



# BATU KAPAL CONSERVATION



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Forest  
Retreat

**RAINFOREST RESCUE  
PROJECT**



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## WHO WE ARE

*"Batu Kapal Conservation was founded to help communities flourish in harmony with nature."*

*Our aim is to protect and conserve the rare and endangered orangutan and native fauna and flora that live in this wildlife biolink occurring in the Leuser Ecosystem adjacent to the UNESCO World Heritage Gunung Leuser National Park*

*We partner with and empower communities to protect and restore their rainforest home. to ensure the long term survival of these animals, by protecting the ecosystem needed for their survival, enabling people to co-exist with nature."*

Batu Kapal Conservation is an extension of CareSumatra, a charity focused on community and conservation projects in Northern Sumatra, In the Indonesian language, "Batu" means "rock" and "kapal" means "ship". The naturally occurring limestone cliff formations have provided a refuge for a remnant population of wild orangutans and other wildlife, acting a bit like an "environmental ark". Not only has it protected the species, but the wild population of orangutans has been thriving.





# THE BIG PICTURE

## RAINFOREST RESCUE

*The project area is situated adjacent to the UNESCO Gunung Leuser National Park (GLNP), a vital Key Biodiversity Hotspot in North Sumatra known as Batu Kapal. This location holds immense biodiversity value, housing critically endangered and vulnerable species listed on the IUCN Red List. Its geological uniqueness, with limestone features, cliffs, headlands, and subterranean cave complexes, provides refuge for native animals amidst the encroachment of subsistence farming, tourist accommodations, and palm oil plantations.*

## PROTECTING THE BIOLINK

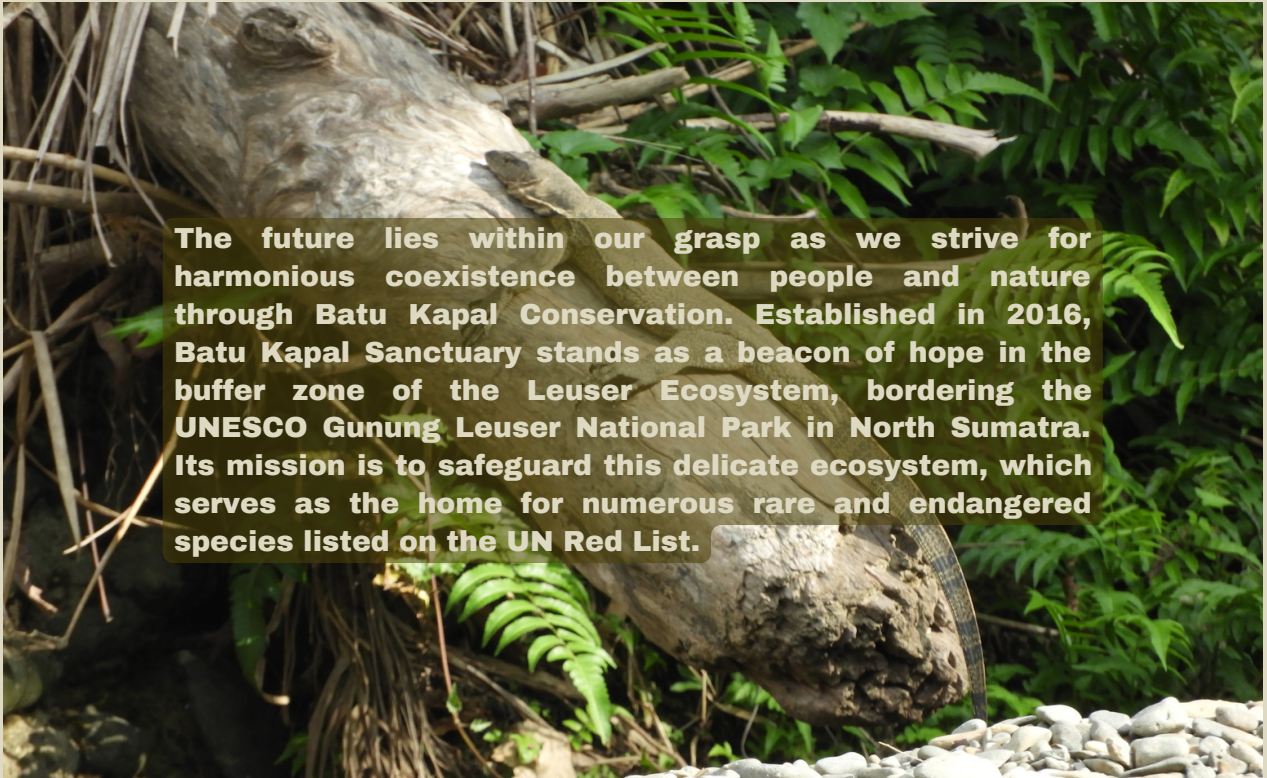
*While only a portion of the broader Leuser Ecosystem is designated as a National Park, acquiring strategic land within the surrounding buffer zone is essential to establish a permanent biolink between the National Park and crucial refuge areas. Maintaining genetic diversity and ensuring the long-term survival of arboreal wildlife necessitate the creation of a continuous tree canopy, enabling movement between the National Park and the Batu Kapal wildlife corridor.*

