



The month of January ended and we are optimistic that 2024 will bring new accomplishments for conservation in general! Here in Onçafari, we keep expanding our projects and reach, always with the commitment to the conservation of biodiversity and Brazilian biomes.

Today I highlight the development of our rewild branch. Throughout the years, besides returning several animals to nature, this branch has been growing in the quantity of enclosures in Pantanal and Amazon, in target-species for the rehabilitation process, besides our team being more prepared and experienced.

This month, the story of two jaguars - Jatobazinho and Xamã - reached the home of more people through open TV reporting. Jatobazinho went through the rehabilitation process with our team in Pantanal and already lives free in nature since 2022, when he began exploring the Iberá National Park, in Argentina. From then, we heard of his development and the importance of this reintroduction for the conservation of jaguars in the region where today lives not only him, but his big family - a region that for over 70 years, these great predators were extinct.

At the same time, the story also continues with Xamã, who has been living for a year in our enclosure in Amazon, every day more ready to live free just like Jatobazinho. These two jaguars show how our rewild branch has been developing and act as fuel for us to keep telling positive conservation stories about these great felines.

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Mario Haberfeld CEO do Onçafari



ONÇAFARI & AZUL

Onçafari is all around Brazil, pursuing the of preserving biodiversity mission and Brazilian biomes.

The partnership with Azul Linhas Aéreas is essential for the countless activities of the organization, among them the movement of our team around the country to give lectures in events, fauna monitoring campaigns and capture campaigns for scientific purposes in different bases in Pantanal, Cerrado, Amazon and Atlantic Forest.

We thank Azul Linhas Aéreas for supporting our work and together we will contribute with conservation in all corners of Brazil!

ONÇAFARI IN THE MEDIA ONE YEAR OF XAM

For a whole year, the young Xamã has been living in our reintroduction enclosure in the in Jacareacanga, Pará. Every Amazon. passing day, he is more prepared to return to nature and continue his life in the Amazon Forest, the largest tropical forest in the world and an essential refuge for these great felines!

Check out the story from Mato Grosso TV (MT1) about the first year of Xamã's journey. In it, the coordinator from Onçafari's rewild branch, Leonardo Sartonello, tells a little about the arrival of the animal, its gradual adaptation to its new home and Xamā's development in order to live freely and independently in nature. Learn more.



ADVENTURE WITH ONÇAFARI IN LEGADO DAS ÁGUAS



The journalist Thaiz Rozo, from TV Tribuna, invites all to an immersion in some amazing places from Vale do Ribeira. One of these places is Legado das Águas, the largest Atlantic Forest private reserve in Brazil and one of Onçafari's bases.

In the company of our biologists Stephanie Simioni and Bianca Machado, the reporter shares the unique experience of rowing at night in Juquiá river looking for the animals that live in the reserve. Check out the story to find out more about our work in Legado das Águas and our forest immersion excursions. Click here.

TOBAZINHO ON JORNAL NACIONAL



Jatobazinho is making history in Iberá National Park, in Argentina, and got a special story on Jornal Nacional in the beginning of the month. The story of the jaguar Jatobazinho is impressive: he was found in 2018 wandering in Jatobazinho School, in Corumbá, Mato Grosso do Sul's Pantanal.

He was debilitated and malnourished, that is why he was rescued and cared for, until he process with team Onçafari at Caiman Pantanal.

In 2022, Jatobazinho was returned to nature by Fundação Rewilding Argentina, in Iberá National Park, one of the largest fauna reintroduction centers in the world. He went through many challenges and now has the important role of changing the history of a place where jaguars were extinct for over 70 years. Through monitoring in Iberá, we already know he is the father of 13 cubs!

Check out this story full of breakthroughs and hope for the conservation of these great felines!

STRAIGHT FROM THE FIELD OCELOTS IN LEGADO DAS ÁGUAS



Did you know that ocelots, just like jaguars, have a unique rosette pattern? By analyzing these patterns our team at Legado das Águas individualized 24 ocelots. Our biologists observed each register from the camera traps in order to carefully study the rosettes and, after this careful register analysis work, now it is possible to find out who is who just by looking at their spots!

Among the 24 individuals identified, 8 of them are more frequent in our camera traps. Click the link below to check out their registers and names! Learn more.



STAR TEAM!

📽 Marcos Ávila **Biologist and Bilingual Guide**

Born in Goiânia (GO), Marcos is a biologist who graduated from Universidade Federal de Goiás. From the beginning of his graduation, he began developing research projects with mammal ecology in Cerrado, was an instructor for two years for Zoology disciplines, founded the Liga Acadêmica de Ciências Forenses (Forensic Science Academic League) and was a member of Ciências Laboratório de Ecologia Teórica, Metacomunidades e Ecologia da Paisagem eoretical Ecology, Metacommunities and Landscape Ecology Laboratory).

After his graduation, he worked as an environmental consultant, performing fauna surveys and monitoring with mammals. He developed activities related to Fire Ecology as a volunteer researcher from Centro Nacional de Pesquisa e Conservação de Mamíferos Carnívoros (CENAP National Center for Research and Conservation of Carnivorous Mammals) from ICMBio.
Passionate about Brazilian biodiversity and willing to stay close to nature, nowadays, as a bilingual guide at Onçafari's base Caiman Pantanal, he achieved a life dream and works with a smile on his face and a happy heart in order to help preserve all life on our planet.



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