



What PanEco achieves

# Annual Report 2025

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 all three strategic areas, we contribute to the preservation of nature and its diversity. We also promote responsible interaction between humans and 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

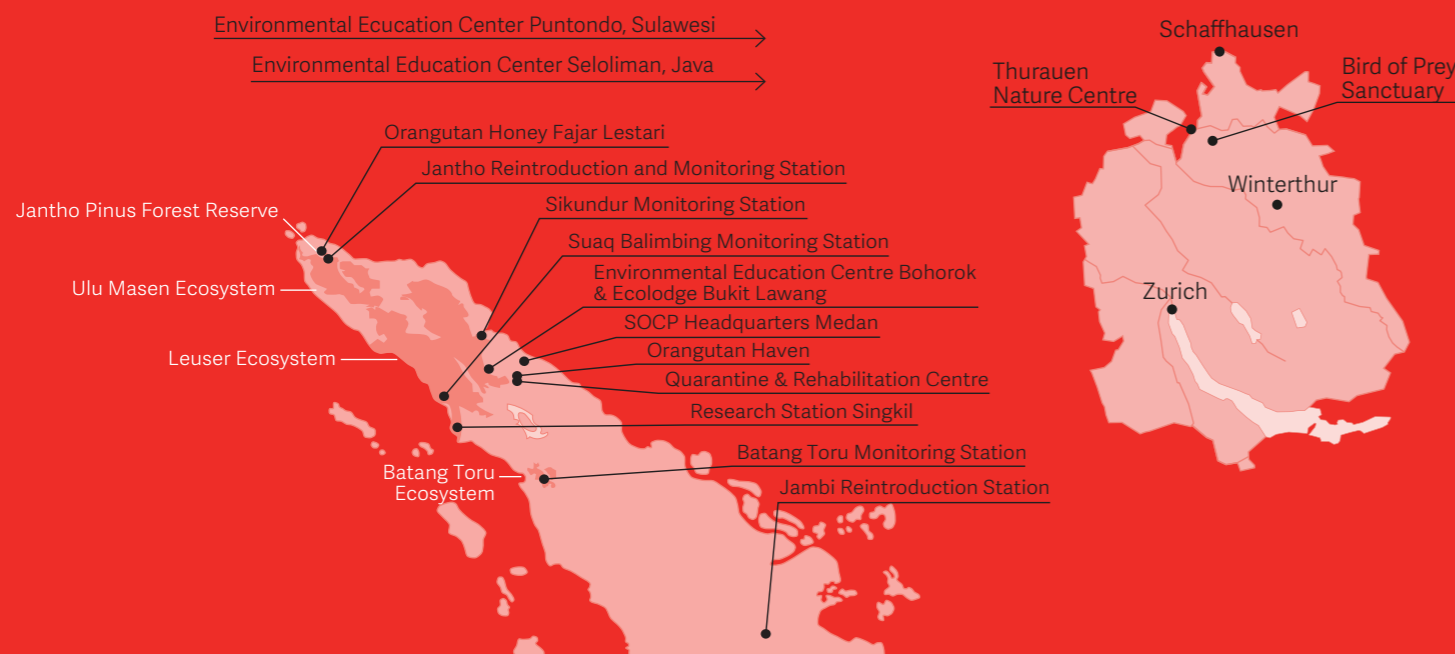
Our vision is an 'Earth' ecosystem where people, animals, plants and their habitats are preserved in all their diversity and in ecological, social and economic harmony. People see themselves as part of this and are mindful of their responsibilities.

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 five of the UN's 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):



Editorial

# Protecting nature with passion & strong partners

The stage is set for our new management team

Great challenges lie ahead for Loredana Sorg and Martin Schmid, but I am convinced that this is exactly what appeals to them and one of the very reasons why they chose to join us.

The world is changing rapidly, and so is the environment in which organisations like PanEco operate. The way things stood yesterday and what was once certain is no longer. Actually, I think that's a good thing. After all, it stops us from stagnating, forces us to find creative solutions and to reorientate ourselves. Where do we want to go? What do we want to achieve in the next ten years?

After 30 years, our new management duo is set to steer PanEco into an exciting new era. We wish them all the best!

We would be grateful if you would also extend them your full trust and support.

A year full of new beginnings

A spring defined by new partnerships, a summer with record visitor numbers at the Thurauen Nature Centre, an autumn marked by a great outpouring of solidarity following the devastating flood disaster in our project areas in northern Sumatra, and a year-end with the second highest number of patients at the Berg am Irchel Bird of Prey Sanctuary – PanEco's 2025 was marked by moments of success and major challenges.

In our first year at PanEco, we have come to know and love an organisation that is deeply rooted in Zurich's wine-growing region, is building a strong network of like-minded institutions in Switzerland and, with impressive dedication and 30 years of perseverance, continues to play a vital role in protecting orangutans and rainforests in Indonesia.

None of this would be possible without our committed and highly qualified team in Switzerland and Indonesia – or without you or your valuable support. Our Board of Trustees also contributes to the successful development of the organisation and will be joined by a number of new members this year.

In 2026, we will be celebrating our 30th anniversary together with you and the wider public at a variety of events. We look forward to more of the same as well as a number of inspiring new beginnings in the years ahead.

Thank you for your loyalty.

Protecting, strengthening and experiencing nature. Join us in our anniversary year.



Warm regards,



*Regina Frey*

**Regina Frey**  
President of PanEco

*L. Sorg* *M. Schmid*

**Loredana Sorg and Martin Schmid**  
Co-Managing Directors of PanEco



«In 2025, we expanded our offering further. Modular school tours allow for a targeted selection of topics. For adults, we are trialling new formats. The «Thurauen Rätsel», inspired by an escape game, will be available for bookings from the 2026 season.»

**Dagmar Püntener**  
Environmental education at the Thurauen Nature Centre

## Programme focus 2025

### ► Environmental education

More than 12'900 people visited the Thurauen Nature Centre in 2025. Just under 7'850 visits to the exhibition and the adventure trail were recorded. We provided 30 guided tours at 19 public events. In 97 tours and workshops, we introduced groups and families to the Thurauen and got 146 school classes to fall in love with nature.

### ► New pond for netting

In January, excavation for a new pond on the adventure trail began. Going forward, this will make netting with our visitor groups easier: on the one hand, an entire school class or group will be able to use pond nets to search for aquatic life in one specific spot; on the other hand, the other ponds will be left undisturbed.

### ► Training for specialists

In roughly 50 training blocks, we trained five interns in the areas of environmental education and deepened their knowledge of species identification. In two summer projects, they recorded the woody plants on the adventure trail and used footprint tunnels to determine the small mammals on the site. They also developed a new school tour on the subject of insects in the Preusselen region.

### ► Outlook 2026

In this anniversary year, we are looking back on the past 15 years of the Thurauen Nature Centre and celebrating nature together with our guests. The escape game-style activity for adults will keep our visitors in suspense from the start of the season. In addition, clarifications are ongoing regarding the installation of a photovoltaic system on the roof of the Nature Centre.



Visitors feel the astonishing density of the beaver coat after Deputy Manager of the Nature Centre, Sonja Falkner, explained that each square centimetre is covered in up to 23'000 hairs. Our guided tours use sensory experiences and direct encounters to create lasting impressions, sparking curiosity and enthusiasm for biodiversity while strengthening our connection to nature in the process.

Thurauen Nature Centre

## Understanding the unique floodplain Thurauen

The Thurauen Nature Centre is the gateway to the largest floodplain conservation area in the Swiss Plateau. For visitors to the Thurauen 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 Thurauen Nature Centre understand the importance of intact ecosystems (especially the Thurauen 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



«Reconciling the needs of the natural world with those of humans is a challenge. People should be allowed to experience nature – at the same time, nature needs peace and protection.

