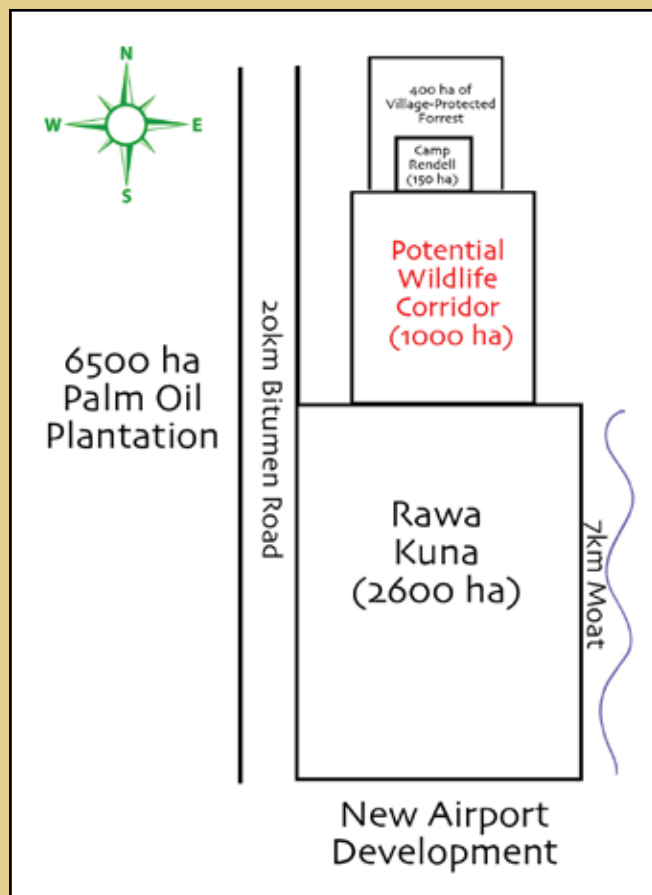


Rawa Kuno Legacy Forest

Help us protect and restore a critical orangutan habitat!

Rawa Kuno is 2600 hectares of primary and secondary rainforest situated near the Orangutan Foundation International (OFI) Care Centre near Pangkalanbun, Central Kalimantan (Borneo, Indonesia). To the West of Rawa Kuno, there is a 6500 hectare palm oil plantation - the 2 areas are separated by a 20 kilometre bitumen road. To the south, there is a new airport development, and to the East, the OFI through Dr Birute Mary Galdikas has constructed a 7 kilometre moat. To the north of Rawa Kuno, there is Camp Rendell, which is a 150 hectare rehabilitation area run by OFI. Surrounding Camp Rendell is 400 hectares of village protected forest. Inbetween Rawa Kuno and Camp Rendell there is 1000 hectares of rainforest which could act as a “wildlife corridor” between the two OFI areas.



It is estimated that Rawa Kuno houses over 100 wild orangutans.

In order to preserve Rawa Kuno as a sanctuary, the OFI through Dr Galdikas has been purchasing land in Rawa Kuno and the “wildlife corridor” at the rate of \$200/ hectare, which is very cheap compared to what the palm oil plantation operators will pay. The full amount required to meet all land purchases is \$700,000.00. To date, over \$300,000.00 has been raised, and 1500 hectares of Rawa Kuno and 300 hectares of the “wildlife corridor” have been secured.

In the first week of December 2012 Village Chief Elections for this region will be held. The current and outgoing chief is committed to providing this land, at the very low rate, to the OFI. It is likely the incoming chief will take a different view, and land would be sold to palm oil operators.



If the land purchases are successfully completed for the OFI by the December deadline, there will be a need to provide ongoing resources to protect the rainforest and the orangutans.

In summary:

- 5-6 guard posts with wells would need to be constructed at an estimated cost of \$10,000.00 per post;
- approximately \$1000/month wages for rangers;
- approximately \$1800/month wages for security guards (10);
- food for staff: approx \$600/month;
- 2 motorcycles @ \$3000 each ie \$6000 plus fuel around \$100/month;
- other expenses inc. uniforms, signage, supplies and contingency approx. \$150/month;
- 'hot-wire' fencing is a consideration.



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So overall, further asset costs (guard posts, motorcycles) of approximately \$60,000 total.

Ongoing costs (wages, food, fuel, supplies) approx \$3500/month; \$42,000pa.

Note that the OFI has spent \$40,000.00 constructing the moat on the eastern border of Rawa Kuna. The moat, in addition to the wide bitumen road being constructed, will greatly reduce the risk of illegal loggers, miners, palm oil operators and poachers.