

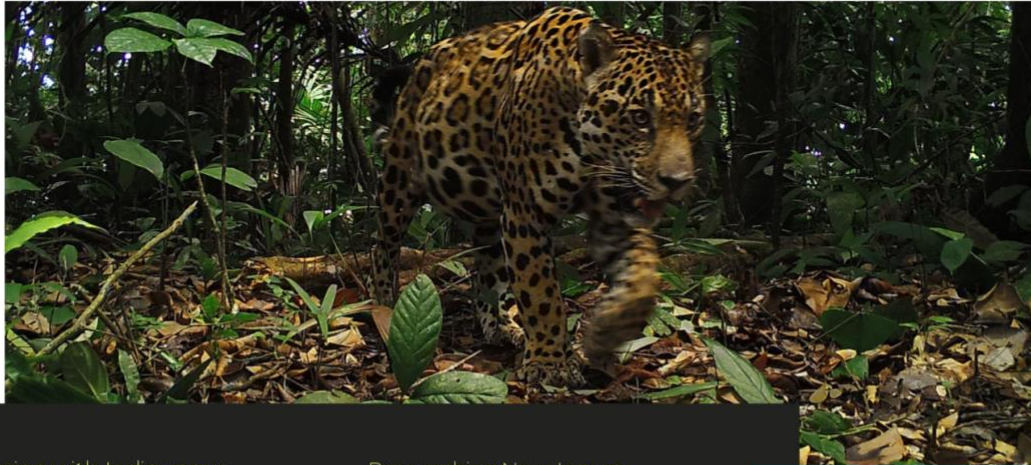
December 2021

# Kaminando

Habitat Connectivity Initiative



DESPITE THE CHALLENGES OF  
COVID-19, KAMINANDO HAS FORGED  
AHEAD WITH OUR JAGUAR  
CONSERVATION PROJECT!



### Merging with Indigenous Leaders

In March 2021, one of our long-time visions was actualized. We are honored to have signed a 5-yr agreement with the Guna Yala General Congress, the leaders of one of the seven Indigenous groups in Panama.

This unprecedented agreement allows us to conduct wildlife research using trail cameras in the Nargana Wildlands, one of the largest remaining intact forests in the country, located within the Guna Yala territory. Gaining access to this understudied forest will increase our knowledge of its jaguar and prey populations.

More importantly, engagement with the Guna communities and educational outreach will enhance our wildlife conservation efforts. Also, by merging applied science with the Guna's traditional ecological knowledge, we will take the region's conservation management plans to the next level.

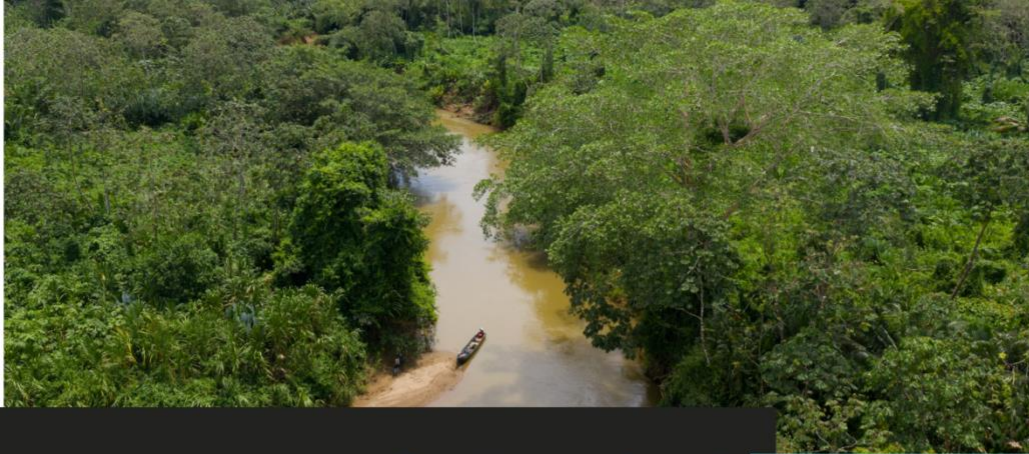
### Researching New Jaguar Territories

Last year we began planning for our 2021 field season in the Nargana Wildlands, a new territory for Team Kaminando, and visiting the area required many logistical details. In addition to setting 40 additional camera traps, August marked our first expedition to two communities called, Mandiyala and Gangandi.

### Collaborating with Indigenous Woman's Groups

We are also delighted to be collaborating with an Indigenous woman's group (Organización de Mujeres Indígenas Unidas por la Biodiversidad de Panamá) that provides us with bilingual (Spanish-Kuna) interpreters while visiting the Guna villages.

As this year comes to a close, it is hard to ignore the threats facing the future of our planet, from pandemics to extinction, and climate change. BUT, with dedicated people and organizations like ours, there is still hope!



### Now we need you!

With the current onslaught of challenges facing wildlife and their habitat, it is more apparent that conservation efforts like ours cannot succeed without philanthropic support from people like you. Now is the time for transformative action to protect jaguars and their habitat while creating sustainable livelihoods for underserved Indigenous communities.



Will you join us to safeguard a future for jaguars?

Each expedition is costly and requires extensive coordination with the Guna, involving trucks, boats, guides, and interpreters.

**\$25.00** will provide basic field gear (e.g., rubber boots, flashlights)

**\$50.00** will provide the daily salary for one local field guide

**\$75.00** will provide one boat trip to a community

**\$100.00** will provide the daily salary for one Guna interpreter

**\$200.00** will provide one camera

**Donate before the end of the year...**

**It's not too late to make a difference!**

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