



The intense drought that the Pantanal has been experiencing in recent years has been a constant concern. According to MapBiomass, the Pantanal, the largest continental wetland in the world, characterized by its flood and drought dynamics, is the biome that has dried up the most proportionally over the historical series, which compares data since 1985. These prolonged periods of drought increase the risk of fires, which, combined with high temperatures, lack of rain, and the accumulation of dry vegetation, create devastating scenarios like the ones we are experiencing at our bases in the biome.

When I founded Onçafari, fires were not a concern. But now, the fire regime in the Pantanal has changed. This year, for example, there was no expected peak flood for the biome, and fires started early in the year.

August marks the 13th anniversary of Onçafari, a period during which we have followed a path focused on the conservation and protection of Brazilian biomes, especially the Pantanal, where our history began. Along this journey, we created the Forests branch to acquire and preserve large natural areas, helping curb deforestation, hunting, and wildlife trafficking. Through this initiative, we acquired three strategic areas in the Pantanal, important refuges for fauna and biodiversity—"stepping stones" where animals can live and move safely.

Unfortunately, the fires this year have abruptly and cruelly challenged our prevention efforts, affecting all our bases in the biome and making 2024 the most difficult year in our history. We lost equipment, and our reintroduction enclosures were completely burned, but what impacts us the most is witnessing the loss of many animals, from the most vulnerable, such as amphibians and reptiles that move slowly, to the most agile, who can run, climb trees - among them Gaia, a jaguar monitored by our team for 11 years.

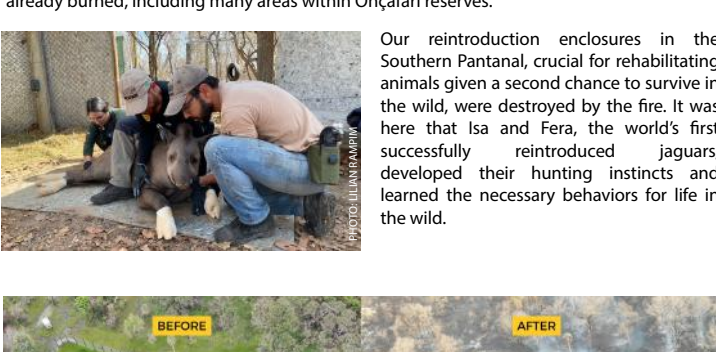
Despite the challenges, we remain firm in our mission. In collaboration with other organizations, we are rescuing and supporting some animals injured by the fires. We have also begun constructing wells and providing emergency supplementation for the fauna, which faces a shortage of water and food.

I thank the entire Onçafari team, our partners, supporters, and donors who are helping us recover what was lost, fight the fire outbreaks in our reserves, and, most importantly, provide the necessary support to the surviving animals. Now it's time to rebuild and move forward together!

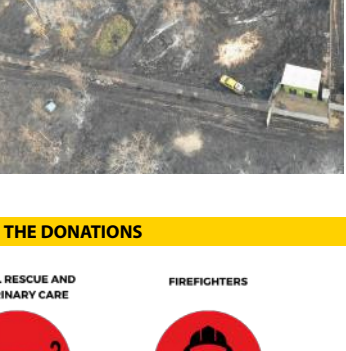
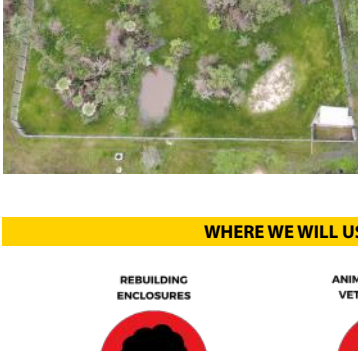
I count on you in the Recover Pantanal campaign ([recuperapantanal.com.br](http://recuperapantanal.com.br)).

Mario Haberfeld  
CEO and Founder

**PANTANAL RECOVERY**



The Pantanal is experiencing **historic droughts**, and the fires have arrived earlier than expected. From January to August, approximately **1.6 million hectares** of the Pantanal have already burned, including many areas within Onçafari reserves.



Our reintroduction enclosures in the Southern Pantanal, crucial for rehabilitating animals given a second chance to survive in the wild, were destroyed by the fire. It was here that Isa and Fera, the world's first successfully reintroduced jaguars, developed their hunting instincts and learned the necessary behaviors for life in the wild.

**WHERE WE WILL USE THE DONATIONS**

- REBUILDING ENCLOSURES**  
USD 200,000
- ANIMAL RESCUE AND VETERINARY CARE**  
USD 80,000
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- ANIMAL FOOD SUPPLEMENTATION (3 MONTHS)**  
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- WATER WELLS AND PONDS (5 WELLS)**  
USD 30,000

The recovery work is extensive, and the costs are high. We need your help to rebuild enclosures, purchase and replace equipment, and, most importantly, support the surviving animals. **DONATE NOW!**

