



WHEN DEDICATION FRUITS.

THE BORNEO NATURE FOUNDATION 2023 ANNUAL REPORT.



A photograph of a river scene. In the foreground, the dark blue water of the river is visible, with white foam and spray from a boat's wake. To the left, a dense stand of tall, green reeds grows out of the water. In the background, a large, rounded, and very dense patch of green reeds or bushes sits on a small, hidden island. The sky above is a pale blue with scattered, wispy white clouds.

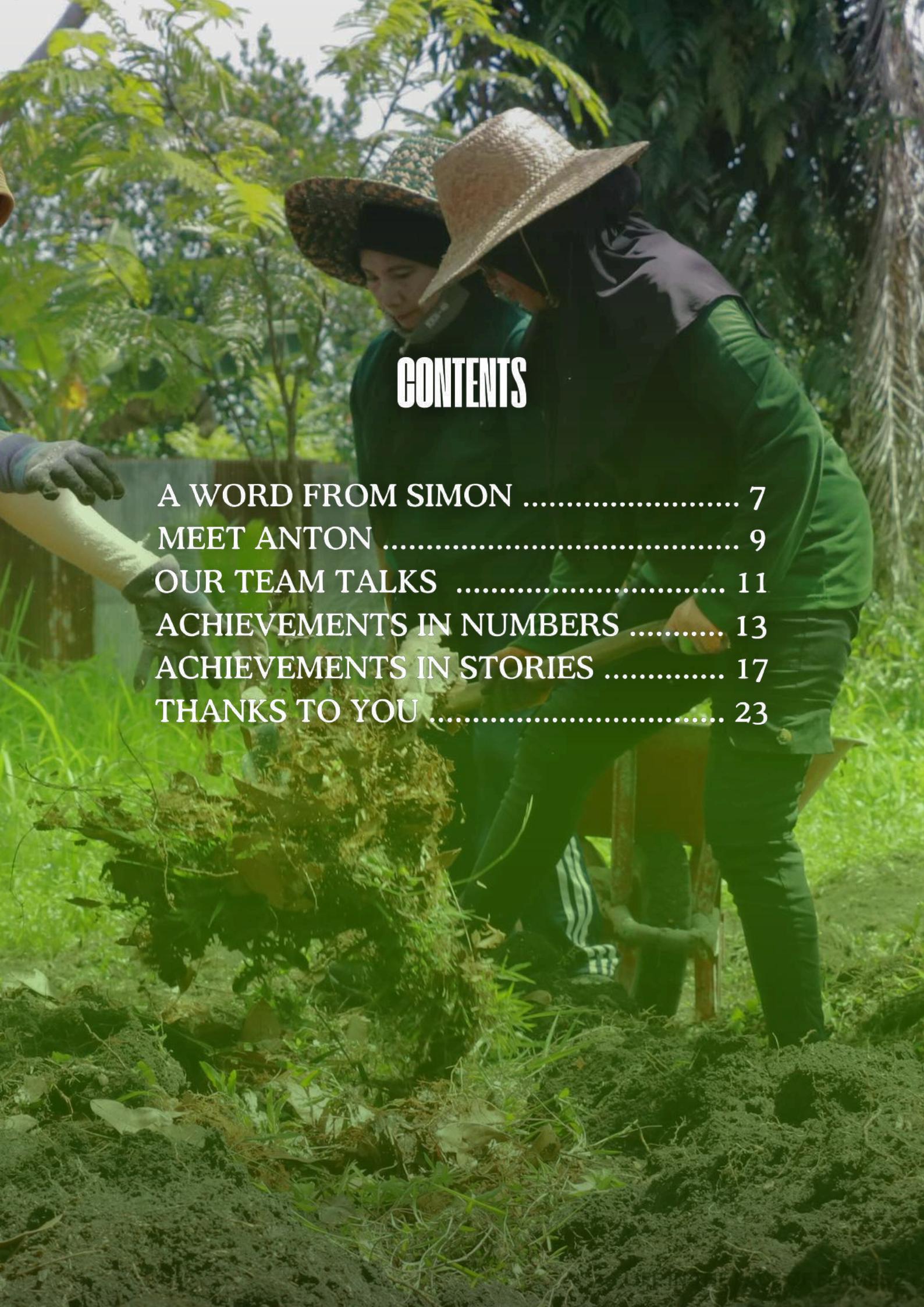
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PROTECT LIFE IN BORNEO ANY
WAY WE CAN.



