



What PanEco achieves

# Annual Report 2024

What we do

PanEco in a nutshell

PanEco is a non-profit, operational foundation. We advocate for sustainable ecosystem development in Switzerland and Indonesia. In our three strategic areas of work, we help to strengthen nature in all its diversity and to promote responsible treatment – both mutually among one another and of natural resources:

- Rehabilitation and reintroduction of endangered wildlife
- Landscape conservation: protection, revitalisation and networking of natural ecosystems
- Environmental education as an important pillar of nature conservation work at all levels

Locations

PanEco is a non-profit, operational foundation based in the Zurich Weinland region. In Switzerland we run two programs and in Indonesia, together with our sister foundation YEL and other local partners, we implement projects and programs in Sumatra, Java and Sulawesi.

Our vision of a sustainable world

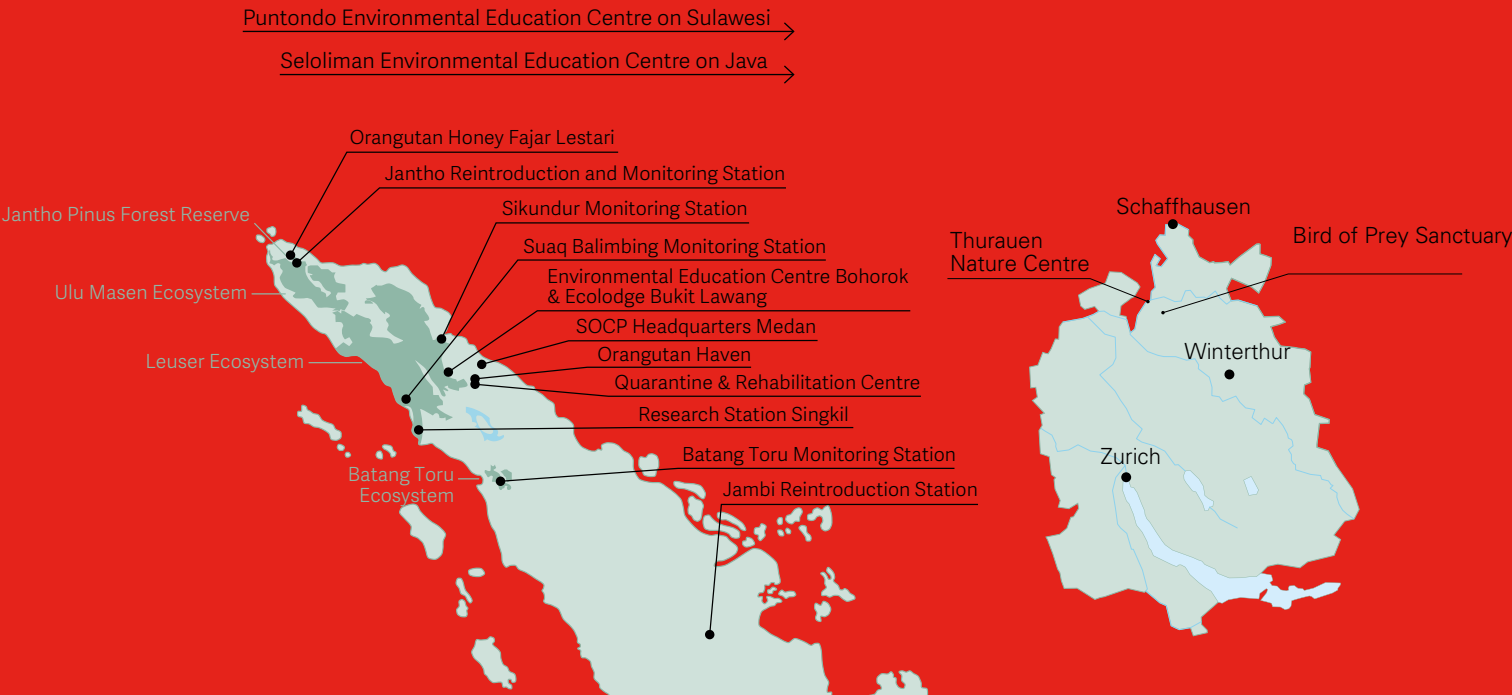
Our vision is an ‘Earth’ ecosystem where people, animals, plants and their habitats are preserved in all their diversity and in ecological, social and economic harmony. People see themselves as part of this and are mindful of their responsibilities.

How we work

- **Long-term and sustainable**  
Our programmes are geared towards long-term goals and designed holistically.
- **Locally anchored, globally oriented**  
PanEco programmes are based locally, both in Switzerland and in Indonesia, and founded on long-standing networks.
- **Umbrella species**  
By putting umbrella species at the forefront as striking representatives for all species, we help to raise awareness of the need to maintain biodiversity.
- **Knowledge-based**  
Our programmes are based on scientific findings to which we contribute with our own research activities.

Sustainable development and us

Through our programmes, we contribute to the achievement of the following four of the UN’s 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):



Editorial

Continuous transformation – change offers opportunities

Promising changes

In February, I travelled to Assam with two organic farmers from East Java to get to know the Pabhoi organic seed farm run by pioneer Neelam Dutta. He has leased the land from his friends, neighbours and acquaintances. When asked what he would do if they were to deny him the lease one day, he replied calmly: «Then I’ll just lease another piece of land. You can’t be certain that anything will last forever, you know? Things change all the time, and that’s a good thing.»

I’m impressed by his answer. Changes, even disasters, offer opportunities that can be recognised and capitalised on. The tsunami put an end to the civil war in Aceh: the disaster brought peace. Last November, important infrastructure of our rescue and rehabilitation station at Batu M’belin was destroyed by landslides. My visit three weeks ago shook me. But even this presents an opportunity to optimise infrastructure, equipment and logistics during reconstruction. In 2012, PanEco was on the brink of crisis after a period of excessively rapid growth, but was saved by the skill of two experienced crisis managers. They eliminated weaknesses and laid the groundwork for a professional NGO. One of them is Marcel Etterlin, who is still responsible for our finances today. Later came Irena Wettstein, bringing with her expertise in NGO management and communications.

For more than 11 years, they have been energetic, committed and skillful. For this I would like to express my heartfelt thanks on behalf of all those who care about PanEco.

However, both of them will soon be leaving us: major changes are on the horizon. Here, too, I see opportunities: new forces and competencies will help to further develop PanEco. It’s important we always stay open to change and ready to let go of the familiar and tried-and-tested to reach for new horizons. I’m sure it’ll be exciting and we look forward to working with our new co-managers Loredana Sorg and Martin Schmid to chart new territory.

But without you, our loyal patrons and donors, and our generous donations from institutions, these new horizons would remain out of reach. We look forward to another year of working with you.

On behalf of our team and Board of Trustees, I would like to extend my utmost gratitude. Best regards,



Regina Frey  
President of PanEco

A goodbye is also a new beginning

This annual report sees us bid farewell to the PanEco Foundation after 11 years of service in pursuit of new career exploits. The timing seems perfect: the foundation is well positioned and financially stable.

We look back with pride on the various phases that we have overcome together. First, it was a matter of restructuring to ensure the foundation’s survival. Then came the consolidation phase with increasing professionalisation and the establishment of sustainable structures. The new development plan and a new mission statement brought this phase to a successful conclusion and created a basis for new impact.



PanEco was never just a job for us. We’ve gone through intense times with the whole team and grown as a result of them. These lively 11 years have shaped us, and we have always advocated passionately for this wonderful foundation. A big thanks to you all for the trust placed in us,

Irena Wettstein and Marcel Etterlin  
Co-Managing Directors of PanEco







«In mid-July 2024, I took on the challenge of heading the Bird of Prey Sanctuary. I've had an interesting and exciting six months, during

which I was able to work behind the scenes and experience countless fascinating encounters with our many guests, whether they were sponsors at a release, school classes or private groups . I was particularly pleased to see how our environmental educational programme has inspired so many people.»

**Anita Zybach**  
Manager Bird of Prey Sanctuary

**Programme focuses in 2024**

- **Admission and care**  
Out of the 350 patients accepted in 2024, 182 could be released in good health after an average of three to four weeks. The boxes and cages in the intensive care ward were renovated and improved.
- **Environmental education**  
The work of the station was brought home to some 2 346 interested people in 130 guided tours, workshops and open-air events either booked privately or open to the public. The new environmental education programmes for school classes have been tested and refined.
- **Species protection and research**  
Our Ural owl pair hatched a record-breaking five chicks, four of which were taken to the Vienna Woods in Austria together with another six young owls from partner sanctuaries for release into the wild. The remaining chick will form part of a new breeding pair at Biel Zoo with a male offspring from the Nature Reserve and Wildlife Park Goldau. Two young storks grew up on our eyrie in the sanctuary.