Implementing this in partnership with forestry specialists, game wardens and public authorities is a fulfilling task for me.»

**Frank Maïke**  
Deputy Head of Ranger Service and Head of Junior Rangers

## Programme focus 2025

### ► Ranger team, information, advice and patrolling

Our ranger team informs visitors to the protected areas about nature conservation, local species and current conservation regulations. In addition to the Thurauen, the Husemersee lake and the «old» river Rhein, they also inspected the Flaach village stream on behalf of the Zurich Department of Waste, Water, Energy and Air (AWEL) in 2025 because the local beaver population is very active there. From October onwards, they also patrolled the Oerlingen marsh on a trial basis and carried out visitor monitoring. The violations in the 2025 season were reported to the relevant authorities.

### ► Junior Ranger Programme

Split into three groups, a total of 30 junior rangers took part in the Junior Ranger programme. Over 24 afternoons, the children explored the Thurauen and discovered various natural themes through play.

### ► New observation tower

The observation tower was opened on the southern bank of the Thur below Ellikerbrücke. The new highlight in the Thurauen attracted a large number of visitors thanks to significant media coverage and gave the ranger team the opportunity to chat with lots of people.

### ► Outlook 2026

Maintaining and collaborating with the partner network is of great importance in addition to monitoring protected areas. The Ranger Service has an information booth at PanEco events and on World Ranger Day.

The new observation tower in the Thurauen opened on 5 April 2025. The 15-metre-high wooden tower was designed by ETH student Jan Hess. It was created by the canton of Zurich. Visitors get a great view of the restored banks of the River Thur and its wildlife from two platforms, all without disturbing nature. That's because the wooden slats serve to shield any movement inside the tower. With a bit of luck, you will spot little ringed plovers, green sandpipers or kingfishers from here.



### Ranger Service Thurauen

## What do rangers do?

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 river Rhein on the west 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.

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**Partner-network**

- Canton of Zurich: Office of Landscape and Nature
- Canton of Schaffhausen: Office of Planning and Natural Resources



«Small miracles are par for the course in our working day: a buzzard that came to us after a collision was left blind, despite showing no outward signs of injury. We fed him

by hand every day until he became more resilient and could finally catch his own food with confidence. His recovery shows what time and patience can achieve.»

**Amber Gooijer**  
Environmental education and animal welfare at the Bird of Prey Sanctuary

## Programme focus 2025

### ► Admission and care

Of the 364 birds admitted, 124 were red kites and 111 kestrels. A total of 253 patients were found in the canton of Zurich and had suffered an injury or were very weak. But almost 100 nestlings have also grown up in the sanctuary. Various renovations have also been carried out at the sanctuary: the wooden staircase in the aviary has been replaced thanks to a donor company, and we have extensively maintained the pond and renovated the garden paths and gates in the surrounds of the sanctuary.

### ► Environmental education

The work of the sanctuary was brought home to some 2'720 interested people in 144 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.

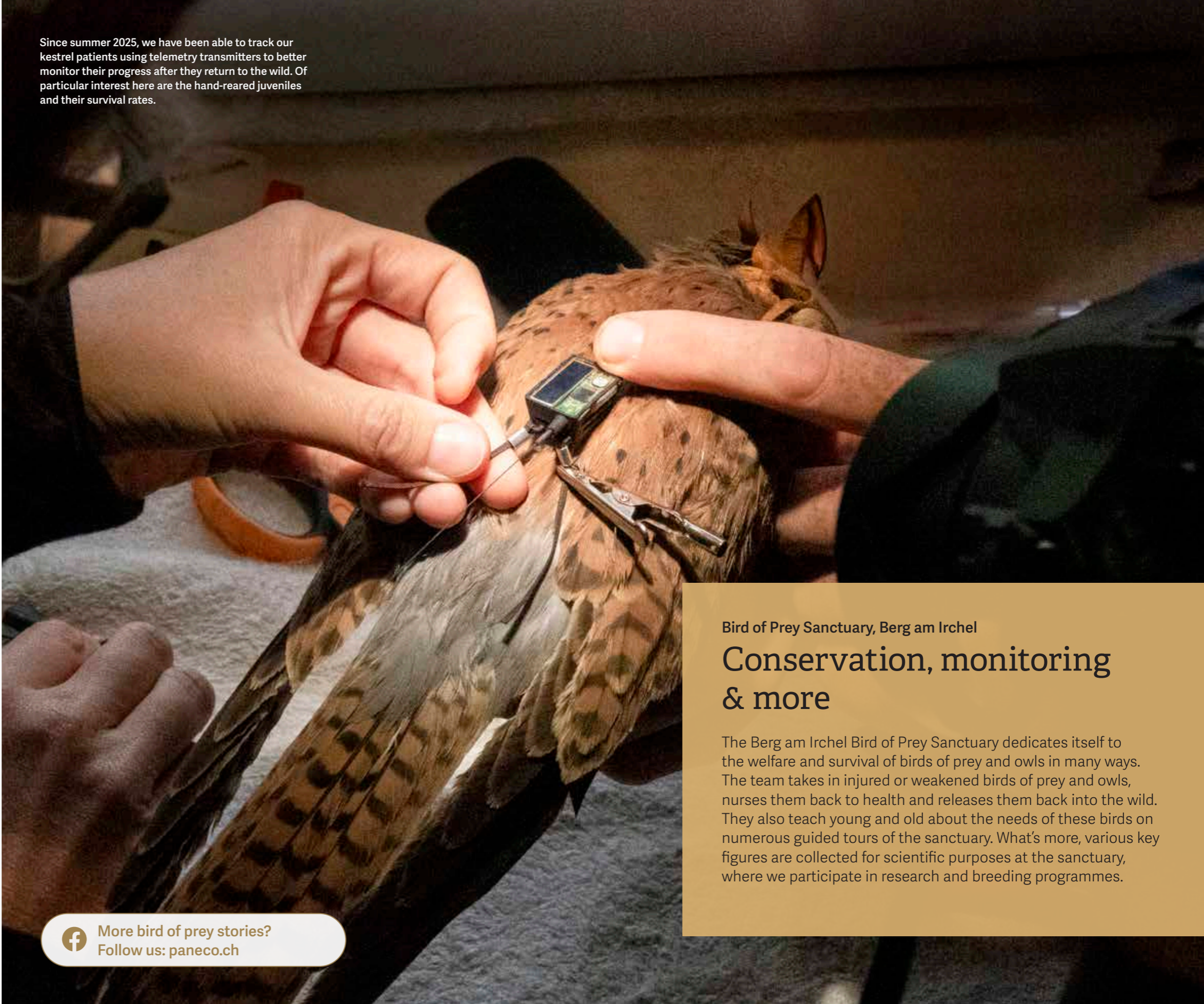
### ► Species protection and research

Our Ural owl pair hatched three chicks, which we took to the Vienna Woods in Austria, together with other young owls from Swiss sanctuaries, for release into the wild as part of the European resettlement project. We have started the process of fitting our kestrels with transmitters for better monitoring. As part of our partnership with Bird of Prey Sanctuary Greifenhof, we initiated cross-cantonal collaboration, promoting the exchange of expertise.

### ► Outlook

During 2026, we'll be preparing for the retirement-related handover of programme management for the Bird of Prey Sanctuary. We are expanding our collaboration with Greifenhof.