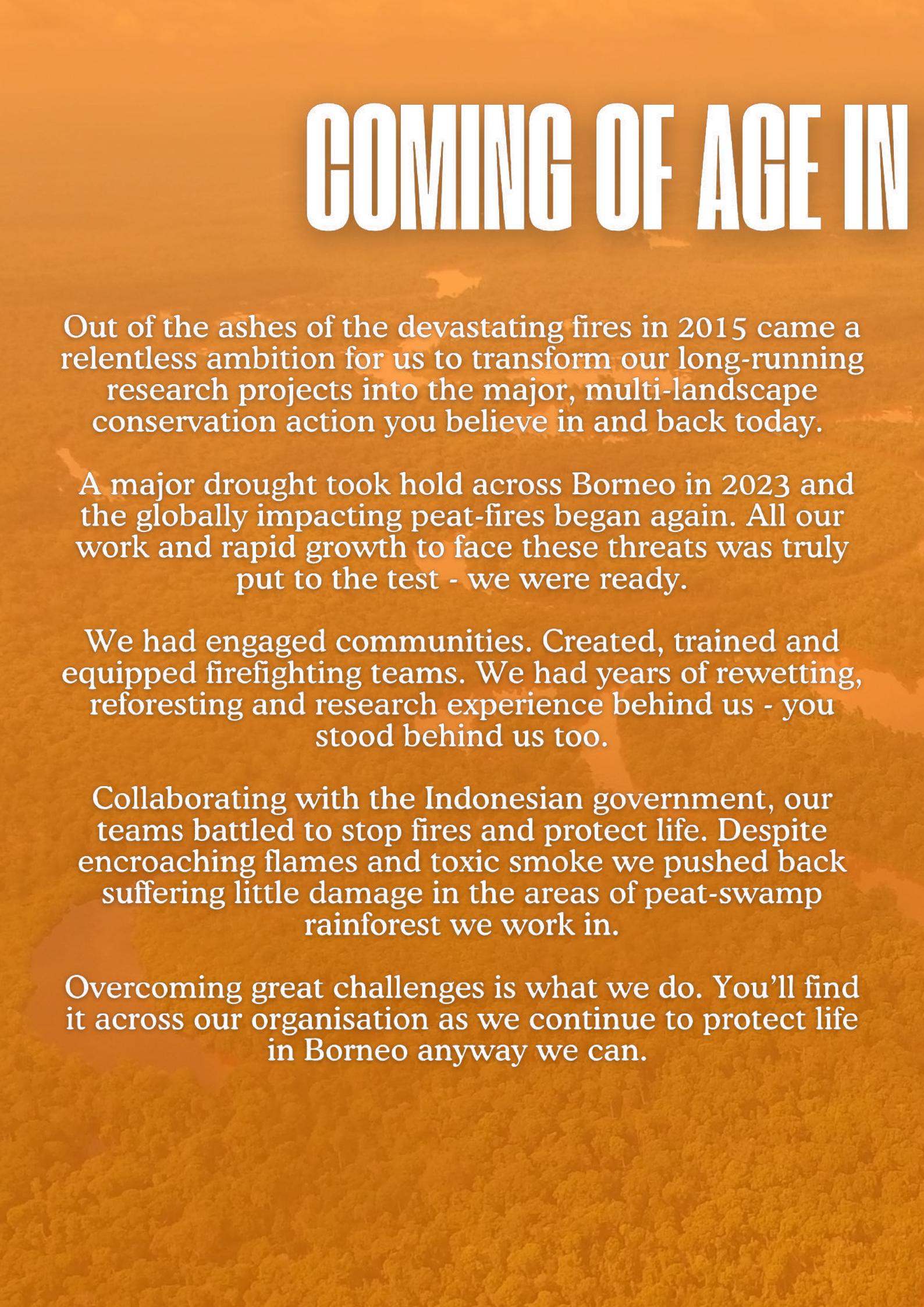
**A SNAPSHOT OF
CONSERVATION ACTION
YOU HELPED MAKE
HAPPEN IN 2023.**



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COMING OF AGE IN



Out of the ashes of the devastating fires in 2015 came a relentless ambition for us to transform our long-running research projects into the major, multi-landscape conservation action you believe in and back today.

A major drought took hold across Borneo in 2023 and the globally impacting peat-fires began again. All our work and rapid growth to face these threats was truly put to the test - we were ready.

We had engaged communities. Created, trained and equipped firefighting teams. We had years of rewetting, reforesting and research experience behind us - you stood behind us too.