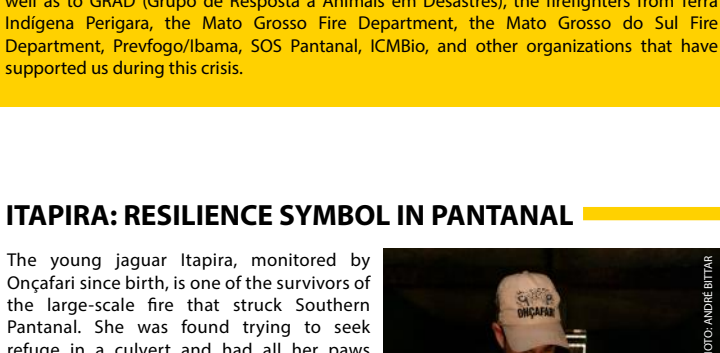
**A TRIBUTE TO GAIA**



At the beginning of the month, we said goodbye to Gaia, another victim of the relentless fire that struck the Southern Pantanal. Gaia has been well-known to the Onçafari team since her birth in 2013. When she was just a few days old, we discovered her den in the wild, where she shared warmth with her twin siblings, Ypy and Saraiva. We learned a great deal about Gaia's life through direct field observation and camera trap recordings. She was one of the jaguars monitored with a GPS collar. We had incredible sightings of Gaia, weighing approximately 60 kg, as she balanced and displayed her agility while resting high up in the trees. She gave birth to four cubs (Leen, Angelim, Bacuri, and Malala) and was a grandmother to four other jaguars. Unfortunately, the fire abruptly ended her story, but her legacy lives on in the Pantanal—through her descendants and the memories and lessons she provided.

**LEARN MORE ABOUT GAIA**

**STAR TEAM!**



Our efforts to combat fires, support injured animals, and rebuild what we've lost are only possible due to our spirit of **cooperation**, which is one of Onçafari's core values. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the entire Onçafari team working at our bases in the Pantanal, as well as to GRAD (Grupo de Resposta a Animais em Desastres), the firefighters from Terra Indígena Perigara, the Mato Grosso Fire Department, the Mato Grosso do Sul Fire Department, Prevfogo/Ibama, SOS Pantanal, ICMBio, and other organizations that have supported us during this crisis.

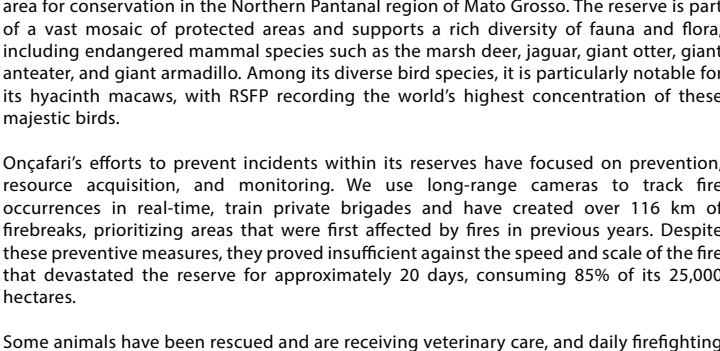
**ITAPIRA: RESILIENCE SYMBOL IN PANTANAL**

The young jaguar Itapira, monitored by Onçafari since birth, is one of the survivors of the large-scale fire that struck Southern Pantanal. She was found trying to seek refuge in a culvert and had all her paws burned: she was anesthetized, rescued, and received first care, but her injuries were severe and required specialized treatment. Consequently, she was transferred to the Nex Institute, located 80 km from Brasília in Corumbá de Goiás (GO), an institution experienced in treating animals affected by wildfires. Itapira is currently undergoing treatment and we remain hopeful that she will soon recover and return to living freely in Pantanal.



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**FIRE IN SÃO FRANCISCO DO PERIGARA RESERVE - MATO GROSSO**



The São Francisco do Perigara Reserve (RSFP), managed by Onçafari since 2021, is a critical area for conservation in the Northern Pantanal region of Mato Grosso. The reserve is part of a vast mosaic of protected areas and supports a rich diversity of fauna and flora, including endangered mammal species such as the marsh deer, jaguar, giant otter, giant anteater, and giant armadillo. Among its diverse bird species, it is particularly notable for its hyacinth macaws, with RSFP recording the world's highest concentration of these majestic birds.

Onçafari's efforts to prevent incidents within its reserves have focused on prevention, resource acquisition, and monitoring. We use long-range cameras to track fire occurrences in real-time, train private brigades and have created over 116 km of firebreaks, prioritizing areas that were first affected by fires in previous years. Despite these preventive measures, they proved insufficient against the speed and scale of the fire that devastated the reserve for approximately 20 days, consuming 85% of its 25,000 hectares.

Some animals have been rescued and are receiving veterinary care, and daily firefighting efforts have undoubtedly saved many lives. As we move forward with reconstruction, we must plan our next steps to strengthen our anti-fire strategy. We have a significant amount of work ahead, and we greatly appreciate your support!

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**IN THE MEDIA - RECUPERA PANTANAL**

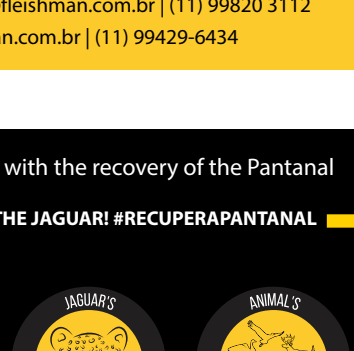
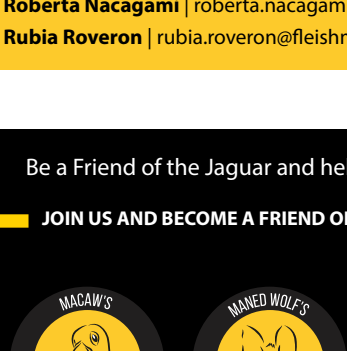
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