



Protecting Colombia's Rich Biodiversity



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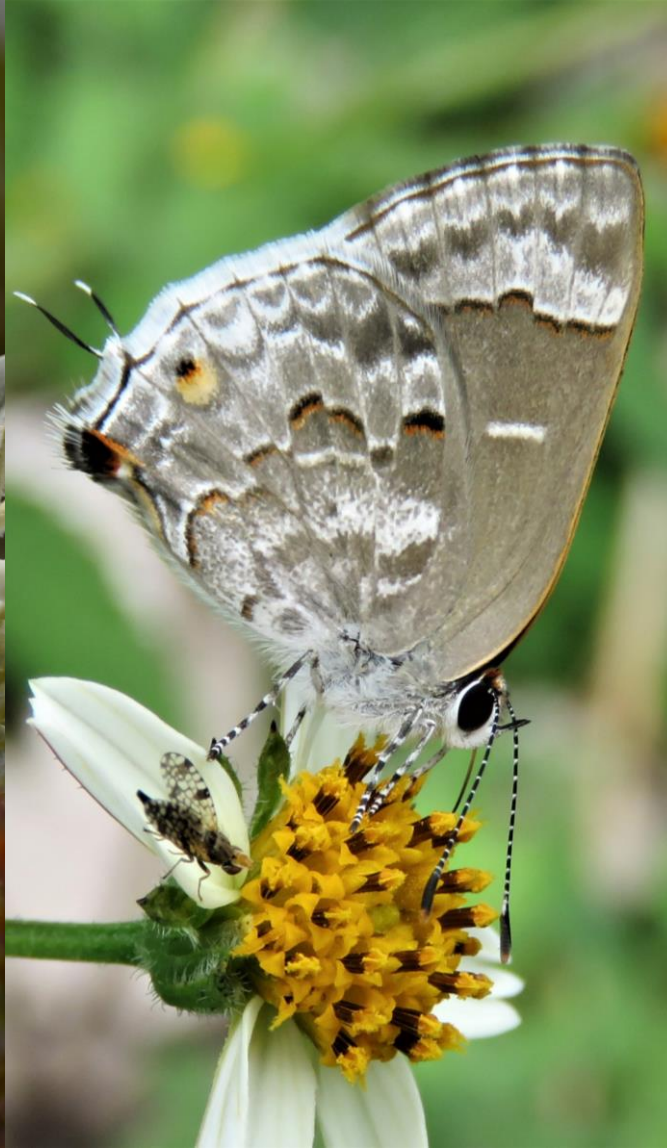
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Colombia is among the most biodiverse countries in the world—home to rich bird and orchid biodiversity...





...as well as plants, amphibians, butterflies, freshwater fish...

