Wanicare Foundation

dedicated to the protection of wildlife and nature



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Dear followers of Wanicare and Wanicare Supporters,



Slightly later than originally planned, due to a particularly busy period, I am pleased to share with you our newsletter including an annual update of 2025. As in previous years, this report reflects on the progress we have made, the challenges we have faced, and our plans for 2026.
2025 has been a busy and meaningful year, filled with both optimism and important achievements, but also its fair share of challenges.

Writing this overview is, for me personally, always a valuable moment to step back and see the bigger picture. It has truly been a year of progress, resilience, and dedication, one in which we have made a real difference for animals. At the same time, it is important to acknowledge that there were also significant challenges along the way which comes with this kind of work.

Securing funding proved more challenging than in previous years. Likely influenced by global uncertainties, which led donors and organizations to reassess their financial situations, partly due to developments around international aid, including funding from the US. We have noticed that in uncertain times, support becomes more cautious. But we also realize that we are not alone in facing these challenges, and we are grateful for every support we received.

Working in wildlife conservation in Indonesia continues to be complex. On a daily basis, we are confronted with difficult situations and decisions, often witnessing the direct consequences of wildlife trade and animal suffering. In addition, government dynamics, sometimes beyond our control, can further complicate our work. Combined with an ever-growing to-do list and the emotional intensity of this field, 2025 at times truly felt like a rollercoaster. At the same time, there have been many incredible and rewarding moments: **successful animal releases, improvements in welfare and facilities**, and **life-changing care for rescued wildli**fe. These achievements bring renewed energy and motivation to all of us. However, during especially busy and demanding periods, it can be easy to focus on the difficulties and overlook the many positive steps forward we continue to make.

Despite these challenges, our work not only continues but keeps evolving. The dedication of the Cikananga team, the commitment of volunteers and interns, and the generosity of supporters like you, make it possible for us to move forward and create meaningful impact, for animals, nature, and people. **This progress would not be possible without your continued support and belief in our mission**. Your trust enables us to grow as an organization and to keep making a difference. Having spent about four months at Cikananga in 2025, I have personally witnessed this progress, and I am excited to share it with you.

Wanicare itself is also continuing to grow, and I am happy to see my role and work for the foundation in the Netherlands developing further as well.

Thank you for your ongoing support. I hope you enjoy reading this report, and please feel free to reach out if you have any questions.
In 2026, we will of course continue our work to protect wildlife and conserve nature. At the same time, we remain committed to strengthening and professionalizing our organization so that we can make an even greater impact.

If you have any questions about our work or this report, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Warm wishes, also on behalf of the entire Cikananga and Wanicare team,
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Looking back: A few goals we had set for 2025

➢ **Wanicare:**

- Wanicare hopes to get this year an CBF Recognition. When a charity has been recognized as a charity by the CBF (CBF-Erkend Goed Doel), you can trust that the organization has been closely reviewed. Which will help us to get more trust of sponsors and hopefully generate more financial support to do our work. We hope soon to announce that Wanicare has officially received CBF accreditation
- Professionalization, gathering a larger team around Wanicare, reaching more people about the work Wanicare does.
- Generating more financial resources to achieve the above.
- Expand the education program in the Netherlands.



➢ **PPSC:**

- Help more animals, by receiving more confiscated animals in Cikananga.
- Release more animals and continue to develop the existing release programs.
- Continue to improve relations with authorities
- Start an education program for farmers in and around Cikananga, and educate and help the use alternative ways for the use of pesticides.
- Renovation of several enclosures and Construction of new enclosures such as sanctuary for Siamang / Gibbon and new otter rehabilitation enclosure.
- Continue to attract more volunteers and interns for Cikananga.
- Attract ecotourism to Cikananga, to generate more income and awareness/education of these people.
- More financial support to continue developing and growing and to provide the animals in Cikananga with the best care possible.

A few pictures of 2025!



Several young animals have been rescued



Enclosure Renovations



30 macaques rescued in February – March 2025



Start of the farmers Education Program



Yearly Wanicare Strategy meeting!



New Tranquilizer Co2 pistol



Enrichment program





Release of slow lorises



Animal Keeper Exchange Program



Record harvest of over 7000 kg from farm!



Education Program

Update on a few of the goals of 2025

❖ **CBF Accreditation**

A major highlight for the Wanicare Foundation's was that we have been official recognition by the Dutch Charity Regulator (CBF). **This recognition confirms that our organization meets high standards of transparency, accountability, and governance.** It demonstrates responsible fundraising, financial integrity, and proven impact. For donors, it provides confidence that support is being used responsibly and effectively, while sending a strong message to other potential funders that Wanicare is a professional, trustworthy organization.



Wanicare Recognitions and Quality marks



Yearly 8-week Education program at Yuverta Helmond

❖ **Education remained central to our mission**

In the Netherlands, Wanicare continued to focus on education. In 2025 we have run our eight-week curriculum with Yuverta MBO students successfully , and this was the fourth year already, educating students about wildlife care, conservation, and rescue center operations. Quite some of the students joining these classes, chose afterwards to join us to do their internship in Cikananga. **Also currently we are running this eight-week curriculum again with this school, and 70 students join the program!**

The Cikananga education team had a very successful year, with many education and community outreach activities. **They have reached 641 students in total in 2025 through school activities, multi-day programs, and community engagement, educating children and adults alike about the importance of wildlife protection and ecosystem health.**

This number of students reached is only through the activities with schools, this is not including the farm education program or the education programs run on local release area and community programs, etc. Also, here the education program is active in engage local communities, educating them about the importance of protecting wildlife and the ecosystems they inhabit.

