# Your impact through Buy an Acre Saving Brazil's Atlantic Forest



At Brazil's Reserva Ecológica de Guapiacu (REGUA), land purchase and tree planting have produced a flourishing habitat where animals like the Blue-headed Tanager (one of 479 resident or migrant bird species) and Southern Muriqui (a Critically Endangered monkey) can thrive.

With just 7% of its original cover remaining, the Atlantic Forest is one of the world's most threatened – and biodiverse – forest regions. 30% of all the birds here are endemic, and intact forest areas can boast over 400 tree species per hectare. Since 2006, WLT have been working with the REGUA team to help save one of Brazil's

last remnants of Atlantic Forest, on what was once a farm. Today REGUA provides a home for hundreds of species, including the Lowland Tapir, recently reintroduced here after being locally extinct for 100 years. New opportunities for expansion bring the promise of new scientific discoveries, which have become a regular occurrence in this tropical haven.



"To save species we must save ecosystems. To save ecosystems we must save land. If it is saving species and their ecosystems that is important to you then I know of no better organisation to support than the World Land Trust."

Sir David Attenborough, WLT Patron

Each £100 donation will enable our conservation partners to purchase one acre of threatened habitat and protect it in perpetuity for the benefit of wildlife.

You can find out more information and donate online at worldlandtrust.org/buy-an-acre or by phone (01986 874422).

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# Buy an Acre

Protecting threatened habitats through our flagship programme



## These are the places you can save right now through Buy an Acre

## £100 AN ACRE

### For every £100 donation to Buy an Acre, one acre will be purchased and protected for wildlife in perpetuity.

Habitat loss is one of the greatest threats facing wildlife worldwide. Without a thriving natural environment, it becomes harder for animals to feed, breed, and nurse their young, which impacts on species survival rates.

Buy an Acre projects are chosen to save maximum biodiversity in areas where our overseas conservation partners can purchase and protect land for £100 an acre. Previous projects have included the saving of cloud forests in Mexico, tropical rainforests in Ecuador, and flooded savanna in Bolivia. Our partners – experts at protecting land in their own countries – possess detailed knowledge of the threats facing their native habitats, from poaching and illegal logging to deforestation caused by cattle overgrazing.

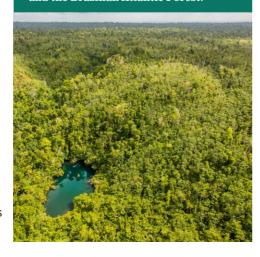
#### Join us to save land and save species, acre by acre.

Purchasing land is the first crucial step in the conservation process. It enables our partners to create or extend protected areas, stopping under-threat habitats from being cleared for agriculture or development. The partner negotiates the land purchase and works with local communities to foster sustainable development and employment opportunities, ensuring the conservation work brings benefits to all in the target regions.

### MAP OF CURRENT BUY AN ACRE PROJECTS



Our current Buy an Acre projects are saving land in the Maya Forest of Belize (pictured below), Argentina's Somuncurá Plateau and Gran Chaco, and the Brazilian Atlantic Forest.





The entire population of the El Rincon Stream Frog is restricted to just a few small streams on the plateau.

#### Maya Forest, Belize

Building on the legacy that we began back in 1989, the Belize Maya Forest has been established alongside WLT's first ever Buy an Acre project, and together they will now protect 9% of Belize's entire landmass. The new properties are centred on the largest intact forest area remaining in the country, a biodiversity hotspot that will also deliver significant climate benefits through carbon sequestration and forest regeneration.

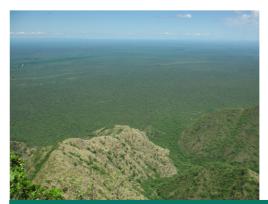
This project will fill a critical gap in the Selva

Maya, a tropical forest network that stretches

across Belize, Mexico and Guatemala.

## Somuncurá Plateau, Argentina

Invasive species and unsustainable land-use practices are pushing Somuncurá's rich array of endemic species to the brink of extinction. There are fish, frogs and lizards here that are found nowhere else on Earth. Native predators (Puma, Culpeo) and browsers (Guanaco) have also had their numbers thinned following conflicts with local ranchers. The plateau's first protected area will hand a vital lifeline to these species.



#### Chaco Taguá Corridor, Argentina

This project could create a contiguous protected area of up to 315,000 acres (127,475 ha) by buffering an existing park and connecting it to another. This will protect some of the last 5% of Córdoba's native forests and allow wildlife to travel safely across the landscape. The corridor will also link two isolated populations of Chacoan Peccary, preventing a fate of genetic isolation for a species once thought extinct.

