

Staying on WLT-funded reserves in Ecuador



A fundamental aim is for reserves to become self-sufficient in ways that do not have a negative impact on them. Casa Simpson (left) is a very comfortable lodge in the heart of FJ's Tapichalaca Reserve; seeing the elusive Jocotoco Antpitta here is a distinct possibility.



For details on staying in lodges and field stations managed by WLT project partners see our website: www.worldlandtrust.org/projects/visit-projects.

How You Can Help

Your generous support can help us create more reserves as safe havens for wildlife. For just £100 an acre (£50 for half an acre or £25 for a quarter) you save vital habitats for some of the Earth's most threatened species - including Jaguars, Spectacled Bears and hummingbirds. Donate as little as £25 today, either for yourself or as a gift, and receive a personalised certificate recording your support and the latest news on WLT's conservation work.

You can also help fund Keepers of the Wild who protect the reserves in Ecuador. Tree planting is restoring tropical forests within reserves that had been logged prior to purchase. It costs just £5 to Plant a Tree.

A message from Sir David Attenborough

“The WLT's policy of buying and protecting land is the most direct and certain road to conservation. It deserves the support of all who care about the survival of the wild places of the world.”

Sir David Attenborough, OM CH FRS. Patron, World Land Trust

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Cover: An Ocelot. Big cats occur on many of the Ecuadorian reserves purchased with funds raised by WLT. Your donations are securing safe havens for them.

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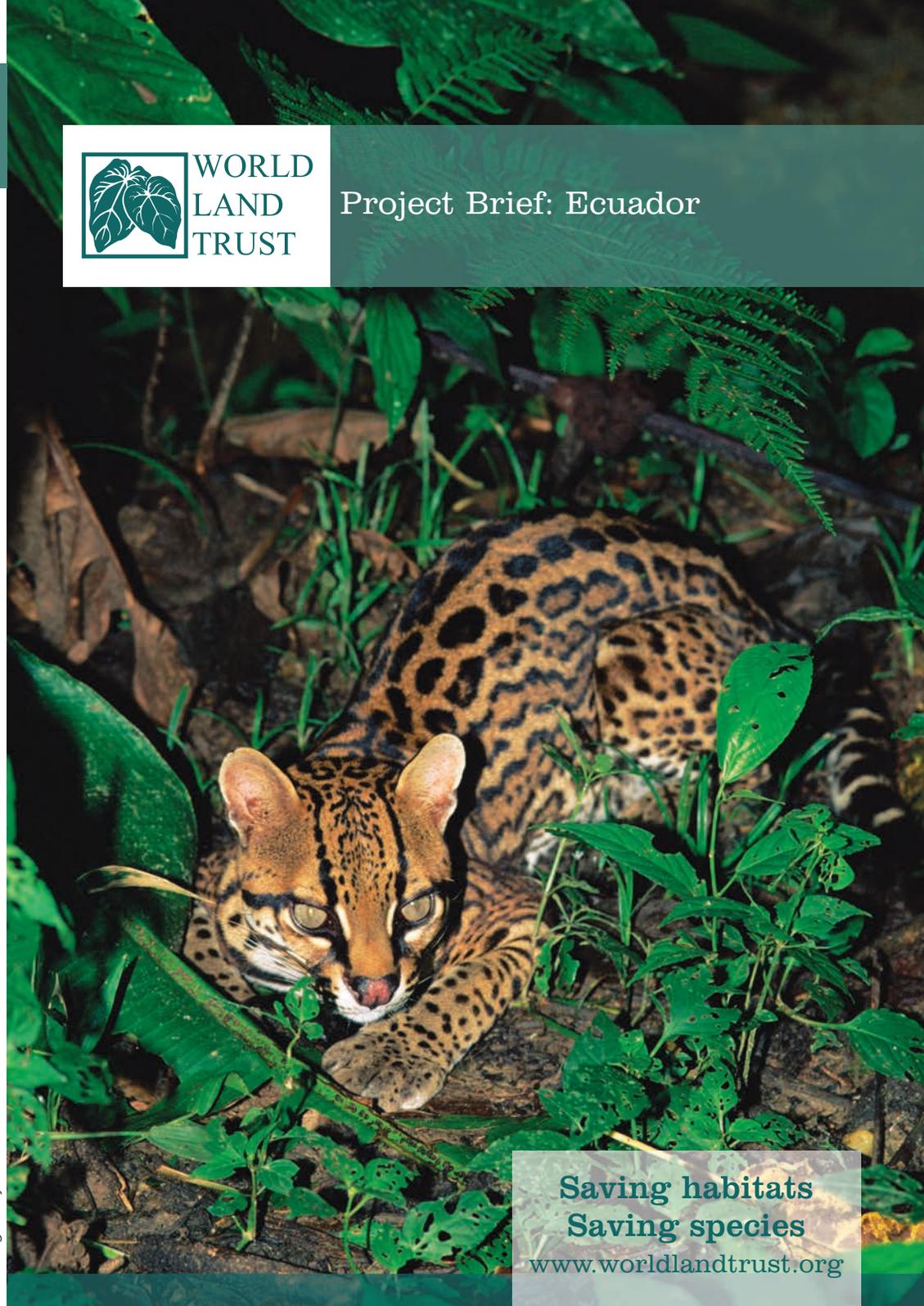
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Project Brief: Ecuador