Cikananga staff has followed several Workshops and trainings as well, and we organized a keeper exchange program with partner organizations provided opportunities to learn new practices, share expertise, and strengthen collaboration.





Cikananga Education program on local schools

❖ Animal Facility Improvements

Several facilities were improved in 2025 to enhance animal welfare and rehabilitation processes. A key factor in these developments has been the outstanding work of Pak Endang, Cikananga's maintenance expert. His contributions are invaluable: he ensures that daily maintenance operations run smoothly while also supervising larger construction and renovation projects throughout the center.



Pak Endang working/fixing enclosures

In addition to his work on animal enclosures, Pak Endang consistently takes on smaller but essential tasks that improve daily operations and overall facility quality. These range from building a new operation table and X-ray support system to constructing transport boxes and enrichment infrastructure. Thanks to his expertise, construction and maintenance work can be carried out more efficiently, reducing reliance on external contractors. However, we continue to collaborate with outside workers when needed, as the scope of construction and maintenance work remains extensive.

In 2025, we were able to upgrade and construct the following facilities:

- **Primate enclosures:** Sanctuary primate enclosures were upgraded with tunnels already, but now we also could increase heights, providing more space for primates, and improving overall welfare.
- **Macaque socialization enclosures (SOS):** These enclosures were completely renovated and significantly improved, all enclosures have now for example a pool. The SOS enclosures play a crucial role in the rehabilitation and socialisation of macaques, allowing rescued individuals to interact in a more natural way.
- **Keeper Storage rooms:** Additional storage rooms were constructed at several animal areas. These spaces allow keepers to safely store tools, food, supplements, and other essential supplies they use in the care for the animals.
- **Otter enclosures:** Funding has been secured for a new otter rehabilitation enclosure, to be built on more stable ground within the center. Existing structures will be partially dismantled and adapted into sanctuary spaces for non-releasable otters. Renovation work began at the end of December, and is almost finished.
- **Hornbill enclosure:** A new "lock-in" area has been constructed for the hornbills. This allows staff to secure the birds and provide food without direct human presence, encouraging more natural foraging behaviour.
- **Other renovations:**A new facility with an extra-deep pool has been built for large crocodiles, thanks to the support of Pieter Eggen. In addition, upgrades and renovation work have begun on the orangutan enclosures and the carnivore block. These facilities are over 20 years old and have been intensively used, making these long-overdue renovations essential.



Renovated SOS enclosures



Improved primate sanctuary facilities

❖ Sustainable Farming Program (PPBC)

The farm program had a very successful year in 2025, marking a significant step forward in both productivity and impact. **A total of 7,202 kilograms of fresh food was produced for the animals, an increase of more than 2,000 kilograms compared to 2024.** This growth reflects improved efficiency alongside a stronger commitment to sustainable and regenerative farming practices.



Throughout the year, the team continued to refine its agricultural approach. New syntropic agriculture trials were introduced, combining diverse crops and layered planting systems to create a more resilient ecosystem. Soil health remained central, with composting and the use of locally available materials, such as animal manure, rice husks, and organic inputs, reducing reliance on external resources while improving soil fertility.

Natural solutions for plant nutrition and pest management were further explored through fermented plant extracts and organic mixtures. Seed saving efforts also expanded, helping preserve locally adapted varieties and reduce costs. Together, these practices strengthened the farm's resilience and long-term sustainability.

Beyond food production, the farm continued to grow as a hub for education and community engagement. Students participated in hands-on learning about organic farming, composting, and conservation. At the same time, the newly launched Farmer Training Program engaged 20 local farmers, focusing on sustainable practices such as soil health, pest management, safe pesticide use, and farm economics through peer-to-peer learning. This program will expand further in 2026.





Three in depended studies conducted by interns showed that regenerative practices significantly increased biodiversity, with higher numbers of butterflies, soil insects, and earthworms, alongside improved soil quality, highlighting the farm's role in conservation.

To support these activities, key infrastructure improvements were completed, including repairs to water systems, upgrades to composting facilities, and the construction of a covered growing area for high-value crops. These developments strengthen the farm's capacity to produce food, deliver education, and operate sustainably into the future.

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❖ Tree Nursery & Reforestation

In collaboration with the Cikananga Sustainability Farming Program (PPBC), we established the Tree Planting Program. The idea was initially developed as part of the Hornbill Release Program, supported by the Ouwehands Zoo Foundation, with the aim of restoring and strengthening the habitats where hornbills rehabilitated at Cikananga may one day return. **Over time, however, this initiative has expanded into a broader program designed to benefit a wide range of wildlife species and support also habitat restoration in areas surrounding Cikananga.**

With support from the Ouwehands Zoo Foundation, a “simple” tree nursery was established at the end of 2024. Over the past year, this nursery has been upgraded with the support of the DierPark Amersfoort Wildlife Fund. Improvements were made to the nursery’s infrastructure, including expanded covered areas, improved irrigation systems, and better-organized workspaces. These upgrades have increased both its capacity and efficiency, allowing for the cultivation of a larger number and wider variety of tree species. The funding also supported the purchase of seeds, seedlings, and essential materials for growing and cultivating trees.