**Outlook**  
We plan to track the survival success of hand-reared kestrels in our care after having fallen from their nests by fitting them with transmitters.

The Eurasian scops owl is extremely rare in Switzerland and considered critically endangered. According to the Swiss Ornithological Institute in Sempach, there are only 30 to 40 pairs in Switzerland. In May of last year, the first patient of its kind caused excitement in the Bird of Prey Sanctuary. The owl – only 15 centimetres tall – was found flightless on the ground in Zurich and brought to us on suspicion of a traumatic brain injury. Fortunately, it recovered quickly and was soon able to fly back to freedom.



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Berg am Irchel Bird of Prey Sanctuary

# Nature conservation with birds of prey and owl patients

The Berg am Irchel Bird of Prey Sanctuary dedicates itself to the welfare and survival of birds of prey and owls in many ways. The team takes in injured or weakened birds of prey and owls, nurses them back to health and releases them back into the wild. They also teach young and old about the needs of these birds on numerous guided tours of the sanctuary. What's more, various key figures are collected for scientific purposes at the sanctuary, where we participate in research and breeding programmes.

**Goal** Healthy, self-sustaining bird of prey and owl populations in Switzerland in an environment in which humans and animals coexist side by side.

**10 % of PanEco programme costs**

**Partner-network**

- Canton of Zurich: Fishing and Hunting Administration
- Animal shelter and rescue Pfötli
- Animal Rescue Schaffhausen
- University of Zurich – Animal Hospital
- Swiss Ornithological Institute in Sempach





«The year 2024 was marked by extreme weather events and enthusiasm. I was thrilled to see that more and more school classes are making use of our services and how popular

our tours have been. Despite a wet spring and major flooding in June, it was an exceptionally hot year. The Thuraue hasn't been spared the effects of climate change. I look to the future with some trepidation.»

**Simon Fuchs**  
Manager of the Thuraue Nature Centre

**Programme focuses in 2024**

- **Environmental education**  
More than 13 200 people visited the Thuraue Nature Centre in 2024. Just under 6 200 visits to the exhibition and the adventure trail were recorded. We provided 54 guided tours at 38 public events. In 93 tours and workshops, we introduced groups and families to the Thuraue and got 184 school classes to fall in love with nature.
- **Special exhibition and Thuraue adventure trail**  
The season opening also saw the launch of the new special exhibition «Wow, a kingfisher!» Almost 600 people took part in the accompanying quiz competition. The new Thuraue adventure trail for families was opened in the Ellikerbrücke region as part of the #hallowasser project initiated by the Canton of Zurich.
- **Training for specialists**  
In roughly 50 training blocks, we trained four interns in the areas of environmental education and deepened their knowledge of species identification. In three further training events, we trained teachers on the topics of pond eco-systems, floodplains and beavers.

**Outlook**

In winter 2024/25, a new pond was built on the adventure trail to make it easier for school classes to fish with nets and to protect the other ponds. The existing school tours are being analysed and adapted to meet the needs of the new school year, and the adult tours are being redesigned.



An all-round source of fascination: «Wow, a kingfisher!» This is the name of the special exhibition in the Nature Centre, which presents the dazzling floodplain dweller at various stations inside and outside. Themes include courtship, breeding, food, feathers and myths as well as the protection and endangerment of the kingfisher. If you're lucky, you might even see a real one flash by on a quiet day!

Thuraue Nature Centre

# Environmental education in the floodplain area

The Thuraue Nature Centre is the gateway to the largest floodplain conservation area in the Swiss Plateau. For visitors to the Thuraue floodplain, the centre offers information about the protected area, rewilding and excursions. In the exhibition and on the adventure trail, people of all ages can immerse themselves in the habitats of an active floodplain and discover some of the typical animal and plant species. We also offer a wide range of public events, guided tours and workshops for school groups, adults and families. The Nature Centre is run by PanEco on behalf of the Canton of Zurich.

**Goal** Visitors to the Thuraue Nature Centre understand the importance of intact ecosystems (especially the Thuraue floodplain). They know what helps to protect them, and are committed to doing their bit.

**15 % of PanEco programme costs**

**Partner-network**

- Canton of Zurich: Office for Landscape and Nature
- Municipality of Flaach
- TCS Camping, Flaach
- Swiss Nature Centres Network





«The highlights of the 2024 season were exciting encounters with animals, such as visiting migratory birds including bee-eaters, black storks and ospreys. The encounters with the people in the area were equally gratifying: visitors showed great interest in nature and expressed their gratitude for the work of the Ranger Service.»

**Barbara Hauschel**  
Ranger Service Team Leader

**Programme focuses in 2024**

► **Ranger team, advice and patrolling**

Our ranger team spent 2,600 hours on tours and checking the Thurauen area, the Husemersee lake and the Alter Rhein river area. They informed visitors about the importance of nature conservation, currently existing species and applicable conservation laws. Changes in staff challenged the team, but created new opportunities and brought a breath of fresh air.

► **Junior Ranger Programme**

All in all, the season saw 29 junior rangers split into three groups take part in the programme on 32 Wednesday afternoons, exploring the Thurauen nature reserve and getting to know the work of the rangers. Another highlight was participation in the Junior Ranger Olympics in June 2024, which took place on Lake Pfäffikersee.

► **Exceptional event**

Due to the June floods, the Schaffhausen side wasn't accessible by foot for a long time. Guidance to control visitor movements had to be continually updated throughout the area both during and after the floods to ensure safety.

**Outlook**

The year 2025 saw the launch of the ranger team with new team leader Barbara Hauschel and deputy leader Frank Maie. They will continue our activities in the areas of awareness-raising, supervision and visitor guidance. Optimising the partner network remains a high priority.

At the beginning of June, the Thur river carried more water than it had done in 11 years. But it's not as bad as it looks: one of the objectives of the revitalisation of the Thur was flood protection. Since then, during flooding, the water flows into the shallow bank areas, filling the old streams of the Thur and various ponds. An intact floodplain forest acts like a sponge: it absorbs water and releases it slowly, reducing damage to infrastructure and agriculture.



**Thurauen Ranger Service**

# Raising awareness in protected areas

The Ranger Service Thurauen is responsible for information and supervision in the Eggrank-Thurspitz floodplain conservation area, in the Husemersee lake area and along the Rhein on the Schaffhausen side. The ranger team provides visitors with information about the renaturalisation project and about flora and fauna, and monitors compliance with the conservation regulations. It also offers ranger tours through the Thurauen floodplain for interested groups and carries out the Junior Ranger Programme. The Ranger Service belongs to the Thurauen Nature Centre and is operated by the PanEco Foundation on behalf of the Cantons of Zurich and Schaffhausen.

**Goal** Visitors to the Thurauen are informed about the value of the floodplain and the measures taken to protect it, and are respectful of the natural environment.

**4 % of PanEco programme costs**

**Partner-network** ► Kanton Zürich: Amt für Landschaft und Natur  
► Kanton Schaffhausen: Planungs- und Naturschutzamt





«In the reintroduction station, we carefully prepare the orangutans for their return to the wild. They go through a learning process whereby they familiarise themselves with the food in the forest, practise moving in the treetops and increase their natural mobility. Only once all of this has been mastered are they ready to be released into the wild.»

**Zahri**  
Jantho reintroduction station, YEL

**Programme focuses in 2024**

► **Admission and care**

Over the course of the year, three orangutans were admitted to the rescue and rehabilitation station. In 2024, the team of veterinarians and keepers took care of a total of 56 orangutans.

► **Reintroduction to the wild and post-release monitoring**

In 2024, a total of 14 orangutans that had previously been cared for in the rescue and rehabilitation station were released into the Jantho Nature Reserve and six into the forests of Bukit Tigapuluh. The SOCP team has relocated two endangered orangutans away from dangerous places. The patrol team documented a total of 18 orangutans on its rounds, including a young male orangutan released in 2011 who was in good health, and the young female orangutan Wenda released in 2013, who was carrying a baby. It is the seventh known offspring of a reintroduced orangutan we have recorded as part of the reintroduction programme.