Since summer 2025, we have been able to track our kestrel patients using telemetry transmitters to better monitor their progress after they return to the wild. Of particular interest here are the hand-reared juveniles and their survival rates.



Bird of Prey Sanctuary, Berg am Irchel

## Conservation, monitoring & more

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.



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

**15 % 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, Sempach
- Bird of Prey Sanctuary Greifenhof, Walkringen



«Online meetings with the Environmental Education Indonesia core group are offering more possibilities than expected: in addition to intercultural and professional exchange, live workshops on the production of soap can also take place.»

János Rumpel  
PanEco environmental education

## Programme focus 2025

### ► PanEco-Internal training/quality development

PanEco employees working in environmental education were trained, supervised and supported in two training blocks and 10 guided tours. Thanks to new digital evaluation forms, we now receive regular feedback on what we offer. At the beginning of the year, we were able to finalise the environmental education framework concept and implement it with the teams. The environmental education teams from Indonesia and Switzerland held three multi-national meetings to exchange ideas.

### ► Programmes for schools and teachers

Our educational resources were used extensively: the lesson files were downloaded 194 times and the subject boxes were used by seven schools for 40 weeks. Approximately 44 educators were engaged in our core topics over the course of four training events.

### ► Network and advertising

Thanks to a new partnership with Flaachthal schools, we now have seven cooperation agreements with schools that can make low-threshold use of our environmental education programmes. We launched a three-year partnership with Pfungen school. In September, the Nature Centre hosted the 7th 'teaching outdoors' network meeting, organised by WWF and Silviva. We were able to introduce 85 people from the fields of education and environmental education to our extracurricular learning environment. We promoted our programmes among schools and teachers with four school newsletters and six presentations.

### ► Outlook 2026

We will introduce the orangutan school pack and courses in schools. In the Nature Centre, we focus on adult education. We are launching a new educational format with four NaturFilm evenings.

Organised by WWF and Silviva, the 7th network meeting 'teaching outdoors' took place on 20 September 2025 at the Thurauen Nature Centre. We were able to present our extracurricular learning environment to 85 teachers, students, lecturers, representatives of various educational institutions and other interested parties. After a hands-on presentation, participants attended workshops to explore the topic of water as an instrument for learning. The all-round successful day ended with a walk through the Thurauen floodplains and a dinner by the fire.



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PanEco: Environmental education

## Join us in the great outdoors!

Environmental education is essential to ensuring that people see themselves as part of the Earth's ecosystem and take proactive responsibility; this has been a core focus of our work since the foundation was established. With our environmental education programmes in Switzerland and Indonesia, we are committed to preserving and protecting ecosystems and promoting sustainable development. They are designed to be factual, educational and appropriate for the target audience, promoting responsible interaction with one another and respect for natural resources. Since 2024, we have been strengthening our environmental education department by creating a cross-foundation unit that coordinates our collaboration between the teams in Switzerland and Indonesia, evaluates existing programmes and drives the strategic development of the department.

**Goal** A wide range of environmental education programmes on the protection of ecosystems and sustainable development promote respect for one another and for natural resources.

**2% of PanEco programme costs**

**Partner-network**

- WWF and Silviva (network meeting)
- Films for the Earth Association
- Team- und Klassenbegleitung GmbH
- Promotion of the Zurich wine-growing region



«Rebuilding after the land-slides is progressing well thanks to the generous and swift international donations. The ongoing operation of the rescue and rehabilitation station is ensured, and all orangutans in our care are doing well.»

**Citrakasih Nente**  
Ex-Situ Programme Leader, YEL

## Programme focus 2025

### ► Admission and care

Over the course of the year, two orangutans were admitted to the Quarantine & Rehabilitation Centre. In 2025, the team of veterinarians and keepers took care of a total of 36 orangutans.

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

Since the rescue and rehabilitation station began admitting orangutans in 2001, a total of 144 orangutans have been released into the Jantho Nature Reserve and 214 orangutans into Jambi as of the end of 2025. In 2025, the team successfully released seven rehabilitated orangutans into the Jantho and Jambi Protected Areas and relocated a further seven orangutans to Jantho because they were in a dangerous environment. The monitoring team in Jantho has so far recorded nine young animals born within the protected area, most recently the female orangutan Ayu with her five-year-old offspring, Ajan, in autumn 2025.

### ► Rebuilding after the landslides

Reconstruction of the Quarantine & Rehabilitation Centre began immediately after the severe landslides at the end of November 2024. The most important infrastructure such as the animal clinic, several orangutan enclosures and the rainforest school for young animals are back in operation. For safety reasons, however, we were looking for a new location for the station. The future Quarantine & Rehabilitation Centre will be built in the rear part of the grounds of the Orangutan Haven in the coming years.

### ► Outlook 2026

In addition to running day-to-day operations, planning the new rescue and rehabilitation station will require significant resources. At our current site, we are continuing to work on the reconstruction to ensure that animals are kept in species-appropriate conditions.



Success story: the approximately 25-year-old orangutan Puntung from the village of Lamatuha in southwest Aceh, Sumatra, was brought to the rescue and rehabilitation station with several injuries on 1 February 2025. Despite the devastating landslides that had hit shortly beforehand – destroying, among other things, the station’s clinic – Puntung received much-needed medical care in a makeshift facility. In June, our partner organisation YEL brought Puntung to the reintroduction station in Jantho, where we were able to release him following a short stay.

SOCP: Sumatran Orangutan Conservation Programme

Since 2001, 354 orangutans have been given a second chance

The Quarantine & Rehabilitation Centre 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 reintroduction stations either in Bukit Tigapuluh National Park in the province of Jambi or in the Jantho Nature Reserve in the province of Aceh. We build new, genetically viable and self-sustaining populations of great apes in these protected areas.

**Goal** All the orangutans in our care are well looked after. They will be fully prepared, at the right time, to return to the wild. Two new, genetically viable and self-sustaining populations have been established in their natural habitat.

24 % 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



«The devastating floods in Aceh were not just a natural disaster – they are the result of decades of mistakes made in response to extreme weather events. This is an urgent reminder that the protection of

forests and water catchments is essential for the protection of the population.»

**Farwiza Farhan**  
Managing Director of HAKA

## Programme focus 2025

### ► The catastrophic floods and their consequences

At the end of November, Cyclone Senyar caused devastating floods and landslides in North Sumatra. Our partners and many village communities with whom we protect the Leuser Ecosystem have suffered enormous damage. The Ketambe research station – the oldest orangutan research site belonging to our partner, FKL – was completely washed away. Our monitoring stations Suaq Balimbing and Singkil were also flooded. We have provided emergency aid to the worst affected areas.

### ► Monitoring the protected area

Working alongside our partners, we monitored deforestation and other threats using satellites and drones in order to prevent forest loss and preserve connected habitats. Four patrol teams were active in protecting forests and wildlife.

### ► Community empowerment

To strengthen local communities, we are expanding local youth initiatives with our partner HAKA and running training programmes for legal assistants, with a particular focus on women. Doing so is a means of better supporting communities to effectively challenge inappropriate development projects and land-use changes that threaten their environment.

### ► Outlook 2026

We are helping our partners to rebuild their infrastructure so that they can resume their core activities. With our forest conservation programme, we are continuing to contribute to the preservation of the Leuser Ecosystem.

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In Lubuk Pusaka, a village in northern Sumatra, floods have washed up huge amounts of driftwood after it rained continuously for days. Cyclone Senyar, which hit Sumatra on 26 November, claimed more than 1'000 lives on Sumatra alone. Around 2.5 million people in the province of Aceh were directly affected by the floods. Emergency assistance included search and rescue operations, medical care, food, drinking water and emergency shelter. It took up to five anxious days to get in touch with some of the rangers from our partner organisations and to evacuate them from remote areas or to reach and supply cut-off villages.

