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Saving land for Belize's Jaguars

We're raising £600,000 to protect 8,154 acres of Jungle for Jaguars

Belize's Jaguars are still under threat. We need your help to protect their home and ensure the future of this vital habitat, creating a corridor of protected areas in the northeast of the country.

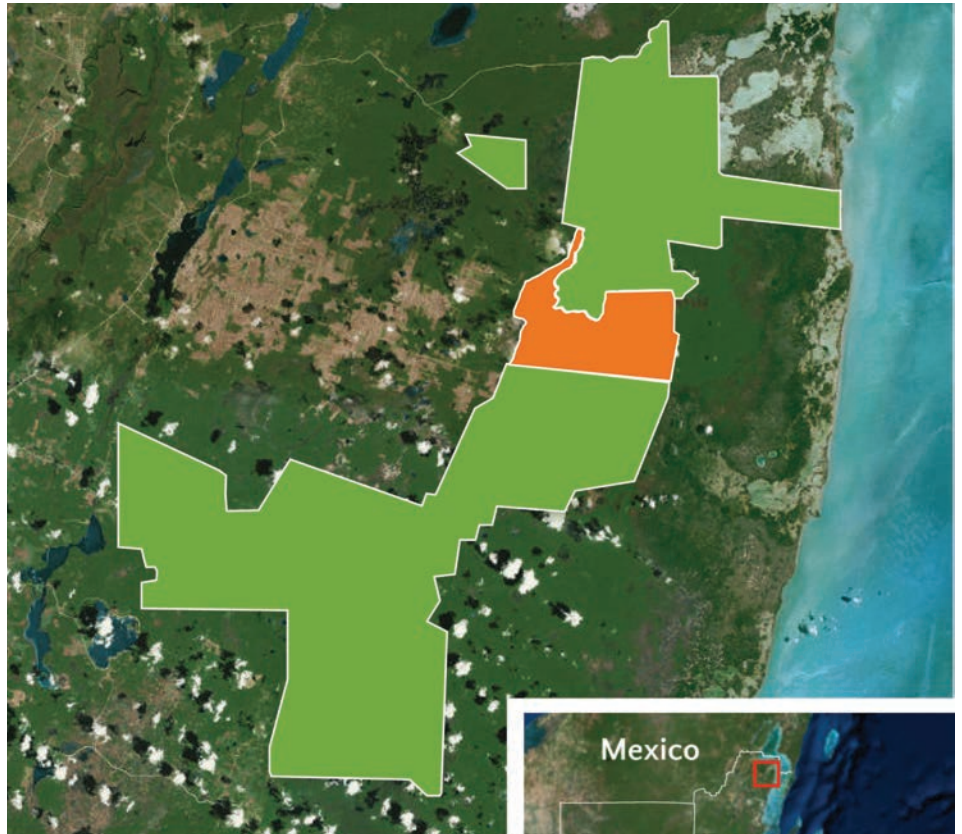
30 years on from World Land Trust's very first project in Belize, we are returning to embark on one of our most ambitious projects yet.

Saving highly threatened but wildlife-rich habitats from deforestation in Belize is even more urgent now than it was 30 years ago. In the past 10 years, 25,000 acres of wildlife habitat has been cleared for agriculture and development in northern Belize, and we need to create a corridor to ensure the connectivity of one of the few pieces of habitat left to Jaguars and other wildlife in the region.

We must act now.

By supporting this appeal today, you will be saving this jungle for Jaguars, Endangered Baird's Tapir, and other key species including Nine-banded Armadillo, Keel-billed Toucan and Ornate Hawk-Eagle.

If this land is not purchased for conservation and protected by our partner, Corozal Sustainable Future Initiative (CSFI), this habitat will be fragmented and we will have missed the last opportunity to create a corridor for Belizean wildlife that connects the natural and rare habitats in the northeast of the country with existing protected areas in the south.



Target area Protected areas



World Land Trust goes back to Belize... 30 years on

Almost exactly 30 years ago as you read this newsletter, John Burton (World Land Trust Founder CEO) was approached about the urgent need to protect 110,000 acres of tropical forest in the Central American country of Belize. Named Programme for Belize, this project became the founding success of World Land Trust.

"When you look at Google Earth images of Belize then, and you look now, it is a devastating image for wildlife," says John. "If we hadn't acted, the habitat and the wildlife of Rio Bravo would not be there today. But we did, it has remained safe, and that fact reminds me every day

why we do what we do at World Land Trust.

"It seems fitting that 30 years on we have returned back to Belize, just before I retire, to start a new ambitious project to protect Belizean wildlife. I would like to thank our supporters, those who donated to Programme for Belize all those years ago, those who have supported us in the last 30 years, and everyone in the World Land Trust community today and we will make sure we continue to save land and save species."



Wildlife corridors are key for nature conservation as they allow wildlife to move between different protected areas and habitats, ensuring biological connectivity. World Land Trust's partner CSFI already manage two reserves at the northern and southern end of this corridor, and they will own and manage the last section (shown in the map opposite) if this appeal is successful.

Heron Moreno, Executive Director of CSFI, says that the corridor is home to a healthy population of 22 Jaguars: "It's quite easy to count Jaguars using camera traps because you can identify each individual by its unique markings. The number of Jaguars in this corridor is surprising, it is much higher than you would expect."