► **Landslide disaster**

Several heavy landslides occurred on 27 November 2024, causing significant damage to the SOCP rescue and rehabilitation station. Key infrastructure, the veterinary clinic and several orangutan enclosures were washed away by the mudslides. Two orangutans died as a result. All other 39 animals and all employees remained unharmed and were taken to safety. The rebuilding process will be lengthy.

**Outlook**

The focus in 2025 will be on the reconstruction of the rescue and rehabilitation station, in addition to ensuring ongoing operations. Various options are being examined for the location of the new station, as further landslides and extreme weather events are to be expected in the future and safety is paramount.

Prolonged rainfall on Sumatra led to severe landslides in the area of our rescue and rehabilitation station. The picture shows Dr Citrakasih Nente, director of the SOCP Rehabilitation and Reintroduction programme, assessing the extent of the destruction in the immediate aftermath. There was a lot of chaos in the first three weeks following the disaster. Thanks to the tremendous commitment of the entire SOCP team, all missing orangutans except one animal were evacuated to safety and the clean-up work progressed quickly. Discussions are currently underway as to the most logical site for the reconstruction of the station.



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**SOCP: Rehabilitation and reintroduction of orangutans**

# Establishment of new orangutan populations

The rescue and rehabilitation station is the first step for the orangutans on their journey back to freedom. The station’s veterinary team examines the orangutans at regular intervals and can also treat complex medical cases. The mostly young animals grow up in carefully assembled orangutan groups in the station and spend several years being prepared by the team for life in the wild. When they are ready and about five years old, they are reintroduced in one of our two reintroduction stations in Bukit Tigapuluh National Park in the province of Jambi or in the Jantho Nature Reserve in the province of Aceh. We build new, independently viable populations of great apes at these research stations.

**Goal** To provide the highest level of care for all orangutans in the rescue and rehabilitation station and ensure that they are fully prepared for a return to freedom, and to establish two new stable populations that are capable of surviving independently in their natural habitat.

**25 % of PanEco programme costs**

**Partner-network** ► Yayasan Ekosistem Lestari YEL  
► Indonesian Ministry of Environment and Forestry  
► Natural Resources Conservation Agency BKSDA North Sumatra and Aceh





«We have made significant progress in protecting forests and wildlife. By cooperating with the authorities and local communities, we support nature conservation initiatives that aim to reduce

the rate of deforestation, promote reforestation, and foster awareness of sustainable practices.»

**Muhammad Isa**  
Director of Forum Konservasi Leuser (FKL)

**Programme focuses in 2024**

- **Monitoring the protected area**  
Illegal activities such as logging, poaching and other rights violations are deterred by the presence of the patrol teams. Through regular monitoring, we reduce deforestation, habitat fragmentation and pollution and effectively protect biodiversity in the ecosystem.
- **Rapid response to human-wildlife conflicts**  
The teams, which specialise in mitigating human-wildlife conflicts, help local communities when wildlife enters settlement areas. Their rapid intervention prevents damage to humans and wildlife and thus contributes to the protection of endangered species.
- **Nature conservation, education and information**  
The patrols and the human-wildlife conflict teams are involved in community initiatives and educational programmes to raise awareness of the importance of wildlife conservation and the protection of biodiversity. This creates positive relationships with local communities, which are in turn encouraged to strive for sustainable nature conservation.

**Outlook**

We will continue to carry out joint initiatives with our long-standing partners to improve the Leuser ecosystem. Together, we want to protect this vital habitat and its biodiversity by promoting strict environmental regulations, combating illegal wildlife trafficking and supporting sustainable growth of local communities.



An employee from our partner organisation FKL fells an illegally planted oil palm. The dedicated FKL team works hand in hand with local farmers to create a more sustainable future. As part of this collaboration, they encourage farmers to switch to agroforestry instead of oil palm plantations to restore landscapes that were once lush forests. Last year, these efforts resulted in the elimination of illegal oil palms from an area measuring almost 20 hectares.

Image: © FKL

**Rainforest conservation programme: Leuser Ecosystem**

**Rainforest protection with the help of state-of-the-art technologies**

Some 2.6 million hectares in size, the Leuser Ecosystem in Sumatra is home to approximately 13,200 orangutans. Located in the Indonesian provinces of Aceh and North Sumatra, the ecosystem is one of the largest intact areas of rainforest in Southeast Asia and the last place in the world where endangered species such as the orangutan, rhinoceros, elephant and tiger share a habitat. PanEco's local partner organisations advise government authorities on how to implement effective forest management and measures combating the illegal trade in wild animals. They monitor the forests using satellite images, drones and rangers, documenting cases of illegal wildlife trafficking and unlawful logging. We also produce and supply data and analyses enabling the negative impact of the construction of new roads or power stations to be minimised and protected areas to be expanded.

**Goal** Leuser Ecosystem: to maintain and restore healthy wildlife populations and ecosystems, ensure strong regional development and environmental policies and strengthen law enforcement.

**12 % of PanEco programme costs**

**Partner-network**

- Yayasan Ekosistem Lestari YEL
- Orangutan Information Centre OIC
- Yayasan Hutan Alam dan Lingkungan Aceh HAKA
- Forum Konservasi Leuser FKL
- Ministry of Environment and Forestry of Indonesia
- Conservation Agency for Natural Resources BBKSDA
- Gunung Leuser National Park Authority BBTNGL





«The key to protecting the Batang Toru Ecosystem is fostering the sustainable growth of local communities. Through improved livelihoods and responsible use of forest resources, families can improve their incomes in the long term and become more resilient to the impacts of climate change. We are helping to preserve the unique biodiversity of the Batang Toru Ecosystem for future generations.»

**Mutiara Tria Ningsih**  
Monitoring & Reporting Manager,  
Green Justice Indonesia (GJI)

**Programme focuses in 2024**

- **Wildlife conservation**  
In some villages located around the Batang Toru rainforest, three groups were formed to defuse conflicts between people and orangutans. Members have been trained for various conflict situations and equipped with appropriate tools and resources. In addition, the sustainable agro-forestry model was promoted, which integrates agriculture into forestry, thereby preserving the ecosystem and improving livelihoods at the same time.
- **Studies, monitoring and initiatives for forest protection**  
Surveys on biodiversity and the Tapanuli orangutan population, as well as studies on forest improvement and agro-forestry, were continued. A feasibility study for the designation of the Batang Toru Ecosystem as a national strategic area was concluded with the aim of advocating for changes in spatial planning at local and national level. In the field of forestry management, two proposals were also submitted for the creation of communal forests.
- **Community development and livelihood development**  
Projects to improve the living conditions of local communities based on non-timber forest products such as benzoin and incense were expanded. Twelve new farmers' groups set up for this purpose run tree nurseries and use permaculture cultivation methods.

**Outlook**

We will continue our efforts to protect the Tapanuli orangutans and their habitat.



SOCP: Batang Toru Ecosystem

# Habitat of the endangered Tapanuli orangutans

Located south of Lake Toba in the province of North Sumatra, the 133,000-hectare Batang Toru Ecosystem is home to the Tapanuli orangutan, first described in 2017. The continued existence of this species of ape rests on only about 800 individuals. However, the highland rainforest of Batang Toru also offers a habitat to Sumatran tigers, sun bears, tapirs and many other endangered animal species. Thanks to 10 years of intensive lobbying, we persuaded the government to put 80% of the forest under its protection. We are currently working alongside eight local partners and various government agencies on a three-year project aimed at sustainable forest management, reducing poaching, establishing wildlife corridors and strengthening the livelihoods of local communities as well as improving their environmental awareness.

The approximately 800 remaining Tapanuli orangutans are the rarest and most endangered species of great ape in the world. Their survival depends entirely on the preservation and restoration of their unique habitat – the Batang Toru Ecosystem. By improving the livelihoods of local communities, raising awareness of the importance of environmental protection and actively involving communities, we help to curb illegal deforestation by smallholder farmers. Promoting agroforestry practices enhances habitat connectivity by restoring key deforested areas, thereby supporting the reconnection of fragmented Tapanuli orangutan populations.

**Goal** To reduce poaching and improve networking between fragmented populations of the Tapanuli orangutan, improve conservation of the Batang Toru Ecosystem, strengthen the livelihoods of the local communities and raise environmental awareness.