Collaborating with the Indonesian government, our teams battled to stop fires and protect life. Despite encroaching flames and toxic smoke we pushed back suffering little damage in the areas of peat-swamp rainforest we work in.

Overcoming great challenges is what we do. You'll find it across our organisation as we continue to protect life in Borneo anyway we can.

THE FACE OF FLAMES.

In 2023 it wasn't just fighting fires.

We helped communities to protect more forest than ever before, we beat our tree planting record, we backed the conservation leaders of the future.

We introduced new sustainable agriculture techniques and supported the Indonesian government's crucial sustainable policies.

Don't get me started on dams, land rights, festivals, research projects, pitches and scholarships.

All this work is made possible because of people like you. People that know how vital healthy rainforest is for everyone, everywhere.

Thank you for using your power to protect rainforest with us.

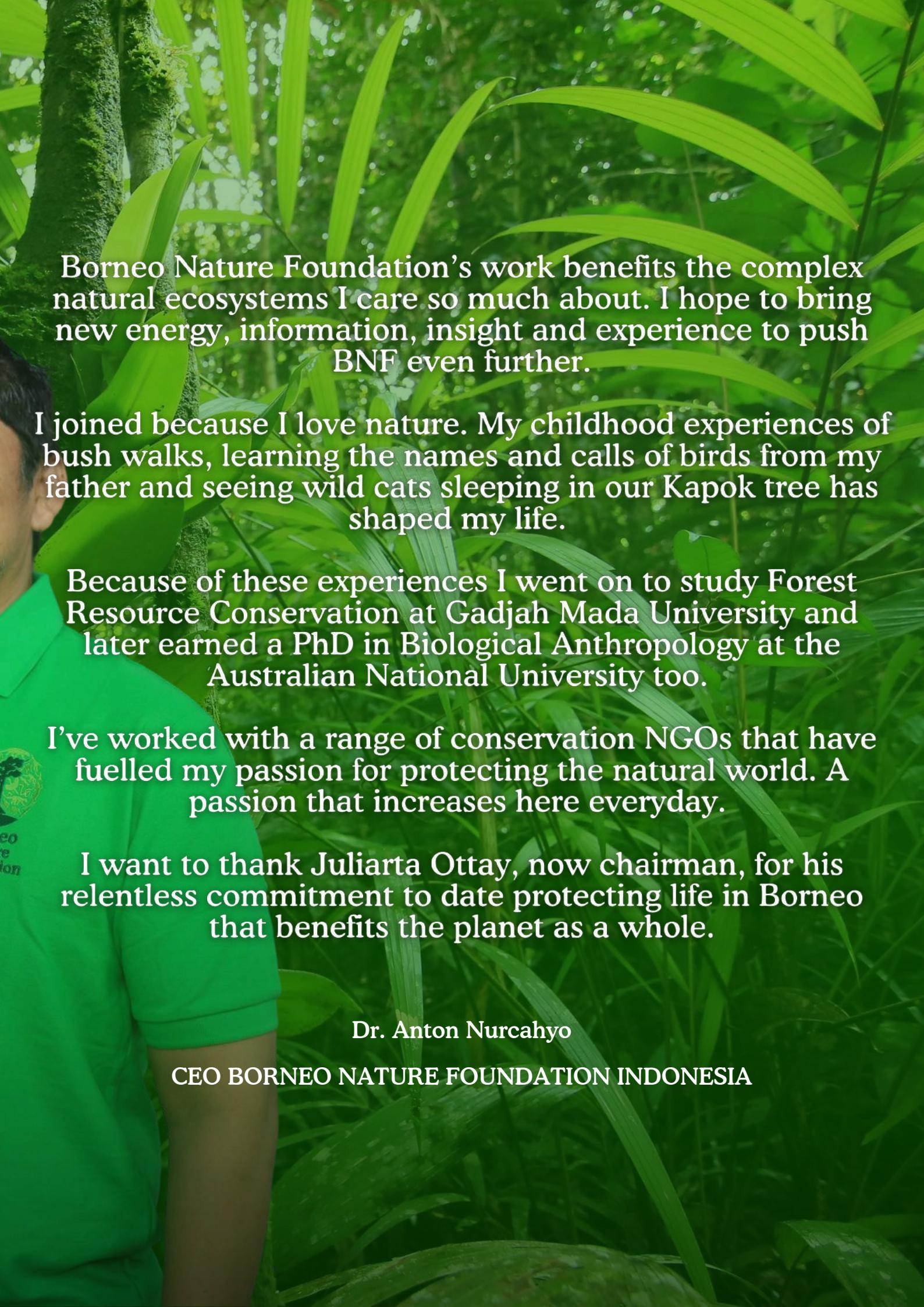
Simon Husson,

CEO BORNEO NATURE FOUNDATION INTERNATIONAL



MEET THE NEW CEO OF
BNF INDONESIA,
DR ANTON NURCAHYO.





