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Dear Friends,

At the close of another year, Panthera would like to extend our most sincere gratitude to all of our supporters and partners around the globe for helping to make our work, conserving the world's wild cats, possible. While still a young organization, Panthera has taken great strides in 2009 and we would like to share with you some of our conservation successes from just the past year.



- Panthera, in partnership with Living with Lions, helped to suspend distribution of the deadly agricultural poison, Furadan, in Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda. Furadan is marketed as a pesticide, but due to its potency, availability, and low cost it has been illegally used to poison and kill lions across East Africa.

- In partnership with the Nigeria National Parks Service and the Wildlife Conservation Society, Panthera is forging new ground with the first nationwide lion survey to establish the status of the species across Nigeria and determine conservation measures for the country.

- Panthera's newly created partnership with the Snow Leopard Trust and the Shan Shui Conservation Center will allow us to conserve snow leopards



in China, home to half of the world's remaining snow leopard population.

- In partnership with Craighead Beringia South, our Teton Cougar Project is now following 60 cougars and the twelfth litter of cubs to date. The ten year study has contributed extensive data toward understanding the life of a species that inhabits an increasingly complex and often human-dominated landscape.



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- Panthera began implementing a Tiger Corridor Initiative on the island of Sumatra, working with national and international NGOs to connect Gunung Leuser Ecosystem and the Kerinci Seblat Landscape, an area which contains about 250 tigers.

- Panthera Colombia was founded this year, and we had the opportunity to engage with key officials including Vice President, Francisco Santos Calderón. As a result, we have been working closely with the Colombian government to secure critical territory for jaguars in the northeastern region of the country. This expansion was made possible in part by the Liz Claiborne Art Ortenberg Foundation.

- Panthera was honored to participate in formulating a national jaguar action plan for the country of Brazil, in cooperation with the National Center for Research and Conservation of Mammalian Carnivores (CENAP), the Chico Mendes Institute for Biodiversity Conservation (ICMBio), and Pró-Carnívoros Institute.

- Panthera ramped up work in the Central Belize Corridor this year, which is a critical link between the northern jaguar populations of Mexico and Guatemala and jaguar populations south of Belize through Argentina. This work is made possible by a grant from the Darwin Initiative through a partnership with the University of Southampton.



- In partnership with the American Museum of Natural History, as part of the Global Felid Genetics Program, Panthera has created the world's largest genetic database for felids, which continues to help guide conservation actions.

- A paper appearing in *Biological Conservation* in 2009 revealed that Panthera's recommendations for trophy hunting regulations in South Africa - to ban the hunting of female and young leopards and disperse hunting pressure away from key populations - are working. Reducing the number of male leopards killed has helped to re-establish stability, and females now have a safe window in which to raise their young.

- In partnership with Conservation International, Panthera initiated the only grants program dedicated to funding research and conservation of small cats. To date, the program has awarded funding to 16 projects around the world.

Many believe that in our lifetime, iconic species like tigers, jaguars, snow leopards, and lions will be lost forever. Panthera is working tirelessly to ensure that these species not only survive, but thrive across their ranges. Panthera could not be effective without our partners and supporters, and we extend our most sincere thanks to everyone for making our work possible. On behalf of the cats of the world, thank you. We look forward to working with you in 2010.



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