*At present, critical parcels of land within and adjacent to the wildlife corridor are available for sale. By purchasing these blocks, we can safeguard them from future development and clearance, securing the long-term protection of the wildlife corridor. This acquisition plays a vital role in preserving and reconnecting fragmented patches of native vegetation, granting isolated arboreal wildlife and other critical species an unobstructed pathway back to GLNP, ensuring their survival and genetic diversity.*

*By acquiring land, we not only protect nature but also provide employment opportunities to local indigenous people, allowing them to contribute to biodiversity conservation. This approach prevents them from selling their land to speculators for tourism or palm oil plantations, providing them with income generation opportunities tied to their custodial role.*

## STRATEGY

- 1. Retaining existing trees and fruit crops to serve as food sources and shelter for wildlife.*
- 2. Immediately building rope bridges to reconnect gaps in the corridor, facilitating the movement of orangutans, primates, and other wildlife.*
- 3. Planting extensive stands of fast-growing bamboo, which rapidly become functional habitat, enabling the movement of orangutans, primates, and wildlife through the corridor.*
- 4. Planting slow-growing canopy and food source trees such as ficus, durian, jengkol, and pohon aren. These trees serve a dual purpose by providing essential food sources for orangutans, birds, primates, and wildlife while also connecting the crucial tall continuous tree canopy to the National Park.*



**The future lies within our grasp as we strive for harmonious coexistence between people and nature through Batu Kapal Conservation. Established in 2016, Batu Kapal Sanctuary stands as a beacon of hope in the buffer zone of the Leuser Ecosystem, bordering the UNESCO Gunung Leuser National Park in North Sumatra. Its mission is to safeguard this delicate ecosystem, which serves as the home for numerous rare and endangered species listed on the UN Red List.**

## **THE HERE AND NOW**

Through our dedicated programs, Batu Kapal Conservation and the Indonesian Wildlife Protection Unit, we are actively protecting this vital wildlife buffer zone. Regular patrolling and community education efforts have significantly reduced poaching activities, while our relentless pursuit has driven illegal logging to the brink of extinction.

By supporting our cause and contributing towards the acquisition of land within this fragile wildlife corridor, you become a guardian of the long-term survival of the animals residing in this Wildlife Biolink. Your donation directly safeguards the ecosystem upon which their very existence depends.

Our approach transcends theory, as we take proactive steps to protect and restore the rainforest home of local communities. By empowering these communities, we ensure the preservation of these magnificent creatures and the critical ecosystems they rely on. Through this synergistic relationship between humanity and nature, we create a sanctuary where both can flourish side by side.

However, the land crucial to orangutan conservation faces an imminent threat of being sold to the palm oil industry and other land developers. We urgently require your support to acquire this land and safeguard the orangutans' vital connection to the national park. Your generous donations will not only help secure the land but also contribute to its restoration through our tree-planting program.

Furthermore, the recent connection of this land to the electricity grid has intensified its desirability among land developers. The clock is ticking, and the urgency to protect this critical biolink has never been greater. We must act swiftly and decisively.

**To achieve our goal, we aim to raise 500 million rupiah (\$50,000 AUD) to cover the necessary expenses. Join us in the noble endeavor of preserving the orangutans' habitat and conserving the rich biodiversity of Sumatra. Together, let us shape the future with the power of our hands and the compassion of our hearts.**



Bat Cave Bukit Lawang

Landak River

Wildlife corridor

Prospective Land 1

Prospective Land 2

Prospective Land 3

Palm Oil (Orange)

onal Park



# HOW TO HELP



**ALL DONATIONS TO THE RAINFOREST  
RESCUE FUND WILL BE MATCHED TO A  
MAXIMUM OF 50,000 AUD, 100% OF  
ALL DONATIONS GO TOWARDS ON  
GROUND DIRECT ACTION**

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