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## Rawa Kuno Legacy Forest - Sponsorship

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Orangutan Foundation International (OFI) is trying to raise \$640,000 for the purchase and permanent protection of 6,400 acres of prime orangutan habitat in Indonesian Borneo.

Current forest owner and local Dayak tribal elder Pak Kukuh recently announced his intention to sell his family's 6,400-acre forest, piquing the interest of eager developers and palm oil companies and providing OFI with both a unique opportunity and a formidable challenge.

Known as the Rawa Kuno Legacy Forest, this vast, biologically-rich forest is home to hundreds of orangutans and other endangered wildlife species. Yet, like so much of Borneo's forestland, it is currently at risk of being clear-cut and converted to palm oil agriculture—a monoculture in which few, if any, species can survive.

Keenly aware that the vast majority of land sold by local landowners is converted to palm oil plantations, OFI have made a firm promise to Pak Kukuh: OFI will raise the money to buy his family's forest. In return, Pak Kukuh and his extended family have agreed to be patient. It is their wish, too, that this forest remain forever wild.

As of today, OFI have raised just \$157,870 of the \$640,000 needed to complete the purchase. **People At Their Best** are proud to have donated money for OFI to buy 2 acres of land. Click on the following link to read more about <u>Orangutan Habitat Legacy Forest</u>.

