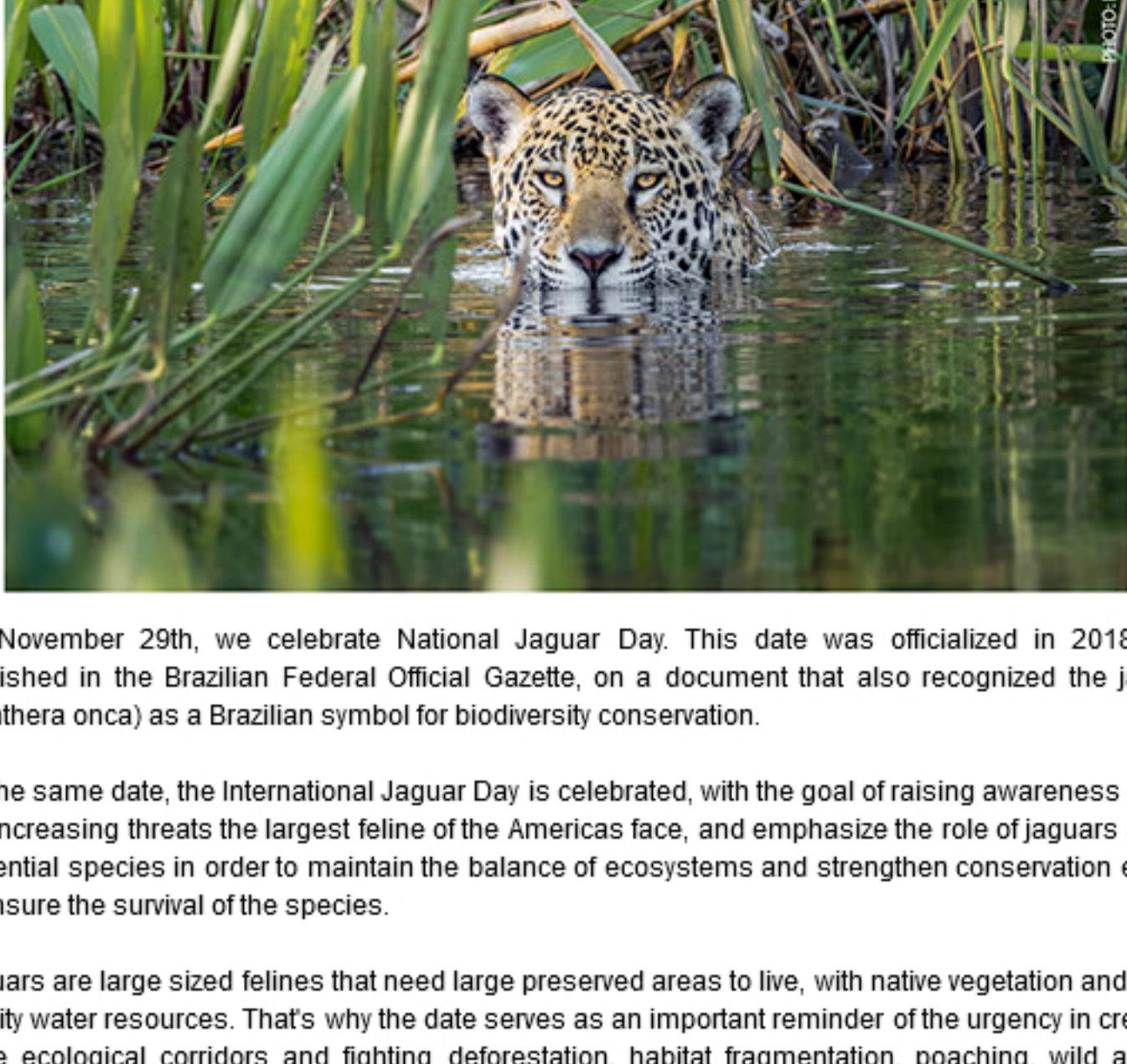




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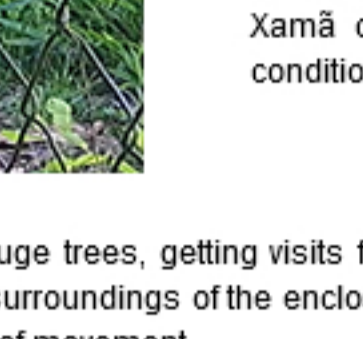
On November 29th, we celebrate National Jaguar Day. This date was officialized in 2018 and published in the Brazilian Federal Official Gazette, on a document that also recognized the jaguar (*Panthera onca*) as a Brazilian symbol for biodiversity conservation.

On the same date, the International Jaguar Day is celebrated, with the goal of raising awareness about the increasing threats the largest feline of the Americas face, and emphasize the role of jaguars as an essential species in order to maintain the balance of ecosystems and strengthen conservation efforts to ensure the survival of the species.

Jaguars are large sized felines that need large preserved areas to live, with native vegetation and good quality water resources. That's why the date serves as an important reminder of the urgency in creating large ecological corridors and fighting deforestation, habitat fragmentation, poaching, wild animal trafficking and other threats endangering these great felines and, as a consequence, Brazilian biodiversity in general.

