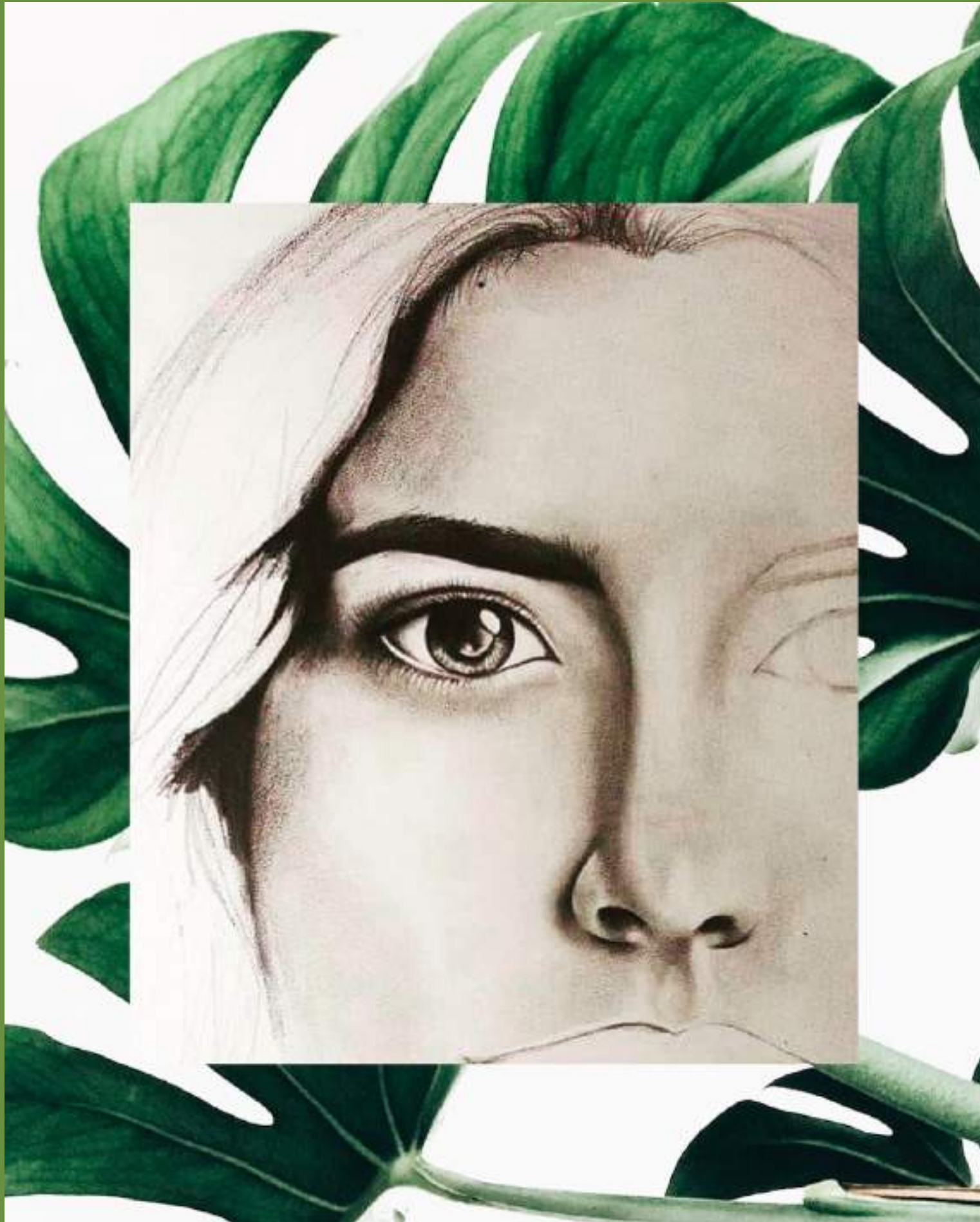




Impact Report

July 2022



OUR SINCEREST GRATITUDE

We created Women for Conservation as a direct result of the hardships we lived through. Our purpose is to transform trauma into action in ways that will improve women's lives while also healing the planet. It was an immense challenge through the pandemic, as we struggled to receive funding and reactivate project sites. Generous donors and partners came through for us at the exact moment we needed support most.

Now more than ever, society needs to empower women in order to mitigate a climate catastrophe. Because of your support, we have been able to multiply our action six fold. We are happy to share the stories of the people that have been positively impacted

2021 - 2022

Our Holistic Approach

to pressing socio-ecological problems



Nature Conservation

We empower women to lead in the field of conservation by offering them skills, tools and training to save wildlife.

Family Planning

We support women by providing them voluntary access to birth planning and information about reproductive rights.

Sustainable Livelihoods

We train women to adopt environmentally conscious lifestyles and businesses.

Our Impact in Numbers

Total People Served: 2019 - Present

2,577

TOTAL PEOPLE
SERVED

Participants by Programmatic Area



Family Planning Total



892

512 Implants
47 Tubal ligations
29 Vasectomies
251 Family Planning Ed
53 Health Follow-up

Sustainable Livelihoods Total



527

Workshops Include:

Food Handling Training
Ecotourism Guide Training
Artisanal Crafts Training
English Classes
Horticulture Classes

Conservation Education Total



1,158

Workshops Include:

Bird Watching
Tree Planting
English Classes
Classroom Programming
Safaris

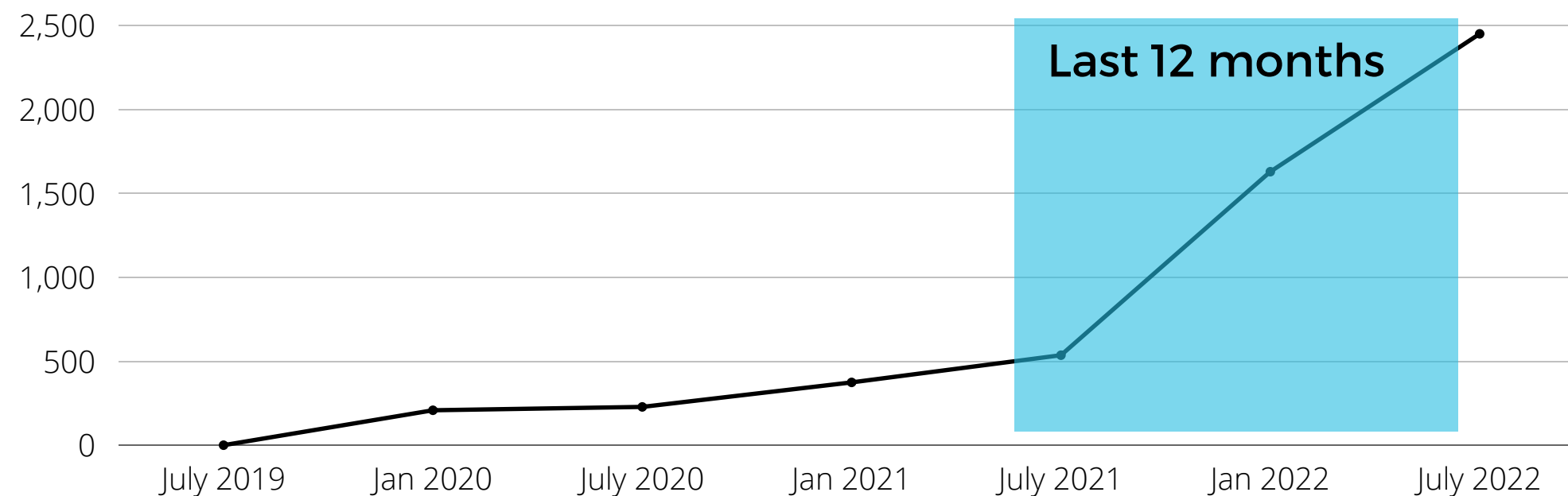
Our Impact in Numbers

Celebrating Exponential Growth: June 2021 - June 2022

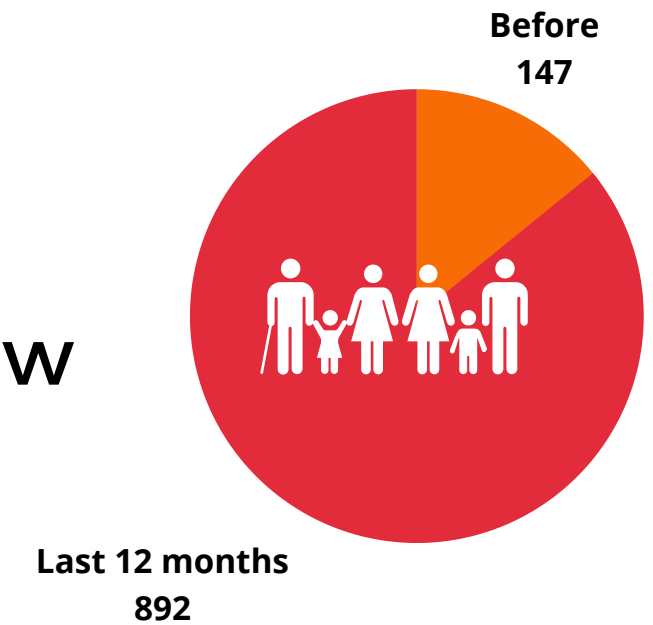
6X

During the past 12 months, our impact grew 6 fold in comparison to the the previous 12 month period!