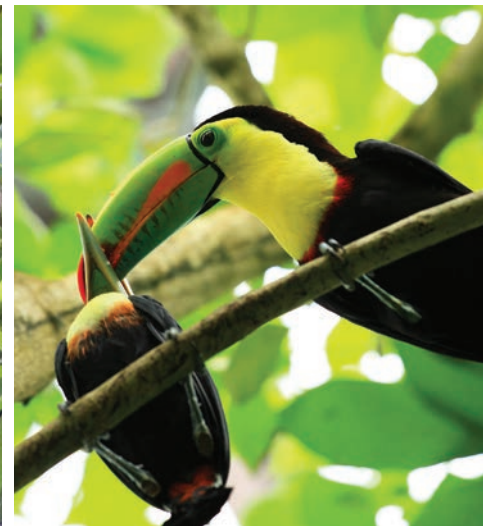


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Heron Moreno
CSFI

"This means that the habitat is currently in very good condition, and there are plenty of prey animals (such as white-lipped peccaries) available for them. Jaguars are very territorial, so it is vital we protect the entire area for them to thrive."

"There are several individuals we have been tracking who really show why we need corridors. One week we will spot a male in Shipstern Reserve, in the northern section, and then three months later he is seen near the station in Freshwater Creek Reserve, in the south. This corridor is really the only way they can travel, as the surrounding area has been logged so extensively."



Wildlife of the Jungle for Jaguars corridor. Top: One of the 22 Jaguars living in this wildlife corridor, recorded by a trail camera placed in the corridor as part of our Belizean partner CSFI's monitoring programme. Below left: The endangered Geoffroy's Spider Monkey. Below right: A Keel-billed Toucan feeding its young.

It is not just Jaguars who need connected habitats. This corridor is home to all five of Belize's wild cat species: Jaguar, Ocelot,

Margay, Puma and Jaguarundi. These cats, their prey, and the Endangered Baird's Tapir rely on this jungle for their survival.

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Big Match Fortnight: an opportunity to double your donation

3-17 October 2018

It is vital that we raise the funds for this land purchase as quickly as possible.

In our annual Big Match Fortnight, every donation made to the Jungle for Jaguars appeal will be doubled by matched funds so we can reach our target faster. If you can support this appeal, consider making your donation between 3-17 October so it will make double the impact.

Donations can be made online at worldlandtrust.org, by post using the enclosed donation form, or by calling the World Land Trust office 9am-5pm Monday-Friday on 01986 874422.

Success for special appeals in Ecuador and Mexico



407 acres protected in Amazonian Andes

Thanks to supporters of the Amazonian Andes appeal, 407 acres of tropical forest in Ecuador has been saved.

This habitat will now be protected by our partner Fundación Jocotoco, protecting one of the most species rich habitats on Earth. Martin Schaefer, Executive Director of Fundación Jocotoco, thanks the donors who made this possible: "I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to World Land Trust and all their supporters for helping us to protect critical habitat in the Amazonian Andes in Ecuador.

"This area harbours arguably a higher concentration of biodiversity than any other area in the world, but it is severely threatened by deforestation."



Saving Mexico's ancient forests in Sierra Gorda

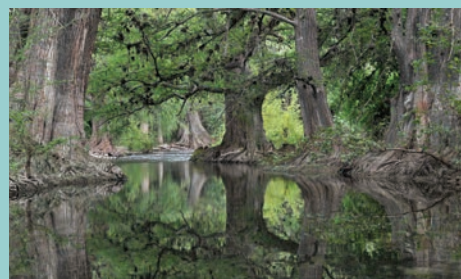
578 acres of beautiful cloud forest has been protected in the heart of Mexico.

£57,800 was raised by supporters donating to save the ancient forests of Sierra Gorda. Without protection, these forests are threatened by deforestation and man-made fires which destroy hundreds of years of growth and the wild home of many species of Mexican wildlife.

The land will now be patrolled by our partner's rangers, two of whom are funded by the Keepers of the Wild programme. Further land purchases of Sierra Gorda's ancient forests will be made through donations to the Buy an Acre programme, as more land becomes available.



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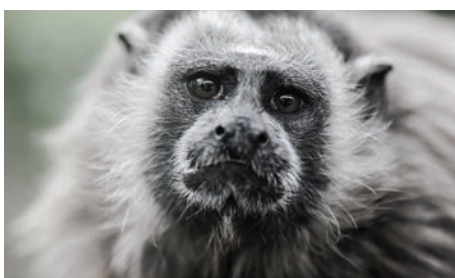
Top: White-throated Toucan photographed in the Amazonian Andes. Below: The ancient forest of Sierra Gorda.

New project in Colombian wildlife hotspot

The Action Fund has supported the protection of 975 acres of prime rainforest and wetland with new partner Fundación BioDiversa Colombia.

This habitat is home to a number of threatened species, of particular importance are three species facing a high risk of extinction in the wild: the Brown Spider Monkey, the Bluebilled Curassow, and the Magdalena River Turtle.

Other species from this area which have been classified as globally threatened by the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species include the White-footed Tamarin, Varied White-fronted Capuchin, Red-footed Tortoise and Lozano's Salamander. World Land Trust's support of this project was made possible thanks to the generosity of corporate supporter Humble Bundle, and



White-footed Tamarin, one of El Silencio's Endangered species which can only be found in Colombia.

donors to the Action Fund. Supporting the Action Fund gives World Land Trust the flexibility to support new opportunities for conservation as they arise as well as maintain ongoing costs for long-term projects.



WLT founders receive award for elephant conservation

John and Viv Burton, founders of World Land Trust, were honoured with the Lifetime Achievement award for their contribution to Indian Elephant conservation on World Elephant Day, pictured above with Vivek Menon, CEO of Wildlife Trust of India (WTI) and actress Dia Mirza, WTI's Brand Ambassador.



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