

The month of September ends with many challenges still ahead, but also with a wave of solidarity that fills us with hope. The Pantanal continues to face the worst fire in its history, which has affected all of our bases. In response, we have intensified the **Pantanal Recovery** campaign, which has received support from across Brazil and around the world.

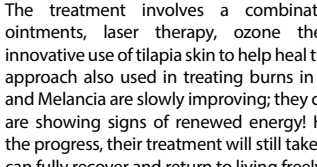
Thanks to the generosity of donors, partners, media support, volunteers, and joint efforts with other institutions, the funds raised have enabled critical actions. We are providing treatment to animals that survived the fires, including medications, bandages, nutritional supplements, and veterinary care. Additionally, we have begun rebuilding our affected reserves by constructing water wells for local wildlife at the Santa Sofia Reserve and continuing firefighting efforts at the São Francisco do Perigara Reserve, where our team has been battling the flames for over 50 days.

Moreover, Onçafari International participated in key events this month, including "Protecting Brazil's Biomes: Conservation in the Face of Climate Extremes" at the Brazilian-American Chamber of Commerce in New York, as well as several meetings during **Climate Week**. These gatherings were crucial for discussing the impacts of climate change and strengthening strategic collaborations for biodiversity conservation.

Despite the challenges, we move forward with gratitude and hope. Each difficulty we face highlights the urgency of preserving our biomes, and we are certain that together we will continue to make a difference in protecting nature.

Mario Haberfeld  
CEO and Founder

MELANCIA AND VALENTE: SURVIVORS!



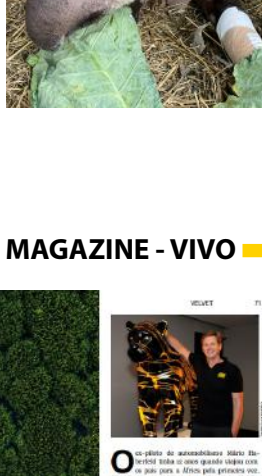
Melancia and Valente are two tapirs that survived the fires in the Pantanal! They were rescued by our team and have been under our care for nearly two months. Both were found severely weakened and suffering from serious burns on their paws, requiring intensive treatment. Since their rescue, our team has been dedicated to cleaning their wounds, changing dressings, administering medications, and using the latest technologies to

accelerate the healing process and recovery of these young fighters!

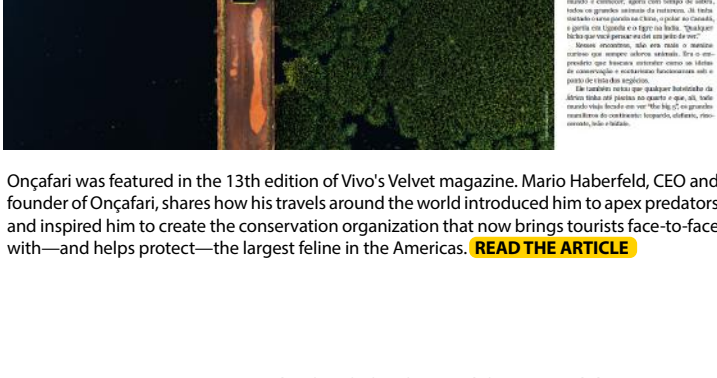
The treatment involves a combination of healing ointments, laser therapy, ozone therapy, and the innovative use of tilapia skin to help heal their wounds—an approach also used in treating burns in humans. Valente and Melancia are slowly improving; they can now walk and are showing signs of renewed energy! However, despite the progress, their treatment will still take time before they can fully recover and return to living freely in the Pantanal.

We count on your support to give Melancia and Valente a second chance!

I WANT TO HELP!