**10 % of PanEco programme costs**

**Partner-network**

- Lembaga Sipirok Lestari
- Orangutan Information Center OIC
- ELSAKA
- Samudera
- WALHI North Sumatra
- Green Justice Indonesia GJI
- Yayasan Ekosistem Lestari YEL
- Sumatran Rainforest Institute
- Ministry of Environment and Forestry of Indonesia
- Conservation Agency for Natural Resources
- BBKSDA North Sumatra





«In the reintroduction process, the release is just the beginning. It's only when the orangutans can move safely in their new habitat and have adapted to their new environment that they have been success-

fully reintroduced into the wild. The key to this success is close observation following their release. Our patrols follow the wide-ranging movements of the orangutans for several months and, at the same time, actively eliminate threats to wildlife and their environment in the forest.»

**Hafidz**  
Member of the Patrol, YEL

**Programme focuses in 2024**

- **Monitoring of the rainforest by Jantho Rangers**  
Two ranger teams led 20 patrols in and around the Jantho Nature Reserve over 206 days. They covered an area of 1 694 km, had direct encounters with five orangutans, 244 orangutan nests, documented 99 violations such as snare traps and illegal logging and forwarded their reports to the relevant authorities.
- **Honey cooperatives**  
A total of 190 households are affiliated with honey cooperatives in eight villages. Households succeeded in increasing their incomes by selling sustainably produced honey on digital sales platforms and in local markets. We trained the aspiring beekeepers in the areas of beekeeping, institutional development and finance. The proportion of women involved was 57%.
- **Environmental education and awareness**  
The Fajar Lestari beekeeping centre has now become a public environmental education centre where the local population has the opportunity to undergo training in the areas of nature conservation, biodiversity, beekeeping and organic farming.

**Outlook**

In addition to our work in the reintroduction station, we will continue to promote the marketing of honey and undertake educational work regarding nature conservation and its importance.



Our Grants Programme Manager Thea Resubun and the Head of the SOCP Rehabilitation and Reintroduction Programme Dr Citrakasih Nente (both left) at a meeting with two local communities to expand the honey cooperative project in Jantho. As part of the project, we train women and men in beekeeping and help them sell the honey. The aim is to reduce interference in the Jantho conservation area by improving household incomes, thereby protecting the habitat of the orangutans and many other species.

**Rainforest conservation programme: Ulu Masen Ecosystem**

# Working together for a holistic conservation programme

Since 2011, we have been collaborating with our sister organisation YEL on the Sumatran Orangutan Conservation Programme (SOCP) in the Ulu Masen Ecosystem in the Indonesian province of Aceh. The Jantho Pine Forest Nature Reserve in particular is the habitat for orangutans that have been seized from illegal wildlife traffickers and released back into the wild. Together, we are implementing a holistic conservation programme that is intended to ensure the survival of the orangutans in the future as well. Patrolling is an essential part of this and is conducted in collaboration with the Aceh Natural Resources Conservation Agency. Since the village communities on the edge of the forest have a key role to play in protecting the rainforest, we founded eight honey cooperatives in collaboration with YEL. These give the population the possibility of a sustainable livelihood and an alternative to encroachment in the protected rainforest.

**Goal** To make the orangutan population in Ulu Masen viable by protecting the Jantho Nature Reservation and reducing illegal activities, assisted by greater local awareness of the environment and an improvement in livelihoods brought about through sustainable honey enterprises.

**5 % of PanEco programme costs**

**Partner-network**  
► Yayasan Ekosistem Lestari YEL  
► Ministry of Environment and Forestry of Indonesia  
► Conservation Agency for Natural Resources BBKSDA Aceh





«The biodiversity team monitors biodiversity and threats in conservation areas. With the help of field surveys, patrols and photo traps, we collect a wide range of data,

which we process and analyse in order to carry out effective conservation work. I have been coordinating the research team since 2023 and am very proud to be part of this vital mission to protect orangutans and their habitat.»

**Nursaniah**  
Biodiversity Monitoring Coordinator, YEL

Programme focuses in 2024

- **Orangutan behavioural data**  
Data collected in a long-term study on the reintroduced Sumatran orangutan populations in the Jantho Nature Reserve was analysed to identify the factors that promote successful reintroduction.
- **Biodiversity monitoring**  
Our 10-year comparative analysis of the gibbon and siamang populations that coexist with reintroduced Sumatran orangutans in the Jantho Nature Reserve has yielded encouraging results: the gibbon population has remained stable, and the siamang population has even increased. This suggests that our reintroduction programme is not having a negative impact on the gibbon population. In the Singkil Wildlife Reserve, work has started on the construction of a new research and monitoring station for the protection of one of the largest in tact peatland ecosystems in Sumatra.
- **Monitoring deforestation activities**  
Data on forest loss is collected continuously using satellite images, drone recordings and on-the-ground inspections conducted by patrol teams. We are working together with the local authorities to devise solutions.

**Outlook**  
The long-term monitoring activities of our four research stations in Suaq Balimbing, Mayang, Sikundur and Jantho will continue. The new station in the peat swamp forest in Singkil started for monitoring purposes.



Image: Maxime Aliaga

SOCP: biodiversity monitoring

# To protect orangutans and their habitat

The collection and monitoring of data in our five research stations is crucial for the successful reintroduction of orangutans and the protection of their population and habitat. With our sister organisation, YEL, we have been collecting key data on the ecology and behaviour of orangutans in various types of rainforest and eco-systems since the early 2000s. In 2023, the teams in the stations located in the heart of the rainforest continued their data collection and monitoring activities in order to protect the forest and its biodiversity.

A member of the monitoring team at the Sikundur research station records the behaviour of the orangutan every two minutes as well as its daily route. Later in the evening at the camp, he will digitise the data and report his observations to the team. The data from the five research stations are incorporated into various long-term studies on orangutan behaviour and ecology.

**Goal** To develop effective strategies for protecting the Sumatran and Tapanuli orangutans and other endangered species by documenting their distribution and analysing the effects of climate change on their habitats.

5 % of PanEco programme costs

**Partner-network**

- Yayasan Ekosistem Lestari YEL
- Ministry of Environment and Forestry of Indonesia
- Conservation Agency for Natural Resources BBKSDA Aceh
- Gunung Leuser National Park Authority BBTNGL





«At the Orangutan Haven, we put education into practice: in collaboration with schools and universities, we enable young people to gain practical experience in a lush natural setting and inspire them to protect the environment and advocate for a sustainable future.»

**Maria Suhatri**  
Education Manager

**Programme focuses in 2024**

- **Care of orangutans that can no longer be released back into the wild**  
Seven orangutans have now settled in well on their islands at the Orangutan Haven. Another two were transferred from the SOCP's nearby rescue and rehabilitation centre in December as a temporary measure as they were already undergoing intensive care prior to the landslides that severely impacted the centre in November. Both have settled in well and are responding to their Treatment.
- **Environmental education**  
A total of 1 278 students from partner schools and universities visited the Orangutan Haven in 2024. The education team created new teaching modules for the Suaq Ecotrail and other topics in order to work with school classes at different levels. A total of 341 people have visited the Haven since January 2024 as part of an initial soft opening to private groups. Three environmental education staff members took part in the exchange programme for all PanEco/YEL environmental education teams in Switzerland.
- **Progress in infrastructure construction**  
Rain shelters have been erected on the two ecotrails. The entrance area complete with visitor toilet facilities. A compost house was built for the Ecofarm and initial work on the construction of the restaurant has started.
- **Songbird breeding**  
The songbird breeding programme at the Orangutan Haven currently comprises 22 birds from five endangered species and continues to be expanded. In 2024, crickets, mealworms and soldier fly larvae started to be bred as food sources.

**Outlook**

In 2025, the first construction phase for the restaurant will be completed and the Ecotrails will be further extended. The environmental education programmes will continue and the visitor infrastructure, which is essential for the opening, will be completed.



In addition to raising awareness of species conservation, the architecturally outstanding buildings in the Orangutan Haven serve as showcases for sustainable building techniques. This aspect of environmental education is becoming increasingly popular with the Indonesian population and often leaves guests in awe. The picture shows the entrance area to the Orangutan Haven with the ticket house and the bridge via which visitors enter the site.