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Saving and restoring tropical forests in Ecuador



One of the smaller countries of South America, Ecuador has an extraordinary biodiversity harbouring almost 20,000 species of plants, over 1,500 species of birds, 840 species of reptiles and amphibians and 341 species of mammals. But colonisation by humans across the country is having a disastrous affect and it is estimated that up to a hundred bird species alone are threatened with extinction.

The country's topography gives rise to 46 different ecosystems which include threatened habitats such as Tumbesian dry forests, Choco rainforest, paramo and mangrove. Ecuador's 11 national parks cover 11 per cent of the country but do not adequately represent its vast biodiversity. There is little protected land in the south and west and this is where many of Ecuador's rarest species are only managing to hang on in diminishing patches of unprotected habitat.



Teagueia puroana, rare orchid discovered in a Fundación EcoMinga's Cerro Candelaria Reserve.

Rare wildlife on reserves

In 2013 the Olinguito, a member of the raccoon family, was discovered in the wild in Ecuador. The country is also home to other rare mammals including Spectacled Bear, Woolly Mountain Tapir, Two-toed Sloth, Jaguar, Ocelot, Jaguarundi and many bats and monkey species.

Habitats at risk

World Land Trust (WLT) is helping save critically threatened forests and other crucial habitats in Ecuador working with four local partners: **Naturaleza y Cultura Ecuador (NCEcuador)**, **Fundación EcoMinga**, **Fundación Jocotoco** and **Fundación Pro-Bosque**. Funds are raised for:

- Buy an Acre
- Keepers of the Wild, reserve rangers
- Carbon projects
- Plant a Tree, forest restoration

WLT's Buy an Acre projects are saving threatened habitats and species in Ecuador, for £100 an acre, working with Naturaleza y Cultura Ecuador.

WLT also carries out tree planting and carbon projects with partners in Ecuador, and supports them by funding Keepers of the Wild (reserve rangers).

Vital habitats for wildlife, working with our Ecuadorian project partners

Naturaleza y Cultura Ecuador

Buy an Acre

Naturaleza y Cultura Ecuador (NCEcuador) was founded in 1997 to conserve endangered habitats, strengthen local capacity and help communities preserve their way of life. NCEcuador's projects are in the south of the country and conserve dry coastal forest, rich cloud forests of the Andean mountains and rainforests of the Amazon basin.

WLT currently funds land purchase through Buy An Acre and Carbon Balanced. WLT also funds Keepers of the Wild



Fundación EcoMinga

Fundación EcoMinga (FE) protects unique habitat between the Los Llanganates and Sangay National Parks in central Ecuador. This area is a Biodiversity Hotspot for Teagueia orchids (pictured left), and the cloud forest and paramo habitats are home to Spectacled Bear, Mountain Tapir and several monkey species. FE owns seven reserves.

WLT currently funds Keepers of the Wild



Fundación Jocotoco

Fundación Jocotoco (FJ) was established to protect globally threatened bird species. Nine reserves have, so far, been created to safeguard different habitats and altitudes. FJ's flagship reserve is **Tapichalaca** where the Jocotoco Antpitta (pictured right) was discovered in 1997. The **Buenaventura** Reserve protects the cloud forest habitat of El Oro Parakeet, discovered in 1980.

WLT currently funds Keepers of the Wild and tree planting through Plant a Tree donations



Fundación Pro-Bosque

Fundación Pro-Bosque manages Cerro Blanco Protected Forest, close to Ecuador's largest city, Guayaquil. The reserve is one of the last remaining Ecuadorian dry forests and is vital for the survival of the Great Green Macaw.

WLT currently funds Keepers of the Wild



Buy an Acre