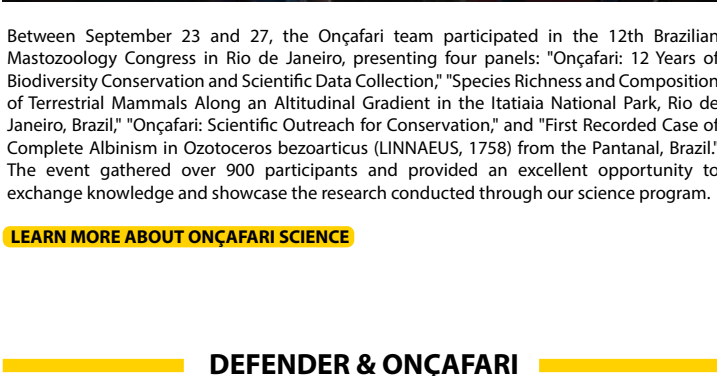


ONÇAFARI FEATURED IN VELVET MAGAZINE - VIVO



Onçafari was featured in the 13th edition of Vivo's Velvet magazine. Mario Haberfeld, CEO and founder of Onçafari, shares how his travels around the world introduced him to apex predators and inspired him to create the conservation organization that now brings tourists face-to-face with—and helps protect—the largest feline in the Americas. [READ THE ARTICLE](#)

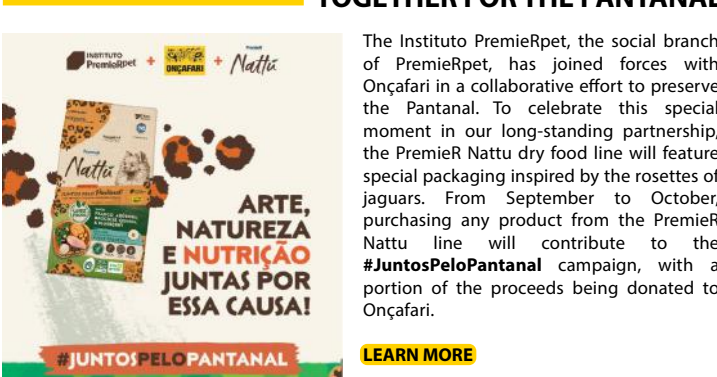
12TH BRAZILIAN MASTOZOLOGY CONGRESS



Between September 23 and 27, the Onçafari team participated in the 12th Brazilian Mastozoology Congress in Rio de Janeiro, presenting four panels: "Onçafari: 12 Years of Biodiversity Conservation and Scientific Data Collection," "Species Richness and Composition of Terrestrial Mammals Along an Altitudinal Gradient in the Itatiaia National Park, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil," "Onçafari: Scientific Outreach for Conservation," and "First Recorded Case of Complete Albinism in *Ozotoceros bezoaricus* (LINNAEUS, 1758) from the Pantanal, Brazil." The event gathered over 900 participants and provided an excellent opportunity to exchange knowledge and showcase the research conducted through our science program.

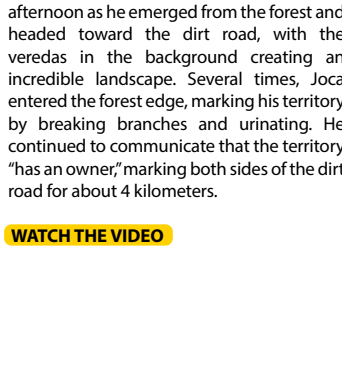
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DEFENDER & ONÇAFARI



Onçafari was invited to the avant-première of the new Defender D350 in Brazil. Our CEO, Mario Haberfeld, presented the organization's plans and ongoing work, focusing on fire prevention and firefighting efforts in the Pantanal. We are grateful to Defender for their support and partnership over the past five years.

