Ecuador

Integrating Landscape Considerations in Wildlife Conservation, with Emphasis on Jaguars

Project Sites
Esmeraldas landscape, Andean-Amazon Foothills landscape, and Southern Amazon/Condor-Kutukú mountain ranges landscape

Species Focus
Jaguars

Grant Amount
$1.7 million

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January 2022

Objective
Jaguars and associated wildlife and habitats are conserved in critical landscapes across Ecuador.

Context
Ecuador possesses approximately 10% of the world’s biodiversity and is included in the list of the 17 “megadiverse” countries of the planet. The tropical rainforests in the jaguar’s historical range in Ecuador’s coastal region, eastern Andean slopes, and southern Amazon region are among the most seriously threatened ecosystems globally in terms of biodiversity loss and species extinction. Habitat loss, direct killing by humans, depletion of their natural prey base due to unsustainable subsistence hunting or commercial hunting are among the main threats to jaguar population.

Project Components

• Enabling conditions for conservation: National-level enabling conditions for the conservation of jaguars, other wildlife and their habitat strengthened.

• Implementation of a landscape approach in prioritized landscapes: Management strategies that include a landscape approach and synergy between sustainable livelihoods and wildlife conservation implemented in priority landscapes.

• Combating wildlife crime: Enhanced institutional capacity to combat wildlife crime.

• Knowledge management, monitoring, and evaluation: Knowledge Management, monitoring and evaluation implemented to support learning and upscaling.

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