The Upgraded Tree Nursery

The nursery now serves as the foundation of our growing Tree Planting Program, which focuses on restoring degraded landscapes and rebuilding healthier ecosystems for wildlife. A strong emphasis is placed on native tree species, particularly food and nesting trees that are essential for hornbills and many other wild animals. Fruiting and nesting tree species are being cultivated specifically to support the ecological needs of the Ciletuh–Cikepuh Nature Reserve**,** as well as other areas around Cikananga, while also supporting local farmers participating in the farmer education program.



Tree species we will grow this year

Although we are already cultivating several tree species in the nursery, this year we aim to further increase both the quantity and diversity of species grown. Our restoration efforts will initially focus on the areas in and around Cikananga, directly supporting local wildlife and improving habitat quality. However, the vision extends far beyond the centre. The Ciletuh–Cikepuh Nature Reserve, a UNESCO-listed landscape rich in biodiversity, will become an important focus area in the near future. Through reforestation, education, and awareness activities in collaboration with local NGOs and local communities, we are working to strengthen this ecosystem for wild hornbills and other native wildlife.

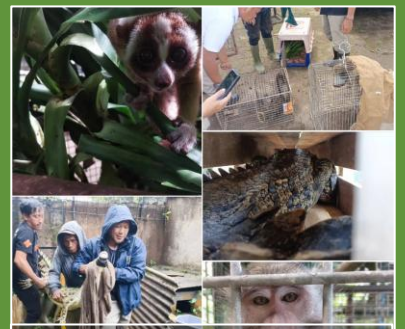
Looking ahead, this landscape also holds great potential as a future release site for other rescued animals from Cikananga. Habitat restoration in this area is therefore not only important for hornbills, but also for the long-term success of broader wildlife conservation and release programs.

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❖ Animal Rescues

In 2025, we were able to help more animals than in recent years, which is something we are very pleased about. Every animal we can rescue, treat, and rehabilitate represents an opportunity for a better future.
This increase in rescue cases also reflects our continued investment in strengthening collaboration with the relevant authorities. Building and maintaining these relationships remains an important and sometimes challenging process, but we are committed to continuing this work in a constructive and respectful manner. We are encouraged by the positive steps being taken and hopeful that further progress can be achieved in the coming year, particularly in relation to rescue coordination, translocations, and releases.


A few of the animal rescues

In total, 100 new animals arrived at Cikananga in 2025 (92 officially registered and 8 not registered and released shortly after arrival**)**. Some of these cases involved short-term care related to human–wildlife conflict, where animals could be released after medical treatment and observation. However, the majority were rescued animals requiring longer-term care and rehabilitation. A considerable number of these animals were still very young and required intensive, round-the-clock care. This level of support is emotionally demanding, time-consuming, and costly, but also very rewarding. Nightly feedings, specialised milk replacers, veterinary treatment, and constant observation are essential to support these vulnerable young animals.


Some of the rescued Macaques

Among the newly rescued animals were 30 macaques that arrived in February and March. Many had been kept chained or isolated in cages and showed clear signs of trauma. Some were even found with bullets still lodged in their bodies, with one individual carrying as many as 12 bullets. Their rehabilitation and socialisation require patience, time, and specialised care. Fortunately, in 2025 we were able to renovate the socialisation enclosures (SOS), allowing these macaques to be gradually introduced to one another and slowly return to natural social group behaviour. Once stable groups have been formed, we hope to begin preparations this year for their eventual translocation and release in collaboration with JAAN.


Javan Leopard Saka

Another remarkable case was Saka, a Javan leopard involved in a human–wildlife conflict after entering an abandoned hotel. Sadly, this was his second conflict incident within a short period of time. Fortunately, the forestry department brought him safely to Cikananga. After intensive veterinary care, Saka regained his strength and is now housed in a large rehabilitation enclosure, where his recovery and behaviour continue to be closely monitored with the hope of an eventual release. Unfortunately, his canine teeth were damaged as a result of previous trapping. We are therefore exploring possible procedures, including dental prosthesis options, and the vets are currently discussing the best approach with specialists.

The increasing number of rescued animals has naturally led to higher monthly animal care costs. Thankfully, with the support of our sponsors and partners, we are able to continue providing all animals with high welfare standards and the best possible care.