Image: Mure Wipfii

**Orangutan Haven**

# Environmental education up close

What happens to orangutans who have health issues or injuries that prevent them from living an independent life in the rainforest? In 2023, they finally got a new home, and now they spend their lives on near-natural islands at the new Orangutan Haven. They climb on ropes, climbing frames and nesting platforms in the open air rather than being stuck behind bars in their previous enclosures. School classes already have the opportunity to observe the orangutans from a safe distance on guided tours, learning what they personally can do to protect the animals and their habitat. With the Ecofarming centre, two ecotrails and a variety of showcase structures built from sustainable materials, the Orangutan Haven is a unique environmental education centre that attracts visitors from throughout the region as well as tourists. Plans are in place for the facilities to be expanded steadily, including a restaurant and a visitor centre with exhibition space, which will follow in the coming years.

Would you like to receive updates on the Orangutan Haven?  
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**Goal** Orangutans that can no longer be reintroduced are ambassadors for their wild relatives in a nature conservation and environmental education centre.

**9 % of PanEco programme costs**

**Partner-network**

- Yayasan Ekosistem Lestari YEL
- PT Orangutan Haven
- Ministry of Education of Indonesia





«Although the PPLH Puntondo Environmental Education Centre is only a small place in the south of Sulawesi, we still make a significant contribution to environmental protection. We are helping to preserve the marine ecosystem around Puntondo with sustainable measures to protect it, such as coral reef transplants, mangrove protection activities and seagrass conservation.»

**Timiati Sembang**  
Head of Finance, PPLH Puntondo

**Programme focuses in 2024**

► **PPLH Puntondo, South Sulawesi**

A total of 4 295 guests – two thirds of the 32 groups were school classes – visited PPLH Puntondo, which offers environmental education and ecotourism in Laikang Bay. The team shares knowledge about coastal biodiversity and marine ecosystems, and involves visitors in nature conservation activities such as the restoration of mangrove forests.

► **PPLH Seloliman, East Java**

The environmental education centre promotes organic farming in the region. In 2024, it drew visits from 90 school and company excursion groups who learnt how sustainable farming can be practised in harmony with nature. Educational programmes on organic farming, renewable energy, water conservation and ecotourism have been implemented with the surrounding communities.

► **PPLH Bohorok, Bukit Lawang**

PPLH Bohorok runs a two-hectare organic farm. Fourteen school classes and groups were shown natural biological nutrient cycles in practice (maggot breeding, compost production, chicken farming). The team also visited schools in the region and held weekly lessons on environmental issues.

**Outlook**

With reciprocal visits in 2024, PanEco provided the impetus for intensifying cooperation between the environmental education centres in Indonesia and Switzerland. A development plan has been drawn up with PPLH Puntondo and PPLH Seloliman – this will be implemented from 2025 onwards.



The team at the PPLH Puntondo Environmental Education Centre teaches students about marine ecosystems and mangroves. The image shows them researching biodiversity on the beach. The highlight of the environmental education day is the planting of mangrove seedlings to reforest the coastal strip around the environmental education centre.

**Environmental education centres in Indonesia**

# Holistic environmental education for all

PanEco joined forces with local partners – more than 30 years ago, in some cases – to initiate the construction of three environmental education centres in Indonesia (PPLHs), located on the islands of Sumatra (PPLH Bohorok), Sulawesi (PPLH Puntondo) and Java (PPLH Seloliman). These now receive active financial and specialist support from the PanEco team. The PPLHs offer a broad spectrum of environmental education for school groups as well as a range of activities in the fields of community development and sustainable development. The centres focus on the issues of rainforest conservation, eco-friendly agriculture and marine ecosystems. The centres also offer tourist accommodation in the form of ecolodges. Ecolodges promote socially responsible and environmentally friendly tourism while creating jobs for the local population.

**Goal** To generate broad awareness of the importance of a stable ecosystem so that people can contribute to the conservation of nature through sustainable lifestyles.

**5 % of PanEco programme costs**

**Partner network**

- Yayasan Ekosistem Lestari (YEL, PPLH Bohorok)
- Yayasan PPLH Seloliman
- Yayasan PPLH Puntondo



# Thank you for your support!

## 100 Institutional supporters

We would not be able to run our programmes without the partnerships that we have with numerous grant-making foundations, zoos and other organisations all over the world. Thank you for your invaluable support!

## 402 Nature Centre members

Our members make an important financial contribution to the operation of the Nature Centre. Through their membership, they also fly the flag for nature and species conservation in Switzerland. Thank you for being part of it all.

## 1063 Patrons

The regular contributions of our patrons, often stretching back many years, are an important financial pillar for the PanEco Foundation. Patronage is particularly efficient because it helps us reduce our administrative costs. Thank you for your loyalty!

## 831 Sponsors

They love orangutans just as much as we do and are happy to commit themselves to 'their' sponsored animal and others of its species in the rescue and rehabilitation station and in the Orangutan Haven in Sumatra, often for long periods. Our sponsors enjoy spending time watching a personally selected orangutan live and thrive. Thank you for your friendship.

«On my trip to Sumatra, I got to see orangutans in the wild – a moving experience that I'll never forget. I'm delighted to be able to use my orangutan sponsorship to support the valuable work undertaken by PanEco to protect these impressive animals and give them a future.»

**Nathalie Duff**  
Sponsor, Orangutan Brenda

## 6838 Donors

Together, our donors ensure that our financing is kept on a solid footing. Without them, neither our programmes in Indonesia nor the Bird of Prey Sanctuary in Berg am Irchel or the Nature Centre could survive. Thank you for sticking with us in both good and bad times!

## 31 Volunteers

In the past year, the volunteers at the Nature Centre and the Bird of Prey Sanctuary have put their heart and soul into assisting us, and have been instrumental in helping us cope with all of the work that arises on a daily basis. Our sincerest thanks goes out to all of you.

André Kägi, Angélique Hertig, Audrey Mondon, Bettina Fritschi, Bruno Zehnder, Carmen Zindel, Claude Jaermann, Csilla Thurnheer, Daniel Ludwig, Denise Schwizgebel, Eliane Passannante, Felix Keller, Gabriela Marghitola, Gloria Ernst, Heinz Widmer, Jacco van Seumeren, Jonas Rappold, Jule Riechert, Karin Lurz, Kathrin Liechti, Kurt Blum, Martin Kressebuch, Monika Monn, Olivia Santoleri, Rebecca Dennler, Ruth Ochsner, Sandee Schenk, Silvia Schnadt, Stephanie Kobza, Tanja Scheiwiller, Ute Dingeldey

## 5 Interns

Our interns are deployed in the Nature Centre, at the Bird of Prey Sanctuary or in the PanEco office for half a year or longer and, after a thorough introduction, make a significant contribution to the success of our work every single day. We couldn't do it without you – thank you very much.  
Andrina Gehring, Fiona Manser, Flurin Jenny, Manu Herrmann, Meril Sindelar

## 16 Alternative civilian service members

We heavily rely on the support provided by the alternative civilian service members in the daily work in our programmes in Switzerland and in Indonesia. They contribute ideas and knowledge that drive our work forward. Thank you!  
Alan Pülz, Alexis Quartenoud, Dario Etter, Dario Vareni, Dimitri Müller, Erduan Ibraimi, Kevin Knecht, Manuel Oberhänsli, Michael Maibach, Noah Dopsloff, Noah Würger, Raphael Meierhans, Raphael Zimmer, Sascha Rüegg, Sebastian Schneeberger, Yener Kilic



«The PanEco Foundation is making an extremely important contribution to the conservation of the endangered Sumatran orangutans.

It is great that – thanks to our many years of support – the reintroduced orangutans have already had several offspring. This is clear confirmation of the success of the efforts to protect these great apes!»

