




# YOUR LEGACY. THEIR FUTURE.

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a lifetime of *Protection*  
and *Freedom*.



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Leif Cocks



## Thank you for considering The Orangutan Project in your Will!

Every orangutan deserves to live with respect, freedom, and dignity. We've done so much already to protect orangutans and their rainforest homes, thanks to the kindness of people like you. But there's still a lot we need to do to secure their survival.

A gift in your Will to The Orangutan Project will ensure we can continue our vital work to protect critical rainforest habitat and ensure a future where all orangutans can live in safe and viable populations.

In this booklet, you'll see how your gift can make a big difference and details on how to include The Orangutan Project in your Will.

Your support means a lot to us, and we deeply appreciate your consideration. Together, we can give orangutans a fighting chance of survival.

Yours for the orangutans

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Leif'. The signature is stylized and fluid.

Leif Cocks OAM  
Founder



## A FIGHT FOR SURVIVAL

All three species of orangutans: Sumatan, Bornean and Tapanilu are listed as *Critically Endangered*.

Ongoing habitat loss, rising incidences of human-wildlife conflict and poaching for the illegal wildlife trade is threatening the very survival of this enigmatic species.

As the slowest reproducing species in the world, orangutans are highly prone to extinction. If we do not act now we could lose them in our lifetime.

The only meaningful goal in this fight for survival is a stable and sustainable population. This means protecting habitat and protecting species.

To secure all species of orangutans we need 2,000 of each species/subspecies under our permanent protection in safeguarded habitat.







# BE THEIR LIFELINE

At The Orangutan Project, we raise funds to fulfil our vision - a world where orangutans will live in their natural habitat in secure and viable populations.

We do this by funding a wide range of critical projects that address the holistic problem facing *Critically Endangered* orangutans - including fighting deforestation and habitat loss at the highest levels.

Only through collective action can we affect meaningful change. That is why your support is so critically important.

When you leave a gift to The Orangutan Project in your Will, you will give a lifetime of protection and freedom for orangutans through:

-  the legal protection of forest
-  securing, restoring and patrolling habitat
-  rescuing, rehabilitating and releasing orangutans
-  educating and empowering indigenous communities

Find out more. Download our Strategic Plan at [theorangutanproject.org/strategicplan](http://theorangutanproject.org/strategicplan) or scan the QR code.





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Dalai Lama

## ENSHRINE YOUR LEGACY

Everyone should have a Will. It ensures that your wishes are carried out by providing for your family, your friends, your pets, and the causes you care about. Without a Will, laws will determine how your assets will be distributed which may not be as you intended.

Your Will also tells the people you leave behind what mattered to you most during your lifetime. Including a gift to those causes which resonate with you and your values will ensure your legacy will continue to live on.

Writing a Will involves making some very important decisions. We recommend discussing these decisions with your family, loved ones and an independent legal advisor.

# YOUR LEGACY FOR ORANGUTANS

Conservation is a long-term and complex process. When you choose to leave a gift in your Will to The Orangutan Project you will help ensure that we can continue to deliver on our conservation programs beyond your lifetime.

Your gift will have a profound and immediate impact, helping to protect thousands of acres of orangutan rainforest, support the rescue, rehabilitation and release of vulnerable orangutans, safeguard protected habitat areas and empower local and indigenous communities to become forest guardians. Any gift you give, large or small, will make such a difference.

Most importantly, by including The Orangutan Project in your Will, you'll be imprinting your values in the world for all time. Your lasting act of *Compassion* will leave a legacy of *Protection* and *Freedom* for orangutans for decades to come.







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**Howard Duncan & Danya Driessen**





**"PROTECTING  
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Albert Schweitzer

# CREATING YOUR WILL: WHERE TO START

- 1 Consider your beneficiaries**, be that family, friends and charities that you would like to remember in your Will, and what assets make up your estate.
- 2 Determine the type of gift you wish to leave** to The Orangutan Project, after taking into account your loved ones.
  - **Whole or part of your estate:** your entire, or a predetermined percentage of your estate.
  - **A residuary gift:** the remainder (or a proportion of the remainder) of your estate.
  - **A pecuniary gift:** a specific cash amount.
  - **An in specie gift:** an item of value such as property, shares, jewellery or art that may be sold to realise their monetary value, or the proceeds of a life insurance policy or superannuation fund.