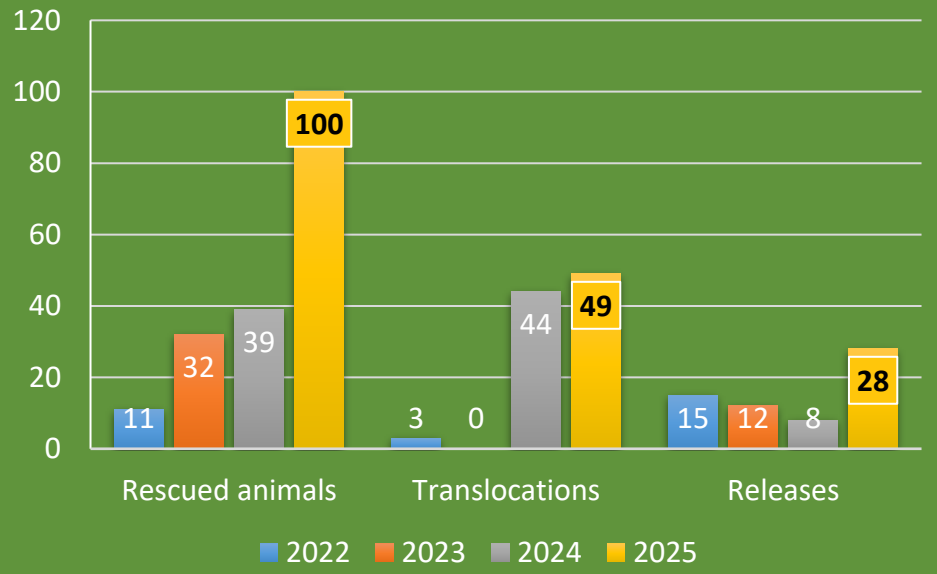
❖ Animal Translocations & Releases

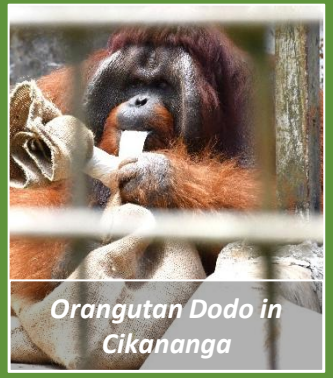
Obtaining permits for releases and translocation, and collaborating with government bodies remains challenging, but again progress was made in this in 2025. The Number of animals that have been released is 28 individuals (18 with official permits, all mammals and 10 without permits, this were human-animal conflict animals and 2 animals escaped from their enclosures; 3 mammals, 7 reptiles).

One memorable release involved Cecil, a Javan slow loris. After a intensive rehabilitation period she happily showed all the desired wild behaviours needed to survive in the wild. On a suitable release location in Cikananga it self we build a habituation enclosure, with the idea that she would stay in here several weeks to adjust to her new environment before being released. But Cecil had other plans, and after a week staying in the habituation enclosure she managed to escape!
Happily she had already a small radio collar on to monitor. So we could still track her movements after her release and make sure she adapts safely to her new freedom. She quickly adapted to her new environment, moving 2 km from the release site. After two months of following her we captured her to remove the radio collar and for one last condition and weight check, and she gained weight after she has been released, which is a very good sign of course! Cecil is flourishing and enjoys her new freedom.

Animals translocated: 49 individuals; 14 to rehabilitation for potential release (5 mammals, 8 birds) and 35 individuals to sanctuary facilities, zoos, or breeding programs (3 birds, 32 reptiles)

An emotional moment was the translocation of orangutan Dodo, who had been at Cikananga since 2008, and with who many of us had a strong bond. He has been moved to PSO Arsari in Kalimantan, where he is being socialized with other males in preparation for a semi-wild life on a island.
The socialisation between the 5 males is going well, there is no aggression between them anymore and they seem to have excepted each other. In the last update we got, including a few movies, we saw Dodo sitting next to another male peacefully and both eating. The plan is that they will be released in May this year. Of course letting Dodo go after so many years in Cikananga was bittersweet, but we are also very happy that he will soon experience a semi-free life that Cikananga cannot provide.