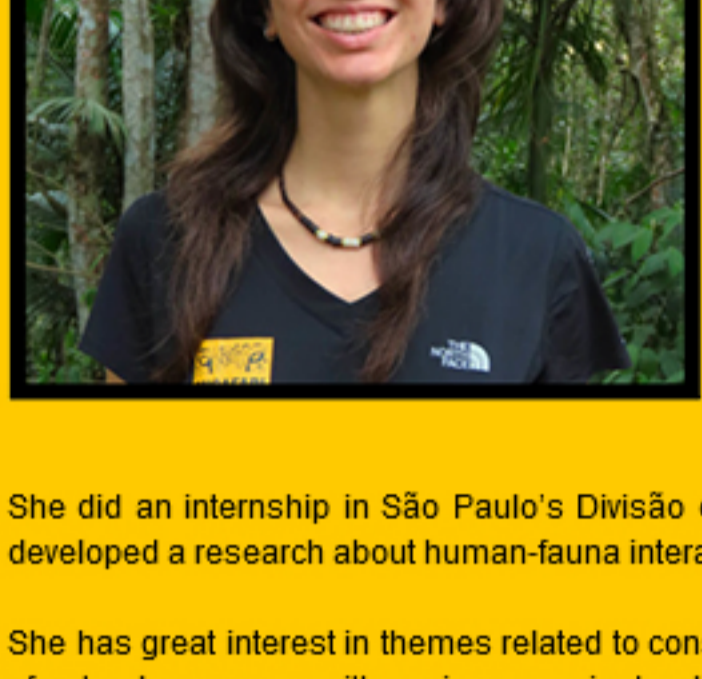
Our work began habituating and monitoring these animals in the wild in Pantanal and, throughout these 12 years, we've come to know more than 300 individuals. We are proud to say that jaguars are an essential part of our purpose in preserving biodiversity, protecting Brazilian biomes and building a sustainable legacy for wildlife and people.

In here, we've learned much with these felines and we work every day for this species that is so important for Brazil and the world.



Mario Haberfeld
CEO and Founder

STRAIGHT FROM THE FIELD - NEWS ABOUT XAMÃ!



Xamã is a male jaguar that was rescued while still a cub, approximately 8 months old. He has been under Onçafari's care since January this year, living in a reintroduction enclosure with 15 thousand m² in the Amazon. Every passing day, Xamã develops his natural behaviors in order to soon return to a free life in the forest.

