

2023 comes to an end as a challenging year and, at the same time, full of achievements for Onçafari!

To work with the conservation of biomes and biodiversity is a complex task, but the dedication of a passionate and aligned team, along with our partners who are essential for our projects, makes all the difference. I'm glad to be able to look back and share that all of our branches had important highlights!

We celebrated 12 years of Onçafari in 2023, with the growth of our team and the increase in number of bases: we have 3 new bases in the Atlantic Forest, making a total of 13 bases in 4 Brazilian biomes. We've expanded our Reintroduction Center for Wild Animals in Reserva Santa Sofia, received the jaguar Xamã that will go through the reintroduction process and returned the puma Oliver to a free life in nature.

We are increasing our investment in technology, hirings and fire prevention in our bases. Our social work is expanding with new projects and activities with the indigenous communities in Pantanal.

We held the Onça Partners, our first event for Onçafari's partners, and the big event "Once Upon a Time 2050: The Legacy", joining people and companies who support and participate in conservation. We've participated in 2 major documentaries: Planet Earth 3, from BBC Studios Natural History Unit, focused on Cerrado and maned wolves; and "Diário de uma Onça", in partnership with Globoplay and Ventre Studio, focused on jaguars in Pantanal.

These and other achievements are highlighted in the reading this month. I hope you enjoy the retrospective and feel a part of it.

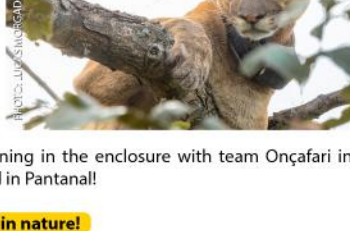
Thank you to all who supported our work and I wish next year to be even more promising. Happy holidays and a Happy 2024!

Mario Haberfeld
 Ceo and Founder

RETROSPECTIVE ONÇAFARI 2023

REINTRODUCTION

In January 2023, we received the jaguar Xamã into our enclosure in Pousada Thaimaçu, in the Amazon. Xamã became an orphan while still a cub, was rescued and is currently passing through the rehabilitation process with our team in Amazon!



He keeps improving his instincts and behaviors, which are essential for him to be able to return to nature and survive freely and independently.

In June 2023, after going through all the training in the enclosure with team Onçafari in Caiman Pantanal, the puma Oliver was released in Pantanal!

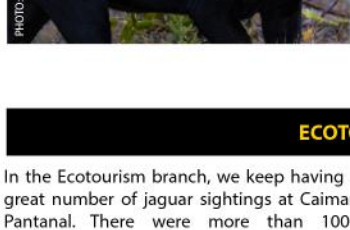
Check out his journey to find out more! [Oliver in nature!](#)

SCIENCE



We've expanded our fauna monitoring through camera traps in 3 new bases in the Atlantic Forest: the base Parque Nacional do Itatiaia, in Rio de Janeiro; the base Aeroporto Catarina JHSF, in São Roque/SP and base Goodyear, in Americana/SP.

We've captured, in partnership with Pousada Trijunção, a melanic jaguar for the first time in the history of Onçafari. He is a male who got the name Guirigó.



This capture is part of a scientific project that has as one of its general objectives to find out more about the ecology of jaguars in Cerrado, in the area bordering the states of Minas Gerais, Bahia and Goiás, region where our bases in Pousada Trijunção and Parque Nacional Grande Sertão Veredas are.

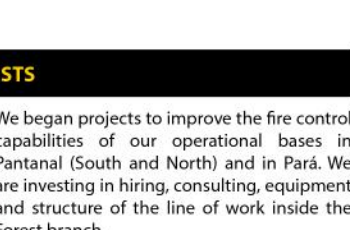
[Find out more about Guirigó](#)

ECOTOURISM

In the Ecotourism branch, we keep having a great number of jaguar sightings at Caiman Pantanal. There were more than 1000 sightings: 100% of the guests who stayed at Caiman for at least 3 days could see at least one jaguar. In Tapirapé Project, we've had more than 200 tapir sightings and our team got to monitor the growth of two families: the tapir Tatianta was seen walking in the company of her calf and the tapir Múpina was seen breastfeeding.

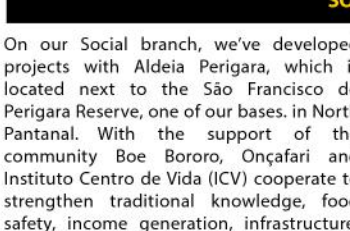


At Pousada Trijunção, we've had more than 300 maned wolf sightings and in Legado das Águas, we've had 32 excursions with approximately 90 guests.



Want to find out more about ecotourism with Onçafari? Send an email to reservas@oncafari.org and discover our tour types!