Orangutan Dodo in Cikananga


Release of Muntjak deer and Porcupines

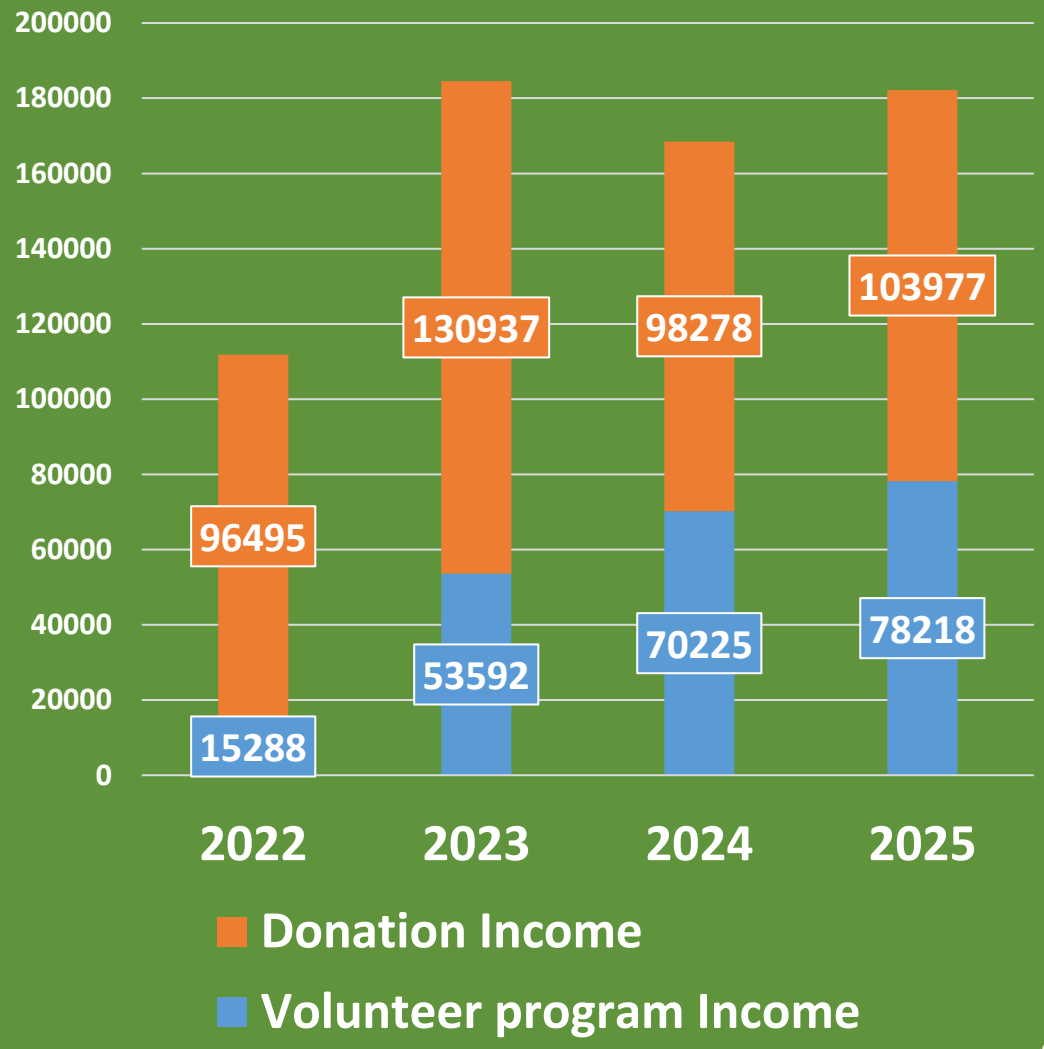

Release of a Python


Release of Slow Loris Cecil

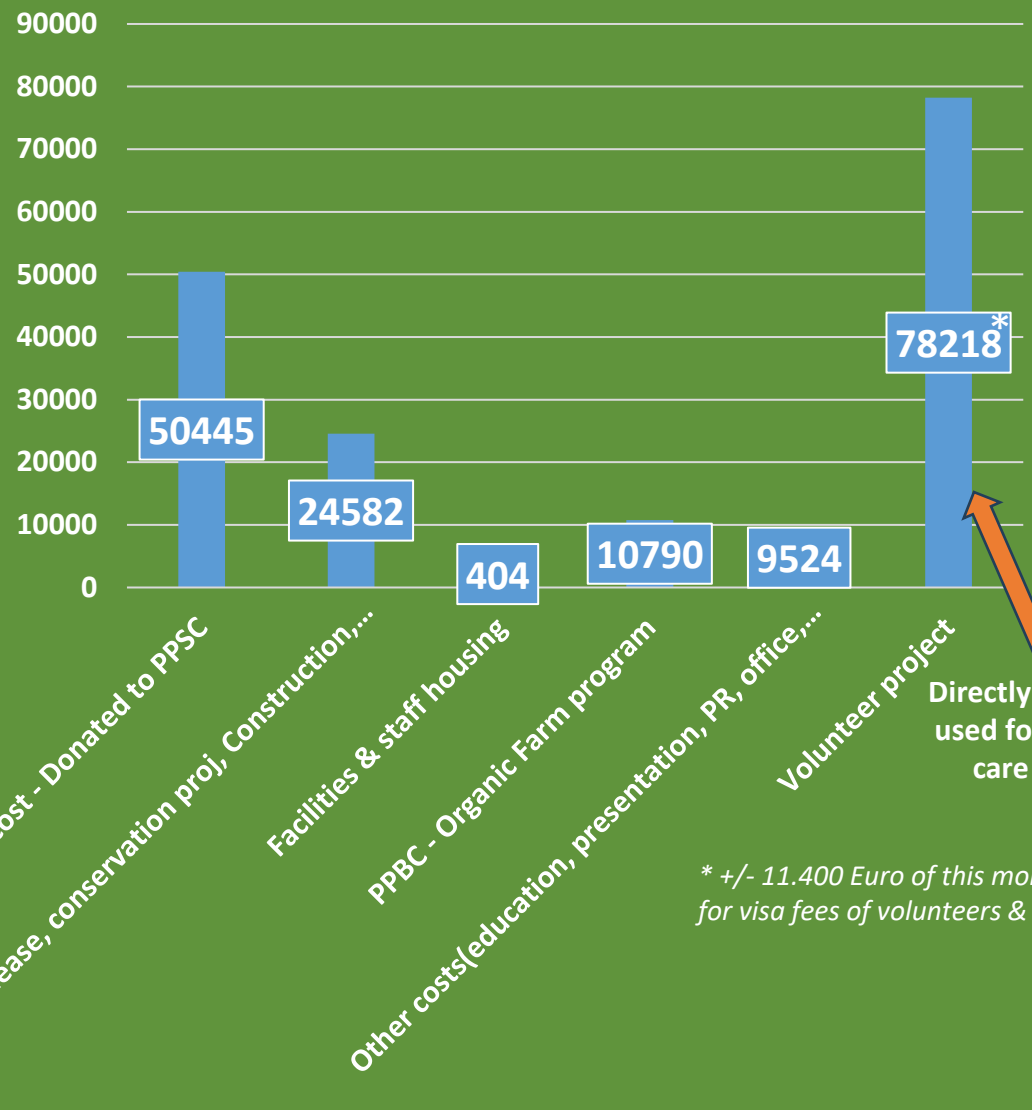
❖ Wanicare Finances: Income & Expenses 2025

Below is a rough calculation of the income and expenses , as the financial annual report is in the making. But thanks to the help of many organizations and individuals, we have been able to make a huge difference for animals in Indonesia! Also, thanks to all of you!

