

Sumatran orangutan rescued in western Indonesia

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(AP)—A conservationist group says a Sumatran orangutan has been rescued from an isolated area of forest in western Indonesia.

The Sumatran Orangutan Conservation Programme says the adult male, weighing around 90 kilograms (198 pounds), was found in Aceh province and evacuated safely over the weekend. He was named Seuneam, after the nearest village to where he was found.

The group said Monday that Seuneam was trapped for several days in a [forest](#) surrounded by [palm oil plantations](#) and isolated from the rest of the surviving [orangutan](#) population in the Tripa swamp area.

The forest was home to around 3,000 critically endangered orangutans in the 1990s. Today it has just 200, the world's densest population.

There are only 6,600 Sumatran orangutans left in the wild.

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