Borneo Nature Foundation's work benefits the complex natural ecosystems I care so much about. I hope to bring new energy, information, insight and experience to push BNF even further.

I joined because I love nature. My childhood experiences of bush walks, learning the names and calls of birds from my father and seeing wild cats sleeping in our Kapok tree has shaped my life.

Because of these experiences I went on to study Forest Resource Conservation at Gadjah Mada University and later earned a PhD in Biological Anthropology at the Australian National University too.

I've worked with a range of conservation NGOs that have fuelled my passion for protecting the natural world. A passion that increases here everyday.

I want to thank Juliarta Ottay, now chairman, for his relentless commitment to date protecting life in Borneo that benefits the planet as a whole.

Dr. Anton Nurcahyo

CEO BORNEO NATURE FOUNDATION INDONESIA

OUR TEAM TALKS.



"I was delighted to join BNF as Grants Officer. I love nature and believe it's vitally important to protect diverse ecosystems. I am so excited to take on this role."

- Alison, Grants Officer



"Orangutan nest surveys shaped my 2023 with eight expeditions taking place across seven sites, this is how we estimate population numbers and the effectiveness."

- Santi, Field Team



"In October I presented our social forestry work at the International Workshop of Indigenous Women, sharing how we help reconnect people to the landscape."

- Meta, Programme Development Officer



"Festival Anak Sabangau is my 2023 highlight. Children are given support to be confident and creative to deliver powerful environmental messages to their community."

- Andrian, Project Lead

BIG STATS FROM 2023.

OUR ACTION IN NUMBERS.



12,194 ha

OF NEWLY PROTECTED COMMUNITY MANAGED
RAINFOREST IN 2023.

2,136 local people

ACTIVE IN COMMUNITY-BASED CONSERVATION PROJECTS
IN 2023.

102 fire alerts

RESPONDED TO, TACKLED & PUT OUT SAFELY IN 2023.



2,019 people engaged

THROUGH WORKSHOPS, EVENTS & CLASSES IN 2023.

161,410 trees

SOWN, GROWN, PLANTED & MONITORED IN 2023.

14 villages

COMMITTED TO FIVE YEARS OF FOREST PROTECTION
IN 2023.



48 dams

BUILT TO UNDO LOGGING DAMAGE IN 2023.

16 km of data

GATHERED WITH THE SEBANGAU NATIONAL PARK TO
ESTIMATE THE FOREST'S ORANGUTAN POPULATION.

51,416 new visits

TO OUR WEBSITE DURING 2023.