2025 Wanicare Income / Euro



2025 Wanicare Expenses / Euro



** +/- 11.400 Euro of this money is used for visa fees of volunteers & interns*



Other Updates & Developments of 2025



❖ Volunteers & Internship Program

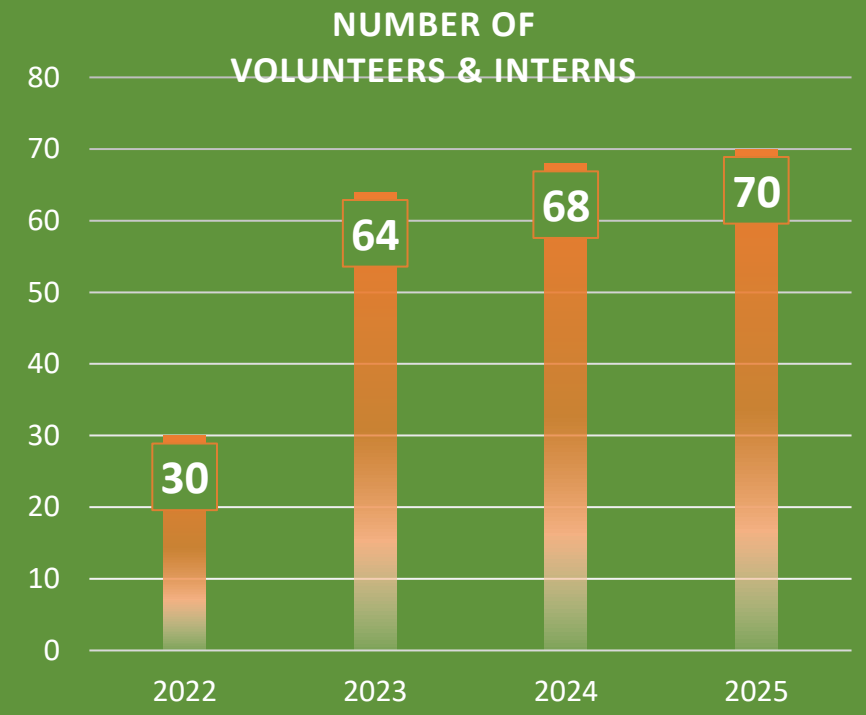
Volunteers and interns are an essential part of the work at Cikananga Wildlife Center, making a direct and meaningful contribution to the care and wellbeing of the animals. They support a wide range of activities, including daily animal care, enrichment, improving animal enclosures, while also taking on dedicated projects that strengthen the center's capacity and long-term impact.

In 2025, around 70 volunteers and interns joined the program. While overall participation has remained stable, we are seeing a growing number of internship students, reflecting increasing engagement from schools and universities and a rising interest in practical conservation experience.

But their contribution goes far beyond daily support. Volunteers and interns take on time-intensive tasks such as detailed behavioral studies, nutrition monitoring and improvements, and enrichment trials, work that is essential for improving animal welfare but would be difficult to sustain without their involvement. By supporting these efforts, they help ensure consistently high standards of care across the center.

In addition, the program provides an important source of income, directly contributing to the cost of animal care. This support plays a key role in maintaining the quality of care and resources available for the animals.

Looking ahead, we aim to further expand the program, particularly within the PPBC farming program, where additional support would significantly strengthen daily operations. While this area has been more challenging to develop, we have recently increased outreach to universities to promote this unique opportunity, one that not only supports the center but also equips participants with valuable practical skills and conservation knowledge.













Volunteers & interns at work



❖ Full-time enrichment program

The full-time enrichment program, established in 2024, continues to run very successfully and has become a vital component in maintaining high animal welfare standards at Cikananga Wildlife Center.

Many of the animals in the rescue center, approximately 350 individuals, have been confiscated from the illegal wildlife trade, kept as pets, or previously housed in poor conditions. As a result, they often arrive with signs of stress, trauma, and abnormal or stereotypic behaviors.
The enrichment program is designed to address these challenges by providing daily mental and physical stimulation tailored to each species and individual.

Through a wide range of approaches, including environmental enrichment, puzzle feeding, natural foraging opportunities, climbing structures, sensory stimulation, and positive engagement, we actively encourage natural behaviors and help reduce stress.

To ensure consistency and variation, we work with structured weekly schedules in which animals receive different types of enrichment each day. These schedules rotate over a five-week cycle, allowing for a high level of diversity and preventing predictability, which is essential for maintaining engagement and stimulation.

Since establishing this as a full-time program with a dedicated coordinator, we have been able to significantly increase both the quality and variety of enrichment provided, as well as tailor activities more specifically to individual needs. Over the past two years, we have observed clear improvements in the behavior and wellbeing of many animals in our care. Enrichment is not an “extra,” but an essential part of rehabilitation and long-term welfare. Volunteers and interns play an important role in supporting this program. Each day, a small team assists in the preparation and delivery of enrichment activities. This not only strengthens the program itself but also creates additional meaningful responsibilities, allowing us to host more participants and generate additional income to support daily animal care costs.















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❖ Hornbill Program

Since the beginning of this program, we have faced many challenges, and 2025 was no exception. While not all planned activities could be carried out, we continued to make progress. The time and effort invested already in this program, together with the support of (local) partners and communities, strengthen our confidence in the program's long-term success.

In 2025, a key focus was strengthening collaboration with partners across the CPUGGp area to expand the reach and impact of our educational initiatives. We also made strong progress in developing educational materials on the Wreathed Hornbill, including games, books, brochures, and posters. In addition, interactive biodiversity content was introduced in the local museum and tourist information center, creating engaging learning opportunities for visitors.
Direct outreach remains central to our work. We continued delivering environmental education programs in schools and worked closely with local communities to raise awareness and encourage active participation in conservation.