**The best gift is a residual gift as it will retain its value over time. Specific cash gifts and physical assets may decrease over time due to inflation.**





## AUSTRALIAN AND US SUPPORTERS, WRITE YOUR WILL FOR FREE!

The Orangutan Project has partnered with GatheredHere in Australia and FreeWill in the United States to offer our supporters the opportunity to write your Will for FREE, with free and unlimited updates for life!

Whether creating a Will for the first time, or updating an existing Will, in as little as 10 minutes, you can create a reputable Will and have peace of mind knowing that your assets will be distributed as you wish.

### Visit the website or scan the QR Code

Australian Supporters:  
[orangutan.org.au/gatheredhere](https://orangutan.org.au/gatheredhere)



US Supporters:  
[theorangutanproject.org/freewill](https://theorangutanproject.org/freewill)





- 3 Choose an executor to administer your Will. This can be a relative, a friend, or a legal professional. People usually appoint two executors.
- 4 Speak with your solicitor to have your Will written. Suggested clauses for leaving a gift to The Orangutan Project are contained on pages 13-15 of this booklet.
- 5 Discuss your Will with your family and loved ones to make sure they understand your intentions.
- 6 Secure your Will in a safe place. You can keep it at home or your solicitor can hold it for you. Make sure a family member knows where it is being kept.
- 7 Let us know if you have included The Orangutan Project in your Will so we can thank you and welcome you into our WCI Legacy Circle (see page 22). You can contact us confidentially at [bequests@theorangutanproject.org](mailto:bequests@theorangutanproject.org).



## SUGGESTED WORDING

As Wills are legal documents, we recommend that you seek independent legal advice with the wording of your Will. The following are suggested clauses to discuss with your estate planner.

**1** Determine whether you wish to leave your gift to The Orangutan Project, or to our parent organisation Wildlife Conservation International (which will also support our other conservation projects - International Elephant Project, International Tiger Project and Forests for People).

**2** Choose the type of gift you wish to leave, and begin your clause with the following:

**Whole of Estate:** "I give the whole of my estate...

**Residual Gift:** "I give the rest and residue of my estate...

**Percentage Gift:** "I give [insert percentage] % share of my estate....

**Pecuniary Gift:** "I give the sum of \$X...

**Specific Gift:** "I give [insert description of specific gift]..."

- 3** Continue the clause in step 2 with the country specific legal clause as listed below.

### **Australia**

...free from all debts (secured and unsecured) and all duties and taxes (whether federal or state) payable in respect of my estate to [*The Orangutan Project ("TOP") OR Wildlife Conservation International ("WCI")*, ABN 92 607 879 345] for its general purposes, and I declare that the receipt of an authorised officer of the said [*TOP/WCI*] shall be a full and sufficient discharge of this bequest.

### **Canada**

...free of Government duties payable in respect of my estate to WCI Canada Foundation ("*WCI-CA*"), Canadian Charitable Registration: 79963 5537 RR0001 for its general purposes, and I declare that the receipt of the authorised officer for the time being *WCI-CA* shall be a full and sufficient discharge of this bequest.

### **Netherlands / European Union**

...free of Government duties payable in respect of my estate to [*The Orangutan Project ("TOP") OR Stichting Wildlife Conservation International ("WCI")*, Chamber of Commerce number: 82940266], for its general purposes, and I declare that the receipt of the authorised officer for the time being [*TOP/WCI*] shall be a full and sufficient discharge of this bequest.



## **United Kingdom**

...free of Government duties payable in respect of my estate to The Orangutan Project UK, which is a joint partnership between Borneo Nature Foundation International (registered UK charity No. 1194359) and The Orangutan Project (Australian charity ABN 92 607 879 345).