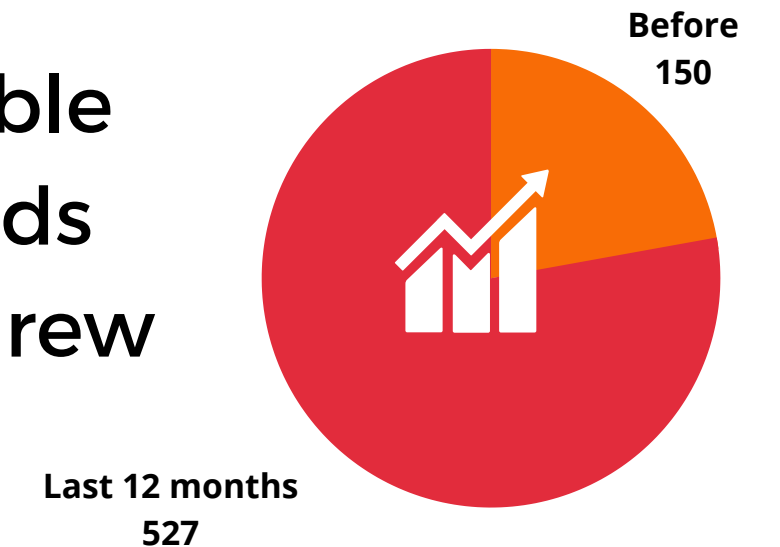
Total People Impacted Over Time



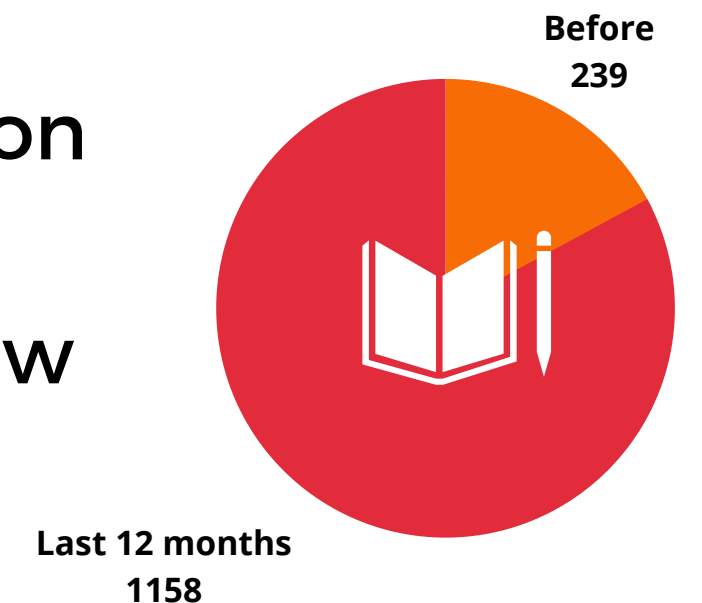
Family Planning Impact grew by **6X**

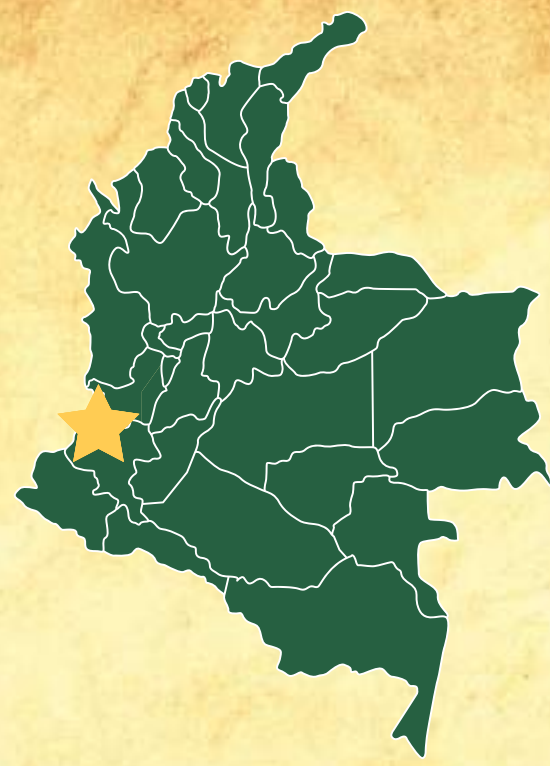


Sustainable Livelihoods Impact grew by **3.5X**



Conservation Education Impact grew by **4.8X**





Cauca, Municipality of Timbiquí

Rana Terrabilis Reserve

The poison dart frog (*Phyllobates terribilis*) is found in the nature reserve and in much of the reserve's buffer zones. The dart frog is endemic to the Colombian Pacific coast. This amphibian is currently considered the most poisonous vertebrate in the world. Its habitat is the humid forests of Chocó and Colombia. The Rana Terribilis ProAves Reserve also protects several key bird species including the Baudó Guan, which is in danger of extinction, as well as the Chilacoa Parada, in a vulnerable state, and the Chocó Curassow. The nature reserve is approximately 66 hectares. It is located in the department of Cauca, municipality of Timbiquí, in the urban area of the municipal seat, on the right bank of the Timbiquí River.

[See Video of Species](#)



Crax rubra (Vulnerable)



Phyllobates terribilis
(Endangered)(Endemic)



Penelope ortonii
(Endangered)



Rana Terrabillis Reserve

Nature Conservation Spotlight

Women for Conservation and ProAves teamed up to promote birdwatching and trash clean-up events in Timbiqui, Cauca, Colombia. The events were created to raise awareness regarding the importance of protecting this mega-diverse region, famous for its high levels of endemism.



Cleaning up the beaches is especially important for the wellbeing of marine and coastal birds, which participants have been able to learn about through our birdwatching classes. These educational excursions also promote education about local species and stresses the importance of co-existing with nature. Women for Conservation and ProAves have continued to be involved with the youth of this community through the creating of a local youth environmental group.

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Timbiqui, Cauca

Nature Conservation Spotlight: School Outreach

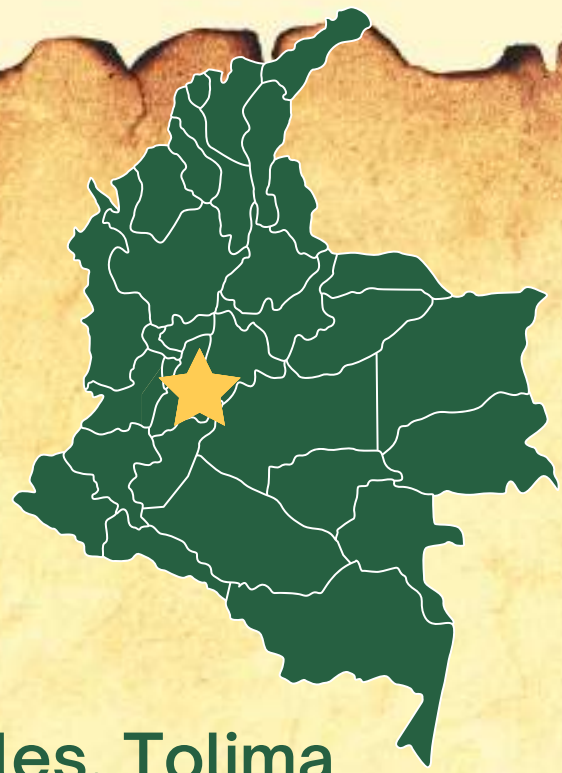
Women for Conservation and ProAves spearheaded a new school outreach program for second, fourth, and fifth graders from the rural communities of Timbiqui, close to the Ranita Terribilis ProAves Reserve.