At the same time, we remain committed to improving hornbill rehabilitation at Cikananga. Ensuring that the birds retain their natural behaviors and instincts remains one of our greatest challenges. We continue to seek better methods to improve rehabilitation and give these birds the best chance of returning to the wild. In 2025, we built an additional lock-in enclosure connected to the rehabilitation enclosure to reduce the birds' association between humans and feeding.

In parallel, we began growing native food trees in the nursery to support a more natural diet in the future and contribute to reforestation efforts.

Although challenges remain, each step strengthens the foundation of this program. With continued dedication, collaboration, and learning, we remain confident in its future success.



Hornbill story telling education book


Hornbill Lock-in Enclosure



Local museum & visitors center interactive learning content


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Local NGO meetings to strengthen collaboration

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❖ Other Highlights

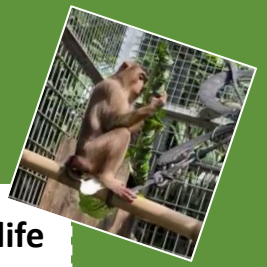


Donation of Trovan Microchips: Thanks to the generous support of Carma Reward Club-Microchip Australia we got 100 microchips donated !





Baby Javan surili Rosie who was rescued in August 2025: has successfully been translocated to the rehabilitation center of Aspinall Foundation







An amazing initiative of volunteers Emma & Steffan Chave: They took on a 100KM Ultra Hike to raise support us to improve the enclosure for rescued Otters! They have raised £1863,-





Great initiative from Wildlife students of Yuverta MBO Helmond: They organised a hike to raise funds for Cikananga Wildlife Center. Together, they raised the amazing amount of €1244,- for the animals!





New equipment to support safe responses to human–animal conflict: We were able to acquire a CO_2 tranquilizer pistol for the leopard program, enabling safe intervention in human–leopard conflict situations.





Macaque socialization is progressing well: We have successfully formed one group of 15 individuals and another of 4 individuals, with further introductions ongoing.

Wanicare & Cikananga (PPSC): Planning for 2026

➢ **Wanicare:**

- **Professionalization & team growth**: build a larger team around Wanicare to reach more people with the work Wanicare does.
- **Funding expansion**: generate more financial resources to help more animals, continue supporting Cikananga in improving animal welfare and rehabilitation, and create more opportunities for staff and long-term organizational growth.
- **Financial buffer:** build a financial reserve for uncertain times and in case funding decreases or falls away.
- **Social media growth**: improve social media content and increase the number of posts to reach and educate more people, create greater visibility, and strengthen fundraising efforts.
- **Education expansion (Netherlands**): expand the education program in the Netherlands to build future supporters, awareness, and long-term engagement.



➢ **PPSC:**

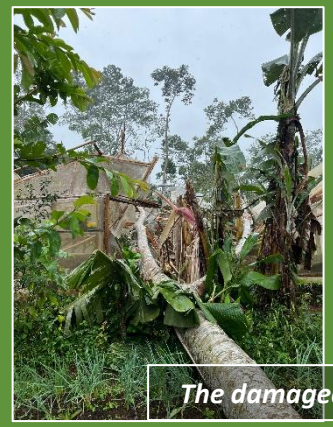
- **Help more animals** by receiving more confiscated animals at Cikananga.
- **Release more animals** and continue to develop the existing release programs.
- Continue to **strengthen relationships with authorities**.
- PPBC will launch a new **Women's Home Gardening Education Program** to empower local women through training in organic food production at home. The program will provide participants with the knowledge and tools to create small home gardens, improve household food security, and become less dependent on purchased produce.
- **Renovate several enclosures** and **construct new enclosures**, including a porcupine enclosure, cockatoo enclosure, cassowary enclosure, and a new otter rehabilitation enclosure.
- **Attract ecotourism to Cikananga** to generate more income, awareness, and education.
- Increase an **improve financial stability & self- sustainability** capacity to continue developing and grow.
- **Staff development**: help Cikananga staff further develop professionally and personally by enabling them to attend more workshops, courses, and trainings. This will also help Cikananga continue to develop and grow as an organization as a whole.

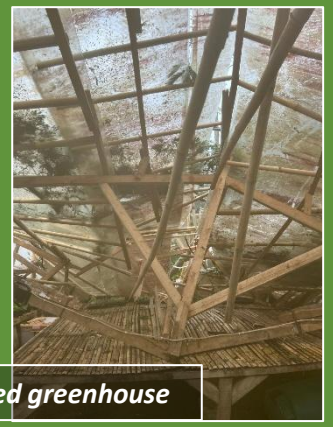
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Other News of the past 3 months - 2026

❖ Greenhouse Storm Damage & Rebuilding

On 23 January 2026, a severe storm hit the Cikananga area, causing a large tree to fall onto our propagation greenhouse. The building, together with essential irrigation and electrical systems, was severely damaged. This greenhouse is a vital part of the Cikananga Sustainable Farming Program (PPBC). Last year alone, it produced more than 7,000 kg of organic food for the rescued animals, while also supporting education programs for schoolchildren and local farmers. With the greenhouse no longer usable, an important link in the farming process was lost. We therefore launched an emergency fundraising campaign to rebuild the structure as quickly as possible, so the farm team can continue producing food for the many animals living at Cikananga. With the help of many of you, we raised the amazing amount of €3,768,-. It was heartwarming to see how many people supported the rebuilding of the greenhouse after it was completely destroyed by the fallen tree. The amount raised was even more than we initially hoped for, which was especially important as rebuilding costs turned out to be higher than first estimated. Unfortunately, just one day after the greenhouse was hit, another large tree fell onto the cassowary enclosures. While the damage there was less severe, part of the fencing needed to be replaced, and a small portion of the funds raised was used for these repairs as well.





