

What's happening:

People are chopping down rainforests to plant palm trees, which is the orangutans' habitat. When the forests are chopped down, burnt and carried away, the orangutans have to leave. Orangutans are often misunderstood to be big, furry animals, when they are really a lot like humans. They can be taught to understand and speak sign language like humans. Orangutans are really quite miraculous creatures that should be saved.

Why this is bad:

Some people might think that chopping down the rainforests isn't too bad, and that the orangutans can just find a new home, but the orangutans have adapted to these environments and also, if we keep chopping them down, the orangutans won't have anywhere else to go. So you see, we really need to help them otherwise they will get extinct.

Protects that use palm oil:

Oreo cookies, Hershey's, Dunkin Donuts, Peanut butter, Kelloggs, Rits, Kit Kats, soap, and shampoo. Pringles, Mini Wheats, Milky Way, Trixs, Easy mac, Skittles, Dove and many more. When you use these products, you are damaging the habitats orangutans need to live. Without these products, these amazing animals may have a chance to survive. Many snack foods and candies are made with palm oil.

What you can do:

Some of the things you can do to help this are; not eat as much of the products that are made with palm oil, send a picture of your hand (you'll understand) to www.ran.org/conflict-palm-oil, or just raise awareness. Simply telling people what's happening to these amazing creatures will help the people who are cutting down the forest see what they're doing. If you want to find other ways to help, just search "Ways to help save orangutans" and see if there's anything you can do.

Facts about orangutans and their habitats:

Some of the breath-taking facts about orangutans are; over 90 percent of the orangutans habitat has been destroyed by farmers who want to get palm oil. After the trees are cut down, the farmers plant a tree called Acacia, which is really an excuse for being nice to the environment. These trees are really cheap and fast growing, but also suck up all the water the rainforests need.

Closing Statement:

Orangutans could become extinct soon if their rainforest homes continue to be destroyed from palm oil. It's making them come closer toward extinction. And the orangutans are in great danger.

Photos:

Before the forests were cut down.



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