long-term and complex issue.

To secure a safe future for wild orangutans, we need to design conservation programmes which help orangutans, nature and people thrive, together.



Your gift will help safeguard one of Earth's most extraordinary species - and the rich, life-giving forests they call home. Orangutans are keystone guardians of the rainforest, playing a vital role in keeping ecosystems healthy, carbon stored, and water flowing. Your legacy will help ensure that orangutans, and the forests that sustain us all, continue to thrive long into the future.

Our Approach

Our vision

Wild orangutans thriving in resilient forests

Our mission

Protecting orangutans, their forests and their future

Our Goals



Protect

Standing forests kept secure and stable, viable wild orangutan populations sustained.



Connect

Isolated forests connected, fragmentation of orangutan populations reversed.



Rewild

Degraded forest ecosystems in orangutan landscapes recovered and rewilded.



Our Strategy



Root Causes

Understanding specific drivers and patterns of threats enables us to plan effectively and respond rapidly

Seeds of Sustainable Development

Enabling and supporting local communities to pursue development without forest loss

Space to Flourish

Engaging all stakeholders to secure the future of forest landscapes

Evolving Conservation

Forming positive partnerships to share our skills and help allies

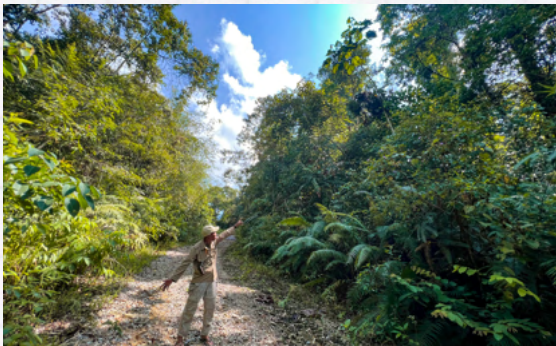


Our Work

We work alongside frontline partners in Sumatra, Indonesia – the only place on Earth where both the Sumatran and Tapanuli orangutans are found in the wild.

Sadly, both species are classified as Critically Endangered.

Our work focuses on two key landscapes: West Toba and Batang Toru – areas vital for the survival of orangutans and the incredible biodiversity they live alongside.



Our “eyes in the sky, boots on the ground” approach combines science, data, and evidence to design our programmes whilst creating and maintaining meaningful collaboration with Sumatra’s rural communities.



Working alongside our frontline partners, local authorities and forest-edge communities, by 2030 we aim to contribute to the protection and restoration of 1.8 million hectares of orangutan habitat



The responsibility we have...
we are guardians of this planet.
That's why I support SOS.
They give me hope.

Brian Blessed, SOS Patron



How to Leave a Gift in Your Will

1. Choose your own solicitor or create a free will with Farewill.
2. Once you have taken care of your family and your loved ones, you can ask your solicitor or will writer to help you decide which type of gift you would like to leave to SOS .



If you choose to leave a gift in your will, you will need to include the following information:

Charity Name: Sumatran Orangutan Society
Address: 6 Lombard Street, Abingdon,
Oxfordshire, OX14 5BJ, UK
Registered charity Number: 1158711



Farewill

We have partnered with Farewill, our trusted provider, to make the process as simple as possible.

It can take as little as 30 minutes and you can get started from the comfort of your own home.

<https://farewill.com/sos-free>



Types of Gift

There are three types of gifts you can include in your will. You can choose to leave:

Residuary gift – a share of your estate

A percentage of the remainder of your estate after other legacies and costs have been paid.
This type of gift is not affected by inflation.

Pecuniary gift – a specified sum

For example £5,000. The value of this type of gift will be affected by inflation over time unless your gift is index-linked to the Retail Price Index.

Specific gift – a particular item

Such as an antique or a piece of jewellery.



How Your Legacy Gift Will Help

A gift in your will can make a lasting difference in the fight to protect wild orangutans. These remarkable animals face ongoing threats from habitat loss, deforestation, and human activity.



Conservation is not something that can be achieved overnight. It requires long-term commitment, careful planning, and continuous action to restore forests, reconnect fragmented habitats, and create safe pathways for orangutans to roam, feed, and thrive.



I want my grandchildren to know the majesty of the orangutan and that some people of my generation cared enough to try to preserve them.

SOS Legacy Donor

Your legacy can help ensure this vital work continues well into the future, giving conservationists the resources and stability they need to protect these forests and the creatures that depend on them.

From building canopy bridges that link isolated forest patches to supporting local communities who play a crucial role in safeguarding wildlife, every step counts. By including a gift in your will, you can help ensure that orangutans not only survive, but flourish, in the wild for generations to come.



A young orangutan with reddish-brown fur is hanging from a thin tree branch. It is looking towards the camera with a curious expression. The background is a lush green forest with sunlight filtering through the leaves.

Will You “Be More Orangutan” And Leave a Gift in Your Will?

We harness the defining characteristics of our flagship animal...

Inquisitive. Like orangutans exploring their environment, we seek evidence and insight to guide every decision, ensuring our actions are rooted in sound analysis and continuous learning.

Strong. We build lasting, trust-based partnerships with local communities and organisations, knowing that genuine collaboration is the foundation of enduring conservation impact.

Agile. We adapt quickly to changing landscapes and emerging challenges, embracing innovation and flexibility to achieve the greatest results for forests and wildlife.

Keystone. We strengthen the wider conservation ecosystem by connecting partners, sharing knowledge, and amplifying collective impact across North Sumatra.

When you pledge to leave a gift to SOS in your will, or if you are considering leaving a gift to SOS, please let us know. We would love to keep you up to date with our progress so you can feel confident that your gift will be in safe hands and make a real impact!



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If you have any questions,
we would love to hear from you!



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