### Rainforest conservation programme: Leuser Ecosystem

## How can we protect 26'000 km<sup>2</sup> of rainforest?

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** Wildlife populations are healthy thanks to conservation and restoration measures. Strong spatial planning and environmental policies are in place, and law enforcement in the Leuser ecosystem has been strengthened.

**15 % 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
- Natural Resources Conservation Agency BBKSDA
- Gunung Leuser National Park Authority BBTNGL



«The commitment of the local population to the sustainable management of forests and natural resources is crucial for successful nature conservation in Batang Toru. Our job is to support them in ensuring that nature conservation contributes to their well-being and the protection of wildlife.»

**Dony Saputra**  
Director of the Sumatra Rainforest Institute (SRI)

## Programme focus 2025

### ► Effects of the catastrophic floods

More than 6'300 hectares of forest were severely affected by heavy flooding and landslides in Batang Toru. Our Camp Mayang research station was also flooded, with the loss of infrastructure and field equipment, as well as recently collected data on orangutans and biodiversity. The disaster has also raised serious environmental concerns. Initial estimates suggest that up to 50 individuals of the highly endangered Tapanuli orangutan population perished.

### ► Initiatives for forest protection and awareness

Thanks to years of dedicated effort, the authorities of South Tapanuli have approved the establishment of a forest corridor to connect two isolated populations – an important milestone in the long-term protection of the endangered ecosystem. Four patrol teams completed missions in the forests, deactivating snares and documenting instances of illegal logging and land grabbing. More than 3'500 people took part in awareness campaigns to protect the Tapanuli orangutan. In addition, together with our partner organisations, we conducted environmental education events for almost 200 young people in central Tapanuli.

### ► Community development and livelihood development

With the help of our partners, two villages in central Tapanuli received permission from the Ministry of Forestry to cultivate a forest area of around 3'000 hectares according to traditional sustainable methods, which will improve the protection of the forest.

### ► Outlook 2026

Evaluating the impact of the disaster on the remaining Tapanuli orangutan population and advocating for a halt to deforestation will be key in 2026.

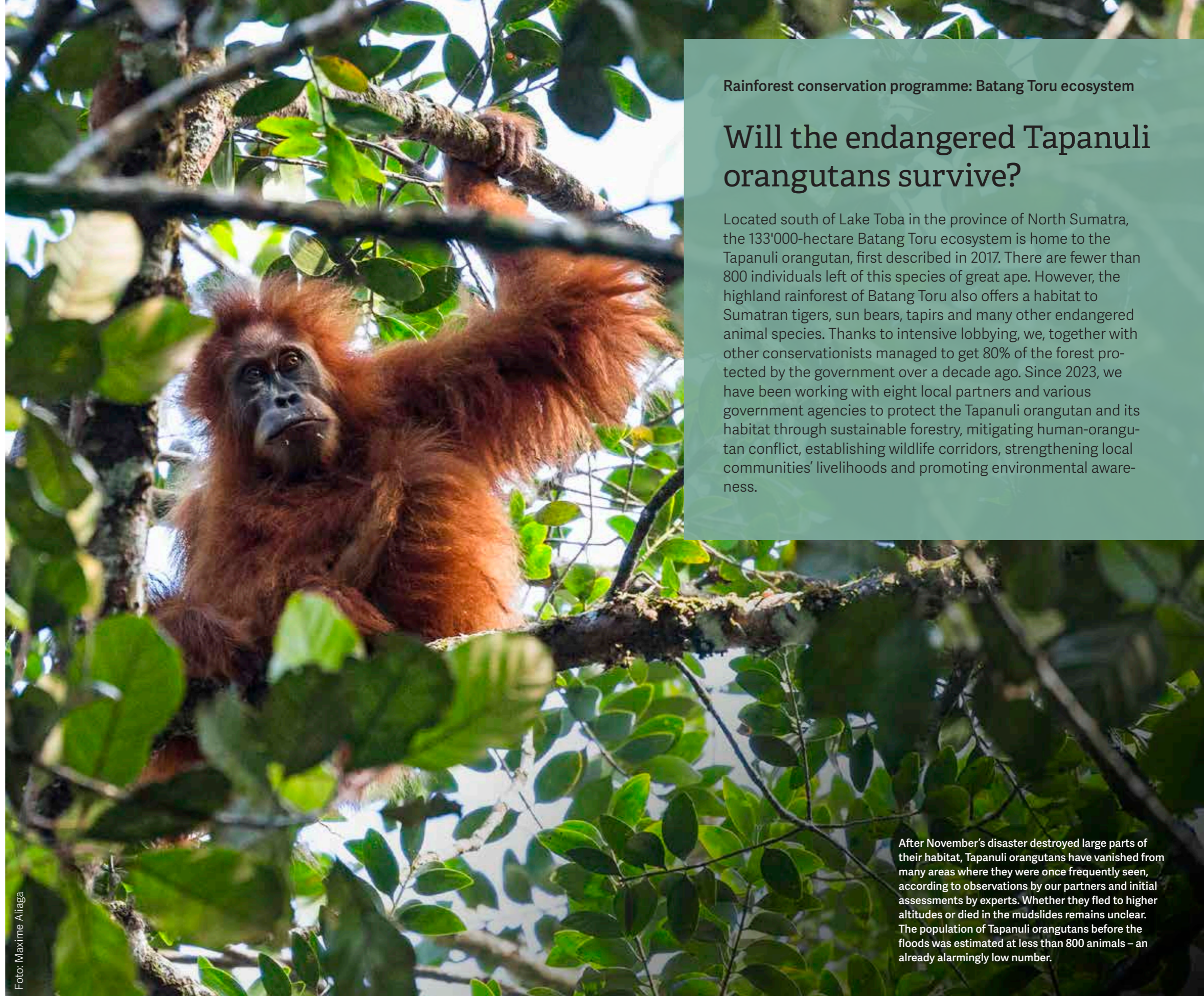


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Rainforest conservation programme: Batang Toru ecosystem

## Will the endangered Tapanuli orangutans survive?

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. There are fewer than 800 individuals left of this species of great ape. 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 intensive lobbying, we, together with other conservationists managed to get 80% of the forest protected by the government over a decade ago. Since 2023, we have been working with eight local partners and various government agencies to protect the Tapanuli orangutan and its habitat through sustainable forestry, mitigating human-orangutan conflict, establishing wildlife corridors, strengthening local communities' livelihoods and promoting environmental awareness.

After November's disaster destroyed large parts of their habitat, Tapanuli orangutans have vanished from many areas where they were once frequently seen, according to observations by our partners and initial assessments by experts. Whether they fled to higher altitudes or died in the mudslides remains unclear. The population of Tapanuli orangutans before the floods was estimated at less than 800 animals – an already alarmingly low number.

## Goal

We have reduced poaching, and the fragmented populations of Tapanuli orangutans are now better connected. The Batang Toru ecosystem is protected, we have strengthened the livelihoods of local communities and improved their environmental awareness.

7% of PanEco programme costs

Partner-network

- Lembaga Sapiro 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
- Natural Resources Conservation Agency BKSDA North Sumatra
- Forest Management Units FMUs



«I'm very proud of how the beekeeping project has developed. It started as a simple garden where I grew seedlings to sell. Today, Fajar Lestari is an environmental education centre with its own apiary that involves

and directly benefits many people from the surrounding communities.»

