

# STATE OF THE JAGUAR



## JAGUAR THREAT LEVEL

NEAR THREATENED

VULNERABLE

ENDANGERED

*The jaguar is the most iconic, and the largest, cat living today in the Americas. While they are still abundant in some areas, the jaguar's future is threatened by illegal hunting, deforestation, and loss of wild prey.*

## POPULATION

- During the 1960's and 1970's, the jaguar was heavily hunted for its beautiful coat. As many as 18,000 wild jaguars were killed each year until the Convention on the International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) of 1973 brought the pelt trade to a near halt.
- Today, jaguars continue to be hunted due to conflict with people, such as ranchers, who view them as a threat to their livestock.
- The jaguar is listed as "Near Threatened" on the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List of Threatened Species.

## HABITAT

- Jaguars have been eradicated from 40 percent of their historic range due to illegal poaching and land development for agriculture and growing human populations.
- Jaguars exist in 18 countries in Latin America, from Argentina to Mexico.
- Jaguars are extinct in two countries: El Salvador and Uruguay.
- While the rare individual has been occasionally spotted in the US, there has not been evidence of a breeding jaguar population in the US in the last 50 years.

## THREATS

- The three main threats jaguars face today include:
  - Habitat loss and fragmentation of once wild areas for agriculture and other development;
  - Direct hunting by people, such as ranchers, who view jaguars as a threat to their livelihoods; and



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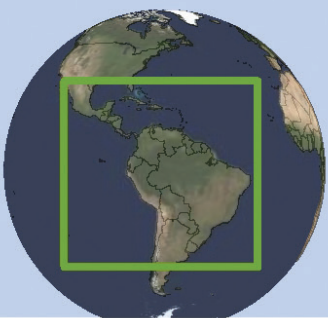
Wild jaguar in the Pantanal, Brazil



- Lack of natural prey, like deer and peccaries, from overhunting by humans, forcing jaguars to prey on domestic animals and fueling conflict.

## SAVING THE JAGUAR

- Panthera's team has pioneered the field of jaguar conservation. Alan Rabinowitz, Panthera's CEO, created the world's first Jaguar Preserve in Belize. In the 1980's, Panthera's Vice President, George Schaller, and Director of Jaguar Programs, Howard Quigley, initiated the first comprehensive ecological study of jaguars in the Pantanal, Brazil.
- Today, Panthera's Jaguar Corridor Initiative is the most comprehensive and transformative species conservation strategy ever, using a range-wide approach and a targeted set of activities, ensuring the future of this magnificent carnivore across its entire range.
- Panthera works in 13 of the 18 jaguar range states, securing and linking jaguar habitat, protecting prey, collaborating with local communities to mitigate conflict, and partnering with local governments, many of which have endorsed the Jaguar Corridor.

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-  Current Jaguar Range
-  Historic Jaguar Range



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