



LAND ACQUISITION FUND SAFEGUARDING HABITAT OF ENDANGERED SPECIES

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The habitat of many endangered species is disappearing at a rapid pace. Deforestation is a major cause of the loss or fragmentation of habitats for many animals, such as the golden lion tamarin and the jaguar, and plants. But we can turn the tide. The IUCN NL Land Acquisition Fund contributes to protecting, restoring, and connecting the habitat of vulnerable and endangered species.

For 25 years, the Land Acquisition Fund has been supporting local organisations to purchase natural areas in collaboration with the communities in the area. This is a fast and cost-efficient way to protect important habitat.

CONNECTING HABITAT

Deforestation is making it increasingly difficult for many species to reproduce and to gather food. These barriers can severely affect the population of a species and, at a larger scale, the biodiversity of the area.

Protecting a relatively small area can often make a great difference, for example by connecting two forest fragments. Through these natural bridges, also called corridors, important migration routes of animal and plant species are being restored.

LOCAL PARTNERS MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE

Carefully selected nature organisations have the ownership and management of the privately protected areas. These local partners work closely with the local communities.



If we want to face the current threats, only one thing really works: purchasing and protecting natural areas in collaboration with local NGOs and communities.

Arjan Dwarshuis, Land Acquisition Fund Ambassador

SINCE 2001, WE HAVE SUPPORTED...

167

projects in...

43

countries around the world, protecting...

61.000

hectares of nature



Species: Golden lion tamarin
Country: Brasil
Status: Endangered
Habitat protected since 2007



Species: Persian leopard
Country: Iraq
Status: Critically endangered
Habitat protected since 2019



Species: Asian elephant
Country: India
Status: Endangered
Habitat protected since 2006



Species: Blue-throated macaw
Country: Bolivia
Status: Critically endangered
Habitat protected since 2008



Species: White-collared lemur
Country: Madagascar
Status: Critically endangered
Habitat protected since 2013



BECOME A PARTNER



APPLY FOR FUNDING TO CREATE SAFE HABITAT

Supported by a growing number of private donors, the Land Acquisition Fund provides funding to local NGOs and CSOs aiming to acquire threatened nature, create safe reserves, and connect wildlife habitat for endangered species. This can be done through purchase or long-term lease.

The annual deadline for submitting the preproposal is in May. For more information about the application process and criteria, visit [our website](#).



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