Fajar  
Pioneer of the Fajar Lestari Beekeeping Centre

## Programme focus 2025

### ► Environmental education and awareness

The Fajar Lestari Beekeeping Centre has now become an environmental education centre with regional appeal where the local population has the opportunity to undergo training in the areas of nature conservation, biodiversity, beekeeping and organic farming. Recently, a local traditional cultural group decided to collaborate with the beekeeping centre with the aim of incorporating conservation themes into their performances.

### ► Honey cooperatives

In 2025, the honey cooperatives aimed to increase their production capacities and pressed ahead with the development of the SumaBee brand, under which the honey will be marketed profitably. The aim is to sustainably increase the income of the 196 families from eight villages participating in the cooperative. Women make up 57% of the programme participants.

### ► Monitoring the rainforest through Jantho Rangers

A ranger team led 10 patrols in and around the Jantho Nature Reserve over 101 days. They covered a route of 935 km, had direct encounters with four orangutans, found 165 orangutan nests, documented 55 violations such as snare traps and illegal logging and forwarded their reports to the relevant authorities.

### ► Outlook 2026

In addition to ranger activities, we will drive the marketing of honey and further develop environmental education activities, particularly within local communities.

Our SMART Patrol teams regularly roam selected rainforest areas to prevent poaching and other criminal activity in the rainforest and to document suspicious tracks and individuals. The SMART Patrol teams consist of six mostly young men from the surrounding villages, who spend ten days and nights on the move, sleeping under makeshift tarpaulins. The work is strenuous and not without its dangers, but extremely important for the protection of the rainforest and the native flora and fauna.



Rainforest conservation programme: Ulu Masen Ecosystem

## Where wild bees help protect orangutans

Since 2011, we have been collaborating with our sister foundation 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 confiscated as illegal pets 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** The orangutan population in the Ulu Masen ecosystem is viable, because the Jantho Nature Reserve is well protected and illegal activities are declining. Moreover, local environmental awareness has been strengthened, and livelihoods have improved thanks to 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



«We are working with various partners to deliver our goals for the Orangutan Haven. We conclude agreements with schools and universities, train educators to teach environmental topics and organise joint activities with communities.»

**Yosua R.P. Hutapea**  
Director of the Orangutan Haven

## Programme focus 2025

### ► Care of orangutans that can no longer be released back into the wild

Seven orangutans live on the islands in the Orangutan Haven. Blind female orangutan Dina has the opportunity to visit the adult male Krismon. This voluntary interaction is an enrichment for both orangutans and boosts their self-confidence.

### ► Environmental education and visitor figures

The Orangutan Haven was visited by a total of 2'027 students from partner schools and universities, other partners and private individuals from Switzerland and abroad. The education team created four modules on the subject of organic farming and, in collaboration with the Education Office, a module on biodiversity, and tested them in practice. Employees also trained educators in the use of the teaching resources.

### ► Progress in infrastructure construction

In the first months of the year, we were able to complete work on the amphitheatre and now use it on our tours. The Coffee Roastery, which, like all the buildings, is sustainably constructed of bamboo and clay, was close to completion at the end of 2025. In future, the team will supply up to 35 people with drinks, snacks and packed lunches here.

### ► Songbird breeding

Songbirds are under threat across Southeast Asia generally. That's why the Orangutan Haven launched the songbird breeding programme, which currently accommodates 30 birds from six different species. The first breeding successes have given cause for joy.

### ► Outlook 2026

Together with our sister foundation YEL, we are starting the second phase of construction of our restaurant – a project aimed at expanding capacity. Landscaping work will transform the rest area into a haven for visitors.

Countless school classes have been visiting Orangutan Haven since 2023. One of the themed eco-trails leads to the amphitheatre, completed in 2025, where they get to enjoy a first glimpse of one of the orangutan islands. Visitors can see the orangutans on their island searching for food or climbing up ropes to their perch. The orangutans in the Haven are ambassadors for their species and for the rainforest.



Foto: Alain Schroeder

## Orangutan Haven

# Ambassadors for nature conservation on nine islands

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.

**Goal** Orangutans that can no longer be released into the wild act as ambassadors for their wild counterparts at a nature conservation and environmental education centre.

**7% of PanEco programme costs**

**Partner-network**

- Yayasan Ekosistem Lestari YEL
- PT Orang Utan Haven
- Ministry of Education of Indonesia



«Our farm tours and eco-workshops give participants the opportunity to develop a comprehensive understanding of sustainable living. We are reaching out to educational institutions, local communities and travellers to strengthen shared responsibility and drive sustainability forward.»

**Jumira**

Environmental Education Programme Coordinator,  
PPLH Bohorok Environmental Education Centre

## Programme focus 2025 and outlook for 2026

► **PPLH Puntondo Environmental Education Centre, South Sulawesi**

A total of 1,077 guests visited PPLH Puntondo in 94 groups. The team taught the visitors about the biodiversity of coastal and marine ecosystems and carried out various conservation activities such as the planting of mangrove seedlings. To increase safety when working with school classes, the team underwent extensive training. A biodiversity study in the coastal area is scheduled for 2026, conducted in partnership with Hasanuddin University, Makassar.

► **PPLH Seloliman, East Java**

The Environmental Education Centre hosted 179 groups with a total of 7,732 guests, who booked different modules. The most popular topics were organic farming, the rainforest ecosystem and medicinal plants. The group accommodation for around 70 guests has been comprehensively renovated and the surroundings and children's playground have been attractively designed. An initiative for sustainable local seeds is set to begin in 2026.

► **PPLH Bohorok, Sumatra**

The PPLH Bohorok welcomed 88 groups with a total of 1,661 guests, including 50 small groups with a total of 154 international guests. The team expanded the course programme: cooking classes, eco-printing classes and the production of soap from organic enzymes were well received, as was the village tour recommended by the Ecolodge. In addition to the regular visits from school classes, the team also visited the classrooms. In 2026, the team will be producing ecological soaps for sale on a trial basis.

To mark World Orangutan Day in August, our sister foundation YEL organised a range of public awareness campaigns in Medan, Aceh, Batang Toru and other locations. In Medan, they took to the streets to campaign for the protection of orangutans and they managed to inspire many people to support environmental conservation.



Environmental education centres in Indonesia

## Rainforest conservation, farming and marine ecosystems

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** People help to protect nature, because they understand the importance of a stable ecosystem and know how to live in a sustainable way.

6% of PanEco programme costs

Partner-network

- Yayasan Ekosistem Lestari (YEL, PPLH Bohorok)
- Yayasan Pendidikan Lingkungan Hidup Puntondo (YPLHP)
- Yayasan Lingkungan Hidup Seloliman (YLHS)

# 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!

## 393 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.

## 1024 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!

## 826 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 seeing their personally selected orangutan live and thrive. Thank you for your friendship.



«By gifting sponsorship, I want to show my daughter from an early age how much fun it is to be involved in protecting animals and our environment, and that even small gestures can make a difference.»

**Magdalena**  
Mother of a young orangutan sponsor

## 6'019 Donors

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 in Switzerland could survive. Thank you for working with us to protect nature and wildlife!

## 27 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. Our sincerest thanks goes out to all of you.

Andreas Sommer, Audrey Mondon, Bea Cochand, Bettina Fritschi, Carmen Zindel, Claude Jaermann, Daniel Ludwig, Eliane Passanante, Gloria Ernst, Hans Marek, Heinz Widmer, Jacco van Seumeren, Karin Hofer, Kurt Blum, Lars Kopp, Taina Kopp, Martin Kressebuch, Mathias Perolini, Monika May, Olivia Santoleri, Robin Kuhn, Rolf Klesser, Sandy Schenk, Silvia Schnadt, Tanja Lohner, Tobias Letsch und Ute Dingeldej.