The students are learning about local fauna, flora and water resources, as well as environmental science that will prepare them for careers in conservation and ecotourism.

This intervention is especially important in these communities within and is part of a multi-faceted effort to combat environmentally extractive industries.



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Roncesvalles, Tolima

Loros Andinos Reserve

The Andean Parrot ProAves Reserve (4,072 ha) is part of the Central Cordillera Endangered Andean Parrots Conservation Corridor, which is located between the municipalities of Roncesvalles, in the department of Tolima, and Génova, in the department of Quindío. The Corridor is made up of the 657-hectare ProAves Blue-crowned Parrot, El Mirador, and 4,072-ha Andean Parrot Reserve, giving a total of more than 6,700 ha of Andean, high-Andean, and paramo forest protected by the Corridor. With the formation of the corridor, the protection of forests that were previously strongly threatened by human actions with activities such as felling trees for wood extraction for domestic purposes, construction and charcoal production.



RESERVA PROAVES LOROS ANDINOS





WFC Field Coordinator: Andrea Cerquera

Coordinated environmental and biological education activities that respond to the needs of the five lines of work (Escuelas Amigos de las Aves, Friends of Bird Groups, Eco Christmas, Endangered and Migratory Parrots Festival). She promoted environmental education and conservation on different radios shows in Roncesvalles to educate the local population and promote WFC and ProAves.

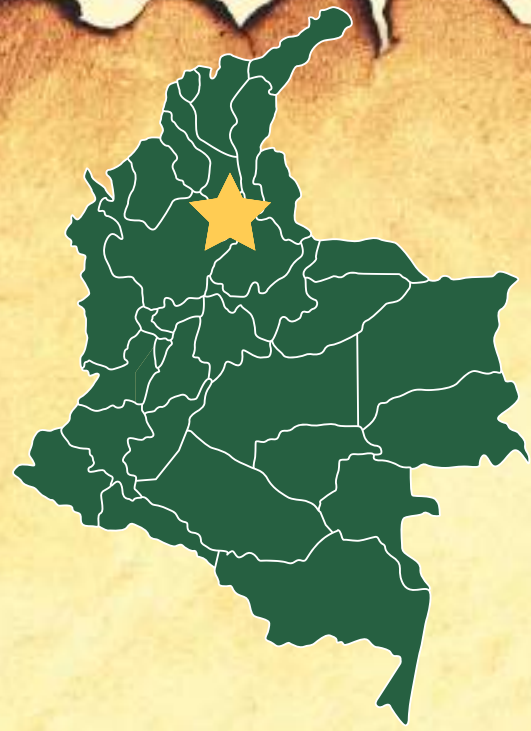
Loros Andinos Reserve

Environmental Education Spotlight

Women for Conservation has introduced an Environmental education program in Roncesvalles Schools. Students learn bird identification and instructions on how to use bird watching equipment. Students also learned how to use Ebird, bird guides and about migratory birds, which will prepare them for careers in nature guiding and research.

We also carried out for a bird watching workshop with CORTOLIMA, where adults learned about the key species in the area and how to protect them.





Municipality of San Vicente de Chucurí **Cerulean Warbler Reserve**

This Reserve contains 207.6 ha of tropical rainforest and is a strategic corridor to the larger Pauxi Pauxi ProAves Reserve. It is located on the western slope of the Colombian Eastern Cordillera next to the Yariguíes mountain range. Women for Conservation and ProAves worked with neighbors to connect the reserves by helping to germinate, cultivate and plant native species of trees that are now flourishing along with the shade grown cacao produced as the primary source of income for many farmers of the area. After over 20 years of community action, the two Nature Reserves are connected through ecological easements. The distance from the reserve to the nearest populated center is 7 kilometers. It is declared by the Alliance for Zero Extinction as an AZE site.



Dacnis hartlaubi
(Vulnerable)(Endemic)



Ramphastos vitellinus
(Vulnerable)



Puma concolor

Cerulean Reserve

Nature Conservation Spotlight

Women for Conservation has supported a youth environmental group to lead conservation projects in their community. We also raise awareness about conservation work in local schools and through supporting community art projects.

We have recently organized a local Women for Conservation Community group which receives support from us on projects that mutually support the local community and nature conservation.

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[Environmental Education photos](#)

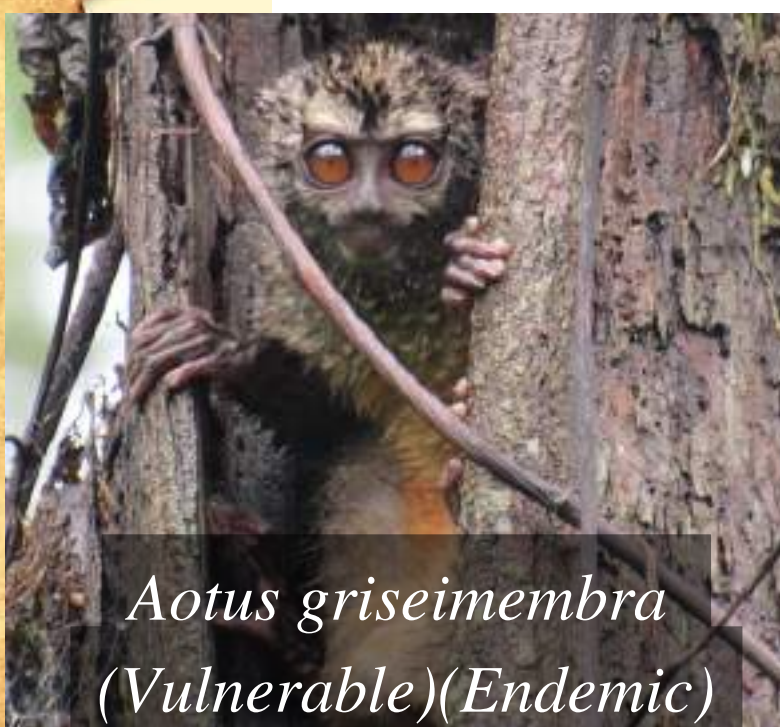




San Vicente, Santander

Pauxi Pauxi Reserve

Pauxi Pauxi Reserve spans across 1,940 hectares of premontane primary and secondary cloud forests. Among the most important birds in the Reserve are the Helmeted Curassow (*Pauxi pauxi*) in a vulnerable state, the Chestnut-bellied Hummingbird (CR), the Saffron-headed Parrot (VU), the White-mantled Barbet (VU), the Ash Habia (VU), and the Cerulean Warbler (VU), among others. Likewise, the forests of the Reserve present a high diversity of mammals, among which are the Spectacled Bear, ocelots, monkeys, squirrels, armadillos, anteaters, deer and foxes.



Aotus griseimembra
(Vulnerable)(Endemic)



Saucerottia cyanifrons
(Endemic)



Pauxi Pauxi
(Critically Endangered)



Pauxi Pauxi Reserve

Saving a Rainforest from Destruction

We have raised enough funds to save a Magdalena Rainforest from destruction! We were able to acquire 183 acres of strategic land, which will block a proposed road from cutting through the heart of our Pauxi Pauxi Reserve. This reserve expansion is essential for the protection of the critically endangered Blue Billed Curassow, and other endangered and endemic species that depend on this unique habitat for survival.



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Chocó Rainforest

El Pangán Reserve

El Pangan is our biggest nature reserve, spanning Approximately 8,500 hectares. With 360 species of birds inhabit this Reserve, including 21 threatened, 2 endangered, 13 near threatened, 4 vulnerable, and 49 endemic. There is an approximate record of 21 species of amphibians, 17 species of Reptiles and 36 species of mammals.

It is strategically located because it is part of a great binational corridor in conjunction with other protected areas and indigenous reservations; thus allowing the conservation of the habitat of approximately 45 species of endemic birds such as the Pangán (*Cephalopterus penduliger*). It is also listed by the Alliance for Zero Extinction as an AZE site.



Cephalopterus penduliger
(Vulnerable)



Geotrygon purpurata
(Endangered)



Neomorphus radiolosus
(Endangered)



The Pangan Reserve

Infrastructure Improvements Support Local School Field-trips

Women for Conservation was able to support improvements to the Ranger Station which made it accessible to local school students.