TOGETHER FOR THE PANTANAL

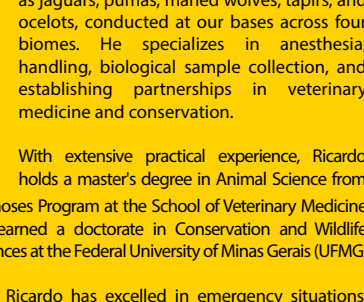


The Instituto PremierPpet, the social branch of PremierPpet, has joined forces with Onçafari in a collaborative effort to preserve the Pantanal. To celebrate this special moment in our long-standing partnership, the Premier Nattu dry food line will feature special packaging inspired by the rosettes of jaguars. From September to October, purchasing any product from the Premier Nattu line will contribute to the #JuntosPeloPantanal campaign, with a portion of the proceeds being donated to Onçafari.

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STRAIGHT FROM THE FIELD - JOCA RAMIRO IN THE CERRADO

Joca Ramiro is a male jaguar being monitored by our team in the Cerrado. About 85% of his territory lies within the Grande Sertão Veredas National Park and Pousada Trijunção. During field monitoring, our team spotted him at the end of the afternoon as he emerged from the forest and headed toward the dirt road, with the veredas in the background creating an incredible landscape. Several times, Joca entered the forest edge, marking his territory by breaking branches and urinating. He continued to communicate that the territory "has an owner," marking both sides of the dirt road for about 4 kilometers.



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STAR TEAM



**Ricardo Arrais | Veterinarian**  
Ricardo Arrais is a veterinarian responsible for the capture procedures of wild animals, such as jaguars, pumas, maned wolves, and ocelots, conducted at our bases across four biomes. He specializes in anesthesia, handling, biological sample collection, and establishing partnerships in veterinary medicine and conservation.  
With extensive practical experience, Ricardo holds a master's degree in Animal Science from the Experimental Epidemiology Applied to Zoonoses Program at the School of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Science at USP. Additionally, he earned a doctorate in Conservation and Wildlife Management from the Institute of Biological Sciences at the Federal University of Minas Gerais (UFMG).

In light of the wildfires affecting our bases, Ricardo has excelled in emergency situations, conducting rescues and providing immediate care—such as in the case of the jaguar tapira—and delivering intensive treatment to animals injured by the fire, including the tapirs Melancia and Valente, who are currently under Onçafari's care in the Pantanal.

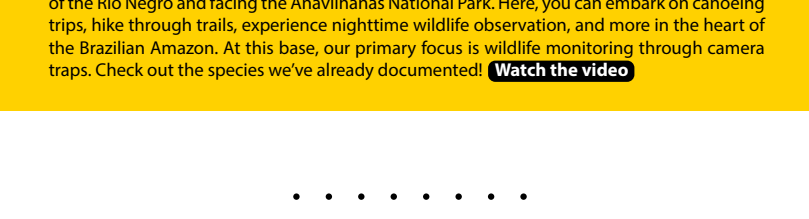
Help support Onçafari's reconstruction efforts and the care of surviving animals!

JOIN US AND BECOME A FRIEND OF THE JAGUAR!

Four circular icons representing different animal types: Macaw's Friend (USD 10), Maned Wolf's Friend (USD 20), Jaguar's Friend (USD 103), and Animal's Friend (USD 206).

ECOTOURISM WITH ONÇAFARI

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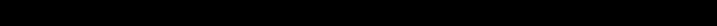
Ecotourism is one of Onçafari's main areas of operation, and you can book guided tours with our team at three operating bases. In Caiman Pantanal, join us for safaris designed to spot jaguars in their natural habitat. At Pousada Trijunção, our safaris for interested managers amidst the unique Cerrado landscape. In Legado das Águas, experience the Atlantic Forest with an immersive forest trail and night kayaking.

Interested in joining our team for an adventure? Contact us via email at [viagens@oncafari.org](mailto:viagens@oncafari.org)

Explore the Anavilhanas Jungle Lodge, a hotel located in Novo Airão, Amazonas, on the banks of the Rio Negro and facing the Anavilhanas National Park. Here, you can embark on canoeing trips, hike through trails, experience nighttime wildlife observation, and more in the heart of the Brazilian Amazon. At this base, our primary focus is wildlife monitoring through camera traps. Check out the species we've already documented! [Watch the video](#)

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