We thank all the volunteer groups at the Orangutan Haven as well as the vegan groups and the RAW groups for their help and support in funding.

## 6 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. Alexandra Kuttinig, Lenia Fischer, Linn Hille-Dahl, Manu Herrmann, Michèle Kolb, Rebecca Häfeli

## 20 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!

Alexis Quartenoud, Dario Etter, Dario Huber, Donath Jochberg, Emanuele Conviello, Janik Schrackmann, Jarik Joss, Joel Zumstein, Juli Poltera, Lorenz Wiegand, Luca Rüedi, Lukas Gmeiner, Mathias Perolini, Micha Morf, Michael Maibach, Oliver Bauer, Raphael Meierhans, Roman Dürig, Serafin Curti, Tobias Debrunner



«The Thuraue Nature Centre is dedicated to active nature conservation and effective environmental education. It creates awareness and gives people the tools necessary to ensure a sustainable future. That's why we support its work.»

**Regula Bachmann**  
Regula and Kurt Bachmann-Steiner Foundation

## 33 Partners of the Bird of Prey Sanctuary and the Nature Center Thuraue:

- ▶ BungertHof and Chloster3
- ▶ Communities of Flaach, Berg am Irchel, Marthalen, Kleinandelfingen, Andelfingen, Buchberg, Rüdlingen
- ▶ Canton of Zurich: Gemeinnütziger Fonds, Fachstelle Naturschutz, Fischerei- und Jagdverwaltung, Veterinäramt, Kantonspolizei
- ▶ Canton of Schaffhausen: Office of Planning and Natural Resources, Kantonspolizei
- ▶ TCS Camping and Restaurant Stäubis
- ▶ motrag Transport AG
- ▶ Network of Swiss Nature Centers
- ▶ Educational Network Aue
- ▶ Interessengemeinschaft Umwelt IGU
- ▶ Int. Kommission zum Schutz des Rheins (IKSR)
- ▶ Animal shelter and rescue Pfötli
- ▶ Animal Rescue Schaffhausen
- ▶ Bird of Prey Sanctuary Greifenhof Walkringen
- ▶ University Animal Hospital, Zurich
- ▶ Swiss Ornithological Institute, Sempach
- ▶ Airport Zurich
- ▶ Zurich Transport Network (ZVV)
- ▶ House of Winterthur
- ▶ Standortförderung Zürcher Weinland
- ▶ Verein Zürcher Wanderwege
- ▶ Vet Uni Vienna. Austria
- ▶ Mansair
- ▶ Dr. Werner Greminger Stiftung

## 7 Partner Schools Switzerland

- ▶ Schools in Flaachta, Andelfingen, Henggart, Marthalen, Rafz, Rheinau, Rüdlingen-Buchberg

## 37 Partner Programme Indonesia

- ▶ Arcus Foundation
- ▶ Auckland Zoo
- ▶ Bioparc Genève
- ▶ Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (Defra), UK Government
- ▶ Dr Scholl Foundation
- ▶ ELSAKA
- ▶ Fondation Montagu
- ▶ Fort Wayne Children's Zoo
- ▶ Forum Konservasi Leuser FKL
- ▶ Fresno Chaffee Zoo
- ▶ Green Justice Indonesia
- ▶ Hutan, Alam dan Lingkungan Aceh (HAKA)
- ▶ Indonesian nature conservation authorities (KLHK, BBKSDA Sumatera Utara, BKSDA Aceh and BBTNGL)
- ▶ Lembaga Sipirok Lestari Indonesia
- ▶ Leuser Ecosystem Action Fund LEAF
- ▶ Orang Utan Coffee
- ▶ Orang-Utans in Not e.V.
- ▶ Orangutan Outreach
- ▶ Orangutan Veterinary Aid
- ▶ Farald von Wedekind and Fiorimonde Wedekind Foundation
- ▶ Sumatra Rainforest Institute
- ▶ Toronto Zoo
- ▶ University of Zurich, University of North Sumatra, University of Syiah Kuala, University of agriculture Bogor and University of 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
- ▶ Frankfurt Zoological Society FZS
- ▶ Zoo Zurich

Performance report

# Organisation and team

With a change in management, targeted reinforcement in administration and IT, and new partnerships in Switzerland, PanEco has continued to develop structurally. Proven commitment meets fresh impetus – for even greater impact in nature and species conservation in Switzerland and Indonesia.

### Staff changes in 2025

In April, Loredana Sorg and Martin Schmid took over operational responsibility for the foundation. Both have proven and long-standing experience in international cooperation, nature conservation and sustainable agricultural and food systems. The transition was meticulously prepared and ensures a stable and systematic continuation of our programmes. Sean Ammann joined the team in administration and IT back in October. In these key cross-departmental functions, he plays a vital role in the organisational development and professionalisation of internal processes. We also introduced a new accounting system in January 2026. Marlis Gloor implemented this change with a great deal of dedication and patience in her capacity as project manager. Unfortunately, she will be leaving the foundation at the end of March 2026 to take on a new challenge. PanEco would like to thank Marlis Gloor for her commitment in the finance department and for being such a pleasure to work with. She will be succeeded by financial expert Katharina Krenn.

### New partnerships

PanEco was able to strategically expand its national network in Switzerland over the past year. A partnership was established with Greifenhof in Walkringen for the welfare, release and protection of birds of prey and owls and their habitats in Switzerland. The collaboration combines technical expertise with institutional exchange and serves to promote the protection of birds of prey at national level. This is in addition to a new partnership with Bioparc Geneva. PanEco and Bioparc have a shared commitment to the preservation of biodiversity and a shared conviction that animals in human care should not only be protected, but also understood as ambassadors for their wild counterparts. The aim is to gradually deepen the collaboration with both organisations over the coming years and to make targeted use of synergies in education, awareness raising and species conservation.

### PanEco Board of Trustees













The Board of Trustees also underwent changes in 2025. The eight-member committee is responsible for the strategic direction of the foundation, appoints the managing directors and approves the annual financial statements and budget. The Board of Trustees meets with the management team four to five times a year to discuss strategic and operational issues. The departure of Viktor Giacobbo, Carel van Schaik and Claudia Lutz saw three long-standing members of the Board of Trustees step down last year. PanEco expresses its sincere thanks for their valuable commitment and their important contribution to the development of the foundation. We look forward to announcing the new members of the Board of Trustees soon.















The PanEco team 2026: get to know our employees at one of our anniversary events!