In May, 2021 a group of students from the Universidad del Valle were able to visit the reserve, guided by local indigenous that we hired to share their knowledge of the natural environment.

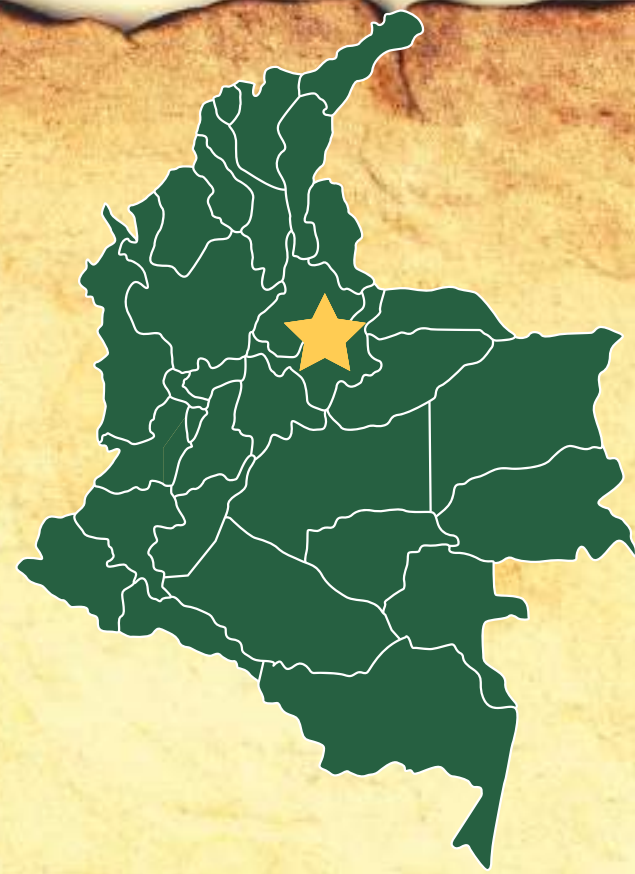
We were recently able to celebrate our first school field trip, and plan to instigate many more now that the infrastructure is accessible to all!



Basiliscus galeritus (Almost-Endemic)



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Serranía de las Quinchas, Municipality
of Puerto Boyacá

El Paujil Reserve

About 377 species of birds have been registered in this place, of which 7 are endemic species, 8 almost endemic and 8 threatened; 43 species of non-flying mammals of which 18 are threatened; 32 species of amphibians where there is 1 threatened species and 46 species of reptiles.



Agamia agami
(*Vulnerable*)



Melanerpes pulcher
(*Endemic*)



Euphonia concinna
(*Decreasing*) (*Endemic*)

The Paujil Reserve

Celebrating Two New Female Forest Rangers

Women for Conservation added two new women to our forest Guard training program! The women joined ProAves Rangers for training in the skills needed to monitor and manage endangered species in the El Paujil Reserve.

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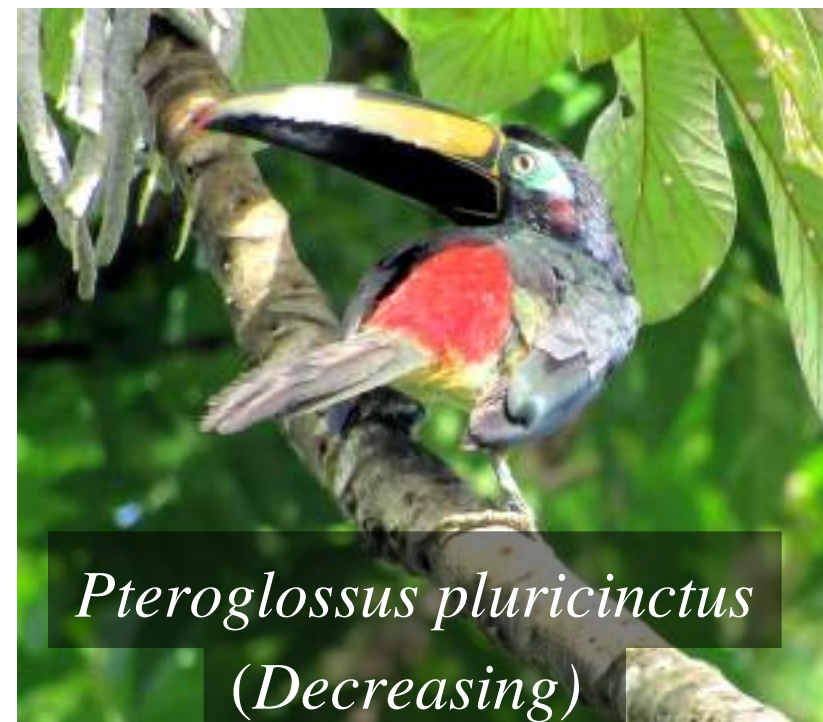
Mapiripán

El Jaguar Reserve

Reserva El Jaguar was created in 2013 with the aim of protecting and conserving the habitat of the most threatened species in the region. The reserve contains a large density of high profile species, including the Pink Amazon River Dolphin (EN), the Tapir (VU), the Giant River Otter (EN), the Andean Spectacled Bear (VU), the Capibara, Lowland Paca, the Jaguar (NT), and at least 364 species of birds.



Panthera onca
(Near Threatened)

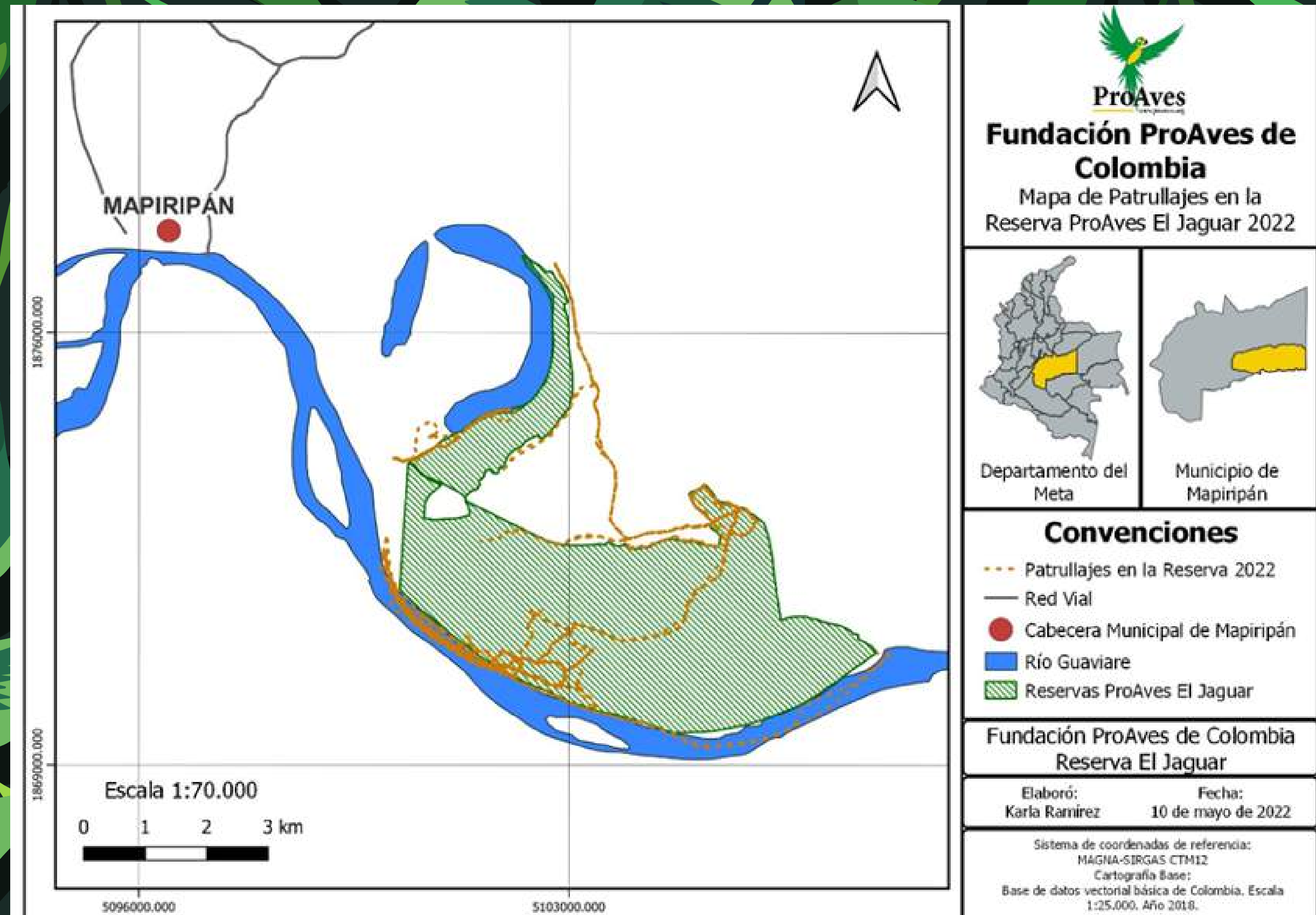


Pteroglossus pluricinctus
(Decreasing)



Lagothrix lagotricha
(Vulnerable)

AMAZON NATURE RESERVE MAP





El Jaguar Reserve New WFC Field Coordinator

Generous funding from donors and partners allowed us to hire Camila Carvajal as our new local WFC Field Coordinator. Camila, who manages the FAO Leadership and Gender program, held workshops with women's groups in the rural area of Mapiripán. She reported on the campaign to publicize the WFC Family Planning program and invite the women to become a part of WFC.



