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*OFI Needs Your Help to Purchase and Permanently Protect  
The Kubu Village Forest – A Stronghold for Endangered Orangutans*

Dear OFI Friend,

In the Indonesian language, “Kubu” means *stronghold*—a place that has been fortified so as to protect it against attack. And so it is fitting that OFI has been working with residents and leaders of the village of Kubu in Central Kalimantan (Indonesian Borneo) to purchase and *permanently protect* their 1,120-hectare village forest.

Home to wild orangutans and countless other endangered species, the immediate acquisition of *Kubu Village Forest* by OFI is crucial to keeping it out of the hands of huge, international conglomerates that are clamoring to clear-cut and convert its rich, biologically-diverse landscape into miles of palm oil agriculture—a monoculture in which few wildlife species can survive. It is a sad scene that has repeated itself over and over all across Borneo with deadly consequences. But with your help, OFI can protect this critical orangutan stronghold.

Located south of OFI’s recently-purchased 2,600-hectare *Rawa Kuno Legacy Forest*, *Kubu Village Forest* will extend the protection of critical orangutan habitat far beyond Rawa Kuno’s border and provide ideal locations for patrol posts and water towers to help protect this vast forest region from illegal logging, mining, hunting and forest fires that may sweep the region during the dry season.

*Kubu Village Forest* is part of a larger, ongoing OFI initiative to purchase and protect a network of parcels of primary and secondary lowland forest located between the 405,000-hectare Tanjung Puting National Park, the 76,000-hectare Lamandau Reserve, and the 405-hectare Pasir Panjang Village Forest, home to OFI’s Camp Rendell ‘soft-release’ facility. This will create a vast, province-wide system of biologically intact nature reserves, parks, corridors, and protected areas, which together will help provide essential habitat to ensure the long-term conservation of the endangered orangutans in our region. [Click here](#) to learn more about this special initiative.

We must move quickly and decisively today to raise \$280,000 to secure the *Kubu Village Forest* (\$250 per hectare is a great price!). Please consider a generous gift to OFI. The orangutans need your help!

With deep and abiding gratitude,

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OFI President