# Team 2025 on March 1, 2026




### PanEco headquarters, Berg am Irchel

 <b>Loredana Sorg</b> 80% Co-managing Director	 <b>Martin Schmid</b> 80% Co-managing Director	 <b>Marlis Gloor</b> 60% Accounting	 <b>Katharina Krenn</b> 60% Accounting	 <b>Marcel Etterlin</b> 40% Financial Adviser	 <b>János Rumpel</b> 70% Environmental education
 <b>Katja Koltz</b> 80% Communications	 <b>Melina Erdin</b> 50% Communications	 <b>Dario Vareni</b> 50% Communications and administration	 <b>Sean Ammann</b> 60% Administration and IT	 <b>Laura Rosano</b> 80% Public fundraising and bequests	 <b>Claudia Crevatin</b> 80% Institutional fundraising






### Thurauen Nature Centre, Flaach

 <b>Simon Fuchs</b> 90% Programme Manager	 <b>Sonja Falkner</b> 80% Deputy Manager	 <b>Dagmar Püntener</b> 80% Environmental education	 <b>Heribert Rappolt</b> 40% Caretaker	 <b>Barbara Hauschel</b> 65% Team Leader ranger service	 <b>Frank Maik</b> 65% Deputy Team Leader and Junior Ranger
 <b>Adrian Seiler</b> 40% Ranger April–October	 <b>Karin Mischkulnig</b> 40% Ranger April–October	 <b>Sina Fehr</b> 100% Intern	 <b>Sandra Graser</b> 100% Intern	 <b>Rebecca Häfeli</b> 100% Intern	 <b>Nurdin Ullmann</b> 100% Intern

### Bird of Prey Sanctuary, Berg am Irchel

 <b>Andi Lischke</b> 100% Programme Manager	 <b>Anita Zybach</b> 100% Station Manager	 <b>Amber Gooijer</b> 80% Environmental education
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### Programme Indonesia

 <b>Brigitte Spillmann</b> 80% Programme Manager Indonesia	 <b>Anna Marzec</b> 80% Programme Manager Indonesia	 <b>Fae Aprilinayati</b> 100% Grants Programme Manager	 <b>Thea Resubun</b> 100% Grants Programme Manager	 <b>Ian Singleton</b> 40% Senior Advisor
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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 five 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 seeks for donations.

**Communications**

**Online**

Our websites (paneco.ch, greifvogelstation.ch, naturzentrum-thurauen.ch) are always up to date. We report in german, english and french on our programmes, publish all events and bookable activities, provide an overview of the species currently observable in the Thurauen floodplains and reserve, as well as Swiss birds of prey. We also make donations easy. The newsletter goes out to more than 9'000 people a month and is published four times a year in French, too. 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 employee anecdotes and share the best pictures from our Indonesia programmes.

**Offline**

With around 75 reports, the regional, national and international media presence of the Nature Centre, the Bird of Prey Sanctuary and the orangutan conservation programme was gratifying. A report on a swiss television programme portrayed our community service workers in Indonesia, and the appeal for donations for the floods in Sumatra attracted additional media attention. We distributed the programme of events (circulation 30'000 copies) to our supporters and throughout the Flaachtal region. We reached many people in person with outreach stalls at Zurich Zoo, the Climate Day in Winterthur and at Thalheim's village market. Around 50 guests attended the SOCP presentation in Winterthur and showed great interest in the topic.

**Fundraising**

**Institutional**

Overall, 58% of our funding comes from grant-making foundations. To secure this support, we submitted numerous applications to institutions in Switzerland, Liechtenstein and Germany in 2025. In addition, we maintain partnerships with other financing partners, some of them international, to promote our programmes in Indonesia.

**Public**

We receive around a third of our donations from dedicated private individuals who support us with one-off donations, sponsorships, patronages or as members. We are extremely grateful for this. Your commitment contributes to preserving natural environments in the long term and securing valuable habitats. We report on our work four times a year in our donation magazine PanEcho. The magazine offers compelling in-depth reports on our programmes and provides updates on the latest news. Last year's patron event offered a special insight into the Berg am Irchel Bird of Prey Sanctuary. Our patrons benefit from invitations to exclusive events directly related to our programmes in Switzerland and Indonesia. We were also fortunate enough to receive several legacies over the past year. This support is of particular value to us, as it enables us to continue implementing important projects, promote conservation measures and preserve nature in the long term in order to ensure a future worth living for generations to come.

**Sumatra flood disaster fundraising campaign**

We would particularly like to thank you for your outstanding solidarity after the devastating flood disaster in Sumatra at the end of the year. Numerous people took part in our fundraising campaign, enabling us to provide rapid and targeted assistance on site.



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Financial report

# Notes on the annual financial statement 2025

**Revenue**

In 2025, PanEco generated revenue of CHF 5.2 million. Revenue from fundraising activities increased by CHF 1.5 million compared to the previous year. This was primarily attributable to the receipt of two unique and exceptionally high legacy payments the previous year. However, revenue from services rendered, including public grants, decreased slightly 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 rebuilding the rescue and rehabilitation center following the landslides, multi-year projects to protect ecosystems on Sumatra in collaboration with our partner organizations, and the further development of the Orangutan Haven.

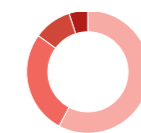
**Costs for supporting activities**

Our costs have risen slightly compared to the previous year, primarily as a result of the handover

of co-management and the introduction of a new accounting system. 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.



**Use of funds for our three main programmes**

The largest portion of our funding goes towards our programmes in Indonesia. A smaller amount goes towards the Thurauen Nature Centre in Flaach and the Berg am Irchel Bird of Prey Sanctuary. We spend 17% income on administration, fundraising and communications (including environmental education).



**Result**

PanEco ended the year with an annual profit of CHF 3'524.55. 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 2025	31. Dec 2024
	CHF	CHF
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	7'884'011.07	7'407'154.13
Accounts receivable	306'953.15	330'957.45
Other current receivables	34'746.77	37'616.64
Inventories	4'381.79	3'972.98
Prepaid expenses and accrued income	35'255.25	36'230.95
<b>Current assets</b>	<b>8'265'348.03</b>	<b>7'815'932.15</b>
Financial assets	1'459'779.00	1'415'639.00
Property, plant and equipment	420'475.27	504'626.28
<b>Non-current assets</b>	<b>1'880'254.27</b>	<b>1'920'265.28</b>
<b>Assets</b>	<b>10'145'602.30</b>	<b>9'736'197.43</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Trade accounts payable	72'829.75	51'309.66
Other current liabilities	83'764.30	46'744.13
Accrued expenses and deferred income	105'946.46	132'937.79
<b>Current liabilities</b>	<b>262'540.51</b>	<b>230'991.58</b>
Loans	200'000.00	200'000.00
Loans from related parties	145'000.00	245'000.00
<b>Long-term liabilities</b>	<b>345'000.00</b>	<b>445'000.00</b>
<b>Earmarked funds</b>	<b>6'145'758.10</b>	<b>5'671'426.71</b>
Share capital	10'000.00	10'000.00
Committed capital	2'000'000.00	2'000'000.00
Free capital	1'382'303.69	1'378'779.14
<b>Organisational capital</b>	<b>3'392'303.69</b>	<b>3'388'779.14</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>10'145'602.30</b>	<b>9'736'197.43</b>

### 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 Sumatran Orangutan Conservation Programme is financed here as well as investment projects implemented with partners, such as the Orangutan Haven.

## PanEco income statement

	2025	2024
	CHF	CHF
<b>Revenue</b>		
Earmarked donations	3'805'572.14	5'319'843.68
Free donations	652'823.40	692'862.19
Public contributions	514'058.25	473'210.10
Revenue from goods and services	238'656.25	315'010.70
<b>Total operating income</b>	<b>5'211'110.04</b>	<b>6'800'926.67</b>
<b>Expenses for service provision</b>		
Environmental education Switzerland <sup>1</sup>	-824'905.65	-881'472.48
Environmental education Indonesia <sup>2</sup>	-206'020.00	-202'803.31
Environmental protection and nature conservation Switzerland <sup>3</sup>	-539'955.20	-462'625.44
Environmental protection and nature conservation Indonesia <sup>4</sup>	-2'264'085.98	-2'755'919.33
Partner projects and others	-23'992.57	-119'962.71
<b>Project expenses</b>	<b>-3'858'959.40</b>	<b>-4'422'783.27</b>
Fundraising and general advertising expenses	-574'058.92	-591'856.86
Administrative expenses	-321'118.64	-234'156.20
<b>Expenses for service provision</b>	<b>-4'754'136.96</b>	<b>-5'248'796.33</b>
<b>Operating result</b>	<b>456'973.08</b>	<b>1'552'130.34</b>
Financial income	118'033.91	206'738.89
Financial expenses	-107'071.00	-17'207.76
<b>Financial result</b>	<b>10'962.91</b>	<b>189'531.13</b>
Extraordinary income	10'000.00	77'947.02
Extraordinary expenses	-80.05	-32'435.34
<b>Extraordinary result</b>	<b>9'919.95</b>	<b>45'511.68</b>
<b>Result before change in fund capital</b>	<b>477'855.94</b>	<b>1'787'173.15</b>
Allocations	-3'805'565.32	-5'319'843.68
Use of funds	3'331'233.93	3'820'271.77
<b>Result for the year before allocation to organisational capital</b>	<b>3'524.55</b>	<b>287'601.24</b>
Allocations to organisational capital	-3'524.55	-287'601.24
<b>Result after fund and capital movements</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>