El Jaguar Reserve

Family Planning Success

Women for Conservation and Profamilia coordinated the logistics for a new Mapiripán Family Planning program. The Governmental Social Director and Secretary of Government along with the local Mayoral Family Commissioner supported the facilities needed for the campaign. Together, we procured a community space to carry out the informative talk with chairs, bathroom area for pregnancy tests, an area adequate with a stretcher in a private room, and an office area with a desk for the facilitators.

The event was held on March 15-17, 2022, where 75 Jadelle devices were successfully implanted. A note was made by the Mayor's Office and photos and videos were uploaded to the Drive folder.

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W4C has supported the salary of Luisa Chavez (far right)





El Jaguar Reserve Conservation Spotlight

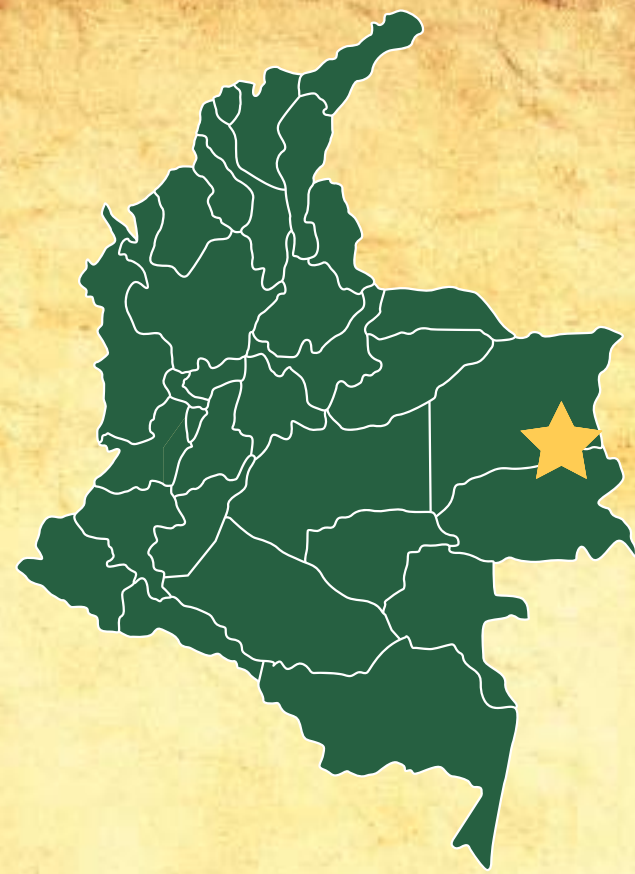
W4C participated in an environmental conference with the Secretary of the Municipal Government. The conference was convened by the youth network of the Mapiripán Environment, the youth council, and the Mapiripán Bird Watchers Club. The event raised awareness about the garbage in areas near the Mapiripán beaches that are formed during the dry season, but end up down river when the Guaviare River begins to rise.

During the months of January to March, different field trips were carried out with the Mapiripán Bird Watchers Club to increase community engagement around local conservation initiatives.

Additionally, we have invested to improve basic infrastructure for visitors and students at the Jaguar Reserve.

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San Jose del Guaviare

Aguila Arpia Reserve

Located 12 hours by boat from the San Jose del Guaviare, this Reserve protects the habitat of more than 310 species of birds, including the ever elusive Harpy Eagle. Other large mammals are monitored on the Nature Reserve, including Jaguars, Giant Anteaters, Tapirs, Giant River Otters, primates, and more.



Harpia harpyja
(Vulnerable)

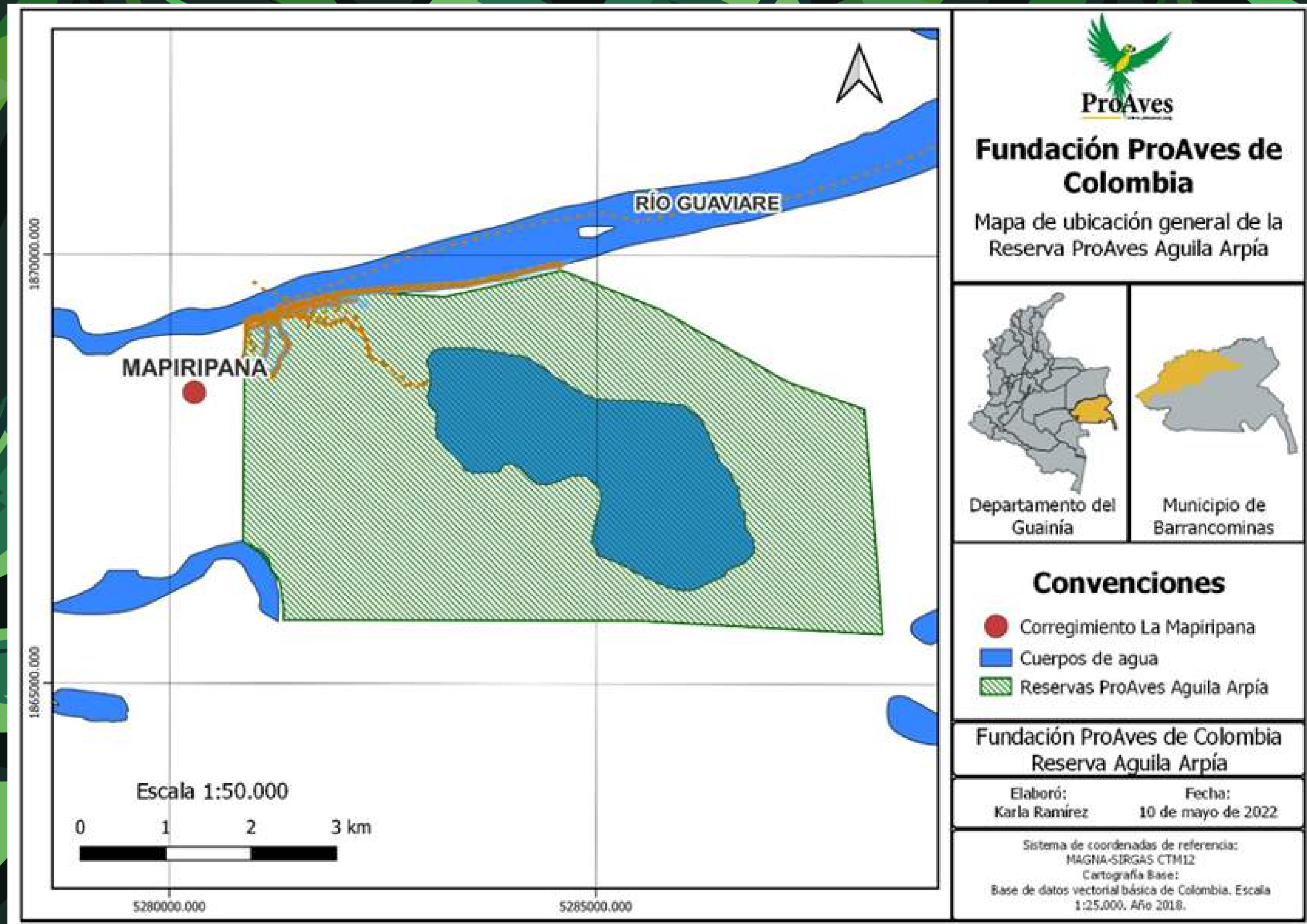


Tapirus terrestres
(Vulnerable)



Pteronura brasiliensis
(Endangered)

AMAZON NATURE RESERVE MAP



Harpy Eagle Reserve

Ranger Ninfa

Ninfa Estella Carianil, a 31 year old woman of indigenous descent is the Harpy Eagle ProAves forest guard. She came to this conservation area 8 years ago to accompany her husband Jose Rufino Mora, who worked with ProAves as the primary forest guard of the area. Unfortunately, Ninfa lost her son and later her husband. Her husband died during the pandemic due to heart complications.

