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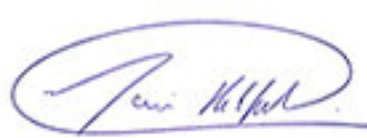
Photo: Donal Boyd

January has come to an end and we remain optimistic that 2023 will bring many achievements and accomplishments for Onçafari and the environment!

I am happy to announce that Onçafari is expanding its projects and their reach, always committed to the conservation of the biodiversity of Brazilian biomes.

In 2023, our branches are taking more steps towards conservation: on the Forests branch, with the aim of expanding the protection of the flora and fauna of the Pantanal, Onçafari has invested in the formation of large ecological corridors, areas that unite conservation units or forest fragments, increasing the number of protected green areas, allowing the free flow of animals and the dispersion of seeds between areas.

On our Science branch, we recently published an article that analyzed almost a decade of data. This material is a result of the intense and continuous work of jaguar conservation carried out in the Caiman Pantanal. Science is an important pillar for the development of conservation projects, and this work contributes to the protection of jaguars in Brazil and in other countries, where the species occurs.



Mario Haberfeld
CEO and Founder

Help Xamã get back to nature!



Photo: Noelly Castro / Proteção Animal Mundial

Xamã is a jaguar cub around 8 months old, who was found in August 2022 in the municipality of Sinop, in Mato Grosso. When he was rescued, he was frightened and without his mother – this is a period in which cubs still breastfeed and depend on their mother to learn behaviors and gain autonomy.

Xamã spent five months in recovery with the team from Veterinary Hospital (Hovet) in Universidade Federal do Mato Grosso (UFMT), who got in touch with Onçafari so that Xamã could return to nature.

This month we received Xamã in our reintroduction enclosure from Onçafari, with 15 thousand m², located in the Amazon, in the municipality of Jacareacanga, Pará. In the enclosure, he will remain for the next two years learning basic behaviors for the species, like hunting and surviving in nature, which he didn't learn from his mother.

The processes of rehabilitation and reintroduction are important tools for the recovery of endangered species. That's why we have a public funding campaign to be able to cover the costs and help Xamã return to nature.

From the rescue to the reintroduction, the work involves public and third sector partners: Universidade Federal do Mato Grosso (UFMT), Secretaria de Estado de Meio Ambiente do Mato Grosso (Sema-MT), Instituto Brasileiro do Meio Ambiente e dos Recursos Renováveis (Ibama), Centro Nacional de Pesquisa e Conservação de Mamíferos Carnívoros (Cenap), Proteção Animal Mundial, Instituto Ecológico (IEco), Pousada Thaimaçu e Associação Onçafari.

Be a part of the campaign and help Xamã!

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Onçafari Retrospective 2022



Photo: Enio Baracchini

Nature tourism can bring some great surprises and this is the wonder of monitoring animals in the wild! On this day, while looking for jaguar tracks, the team in Caiman Pantanal found the males Suki and Mango fighting! During the sighting, besides this rare scene, the team was able to witness several behaviors, like territory marking and vocalizations from the jaguars. Click below to watch the video.

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New Scientific Article!



Photo: Mario Haberfeld

This month, Onçafari and collaborators published the article "[Unveiling demographic and mating strategies of Panthera onca in the Pantanal, Brazil](#)". It's the first long-term and large-scale study on the reproductive behavior and population dynamics from a wild population of jaguars in Pantanal.

In order to answer questions such as "What are the mating strategies of jaguars?" How many cubs in average a jaguar births per gestation? How long until a cub becomes independent of its mother? (among many others), the researchers gathered data from both camera traps and direct observations from the day to day on the field.

Around half of the remaining jaguar population in the world is in Brazil. In our country, she was extinct in Pampa and is endangered in the other biomes. Pantanal houses the second largest population of jaguars in Brazil, but the species faces threats loss of habitat and hunting in retaliation for cattle predation.

The information gathered in this study is very important in order to substantiate and support conservation plans for the species both in Brazil and abroad.

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Miles on a Mission – United Airlines

There's still time! Our partner United Airlines leads globally the promotion of sustainability in commercial aviation and invites the associates from the fidelity program MileagePlus to donate miles to Onçafari. The campaign Miles on a Mission is part of the commitment of United to connect people, unite the world and serve communities, putting people and airships in service of a greater good. MileagePlus associates who wish to donate must go to the page dedicated to Onçafari on the Miles on a Mission website and follow the instructions. Donate miles here.

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