## Cash flow statement PanEco

	2025 CHF	2024 CHF
Result for the year (before allocation to organisational capital)	3'524.55	287'601.24
Change in fund capital	474'331.39	1'499'571.91
Depreciation and amortisation	84'151.01	180'121.15
Other expenses/income not affecting the fund	-74'547.35	-75'541.15
(Increase) decrease in receivables	26'874.17	-345'921.01
(Increase) decrease in inventories	-408.81	1.65
(Increase) decrease in prepaid expenses and accrued income	975.70	-2'963.25
Increase (decrease) in current liabilities	58'540.26	1'036.90
Increase (decrease) in accrued expenses and deferred income	-26'991.33	-55'090.37
<b>Cash flow from operating activities</b>	<b>546'449.59</b>	<b>1'488'817.07</b>
(Investments) in financial assets	-358'056.30	-351'935.97
Divestment of financial assets	388'463.65	438'497.94
<b>Cash flow from investing activities</b>	<b>30'407.35</b>	<b>86'561.97</b>
Increase (decrease) in loans		
To related parties	-100'000.00	-180'000.00
<b>Cash flow from financing activities</b>	<b>-100'000.00</b>	<b>-180'000.00</b>
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>476'856.94</b>	<b>1'395'379.04</b>
Cash and cash equivalents as at 1 January	7'407'154.13	6'011'775.09
Cash and cash equivalents as at 31 December	7'884'011.07	7'407'154.13
<b>Proof of changes in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>476'856.94</b>	<b>1'395'379.04</b>

## Statement of changes in capital in CHF

	Existing capital 1 January 2025	Allocations	Use of funds	Existing capital 31 December 2025
<b>Earmarked funds</b>				
Environmental education Switzerland	0.00	230'577.81	-230'577.81	0.00
Environmental protection/nature conservation Switzerland	1'327'260.34	563'373.69	-599'197.60	1'291'436.43
Environmental education Indonesia	277'000.00	217'020.00	-206'020.00	288'000.00
Environmental protection/nature conservation Indonesia	4'067'166.37	2'794'593.82	-2'295'438.52	4'566'321.67
<b>Total Fond Capital</b>	<b>5'671'426.71</b>	<b>3'805'565.32</b>	<b>-3'331'233.93</b>	<b>6'145'758.10</b>
<b>Organisational capital</b>				
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	1'378'779.14	3'524.55	0.00	1'382'303.69
<b>Total organisational capital</b>	<b>3'388'779.14</b>	<b>3'524.55</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>3'392'303.69</b>

## Audit report

The annual financial statement for 2025 was audited on 3 March 2025 by Tatjana Widmer and Martin Graf, Consultive Revision AG. It complies with the law and the articles of incorporation.

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

## Impressum

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## 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 Thuraue Nature Centre in Flaach. Environmental education activities and a ranger service are the focus of the new centre of excellence.

### 2025 milestone

In 2025, we welcomed more than 12'500 people to the Thuraue Nature Centre for guided tours, events and exhibition visits – a record number of visitors to the environmental education centre, which has now been operating for 15 years.

2025

Annual review

# 2025 in a nutshell

Take a look back at the year gone by and discover more events, news and highlights from 2025. Want to know more? Read the stories in our web news or follow us on social media to stay up to date!



**Read the individual stories in our web news**

May



We are delighted to announce our new partnership with Bioparc Geneva – a place where everything revolves around species conservation, education and animal encounters.



On the Thurauen Nature Centre open day, there is a special experience to try out: with the help of VR goggles, visitors can immerse themselves in the underwater world.



The new observation tower in the Thurauen is inaugurated. The diagonal struts used enable an insight into life on the restored Thur river without disturbing any of its wildlife.



Outreach stalls offer a great opportunity to talk to lots of people about our work. We are on hand with a stall at Zurich Zoo for the Long Night of Museums and in Winterthur for Climate Day.



A PanEco delegation travels to Greifenhof in Walkringen, the only rescue and rehabilitation station for birds of prey and owls in the canton of Bern, and official PanEco partner since 2025.



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The Oerlingerried is a wetland of national importance, which is now being managed by our Ranger Service on behalf of the Department of Nature Conservation. A visitor survey has been put together to shed light on whether the wetland needs more protection.

November



The wildlife camera in the Thurauen reveals animal activities that otherwise remain hidden in the dark of the night. Here, a beaver is at work shaping the floodplain with its nightly labours.

June



Employees install new wildlife cameras around the Sikundur research station in Sumatra. They provide us with important data on the biodiversity of orangutan habitats.



A female orangutan is seized in a village in Aceh and taken to the rescue and rehabilitation station. The medically trained SOCP rescue team assist with the transfer.

January



Winter is a great challenge for many birds of prey that remain in Switzerland. The Bird of Prey Sanctuary treats numerous starving birds.

February



(from left to right) Manu has been supporting the Nature Centre as an intern since summer 2024. Linn, Alex and Lenja start their environmental education internship in February.

March



Construction has begun on the new sustainable «Coffee roastery» building in Orangutan Haven. Guests will soon be able to enjoy refreshments here.

April



Martin Schmid and Loredana Sorg (right) take over the management of PanEco. They succeed Marcel Etterlin and Irena Wettstein (left).



Adult male orangutan Paguh died after a short illness. The team were very sad to lose him as he was one of the Haven's first orangutan residents, and he was a very friendly and pragmatic individual. He is sadly missed!



The Ural owl pair Strix and Sidra hatched three chicks. In April, the young birds can be seen outside the burrow for the first time. In June, they are released into the wild in Austria.

July



Kestrels are equipped with telemetry transmitters at the Bird of Prey Sanctuary. This will allow us to track their flights and more effectively monitor their health post-release.

August



Janet is our new sponsored animal. She was kept as a pet, fed rice and displayed in human clothing on YouTube until she was freed in 2022 and came to us for rehabilitation.

September



Two young barn owls from Dörflingen are cared for in the Bird of Prey Sanctuary. After two weeks, the two owls, whose species is considered to be near-threatened in Switzerland, are released.



How do you find out which small mammals are roaming around a habitat? The animals leave their marks in the footprint tunnels that our trainees install on the Nature Centre's adventure trail.

December



At the end of November, Cyclone Senyar triggers flash floods and landslides in Sumatra. Entire villages are destroyed. Our partner organisations are also severely affected. Together, we set up an emergency response.



The annual exchange of experiences between Pro Natura and Swiss Rangers takes place at the Nature Centre this year. Around 70 participants discuss how nature conservation works in Switzerland.



Climbing again at last! Following the landslides in November 2024, we are able to reopen the rainforest school at the rescue and rehabilitation station.



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