**Dr Martin Bauert**  
Head of Nature Conservation, Zurich Zoo

## 32 Partners of the Bird of Prey Sanctuary and the nature centre:

- BungertHof und Chloster3
- Gemeinden Flaach, Berg am Irchel, Marthalen, Kleinandelfingen, Andelfingen, Buchberg, Rüdlingen
- Kanton Zürich: Gemeinnütziger Fonds, Fachstelle Naturschutz, Fischerei- und Jagdverwaltung, Veterinäramt, Kantonspolizei
- Kanton Schaffhausen: Planungs- und Naturschutzamt, Kantonspolizei
- TCS Camping und Restaurant Stäubis
- motrag Transport AG
- Netzwerk Schweizer Naturzentren
- Bildungsnetzwerk Aue
- Interessengemeinschaft Umwelt IGU
- Int. Kommission zum Schutz des Rheins (IKSR)
- TierRettungDienst
- Animal Rescue – Tierrettung
- Universitäres Tierspital, Zürich
- Vogelwarte Sempach
- Flughafen Zürich
- Zürcher Verkehrsverbund (ZVV)
- House of Winterthur
- Verein ProWeinland
- Verein Zürcher Wanderwege

## 6 Partner Schools Switzerland

- Schulgemeinden Andelfingen, Henggart, Marthalen, Rafz, Rheinau, Rüdlingen-Buchberg

## 43 Partner Programmes Indonesia:

- Arcus Foundation
- Auckland Zoo
- Darwin Initiative (UK aid)
- Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (Defra), UK Government
- Dr Scholl Foundation
- Deutsche Postcode Lotterie
- Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust
- ELSAKA
- Fondation Montagu
- Fort Wayne Children's Zoo
- Forum Konservasi Leuser
- Fresno Chaffee Zoo
- Green Justice Indonesia
- Hutan, Alam dan Lingkungan Aceh (HAKA)
- Illegal Wildlife Trade Challenge Fund (UK aid)
- Indonesische Naturschutzbehörden (KLHK, BBKSDA Sumatera Utara, BKSDA Aceh und TNGL)
- Lembaga Sipirok Lestari Indonesia
- Leuser Ecosystem Action Fund
- Oak Foundation
- Orang Utan Coffee
- Orangutan Foundation UK
- Orang-Utans in Not e.V.
- Orangutan Outreach
- Orangutan Veterinary Aid
- Stiftung Farald von Wedekind und Fiorimonde Wedekind
- Sumatra Rainforest Institute
- Toronto Zoo
- UNDP Lion's Share Fund
- Universität Zürich, Universität von North Sumatra, Universität Syiah Kuala, Landwirtschaftsuniversität Bogor und Universität Bournemouth
- US Fish and Wildlife Service – Great Ape Conservation Fund
- WALHI North Sumatra
- Yayasan Ekosistem Lestari (YEL)
- Yayasan Orangutan Sumatera Lestari – Orangutan Information Centre
- Yayasan Puntondo and Yayasan Seloliman
- Zoologische Gesellschaft Frankfurt
- Zoo Zürich



Performance report

# Organisation, team and environmental education

The PanEco strategy process, which involved the team, the Foundation and Advisory Board as well as PanEco’s key partners, concluded in July 2024 with a development plan for the coming years and a revised mission statement. Long-standing co-managing directors Irena Wettstein and Marcel Etterlin will hand over implementation to designated co-managing directors Loredana Sorg and Martin Schmid in April.

Staff changes in 2024

In May, we said goodbye to Esther Kettler, a long-standing member of the accounting team, and our Head of Public Fundraising, Anja Marti. Both have taken well-deserved retirement. The team thanked them sincerely and wished them all the best in their new-found free time. Their positions have been filled by Marlis Gloor and Laura Rosano, both of whom have many years of expertise in their respective departments. In the Bird of Prey Sanctuary, Jan Kobza has opted for a new way of life and left his post as Deputy Manager of the Bird of Prey Sanctuary. The team and the volunteers at the Sanctuary are very grateful for his many years of service. The new Sanctuary manager is Anita Zybach, who has a great deal of experience from



A careful transition: from 1 May 2025, Martin Schmid and Loredana Sorg (both on the right) will take over from co-managing directors Marcel Etterlin and Irena Wettstein (left). They bring many years of experience in international collaboration in fields such as agro-ecological transformation, resource-conserving management and rural development, and have worked in nature conservation in Switzerland.

her work with our partner, the TierRettungsDienst (Animal Rescue Service). Amber Gooijer now works on an 80% schedule as part of the team on the programme headed by Andi Lischke. Dario Vareni has been working at headquarters in the areas of communications, fundraising and administration since July. The Ranger Service under Team Leader Barbara Hauschel kicked off 2025 with new Deputy Leader Frank Maike. In the summer months, they are assisted by ranger Karin Mischkulnig and ranger Adrian Seiler. Anthropologist Dr Anna Marzec joined the Indonesia programmes team at the start of 2024.

PanEco Board of Trustees

The eight-strong Board of Trustees is in charge of defining the organisation’s strategic direction, appointing senior management, and approving the annual financial statement and budget. The Board meets with senior management five times a year. Since 2021, the following people have served on the Board of Trustees: Regina Frey (Chair), Professor Carel van Schaik, Claudia Lutz-Campell, Karin Koch, Peter Hollenstein, Samuel Frey, Thomas Hofstetter and Viktor Giacobbo.

New Ombudsman’s Service from 2025

As part of the strategy process, it was decided to create an ombudsman service. Marlen Karlen and Patrik Spillmann have been recruited from the trustworthy Advisory Board for this task. They will now be available to the team as trusted advisors from 1 January 2025 onwards.

Environmental education for the future

As part of the strategy process, environmental education was defined as one of the three key strategic work areas of the Foundation. To improve networking between the various environmental education teams and the strategic development of environmental education work, the new Environmental Education Office was set up in early 2024. In spring, a delegation of six from Indonesia visited the Swiss programmes, and in the summer, János Rumpel, Project Manager for School Programmes, and Simon Fuchs, Manager of the Thurauen Nature Centre, travelled to the Indonesian environmental education projects. After this inspiring exchange, a cross-programme framework concept for environmental education was developed and the newly founded environmental education core group commenced work.

## Team 2025, per 1 Mars 2025

PanEco headquarters, Berg am Irchel



Irena Wettstein 90 %  
Co-managing Director programmes and communications



Marcel Etterlin 75 %  
Co-managing Director finance and fundraising



Marlis Gloor 60 %  
Accounting



Laura Rosano 80 %  
Public fundraising and bequests



Claudia Crevatin 80 %  
Institutional fundraising



János Rumpel 70 %  
Environmental education



Katja Kolitzus 80 %  
Communications



Melina Erdin 50 %  
Communications



Dario Vareni 30 %  
Communications and administration

Berg am Irchel Bird of Prey Sanctuary



Andi Lischke 100 %  
Programme Manager



Anita Zybach 100 %  
Station Manager



Amber Gooijer 80 %  
Environmental education

Thurauen Nature Centre, Flaach



Simon Fuchs 90 %  
Manager Nature Centre



Sonja Falkner 80 %  
Deputy Manager



Dagmar Püntener 60 %  
Coordinator volunteers, environmental education



Barbara Hauschel 60 %  
Team Leader ranger service



Frank Maike 60 %  
Deputy Team Leader ranger service and Junior Ranger



Heribert Rappolt 40 %  
Caretaker



Manu Herrmann 100 %  
Intern



Alexandra Kuttinig 100 %  
Intern



Lenja Fischer 100 %  
Intern



Linn Hille-Dahl 100 %  
Intern

Programmes Indonesia



Ian Singleton 40 %  
Senior Advisor



Brigitte Spillmann 80 %  
Leader Programme Manager Indonesia



Fae Aprilinayati 100 %  
Grants Programme Manager Indonesia



Thea Resubun 100 %  
Grants Programme Manager Indonesia



Anna Marzec 80 %  
Programme Manager Indonesia



Performance report

# Public relations and fundraising

The PanEco Foundation largely relies on donations to fund its activities. It is entirely thanks to these donations from numerous institutions and private individuals that we are able to advocate for biodiversity and sustainability in Switzerland and Indonesia. A team of six regularly keeps the public and our supporters in the loop about PanEco’s work, raises awareness regarding matters close to our heart, notifies them of our activities and asks for donations.

Communications

Online

Our websites (paneco.ch, greifvogelstation.ch, naturzentrum-thurauen.ch) are always up to date. We report on our programmes, publish all events and offers, which can be booked directly on the Nature Centre website, and make donating money easy. The email newsletter reaches more than 9 000 people a month and is also published four times a year in French for our donors in French-speaking Switzerland. On social media, we publish several posts per week on Instagram, Facebook and LinkedIn about the latest flora and fauna in the Thurauen, provide insights into patient stories, tell stories from employees and share the best pictures from our programmes.

Offline

In 2024, more than 60 reports appeared in regional and international media on topics relating to the Nature Centre, the Bird of Prey Sanctuary and the Orangutan Conservation Programme. Highlights that drew particular attention included the special exhibition «Wow, a kingfisher!», the opening of the new adventure trail in the Thurauen, the series of lectures by Ian Singleton on SOCP and, at the end of November, the landslides at the rescue and rehabilitation station in Sumatra attracted further attention. The programme of events (circulation 23 800 copies) was distributed to our supporters and throughout the Flaachtal region. We organised an open day in Berg am Irchel and had an information stand at the spring market in Kleinandelfingen and at the Andelfingen funfair.