The damaged greenhouse





Rebuilding the greenhouse

❖ Wildlife Release Update

Following rescue, medical and behavioral rehabilitation, and a careful habituation process at the release site, one Changeable Hawk-Eagle and two Javan Slow Lorises were successfully returned to their natural habitat in Cikepuh Wildlife Reserve.

After the release of the animals the team started with post-release monitoring, which will continue over a long period, to ensure the released animals adapt well to life in the wild and are able to survive independently.

It is always an incredible moment to see wildlife return to where they belong: free in their natural habitat.



Release of eagle and slow loris



Other News of the past 3 months - 2026

❖ Donation of the company Mother's Earth

We are incredibly grateful for the wonderful donation from the Dutch company Mother's Earth.

Mother's Earth creates eco-friendly, plant-based laundry and cleaning products, such as biodegradable laundry strips and dishwasher sheets. Their products help reduce plastic waste and harmful chemicals, while also supporting people and animal charities with every purchase.

Thanks to their generosity, we received a donation of €2,000, as well as free laundry strips, which I brought with me to Cikananga, when I arrived 2 weeks ago in March. These strips will be used in the Cikananga Animal Clinic.

This wonderful contribution will support the Cikananga Sustainable Farming Program (PPBC), as well as the care, rehabilitation of the confiscated animals in Cikananga.



Receiving the donation of Mother's earth in the Netherlands

❖ Primate translocation

We are very happy to share that four primates previously cared for at Cikananga have been successfully translocated to The Aspinall Foundation in Ciwidey, Java.
The animals translocated were one Javan Langur, one Siamang, one Surili, and one Javan Gibbon.

At their new location, they will continue their rehabilitation process, form bonds with others of their own species, and hopefully one day return to the wild where they belong.

True conservation is built on collaboration. Thank you to The Aspinall Foundation for the incredible work you do for wildlife. Together, we can give these animals a second chance.



Translocation of primates to Aspinall Foundation

Other News of the past 3 months - 2026

❖ Animal Rescue update

In the beginning of March, twenty-two confiscated birds are safe now in the care of Cikananga Wildlife Rescue Center.
On the evening of 12 March 2026, the rescued birds arrived safely at Cikananga.

The animals included 2 Common Hill Mynas, 8 Black-caped Lories, 1 Purple-naped Lory, 3 Dusky Lories, 1 Red Lory, 1 Sunset Lorikeet, 4 Sulphur-crested Cockatoos, 1 Tanimbar Cockatoo, and 1 Black Lory.
These animals were confiscated by the Directorate General of Law Enforcement (Gakkum) of the Ministry of Forestry. Based on the available information, the birds originate from Eastern Indonesia and had been kept as pets for more than seven years.

Following their arrival, each individual underwent an initial health assessment. They are now housed in the quarantine facility, where they will receive close monitoring and dedicated care as they begin their recovery and adaptation process.
With proper rehabilitation and the best possible care, it is hoped that one day these birds will have the chance to return to their natural habitats in the wild.

Earlier this week, Cikananga received a confiscated young Asian short-clawed otter. Unfortunately, very little background information is available about this individual, but it is likely that the otter had been kept as a pet, which is sadly often the case for this species.

After an initial health assessment by the veterinary team, the otter was moved to the otter quarantine facility. Here, it will have time to rest and settle in before undergoing a full medical examination, including disease testing, deworming, full-body X-rays, and microchipping, as is done for all animals arriving at Cikananga.

The plan is to eventually introduce this young otter to Magda, who is currently living alone as we have not yet had a suitable companion for her. We hope the introduction will go smoothly and be a successful match.





Birds being rescued and arriving in Cikananga




Medical check-up after arrival and settling into the quarantine facility




Rescued otter

How can you help us?

There is a long list of course, but……..

1	**Financial support for the daily animal care in Cikananga** Food, medical care, the daily care costs are still a challenge to find support for!
2	**Sustainability Program – Organic Farm in Cikananga** This program really needs sponsors to continue the growing of food for the animals
3	**Education Program Development** Education is vital in our conservation work, support for this program is needed
4	**Porcupine Rehabilitation Enclosure** We receive often rescued porcupines, but don't have a good rehab facility for them
5	**Renovation of several enclosures** We still have some enclosures that need need renovation
6	**Adopt an animal at Cikananga** Help to create a better life for one of the animals in Cikananga

Are you, or do you know people or organizations that can help the animals in Cikananga?
Please let us know.

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Do you want to make a donation?

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As you have read, 2025 was, despite its challenges, also a year of successes and important developments. The first months of 2026 have also brought encouraging achievements, including the rescue and release of several animals. We hope that 2026 will continue in a positive direction and become another impactful year.Of course, there were many more activities and developments throughout the year than I could include in this Year Update & Newsletter. **Otherwise, it would have been even longer than it already is!**

This also means I have not been able to mention all of the amazing supporters and sponsors who have helped us along the way. Please know that we deeply appreciate all of your support. Because of everyone's generosity, we have been able to grow our impact, reach and educate more people, and continue our mission for wildlife and nature conservation. We are truly grateful for your trust, partnership, and continued support.

We look forward to sharing more of our progress with you throughout this year.
Thank you for standing with us and helping make this work possible.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

On behave of the Wanicare & Cikananga Team,
Best regards,
Willemijn Eggen

Cikananga Wildlife Center

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