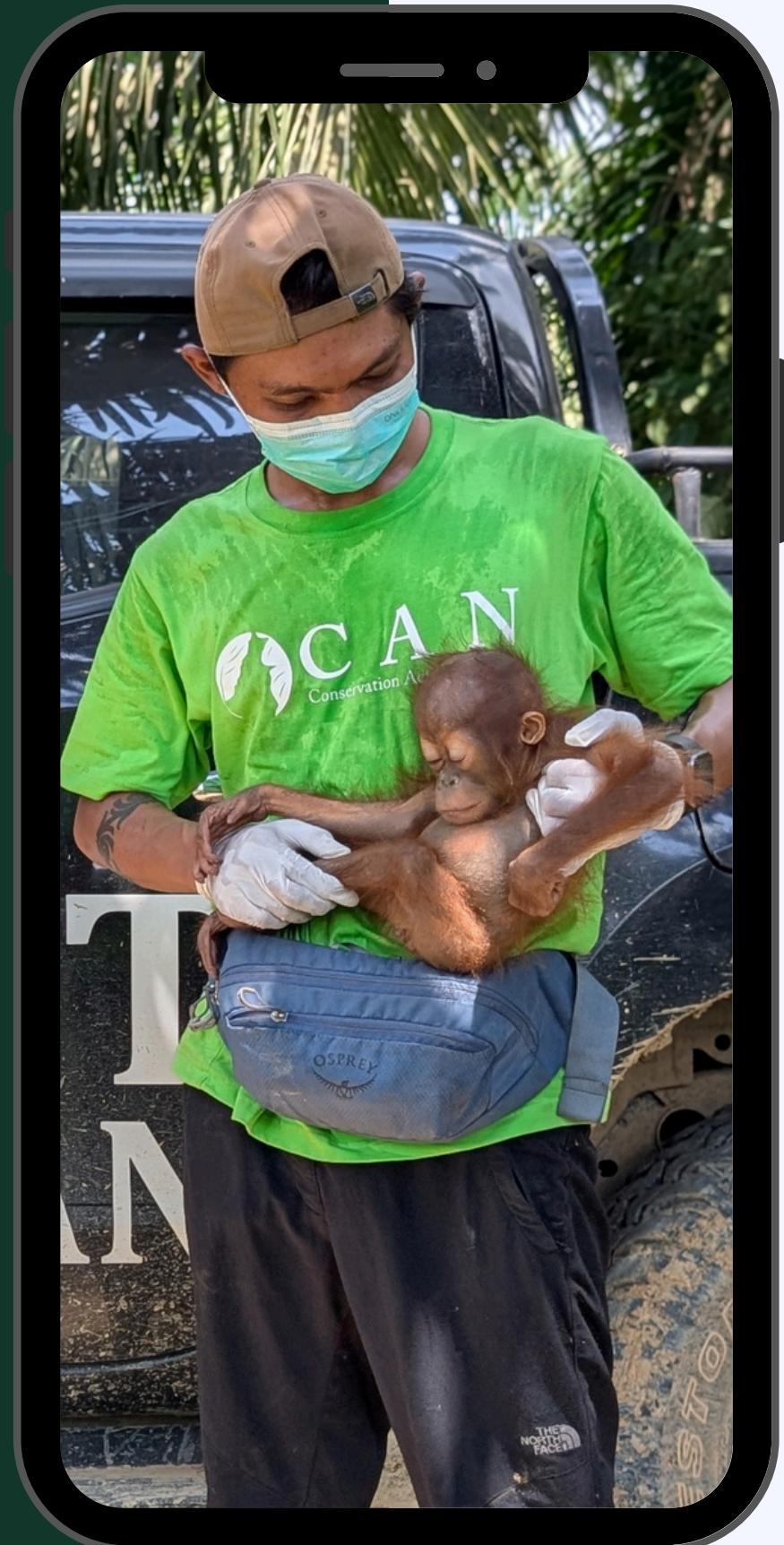




RESCUE LAST CLUSTER ORANGUTAN IN NORTH SIDE BENGALON FRAGMANTED FOREST

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◆ BACKGROUND

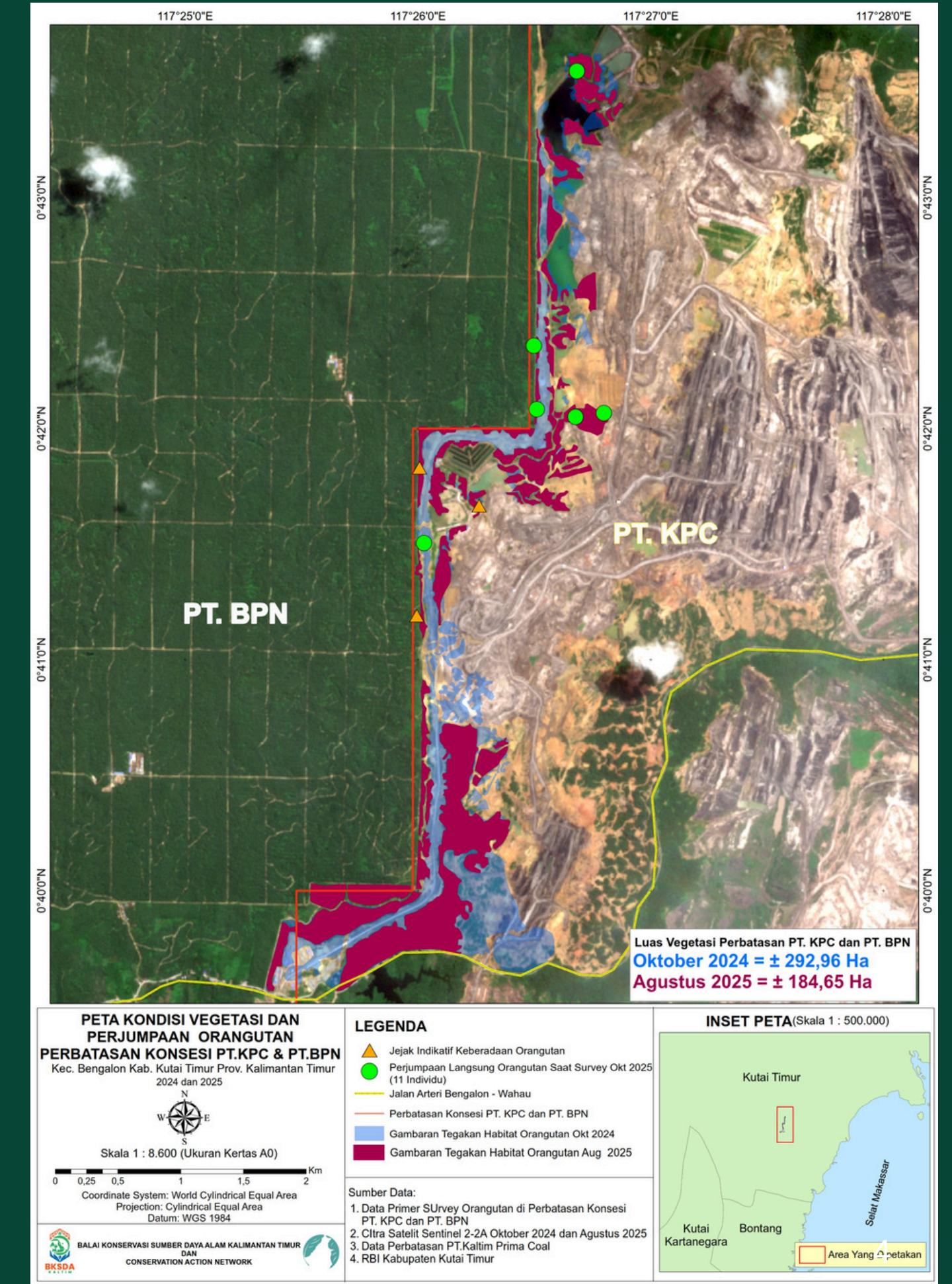
This rescue operation is carried out due to the loss of orangutan habitat caused by extensive land clearing for oil palm plantations and mining activities. Only 21 small forest fragments remain, ranging from 2-3 hectares and up to 5 hectares, which no longer provide sufficient natural food sources. As a result, orangutans are forced to leave the forest and feed on oil palm fruit, increasing the risk of conflict. The remaining fragments lie along the boundary between PT. BPN and PT. KPC, creating a narrow, isolated area that traps orangutans without any natural corridor for movement. Rescue intervention is urgently needed to save the individuals still surviving in these highly fragmented habitats.



LAST UPDATE

1. October 2025 field survey by BKSDA Kaltim, CAN, and PT BPN revealed critical findings.
2. 11 Orangutans trapped in fragmented vegetation between mining concessions (PT KPC & PT BPN). 14 Orangutan traped in fragmanted forest in mainroad
3. Satellite analysis (Sentinel-2):
 - Oct 2024 = 293 ha forest
 - Aug 2025 = 185 ha (\downarrow 37% loss)
4. Immediate risk of starvation, isolation, and human–wildlife conflict.

Location: Bengalon, East Kalimantan





FIELD OBSERVATIONS

Total Recorded: 25 individuals (Oct 27–30, 2025)

- 5 Adult Males
- 8 Adult Females with Infants (including 1 with twins)
- 7 Juveniles & Sub-adults
- 5 Unidentified (observed via nest & feeding traces)

Clustered between open-pit areas, reclaimed zones, and small forest patches.

A photograph of an orangutan hanging from a large tree branch. The orangutan is dark brown with a lighter, reddish-brown patch on its back. A baby orangutan is clinging to its chest. The tree has thick, light-colored bark and green leaves. The background is a clear blue sky with some wispy clouds.