Fundraising

Institutional

Forty-six per cent of our funding comes from grant-making foundations. To secure this funding in 2024, we submitted a large number of applications to institutions in Switzerland, Liechtenstein and Germany. We also maintain partnerships with other financing partners to promote our programmes in Indonesia. For special projects in Indonesia, we made targeted financing applications, which we usually submit in collaboration with other nature conservation organisations to major international foundations and state funding programmes.

Public

We receive around a third of our donations from private individuals who support us with one-off donations, sponsorships, patronage or as members. Four times a year, we send out our donation magazine *PanEcho*, which contains fascinating background reports on our programmes along with an appeal for donations. All donors receive a donation receipt in January for their tax return. In order to find new supporters, an external address mailing was also sent to 30 000 addresses in April. In May, we had the privilege of meeting our orangutan sponsors at the annual Sponsor’s Day in Berg am Irchel. They received a personal update on their sponsored animal and exciting insights into our work. This was followed by our Patrons’ Day in June, which involved a guided tour of the Bird of Prey Sanctuary, a lecture on our projects in Indonesia and a presentation by the Thurauen Nature Centre.

Fundraising campaign after the landslide in Sumatra

Following the devastating landslides at the end of November, we launched an emergency appeal to institutions and private donors and supporters to raise the urgently needed financial resources so that the operation and reconstruction of our destroyed rescue and rehabilitation station could continue. The show of solidarity was overwhelming – a heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported us with emergency financial aid!



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Financial report

# Notes on the annual financial statement

Revenue

In 2024, PanEco generated revenue of CHF 6.8 million. Revenue from fundraising activities increased by CHF 0.5 million compared to the previous year. This was primarily attributable to the receipt of two legacy payments as well as the emergency aid campaign in connection with the disastrous landslide at the rescue and rehabilitation station. However, revenue from services rendered, including public grants, raised by CHF 100 000 compared to the previous year. We owe our main revenue to our circle of very loyal and generous donors. In addition, our important network of foundations, private patrons and the Cantons of Zurich and Schaffhausen also provide a solid source of funding.

Programme expenditure

PanEco principally uses its funds for the operational management of its three main programmes: Sumatran Orangutan Conservation Programme (SOCP), Indonesia, Berg am Irchel Bird of Prey Sanctuary and Thurauen Nature Centre in Flaach, Switzerland. In the past financial year, the net allocation of earmarked donations was once again positive. It should be noted, however, that these sums are often associated with timelines longer than one year for special projects such as protecting the Batang Toru Ecosystem and Tapanuli orangutan conservation activities on Sumatra with our partners, as well as the construction of Orangutan Haven.

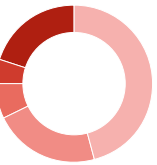
Costs for supporting activities

Our costs rose slightly compared to the previous year. PanEco strives to structure its organisation

efficiently so that the maximum possible percentage of donations can be used for our projects. Our fundraising practices are based on the Swiss fundraising ethical guidelines.

Sources of funds

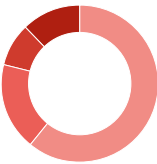
A large proportion of our funding comes from grant-making foundations. Another significant portion comes from private donors, while a small amount is raised through project revenue. The Thurauen Nature Centre also receives financial support from the Canton of Zurich, and the Ranger Service is funded by the Cantons of Zurich and Schaffhausen.



Grant-making foundations:	46%
Private donations:	22%
Cantonal contributions:	7%
Project revenues:	5%
Legacy:	20%

Use of funds for our three main programmes

The largest portion of our funding goes towards the holistic Orangutan Conservation Programme in Indonesia. A smaller amount goes towards the Thurauen Nature Centre in Flaach and the Berg am Irchel Bird of Prey Sanctuary. We spend 12% income on administration, fundraising and communications (awareness-raising).



Orangutan Conservation Programme:	61%
Nature Centre:	18%
Bird of Prey Sanctuary:	9%
Administration/fundraising/communications:	12%

Result

PanEco ended the year with an annual profit of CHF 287 601. We are allocating the amount to our free capital, thus strengthening the organisation’s capital.



Beyond life: your legacy donation for endangered species and their habitats!

In a will, you decide for yourself what happens to your estate. You can ensure your loved ones are protected and, at the same time, do something good – for nature and future generations. Legacies and bequests help us to implement important projects more quickly and secure long-term nature conservation measures.

You can create a template for a will free of charge and with no obligation on the website of our partner *DeinAdieu*. If you would like to consider PanEco in your will and have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us directly. We would be happy to advise you.

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PanEco balance sheet

	31 Dec 2024	31 Dec 2023
	CHF	CHF
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	7'407'154.13	6'011'775.09
Accounts receivable	330'957.45	11'792.61
Other current receivables	37'616.64	10'860.47
Inventories	3'972.98	3'974.63
Prepaid expenses and accrued income	36'230.95	33'267.70
Current assets	7'815'932.15	6'071'670.50
Financial assets	1'415'639.00	1'426'659.82
Property, plant and equipment	504'626.28	684'747.43
Non-current assets	1'920'265.28	2'111'407.25
Assets	9'736'197.43	8'183'077.75
Liabilities		
Trade accounts payable	51'309.66	62'565.05
Other current liabilities	46'744.13	34'451.84
Accrued expenses and deferred income	132'937.79	188'028.16
Current liabilities	230'991.58	285'045.05
Loans	200'000.00	200'000.00
Loans from related parties	245'000.00	425'000.00
Long-term liabilities	445'000.00	625'000.00
Earmarked funds	5'671'426.71	4'171'854.80
Share capital	10'000.00	10'000.00
Committed capital	2'000'000.00	2'000'000.00
Free capital	1'378'779.14	1'091'177.90
Organisational capital	3'388'779.14	3'101'177.90
Liabilities	9'736'197.43	8'183'077.75

Explanatory notes on the balance sheet and income statement

<sup>1</sup> This mainly includes the two projects Nature Centre Thurauen and the Ranger Service.

<sup>2</sup> We support the following three environmental education centres: PPLH Seloliman on Java, PPLH Puntondo on Sulawesi and PPLH Bohorok on Sumatra.

<sup>3</sup> This includes the Bird of Prey Sanctuary in Berg am Irchel.

<sup>4</sup> The Orangutan Conservation Programme is financed here as well as investment projects implemented with partners, such as the Orangutan Haven.

PanEco income statement

	2024	2023
	CHF	CHF
Revenue		
Earmarked donations	5'319'843.68	4'627'483.42
Free donations	692'862.19	914'067.44
Public contributions	473'210.10	421'417.50
Revenue from goods and services	315'010.70	203'783.95
Total operating income	6'800'926.67	6'166'752.31
Expenses for service provision		
Environmental education Switzerland <sup>1</sup>	-881'472.48	-866'593.40
Environmental education Indonesia <sup>2</sup>	-202'803.31	-131'364.70
Environmental protection and nature conservation Switzerland <sup>3</sup>	-462'625.44	-387'881.78
Environmental protection and nature conservation Indonesia <sup>4</sup>	-2'755'919.33	-2'944'580.81
Partner projects and others	-119'962.71	-121'162.71
Project expenses	-4'422'783.27	-4'451'583.40
Fundraising and general advertising expenses	-591'856.86	-584'882.29
Administrative expenses	-234'156.20	-141'702.87
Expenses for service provision	-5'248'796.33	-5'178'168.56
Operating result	1'552'130.34	988'583.75
Financial income	206'738.89	47'160.37
Financial expenses	-17'207.76	-102'429.74
Financial result	189'531.13	-55'269.37
Extraordinary income	77'947.02	6'967.95
Extraordinary expenses	-32'435.34	-10'050.20
Extraordinary result	45'511.68	-3'082.25
Result before change in fund capital	1'787'173.15	930'232.13
Allocations	-5'319'843.68	-4'627'483.42
Use of funds	3'820'271.77	3'823'206.35
Result for the year before allocation to organisational capital	287'601.24	125'955.06
Allocations to organisational capital	-287'601.24	-125'955.06
Result after fund and capital movements	0.00	0.00