## **United States**

...free of Government duties, to [*The Orangutan Project ("TOP") OR Wildlife Conservation International ("WCI"), EIN: 84-1899559*], or any corporation to which WCI's registration is voluntarily transferred under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, for its general purposes, and I declare that the receipt of the authorised officer for the time being [*TOP/ WCI*] shall be a full and sufficient discharge of this bequest.

## **Other**

For all other countries not listed you can use the Australian wording. Please contact your legal advisor for further advice.

### **4** Finalise the clause with the following

If the gift cannot take effect completely or at all, to the extent that it cannot take effect, I give it to the charitable organisation or organisations which my executors consider most nearly fulfils or fulfils the objects I intend to benefit.



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**Anthony Douglas Williams**

## **SAMPLE WORDING**

### **Residual gift to The Orangutan Project (Australia)**

I give the rest and residue of my estate free from all debts (secured and unsecured) and all duties and taxes (whether federal or state) payable in respect of my estate to The Orangutan Project (“TOP”), ABN 92 607 879 345 for its general purposes, and I declare that the receipt of an authorised officer of the said TOP shall be a full and sufficient discharge of this bequest. If the gift cannot take effect completely or at all, to the extent that it cannot take effect, I give it to the charitable organisation or organisations which my executors consider most nearly fulfils or fulfils the objects I intend to benefit.

### **Percentage gift to Wildlife Conservation International (USA)**

I give 5% share of my estate, free of Government duties, to Wildlife Conservation International (“WCI”) EIN: 84-1899559, or any corporation to which WCI’s registration is voluntarily transferred under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, for its general purposes, and I declare that the receipt of the authorised officer for the time being WCI shall be a full and sufficient discharge of this bequest. If the gift cannot take effect completely or at all, to the extent that it cannot take effect, I give it to the charitable organisation or organisations which my executors consider most nearly fulfils or fulfils the objects I intend to benefit.

### **Percentage gift to The Orangutan Project (UK)**

"I give 5% share of my estate, free of Government duties payable in respect of my estate to The Orangutan Project UK, which is a joint partnership between the Borneo Nature Foundation International (registered UK charity No. 1194359) and The Orangutan Project (Australian charity ABN 92 607 879 345). If the gift cannot take effect completely or at all, to the extent that it cannot take effect, I give it to the charitable organisation or organisations which my executors consider most nearly fulfils or fulfils the objects I intend to benefit.

### **Percentage gift to The Orangutan Project (EU)**

"I give 5% share of my estate, free of Government duties payable in respect of my estate to The Orangutan Project, a registered trading name of Stichting Wildlife Conservation International ("WCI"), Chamber of Commerce number: 82940266, for its general purposes, and I declare that the receipt of the authorised officer for the time being WCI shall be a full and sufficient discharge of this bequest. If the gift cannot take effect completely or at all, to the extent that it cannot take effect, I give it to the charitable organisation or organisations which my executors consider most nearly fulfils or fulfils the objects I intend to benefit.



## Percentage gift to WCI Canada Foundation

"I give 5% share of my estate, free of Government duties payable in respect of my estate to WCI Canada Foundation ("WCI-CA"), Canadian Charitable Registration: 79963 5537 RR0001 for its general purposes, and I declare that the receipt of the authorised officer for the time being WCI-CA shall be a full and sufficient discharge of this bequest. If the gift cannot take effect completely or at all, to the extent that it cannot take effect, I give it to the charitable organisation or organisations which my executors consider most nearly fulfils or fulfils the objects I intend to benefit.



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## **Why do I need a Will?**

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## **What if I already have a Will?**

You can amend your existing Will to include a gift to The Orangutan Project by preparing an additional page that has been signed and witnessed, known as a codicil. We recommend seeking legal advice to ensure it does not contradict anything already in your Will.

## **Do I need a lot of money to leave a gift in my Will?**

Any gift you give, large or small, will make a lasting difference for orangutans. For many of us, leaving a gift in our Will is an opportunity to contribute more significantly to causes that matter deeply to us that we may not have been able to during our lifetime.