Thanks to the support of generous donors, Ninfa Carianil has continued her work monitoring species in the Harpy Eagle Reserve. She continues to work full time as a forest guard and is dedicated to conservation, to support herself and her family.

[Read our news article](#)

[Read about Ninfa's IUCN Award](#)

“I worked a lot with (Jose Rufino Mora) in the fields, we even worked here in the Reserve with the foundation. This is when he passed away, because he suffered from heart problems. When the Covid-19 virus began, he could not go out to have some tests, that is why he died. When he passed away, I wanted to follow in his footsteps because I saw that he worked very well with the foundation. I liked the idea of taking care of the animals. I feel that by continuing with the same story, he will be supporting me in everything. As if he was there with me.”

- Ninfa



Harpy Eagle Reserve

Training Ninfa & Improving Reserve Infrastructure

Women for Conservation supported mentoring and training for Ninfa, the first woman to serve as a ProAves reserve ranger. Ninfa was recognized as a winner of the International Park Rangers Award of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and the World Commission on Protected Areas, developed in collaboration with the International Ranger Federation, Global Wildlife Conservation, and Conservation Allies. This great environmental recognition highlights the extraordinary work that Ninfa and others are doing on the front lines to protect nature and endangered wildlife.

IW4C also supported improvements to living facilities on The Harpy Eagle ProAves Reserve. Luisa Chaves went on a supervision visit from March 17-21, 2022, where the purchase materials corresponding to the photovoltaic energy installations were finalized. We are in the process of improving the living situation for Ninfa, as the small house where she was living was frequently inundated and was very basic. With these improvements, we hope that Ninfa can continue to carry out her work with better living conditions. We have also made infrastructure improvements in anticipation of future visits from WFC Coordinators and ProAves staff.

[Read her IUCN article](#)





Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta

El Dorado Reserve

The ProAves El Dorado Nature Reserve protects ~2,500 acres of subtropical cloud forest in the Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta in northern Colombia. Santa Marta is the highest coastal range in the tropics and Boasts some of the highest rates of bird endemism in the world, the range is home to over 600 bird species, including endemics such as the Santa Marta Parakeet (*Pyrrhura viridicata*) and the Santa Marta Warbler (*Basileuterus basilicus*), as well as a diversity of rare and endemic amphibian species like the critically endangered Harlequin frog (*Atelopus nahumae*).



Pyrrhura viridicata
(Endangered) (*Endemic*)



Ara militaris
(Vulnerable) (*Endemic*)



Atelopus laetissimus
(Endangered) (*Endemic*)



Vista Nieves, Santa Marta

Conservation Education Spotlight



Women for Conservation provides English classes to young children in Vista Nieves Sierra Nevada Santa Marta. Women for Conservation hosted a guest teacher and recipient of the Fulbright Scholarship, on June 15th, 2021, to meet with the children and mothers of the community and work hands on with them with an English class. We hope to continue bringing teachers and instructors passionate about conservation and community development to rural communities throughout Colombia. It is our mission to provide small rural communities with chances to build and grow through education.

[See Instagram Post](#)



Vista Nieves, Santa Marta

Empowering the Next Generation of Ecotourism Leaders

Women for Conservation has been focusing our efforts on developing sustainable ecotourism in the rural communities in the Sierra Nevada of Santa Marta.

Women for Conservation seeks to strengthen conservation efforts, develop environmental education programs, certifications in the tourism sector and address gender issues in ecotourism. As a result, we promote an environmentally sustainable economy!

[See Instagram Post](#)



Reserva El Dorado

Guest Field Report

Empower to Plan Project Coordinator, Catriona Spaven-Donn, visited Women for Conservation over International Women's Day in March to reflect on how the group is empowering women to protect endangered species and their habitats as well as become decision and change-makers in their own lives.

"As deforestation and habitat loss drive up extinction rates in this incredible ecosystem, conservation, environmental education and family planning have never been more important. By addressing all three needs at once, Women for Conservation is creating a ripple effect of change as local girls and women become nature and water protectors with the ability to make decisions about their bodies, their families and their futures."
- Catriona Spaven-Donn

[Read her full field report](#)



Taganga, Santa Marta

Expanding Family Planning

Women for Conservation expanded our family planning workshops to Taganga, Santa Marta. By April 28th, twenty-four women had already been empowered with women's health education and contraceptive resources. Additionally, in August of 2021, more than 100 women had already received access to safe and reliable contraceptive methods.

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Zona Bananera, Santa Marta

FAMILY PLANNING TESTIMONY



"When I got pregnant, I was too embarrassed to stay in school. If I had heard about the family planning clinic earlier, I could have avoided pregnancy. I'm not going to have another one now, that would only set me back more. In the future I'd like to study and I also want my children to study. If the mother succeeds, her children can as well. I hope they can do what I didn't manage to do."

- Andris Arias, 19 years old (2 children)

Zona Bananera, Santa Marta

FAMILY PLANNING TESTIMONY

"I chose to get the implant because I have already lost two babies, one in 2020 and another in 2021. It was so painful. But this implant lets me decide when to have my children. Now I can study, work, see the world, and in the future I can have children when I have a job and when I'm able to give my child more opportunities. But right now I'm looking after myself so that I can study and not have to worry about getting pregnant."

- Ana Marquis, 18 years old (no children)



Zona Bananera, Santa Marta

FAMILY PLANNING TESTIMONY

"Personally, I decided to get the implant because it's necessary to prevent unwanted and early pregnancies. This program has helped us a lot because here in the community where we live there are many many girls who haven't finished school and they're already pregnant. Their boyfriends leave them, they don't live together, and so this program really helps us because with implants, we can avoid getting pregnant. I believe that this program has been very good for all of us."

- Linda Gabriel Sierra, 20 years old (1 child)



EL DORADO RESERVE Forest Guard Drone Training

Isabella gave Forest Guards in the El Dorado Bird Reserve drone training. This technique allows the conservation team to monitor large areas of the reserve remotely. This is critical for surveying forest health.

[See Instagram Post](#)



All Women Birding Tour



Women for Conservation's celebrated our second annual All Women Birding Tour in December 2021. Creating ecotourism spaces that are inclusive for all people is an important way for us to spread our work internationally.

[See Instagram Post](#)



El Dorado Reserve

Sustainable Livelihoods Spotlight: Supporting Culinary Microbusinesses



Women for Conservation seeks to promote women's economic empowerment in ways that mutually benefit rural communities and biodiversity conservation. In December 2021, we celebrated the graduation of 15 women from our new intensive program in culinary arts and food handling. The program involved 10 classes with a professional chef and an official certification in food hygiene. The main focus of the courses were in ecotourism, specifically on vegetarian and vegan options, recycling programs, waste water, and biodegradable products for cleaning.

We designed this program at the request of a local women's group that identified the financial costs of training and certification as major barriers to women who want to establish ecotourism micro-businesses. At the graduation ceremony, many of the women cried, and told us that this program will make a huge difference in their lives, allowing them to financially provide for their families and children.

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[Watch video testimony.](#)

El Dorado Reserve

Culinary Micro- Businesses Testimony



[Watch full testimony.](#)

"(Women for Conservation) has been like a miracle for me because it rescued me from a time when I was feeling the dullness of not doing anything, of feeling, I don't know, useless, or something like that. But Women for Conservation has helped me overcome that feeling.

With Women for Conservation, we have ventured beyond our village, learned new things, and opened ourselves to new ways of living which is especially important for the wellbeing of the next generation. We are opening opportunities for our children that are so much better than what we had before, when women were denied opportunities. I believe Women for Conservation has helped us learn, teach our children, and empower the next generations. Thank you so much."