OUR PLAN

Santa's Jungle Mission

2025

Step

01 Pre-Rescue

The team verifies reports and conducts a quick field assessment to confirm the orangutan's condition and the situation on site. BKSDA and the medical team then prepare the capture strategy and all necessary equipment to ensure a safe operation.

This step already done by BKSDA, CAN and Ecositrop

02 Field Rescue

The veterinarian sedates the orangutan in a controlled manner, while the team secures the area and performs a brief medical check. The rescued individual is then carefully placed into a transport cage for evacuation.

This team will arrange by BKSDA Vet support by our vet and technical team

03 Release and Monitoring

The orangutan is taken either to a rehabilitation center or directly to a release site, depending on its condition. After observation and readiness assessment, the orangutan is released into a safe habitat and monitored to ensure proper adaptation. Release area will be in Busang and Karaitan

Orangutan Rescue Budget Summary

Total €21,000



Transportation – €6,000

Covers fuel for 4WD vehicles and boats, vehicle rental, and all inter-location travel required for the rescue operation.

Team Logistics – €6,400

Includes field rations, drinking water, field supplies, technical consumables, and daily operational needs for the rescue team throughout the mission.

Accommodation – €2,500

Covers lodging, basecamp facilities, and essential utilities required to support team operations in remote field locations.

Local Workforce Support – €2,100

Honoraria for local workers, porters, field assistants, and community-based support personnel contributing to logistics and field mobility.

Medical and Equipment Costs – €4,000

Includes veterinary medicines, anesthesia supplies, medical consumables, transport cages, safety equipment, and emergency treatment materials for the rescued orangutan.

