



Jaguar

News

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Did you know?

- **Jaguars** are the largest cats in the Americas. The third in the world after the tiger and the lion!
- They have been eradicated from more than 40% of their historic range.
- They exist in 18 countries in the Americas
- In Panama, this flagship species is considered endangered

THE IMPACT YOU HAVE ON OUR JAGUAR PROJECT

What a year it's been for The Mamoni Valley Jaguar Project! It began with our second season of camera-trapping and working with the communities of San Jose, La Saina, and Mamoni Arriba, by conducting interviews on the perceptions of jaguar and the forest. We participated in the anniversary festivities of the Mamoni Arriba School with a raffle to raise funds for the school; we also pursued our jaguar education program. We held a meeting with Panamanian organizations for jaguar conservation, and collaborated with the University of Delaware on a novel jaguarondi study. So many important tasks!

Thank you for supporting our work to protect the iconic jaguar and its habitat, we could not do it without your help!



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It takes the young generation to conserve jaguars and the forest

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- **\$20-50** Pays for school materials to promote jaguar conservation in the valley
- **\$50-100** Pays for our guides and assistants to collect data
- **\$100 – 300** Pays for a camera-trap to monitor jaguar, other felines, and their prey
- **\$ 400 – 600** Pays for the cost of one GPS collar to monitor jaguars

This year has been a busy one for community outreach activities! Local schools, teachers and students welcomed our educational program; we participated in community events by engaging children and their parents in jaguar-related games and projects that aim to preserve and protect the jaguar. By making our research accessible and encompassing, we hope to improve the attitudes and perceptions toward jaguars. This is no easy task, we have a long road ahead...but thanks to your contributions, we were able to make progress on our jaguar awareness program!

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Scientific Research

The Jaguar Project

Thanks to your support, we acquired 20 more camera-traps, which allowed us to expand our study area deeper into jaguar habitat, now covering over 200km²! We have determined the presence of more than 10 individual jaguars and among them are at least two melanistic (black) jaguars; and now we have a better understanding of how the cats are using the landscape. It's been a successful year for our data collection, though we have suffered some losses...some cameras were vandalized by poachers and others failed in the humidity of the cloud forest. Sadly, we know of at least two jaguars that fell victim to poaching in the Mamoni Valley area...

Greetings!

As the year draws to a close, we just want to say thanks. Thanks for your enthusiasm and generosity. Thanks for being you. We're truly grateful.

We look forward to catching up in 2018. In the meantime, we wish you and your family joy and good cheer during the holidays!

Warmly,

Kimberly and Milton

PICTURES:

PUMA MARGAY GIANT ANTEATER OCELOT JAGUAR