- Nuris Becerra, WFC participant

EL DORADO RESERVE

Cultural Events: Revival Music Festival and FestiCacao

Women for Conservation co-sponsored the Revival Music Festival and used the platform to raise awareness of conservation and our work with family planning through art and music



[See Instagram Post - Revival Festival](#)

[See Instagram Post - FestiCacao](#)

[See Instagram Post - TV Appearance](#)



Women for Conservation co-sponsored the fifth annual Festival of Coffee and Cocoa. “FestiCacao” 2021 celebrated the vast cultural and biological diversity of Colombia. Attendees learned all about incredible varieties of Coffee and Cocoa, as well as Conservation efforts that are underway to empower sustainable cultivation.



Isabella Cortes Lara, was featured on Telecaribe’s program “Nuestras Mañanas” to discuss the Festival of Coffee and Cocoa.



Municipality of Carmen de Atrato

Las Tángaras Reserve

This region is home to the world's wettest rainforests which averages over 33 feet of annual precipitation. Thanks to this lush tropical rainfall, the Colombian Chocó rainforests are considered one of the most floristically diverse in the Neotropics, counting with more than 5,000 species of vascular plants. Along with plant species, this is an area that is globally important for bird endemism with 110 bird species found nowhere else, like the Chocó Vireo that was discovered in the early nineties, while the Chocó region is home to nearly 900 species of birds.



Bangsia aureocincta
(Vulnerable) (Endemic)



Hypopyrrhus pyrohypogaster
(Vulnerable) (Endemic)



Ognorhynchus icterotis
(Vulnerable)

Las Tangaras Reserve

Carmen De Atrato



Women for Conservation currently works in the municipality of Carmen de Atrato, Chocó located approximately 5 hours from the closest cities of Medellín, Antioquia and Quibdó, Chocó.

Copper mining constitutes one of the major sources of income and employment for this town. During the past few decades, there has been civil unrest throughout the majority of the Chocó, however now the community of Guadas approximately 2 hours from Carmen de Atrato is recognized as one of the most important reconciliation stories of Colombia.

Guaduas, del nacimiento de una guerrilla a la paz

En esta vereda de Carmen de Atrato, Chocó, nació en 1993 el Ejército Revolucionario Guevarista, que fue por muchos años símbolo de la guerra. Ahora, los habitantes dejaron a un lado sus odios y dolor para construir una nueva sociedad basada en la reconciliación.

25/11/2017



“In this village of Carmen de Atrato, Chocó, the Guevarista Revolutionary Army was born in 1993, which was for many years a symbol of war. Now, the inhabitants put aside their hatred and pain to build a new society based on reconciliation.” - Semana.com

[Read full Semana news article](#)

Las Tangaras Reserve

Hiring WFC Coordinator Lucy Buitrago



With the support of generous donors, we have been able to hire Lucy Buitrago for her services leading WFC workshops throughout the municipality of Carmen de Atrato and surrounding areas.

Lucy is a nurse and Leader in the JAC of Carmen de Atrato. She has been leading environmental efforts in Carmen de Atrato for 15 years and is passionate about the human dimension component in WFC. She is a crucial part of the planning, coordination and implementation of the family planning brigades and environmental education workshops.

[Her testimony can be seen in this campaign video \(2:05\).](#)



Las Tangaras Reserve Hiring Fanny Mosqueras

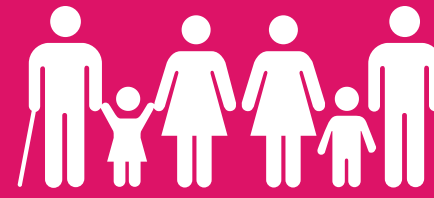
Fanny Mosqueras' training costs and salary were supported through WFC donations from May 31 2021 to March 2022. Fanny began training as a forest guard with us in 2019, and her training continued through September 2021. In September we hired her under contract with ProAves until the beginning of April 2022.

She has always been incredibly motivated, and greatly appreciative of WFC's support, especially within the precarious context of the pandemic. She is no longer working with us under contract but is continuing under a more flexible arrangement because of personal preference. She continues to live in the Tangaras reserve with her two children while her husband continues working as a forest guard. We are incredibly grateful that donor funding was able to make Fanny's employment possible.



Carmen De Atrato

Family Planning Spotlights



The week of January 31st, Women for Conservation were able to provide 63 women with family planning procedures in the rural municipality of Carmen de Atrato.

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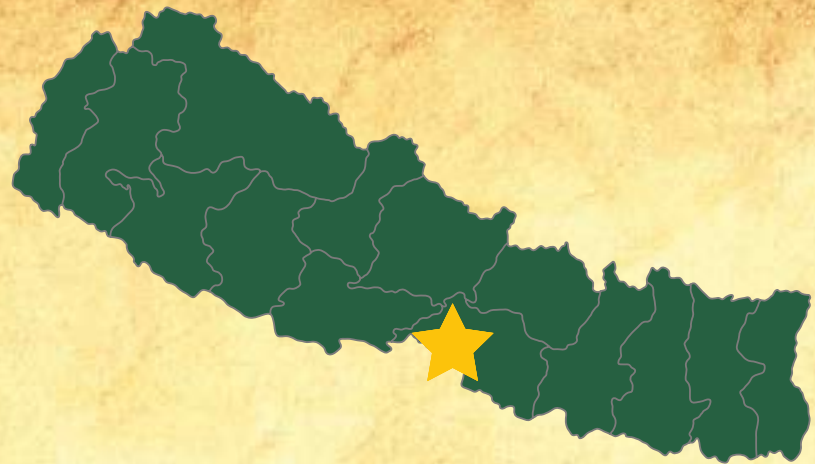
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On March 25th, we set a new record for procedures provided in a single day, by providing 93 families in Zona Bananera and Carmen de Atrato with family planning procedures that will allow them to plan when they want to get pregnant. The procedures included contraceptive implants for women and the first series of Vasectomies with men from Carmen de Atrato.

All surgical procedures (vasectomies and tubal ligations) were conducted in Medellin, located 5 hours away from the municipality of Carmen de Atrato. With the support of generous donors we were able to cover the costs of transportation and all other related expenses so that individuals were able to access family planning care.

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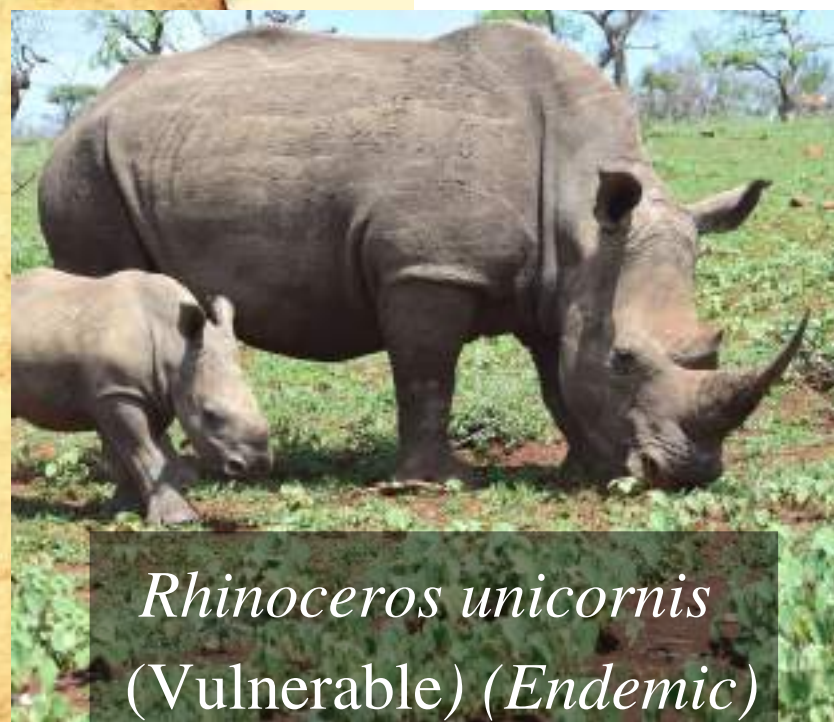
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Chitwan National Park

Nepal

Chitwan National Park was established in 1973 as the first national park in Nepal, covering 367 square miles of the subtropical Inner Terai lowlands. Chitwan is home to over 700 wildlife species, although insects, butterflies, and moths have still not been properly surveyed. At least 543 bird species have been sighted, including two-thirds of Nepal's threatened bird species. The Park is home to 68 mammal species, including the Bengal Tiger (EN), Sloth Bear (VU), Greater one-horned rhinoceros (VU), Indian Pangolin (EN), and more.