### **What type of gift is best?**

A residual gift is the best type of gift because it maintains the relative value of your gift and automatically adjusts to changes in the values of your estate. This is the legacy type we ask our supporters to consider because it should not decrease in value over time.

### **Can I specify where I want my gift used?**

While we want to ensure your wishes are fulfilled, providing a general gift in your Will to The Orangutan Project provides us with the flexibility to use it where the need is the greatest at the time as well as contributing to long-term planning and development of our conservation programs.

### **Do I need to disclose that I've included a gift in my Will?**

Although there is no obligation, by notifying us of your intentions, you provide us the opportunity to thank you for your generosity and to welcome you to our WCI Legacy Circle. Confidentiality of your advice will be respected at all times.

## A SPECIAL COMMUNITY

When you notify us that you have included a gift in your Will to The Orangutan Project, you will join the Wildlife Conservation International (WCI) Legacy Circle, a growing community of like-minded individuals who have pledged the ultimate gift of *Compassion, Protection and Freedom for Critically Endangered* orangutans.

Enjoy a closer relationship with The Orangutan Project with exclusive updates and briefings on our conservation programs.

You can also nominate to have your generosity forever enshrined on our WCI Legacy Circle Honour Roll to inspire others and forever remember your legacy.

To join the WCI Legacy Circle, return the intention form at the end of this booklet, or complete the form online at [theorangutanproject.org/yourlegacy](http://theorangutanproject.org/yourlegacy) or scan the QR code.









The Orangutan Project is a project of Wildlife Conservation International which is a registered charity in Australia, Canada, the European Union, and the United States. The Orangutan Project UK is a registered trading name of the Borneo Nature Trust.

Our registered legal entities and business addresses.

**AUSTRALIA**

Wildlife Conservation International  
(ABN 92 607 879 345)  
PO Box 1414 South Perth WA 6951

**CANADA**

WCI Canada Foundation  
(Reg. Charity No. 79963 5537 RR0001)  
17982 56th Avenue, Surrey BC V3S 1C7

**EUROPE**

Stichting Wildlife Conservation International  
(RSIN: 862663313)  
Box A2202, Strevelsweg 700 303,  
Rotterdam 3083AS

**UNITED KINGDOM**

'The Orangutan Project UK'  
C/- Borneo Nature Trust  
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Tremough Innovation Centre, Penryn,  
Cornwall, TR10 9TA

**UNITED STATES**

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Austin TX 78748







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project

## LET US KNOW

Please use the form on the next page to inform us if you have included The Orangutan Project in your Will. By sharing your intentions, you allow us to express our gratitude for your gift and to plan more accurately for the future. Your information will be kept strictly confidential.







## YES, I HAVE INCLUDED A GIFT TO THE ORANGUTAN PROJECT IN MY WILL

Dr/Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ State/Province \_\_\_\_\_ P/code \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

- I have included a gift in my Will to The Orangutan Project
- I plan to write or change my Will to include The Orangutan Project

### MY GIFT:

- Will be \_\_\_\_\_% of the residue of my estate
- Will be a pecuniary gift (a fixed sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_)
- Will be a specific item of \_\_\_\_\_
- I do not wish to disclose my gift at this time

### ACKNOWLEDGMENT:

- Yes, I would like to be recognised in the WCI Legacy Circle Honour Roll

### MORE INFORMATION:

- I would like to be contacted to discuss my legacy gift to The Orangutan Project

### POST TO:

The Orangutan Project, PO Box 1414, SOUTH PERTH WA 6951 AUSTRALIA

### SCAN/EMAIL TO:

bequests@theorangutanproject.org



## THANK YOU

**Thank you for considering a gift in your Will to The Orangutan Project.**

If you have any questions, or wish to confirm your intentions, please do get in touch.

**T:** +61 892 988 016 or  
1300 733 273 (Australian callers)

**E:** [bequests@theorangutanproject.org](mailto:bequests@theorangutanproject.org)

**W.** [www.theorangutanproject.org](http://www.theorangutanproject.org)

Disclaimer: The contents of this brochure should not be constructed as legal advice and we recommend you contact a legal advisor for your estate planning needs.

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