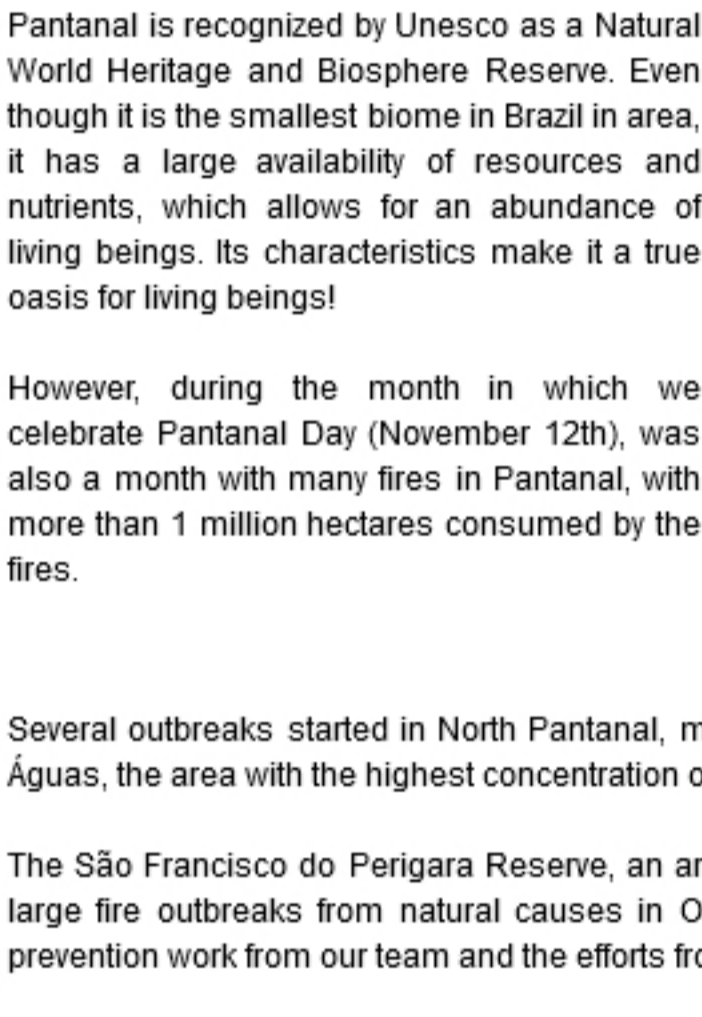
Even though it is a necessary and temporary condition for a full life in the Amazon Forest, Xamã certainly lives now in a semi-captivity condition.

He has ample space, a pond and huge trees, getting visits from birds, lizards, snakes and several other species that pass through the surroundings of the enclosure and even interact with him through the fence, but he still has no freedom of movement.

Thinking about that, sometimes it is interesting that he has stimuli to help him "escape the monotony". Find out more about the backstage of an environment enrichment activity, an important tool to further train Xamã's natural behaviors!

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TEAM OF STARS!



STEPHANIE SIMIONI
Coordinator of Base Legado das Águas and Coordinator of the Social Branch

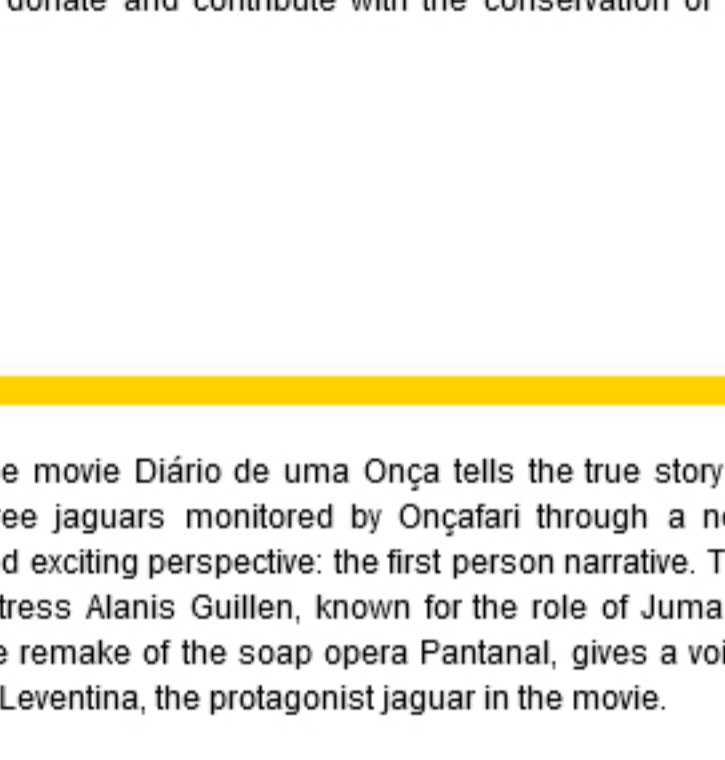
Biologist graduated as a bachelor and teacher from Universidade de São Paulo (USP), had several experiences from internships and volunteer work related to conservation and environment education. She was an exchange student in University of Canterbury (New Zealand), where she increased her knowledge about these themes and worked as a volunteer for a local NGO.