Rhinoceros unicornis
(Vulnerable) (Endemic)



Manis crassicaudata
(Endangered)



Panthera tigris tigris
(Endangered)



Nepal

Nature Conservation Spotlight

Women for Conservation and Birds Nepal seek to provide engaging, hands-on, educational experiences to get students excited about protecting nature, and to prepare them for sustainable economic futures. In addition to School Safari Field Trips, Tree planting events, birdwatching excursions, and environmental education in the classroom, Women for Conservation also provides scholarships to low income students so they can buy school supplies and shoes.



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Nepal

Environmental Education

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Women for Conservation took three jeeps full of thirty-five students on a safari in Chitwan National Park and they were beyond excited to see 12 rare Indian One-horned Rhinos and many other wild animals during the 3.5 hour safari. The youth were amazed by all the incredible animals they saw, and many now say they want to be park rangers when they grow up. We are now planning to do a safari every month to provide this transformative educational experience to all 30 schools in the area.

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Nepal

Sustainable Livelihoods Spotlight



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Women for Conservation and Birds Nepal's Sustainable Livelihoods program is a three month long family planning and environmental education program. In the Sustainable Livelihoods program, marginalized women in Nepal undergo sewing training. This program is designed to give women of ethnic minorities sustainable job training that can help them generate income for their families and begin micro businesses that do not depend on the extraction and degradation of natural resources. By providing economic livelihoods that don't depend on natural resource exploitation, we are working to preserve Nepal's natural resources and biodiversity.

Nepal

Environmental Education: Bird Watching

Educational bird-watching trips get kids excited about the majesty of nature, while also setting the stage for future employment in environmental careers. Shanta, with our partner Birds Nepal, leads students on bird-watching trips and teaches students the names of birds in English. Teaching English in tandem with environmental science prepares these youth with the skills needed to promote ecotourism and sustainable economic futures.

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Coracias benghalensis





International Events, Press, and Speaking Engagements



To Save a Forest,
Look to the Women



Marseille, France

IUCN Conservation Congress 2021

Sara Inés Lara and Isabella Cortes attended the IUCN World Conservation Congress 2021. They attended the Global Youth Summit: Looking to the Future.

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[Watch Youtube Interview](#)



IUCN
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Marseille



Paris, France

For Women In Science Festival

Sara Lara recognized at L'Oréal- UNESCO's "For Women In Science" festival 2021. Women for Conservation's founder and president, Sara Inés Lara, was chosen as one of 5 representatives from South America. 40 female innovators were part of the festival, sharing their inspiring stories about how they are changing the world through their love for science, research and the environment.



[Click here to watch Sara's Speech](#)

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Expanding Our Network

Sara Lara joined the panel on a Population Matters seminar to share the insights into why advancing gender equality is key to improving lives and protecting the planet. She was also featured on the cover of their quarterly magazine as well as featured in an interview.

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[Watch Message to COP26 Delegates](#)

Collaboration and support from Otterfonds Foundation to continue family planning and education on three sites.

Currently in the process of applying for membership with IUCN.



Expanding Our Network

Collaboration with Brevard Zoo. Brevard Zoo has committed to supporting us over the next 3 years, in an effort to protect Colombia's incredible biodiversity while helping us empower women and establish a thriving sustainable ecotourism economy.



Meet Our Newest Conservation Partners

February 8, 2022

Tags: conservation, Quarters for Conservation

We're excited to be working with Women for Conservation, our newest partners, to support their work in South America to protect wildlife and provide opportunities to local women.



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WFC in the News

Sara Inés Lara was honored with a chapter in the new book Female Heroes of Bird Conservation by Rosemary Low.

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Sara Lara joined Catriona Spaven-Donn on Nature Solutionaries' podcast to discuss how family planning programs help women live better lives and get involved in local protection of nature.

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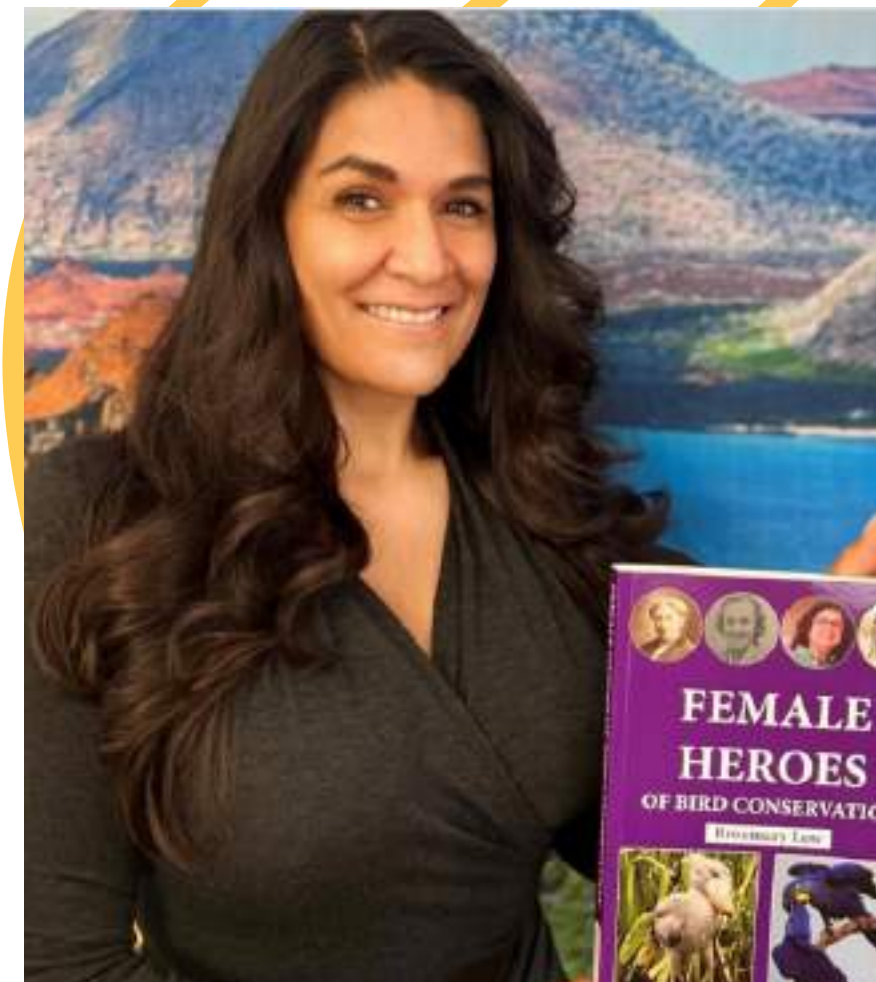
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Women for Conservation was featured in YesMagazine! in an article by environmental journalist Veronika Perková. The article follows the story of Sara Inés Lara through her journey of becoming a leading voice for conservation in Colombia, and how she landed on women's empowerment initiatives as a powerful solution to environmental challenges.

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New Podcast!



Speaking Engagements

Isabella Cortes participated in “Deep Roots, Strong Branches: Women Leaders on the Frontlines of Forest Protection”. Her and two other barrier-breaking female environmentalists speak about how gender equality strengthens forest protection.

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[Watch Webinar \(49:00\)](#)

Presentation At Capitol Hill Day Sunday, March 20: Climate, Population, and Reproductive Health: 6:30 pm ET: Sara Lara, Founder and Executive Director, Women for Conservation, and Joan Castro, Executive Vice President, PATH Foundation Philippines.

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Highland School presentation: Sara shared about environmental success stories and the role of young professionals as a catalyst for change.

Invitation Sara Ines Lara to co-chair 20x20 task force initiative of The World Resource Institute.

Join Planet Women & One Tree Planted for a special International Women's Day Event!



Dr. Gladys Kalema-Zikusoka
Chief Executive Officer & Co-Founder
Conservation Through Public Health

Isabella Cortes
Director of Conservation
Women for Conservation

Kathleen "Kas" Guillozet
Watersheds Senior Program Director
Bonneville Environmental Foundation

Deep Roots, Strong Branches:
Women on the Frontlines
of Forest Protection

March 8, 2022 at 9am PST/12pm EST

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Promoting Girls and Women in Science



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Women for Conservation promotes the inclusion of all women and girls pursuing careers in science and conservation. We are dream of a future where the full potential of women is realized towards the goal of solving the world's most pressing scientific challenges.