Cash flow statement PanEco

	2024	2023
	CHF	CHF
Result for the year (before allocation to organisational capital)	287'601.24	125'955.06
Change in fund capital	1'499'571.91	804'277.07
Depreciation and amortisation	180'121.15	180'121.15
Other expenses/income not affecting the fund	-75'541.15	-25'201.65
(Increase) decrease in receivables	-345'921.01	72'200.73
(Increase) decrease in inventories	1.65	-353.09
(Increase) decrease in prepaid expenses and accrued income	-2'963.25	2'495.35
Increase (decrease) in current liabilities	1'036.90	248.35
Increase (decrease) in accrued expenses and deferred income	-55'090.37	-18'832.69
Cash flow from operating activities	1'488'817.07	1'140'910.28
(Investments) in financial assets	-351'935.97	-645'075.79
Divestment of financial assets	438'497.94	383'921.62
Cash flow from investing activities	86'561.97	-261'154.17
Increase (decrease) in loans		
To related parties	-180'000.00	-230'000.00
Cash flow from financing activities	-180'000.00	-230'000.00
Change in cash and cash equivalents	1'395'379.04	649'756.11
Cash and cash equivalents as at 1 January	6'011'775.09	5'362'018.98
Cash and cash equivalents as at 31 December	7'407'154.13	6'011'775.09
Proof of changes in cash and cash equivalents	1'395'379.04	649'756.11

The history of PanEco

Launch of the Foundation

Biologist Regina Frey from Berg am Irchel founded the PanEco Foundation together with like-minded people.



1996

Launch of SOCP and YEL

An agreement was signed between PanEco and the Indonesian government, marking the start of the Sumatran Orangutan Conservation Programme SOCP. The sister foundation Yayasan Ekosistem Lestari (YEL) was founded in Indonesia the following year.

1999



Quality seal

PanEco became Zewo-certified for the first time. This quality seal that confirms that we meet the requisite standards with regard to non-profit status, transparency, integrity and the efficient appropriation of funds is extremely important to both the foundation and donors.

2006

The Berg am Irchel Bird of Prey Sanctuary was integrated into the foundation. The sanctuary was set up and run by Veronika von Stockar, Regina Frey's mother, from the 1950s onwards.

2008



2011

PanEco and the Canton of Zurich jointly opened the Thurauen Nature Centre in Flaach. Environmental education activities and a ranger service are the focus of the new centre of excellence.

Strategy process

In a participatory strategy process, the current programmes in Switzerland and Indonesia were confirmed and a new mission statement and development plan for PanEco's three strategic work areas drawn up: rehabilitation and reintroduction, landscape conservation and environmental education.

2024

Statement of changes in capital

	Existing capital 1 January 2024	Allocations	Use of funds	Existing capital 31 December 2024
Earmarked funds				
Environmental education Switzerland	12'000.00	247'395.53	-259'395.53	0.00
Environmental protection/nature conservation Switzerland	927'760.82	906'239.29	-506'739.77	1'327'260.34
Environmental education Indonesia	265'000.00	214'803.31	-202'803.31	277'000.00
Environmental protection/nature conservation Indonesia	2'967'093.98	3'951'405.55	-2'851'333.16	4'067'166.37
Other projects	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total fund capital	4'171'854.80	5'319'843.68	-3'820'271.77	5'671'426.71
Organisational capital				
Share capital	10'000.00	0.00	0.00	10'000.00
Committed capital	2'000'000.00	0.00	0.00	2'000'000.00
Free capital	1'091'177.90	287'601.24	0.00	1'378'779.14
Total organisational capital	3'101'177.90	287'601.24	0.00	3'388'779.14

Audit report

The annual financial statement for 2024 was audited on 14 March 2025 by Consultive Revision AG. It complies with the law and the articles of incorporation. Winterthur, 21 March 2025, Consultive Revisions AG, Tatjana Widmer and Martin Graf

The audit report and the entire annual financial statement can be ordered from our office or downloaded via our website.

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## Annual review

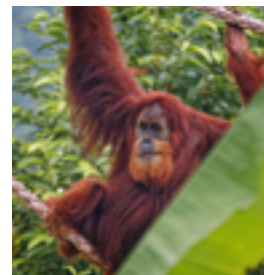
## 2024 in a nutshell

Not everything that happens in a year makes it into the annual report. Either here or on our website, you can flick through the brief overviews of the events, news and highlights that didn't get prime coverage but were no less important. Don't want to miss anything in the future? Then follow us on social media to keep up to date with all of our news!



You can read about 2024 in a nutshell on our website: <https://paneco.ch/en/2024-nutshell/>

## January



At the beginning of the year, Dek Nong moved into the Orangutan Haven, exploring her island and new home for the first time.

## February



The 'Thurauen throughout the year' school programme was a popular booking, with school classes regularly visiting the Thurauen region in winter, too.

## March



In March, the special exhibition «Wow, a kingfisher!» in the Nature Centre opened with a well-attended preview.

## April



Opened in April, the new Thurauen adventure trail runs along a varied route through the floodplain landscape along the Thur river.



Fifteen tawny owl patients ranging from very small to large with different plumage colours stayed with us at the Bird of Prey Sanctuary in April.

## May



Last year, there was increased exchange between the environmental education teams. As part of this, a delegation from the three Indonesian environmental education centres and the Orangutan Haven visited us in Switzerland.

## June



At the beginning of June, the Thur river carried more water than it had done in 11 years. Floods are part of the floodplain forest. It acts like a sponge that absorbs water and releases it slowly.

## July



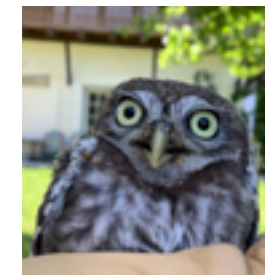
Last summer, we looked after four peregrine falcons. These imposing hunters plunge on their prey at speeds of over 300 km/h.



The young female orangutan Wenda was sighted in July with her offspring in the rainforest in Jantho. The young animal is a bearer of hope for its species.



Anita Zybach (left) succeeded Jan Kobza as Sanctuary manager at the Bird of Prey Sanctuary and has been responsible for the sanctuary's daily business ever since. Pictured: programme leader Andi Lischke and Amber Gooijer, environmental education.



This fascinating owl is now a rarity in Switzerland: the Little Owl. That's why it was special for the team when one was brought to the Bird of Prey Sanctuary for care last summer.



Our rangers rescued two orphaned baby hedgehogs at the Husemersee lake at the end of July. They were both lying on the footpath, malnourished and severely dehydrated.

## August



In August, we transferred six orangutans from the rescue and rehabilitation station to the reintroduction station in Jambi, Sumatra. The image shows their transport boxes being prepared.

## September



Ramo was the victim of a mudslide and was found stuck in the mud and completely exhausted. Since then, the young female has been cared for in the rescue and rehabilitation station.



The new Suaq Ecotrail is the third ecotrail in the Orangutan Haven. On the trails, visitors experience the various ecosystems in which Sumatran orangutans live.



The female orangutan Hope died after a stroke. The death of this blind orangutan, who was severely traumatised and stayed five years with us, moved us deeply.



«The last of its kind – if we don't act now.» That's how we campaigned for the Biodiversity Initiative in September. After all, the preservation of biodiversity is one of PanEco's objectives.

## October



This autumn, the Junior Rangers dived into the fascinating world of mammals. Using a wildlife camera and looking for tracks, they got to know the animals that roam the floodplain landscape.



Last year, we held various training courses for teachers. They were able to deepen their knowledge on subjects such as beavers, frog ponds, birds of prey and owls and received practical ideas for lessons.



Since the autumn term, we have been offering modular school tours at the Bird of Prey Sanctuary so that teachers can adapt their visits to the needs of their class, or based on their specialist areas.

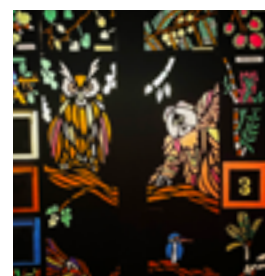
## November



Our orangutan expert Dr Ian Singleton visited Switzerland as part of a lecture series at the beginning of November. He visited several cities to provide insight into PanEco's projects for the protection of orangutans in Indonesia.



At the end of November, several heavy landslides destroyed large parts of our rescue and rehabilitation station in Sumatra. They were caused by prolonged heavy rainfall.



This design adorned the entrance door of the office in Berg am Irchel in the run up to Christmas. Our intern Manu designed it to match our three programmes.





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