She did an internship in São Paulo's Divisão de Fauna Silvestre (Wild Fauna Division) and in there developed a research about human-fauna interactions in the city.

She has great interest in themes related to conservation of sociobiodiversity, integrating the protection of natural resources with socioeconomic development of local communities. In Onçafari since 2019, she already worked as a guide and field biologist in Pantanal and Atlantic Forest. Nowadays she coordinates the Social branch and the NGO operations in Legado das Águas base.

PANTANAL WITHOUT FIRES

Pantanal is recognized by Unesco as a Natural World Heritage and Biosphere Reserve. Even though it is the smallest biome in Brazil in area, it has a large availability of resources and nutrients, which allows for an abundance of living beings. Its characteristics make it a true oasis for living beings!



However, during the month in which we celebrate Pantanal Day (November 12th), was also a month with many fires in Pantanal, with more than 1 million hectares consumed by the fires.

Several outbreaks started in North Pantanal, mostly in the regions of Parque Estadual Encontro das Águas, the area with the highest concentration of jaguars in the world.

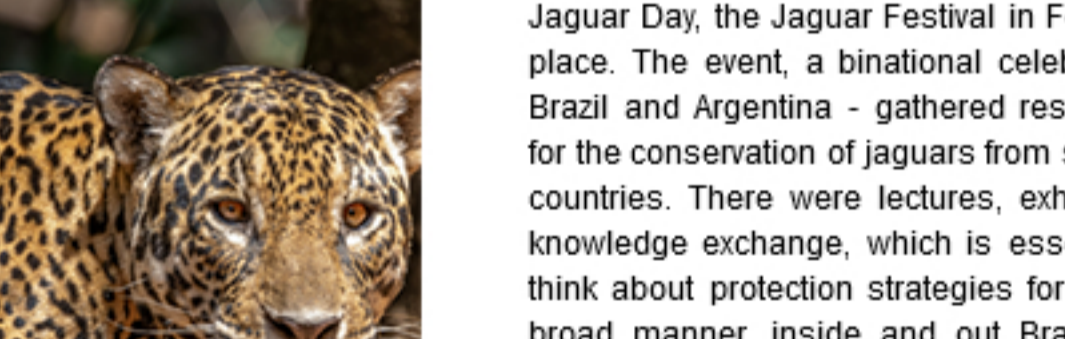
The São Francisco do Perigara Reserve, an area managed by Onçafari in Mato Grosso, already had large fire outbreaks from our team and the efforts from Sesc Pantanal.

In South Pantanal, other fire outbreaks started in Parque Estadual do Pantanal do Rio Negro and reached the area from Aliança 5P, a large private ecological corridor in which our base, Reserva Santa Sofia, is a part of. The preservation of this mosaic is essential for the present and future of this unique biome.

We launched the campaign #PantanalWithoutFires (#PantanalSemFogo) to contribute with fighting, preventing and monitoring fires in the biome.