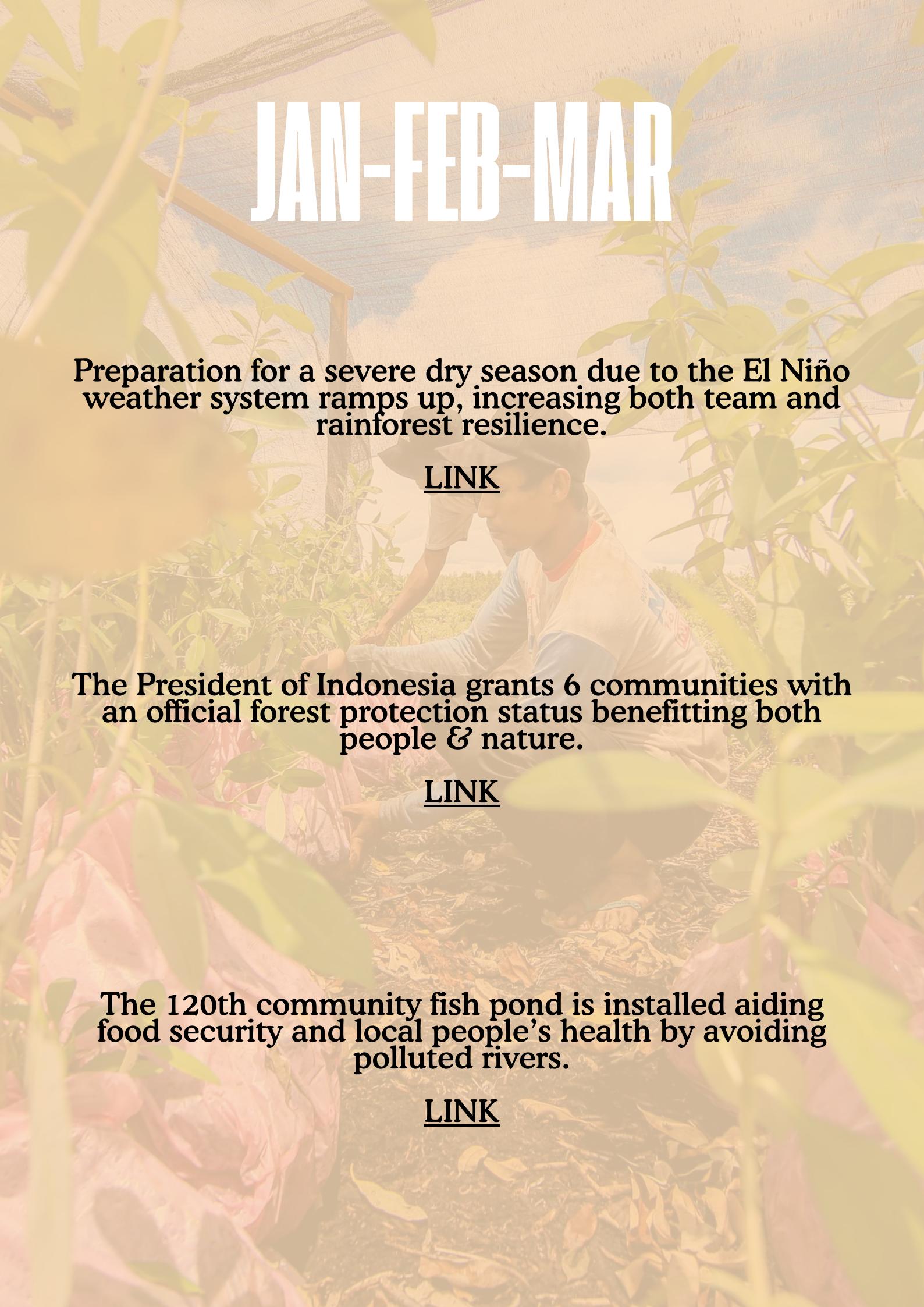


THE HIGHLIGHTS, LOWLIGHTS & REFORESTING SITES.

OUR ACTION IN STORIES.



JAN-FEB-MAR



Preparation for a severe dry season due to the El Niño weather system ramps up, increasing both team and rainforest resilience.

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The President of Indonesia grants 6 communities with an official forest protection status benefitting both people & nature.

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The 120th community fish pond is installed aiding food security and local people's health by avoiding polluted rivers.

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APR-MAY-JUN



Our Rainforest Festival engaged 900+ people through immersive art, music and traditional dancing to drive climate action.

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Crucial repairs took place at our primary research camp, allowing longterm research projects and visits to continue.

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The ultra-rare flat-headed cat is caught on camera traps proving how important tech is in understanding the species we protect.

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JUL-AUG-SEP

We present at the International Primatological Society congress sharing insights and learnings to further conservation approaches.

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32 ex-logging canals dammed to rewet the forest combating fires and protecting huge amounts of carbon locked in the peat-swamp.

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6 higher education scholarships gifted to support young people helping them become the conservation leaders the world needs.

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OCT-NOV-DEC

Intense firefighting continues just 100m from our main research camp where we made the decision not to emergency evacuate.

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We host the annual Anak Sebangau festival to celebrate climate action led by local children gaining national news coverage.

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Research into the vocalisations of the only known hybrid Gibbon population in Borneo begins at our most remote research station.

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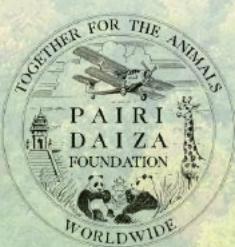


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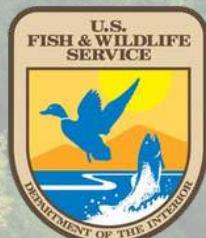
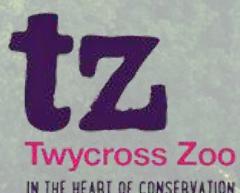
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YOU.





WE KNOW YOU CARE.

You're reading this because you care about rainforest, you care about our work and its future; if you can do more now is the time to act.

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