FORESTS



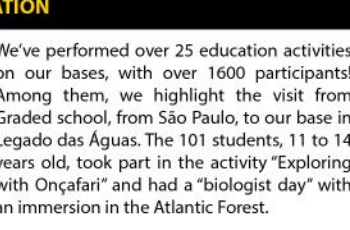
We began projects to improve the fire control capabilities of our operational bases in Pantanal (South and North) and in Pará. We are investing in hiring, consulting, equipment and structure of the line of work inside the Forest branch.

To contribute to the development of fire fighting and prevention, we created the campaign "Pantanal Without Fire", which already has 39 donors.

Want to be a part of conservation and contribute to fire fighting? Become a Jaguar's Friend and make your donation! [Click here.](#)

SOCIAL

On our Social branch, we've developed projects with Aldeia Perigara, which is located next to the São Francisco do Perigara Reserve, one of our bases. In North Pantanal. With the support of the community Boe Bororo, Onçafari and Instituto Centro de Vida (ICV) cooperate to strengthen traditional knowledge, food safety, income generation, infrastructure, land management and fire prevention in Indigenous Land Perigara.



We've concluded the second edition of project Aprendizizes da Mata (Forest Apprentices) in our base in Legado das Águas, Atlantic Forest. The project was carried out with 77 grade school students of Escola Estadual Bairro do Engano, in Miracatu, one of the counties where Legado is present. The project discusses the relationship between human health and the environment as its main theme, through compost workshops, the construction of vegetable gardens and earthworm cultures, besides lectures addressing the relationship between deforestation and zoonosis. As a closing for this edition, the students visited Legado das Águas and performed activities about environment conservation linked to economic development.

EDUCATION



We've performed over 25 education activities on our bases, with over 1600 participants! Among them, we highlight the visit from Graded school, from São Paulo, to our base in Legado das Águas. The 101 students, 11 to 14 years old, took part in the activity "Exploring with Onçafari" and had a "biologist day" with an infomercial in the field.

We reestablished the Blog tab in our website with the support of journalist Livio Oricchio, with informative texts about themes related to environment conservation and Onçafari's backstage. We've had 16 new publications, which also have interviews and stories from our team. [Visit Onçafari's Blog](#)

EVENTS



In celebration of Environment Day (June 5th), we held the first "Onça Partners", an exclusive event for Onçafari's partners and counselors, dedicated to presenting results and networking. Onçafari's CEO, Mario Haberfeld, shared the activities performed, plans and future projects for the organization.



In the second semester of 2023, we gathered over 500 guests, 35 companies - among them sponsors, collaborators and supporters - and over 50 people for our team for the event "Once upon a time 2050: The Legacy". It was a special night and very meaningful for Onçafari's history.



On november 30th, we held the launch event for the documentary "Diário de uma Onça" (A Jaguar's Journal), a WCP production in partnership with Onçafari, Ventre Studio and Globoplay, with a sponsorship from Isa CTEEP and FairFax Brasil. The movie brings the true story of three jaguars through first person storytelling, voiced by the actress Alanis Guillen, who interpreted Juma in the remake of the soap opera Pantanal.

The documentary is available on Globoplay! [Watch DIÁRIO DE UMA ONÇA here!](#)

PROJECTS



In 2023, we participated in different projects focused on biodiversity conservation, among them the project Sou Amigo da Fauna (@souamigodafauna), a partnership between Onçafari, Ampara, Instituto Libio and SOS Pantanal, whose objective is fighting wildlife trafficking in Brazil.

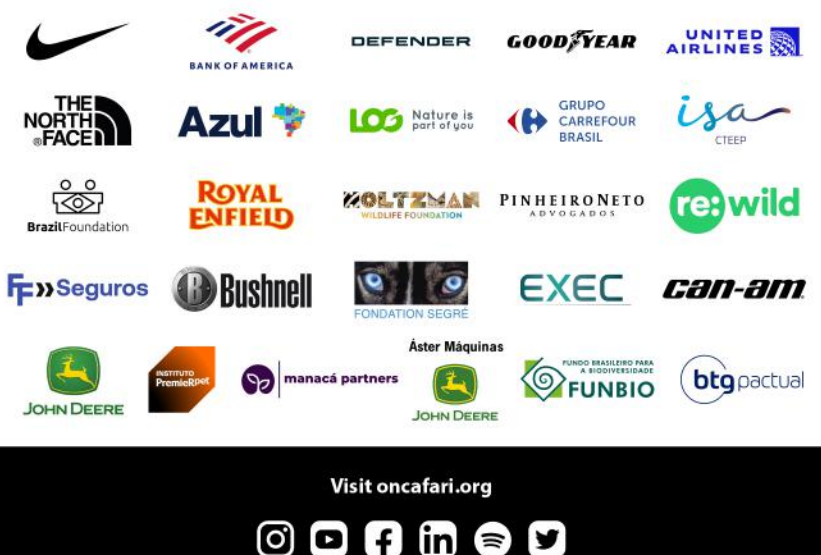


We also launched Jaguar's Friend, a project whose goal is to gather funds for the organization's activities through one time or monthly donation.

[I want to be a JAGUAR'S FRIEND!](#)

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