The money raised will go to:

1. Purchase of equipment (tank truck, PPEs, hoses, first aid kits, water pump, fire resistant clothing, monitoring drone, water tank, generator, etc.);
2. Tractor rentals, wheel loaders and trucks for construction and maintenance of firebreaks (preventive measure to stop the fires from spreading further);
3. Expansion of fire fighting teams;
4. Training for new fire brigades;

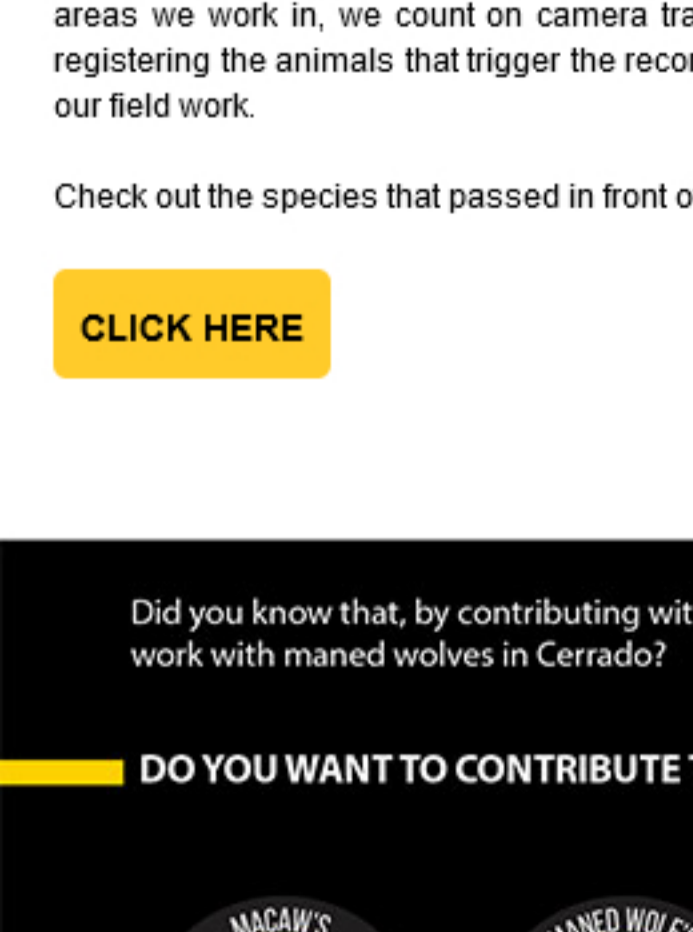


Fortunately, the rains arrived in Pantanal, but this doesn't mean the work is done. Fire prevention is a continuous action and the fast response depends on good structuring and preparation.

We need your help! Access the campaign website, donate and contribute with the conservation of Pantanal!

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JAGUAR'S DIARY

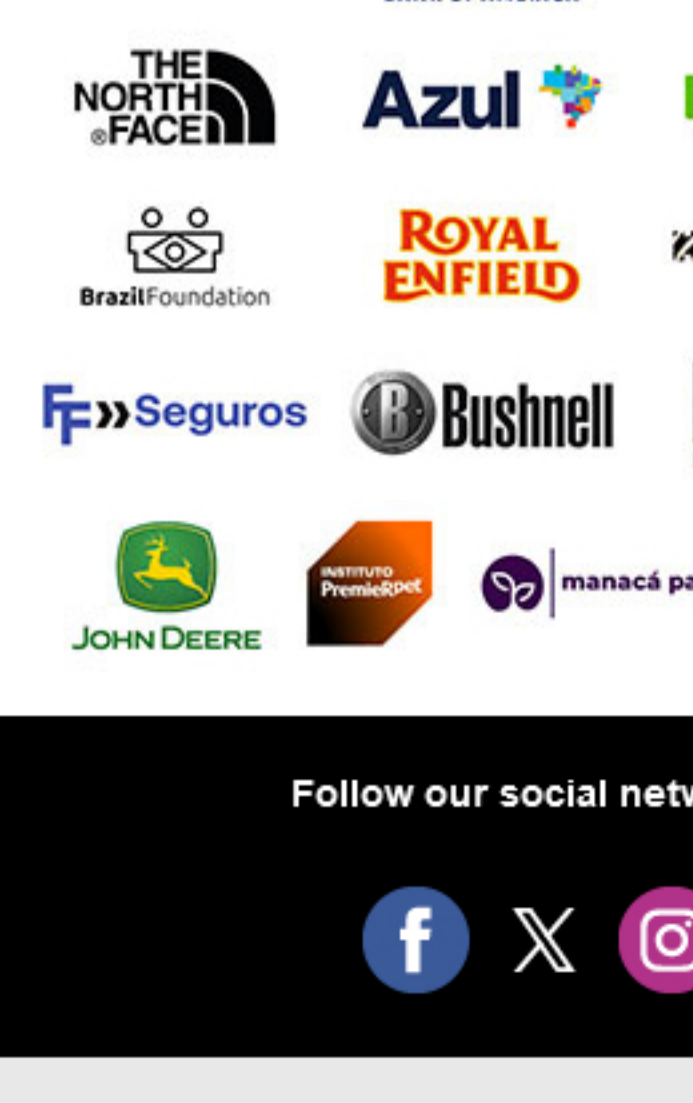


The movie *Diário de uma Onça* tells the true story of three jaguars monitored by Onçafari through a new and exciting perspective: the first person narrative. The actress Alanis Guillen, known for the role of Juma in the remake of the soap opera *Pantanal*, gives a voice to Leventina, the protagonist jaguar in the movie.

Leventina is a young jaguar who needs to set on her journey and protect herself from the challenges of nature, predators and the human threat. A lot of you already know her, for she is a part of a symbolic lineage for Onçafari: she is the granddaughter of Fera, the first jaguar in the world reintroduced successfully, and the daughter of Ferinha.

The feature film, that had at its disposal more than 200 hours of raw footage filmed during 3 years, is directed by Joe Stevens, known for his works with nature documentaries such as 'Earth at Night', Mario Haberfeld, the founder of Onçafari; and Fábio Nascimento, filmmaker and documentary photographer.

ONÇAFARI RECOMMENDS



REWILDING NA ARGENTINA
Check out the Portuguese version of the book "Rewilding na Argentina". The work, written by conservationists Sebastian Di Martino, Sofia Heinonen and Emiliano Donadio, celebrates the amazing ecosystem restoration journey through the reintroduction of species in Argentina, where many of them were extinct for decades.

"Rewilding na Argentina" brings a story of hope for biodiversity conservation, highlighting the essential role of the fauna for maintaining the balance of ecosystems. You can purchase the physical version of the book or access for free the PDF version on the Documenta Pantanal website.

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SOS PANTANAL

Want to find out more about Pantanal and stay updated on news in the biome? Check out the profile from our partners in SOS Pantanal, an organization working to preserve Pantanal by promoting and facilitating debates between society and public authorities, on preventing and fighting fires, among other activities.

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JAGUAR FESTIVAL

On November 27 to 29, in celebration of International Jaguar Day, the Jaguar Festival in Foz do Iguaçu took place. The event, a binational celebration - between Brazil and Argentina - gathered researchers working for the conservation of jaguars from several areas and countries. There were lectures, exhibits and a lot of knowledge exchange, which is essential in order to think about protection strategies for the species in a broad manner, inside and out Brazil. Onçafari was there, represented by the biologist Stephanie Simioni, who present the lecture "Turismo como ferramenta de conservação de onças-pintadas" (Tourism as a tool for jaguar conservation), and shared a little more about our work with jaguar conservation around the country.

IN THE FIELD WITH ELGIN

The Grupo Elgin donated 1000 rechargeable batteries to Onçafari! The batteries are essential tools for our scientific fauna monitoring work in our bases. To find out who are the species that appear in the areas we work in, we count on camera traps, that are our "spies on the field", and stay 24h a day registering the animals that trigger the recordings. We thank Elgin for the donation and the support for our field work.

Check out the species that passed in front of our cameras!

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Did you know that, by contributing with Jaguar's Friend, you help with our conservation work with maned wolves in Cerrado?

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