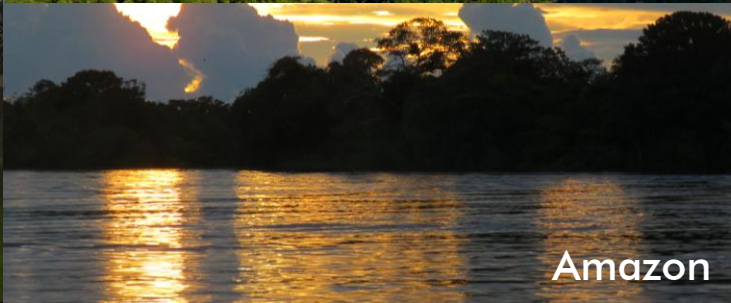
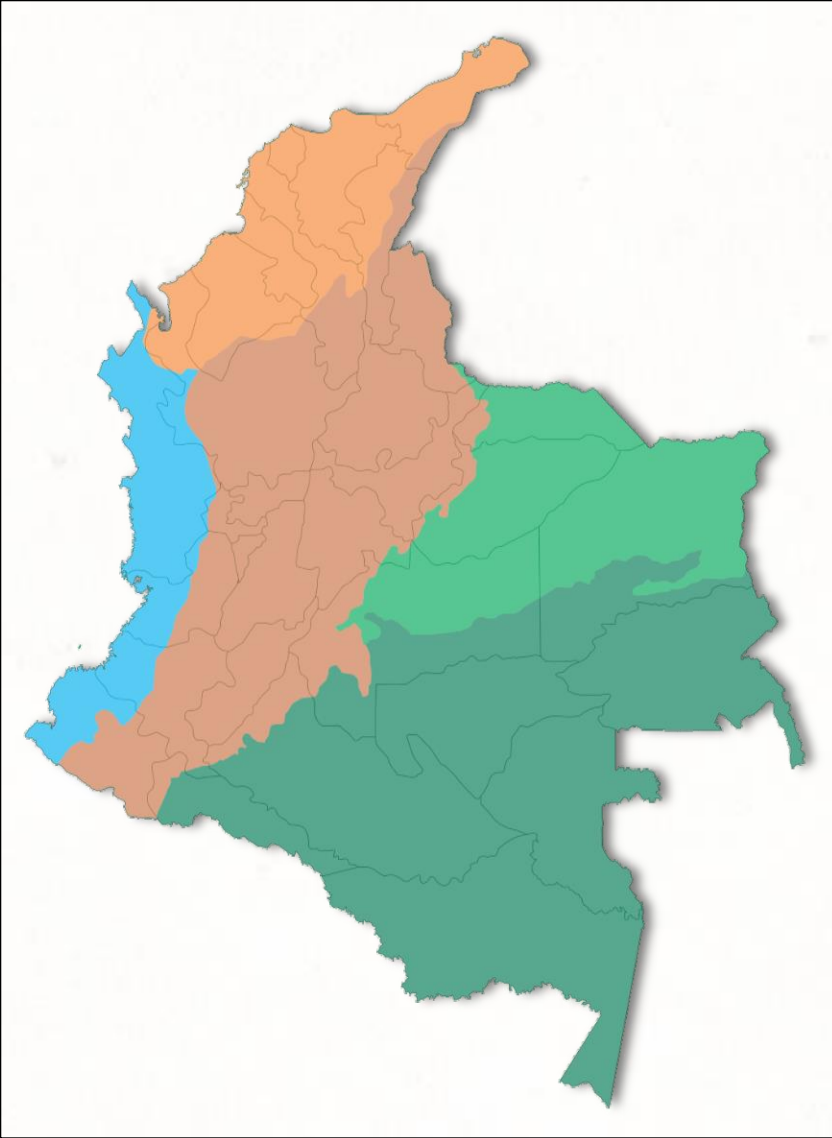


...palms and reptiles...



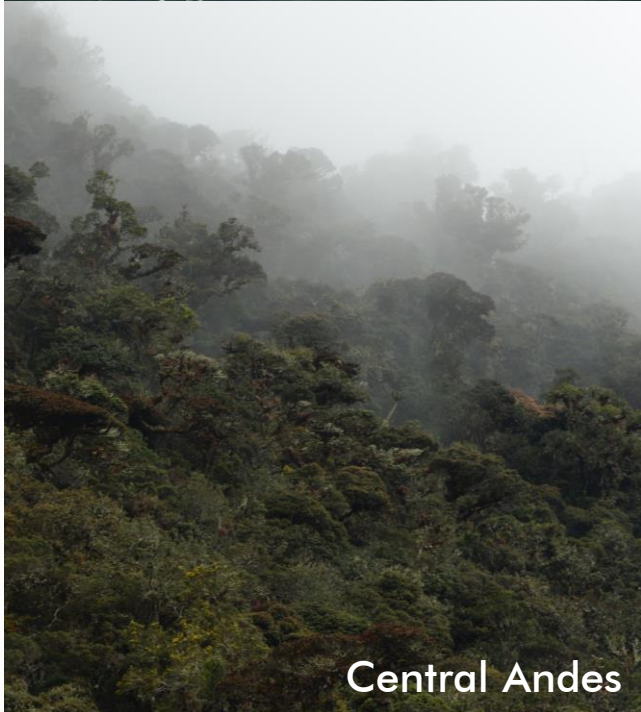
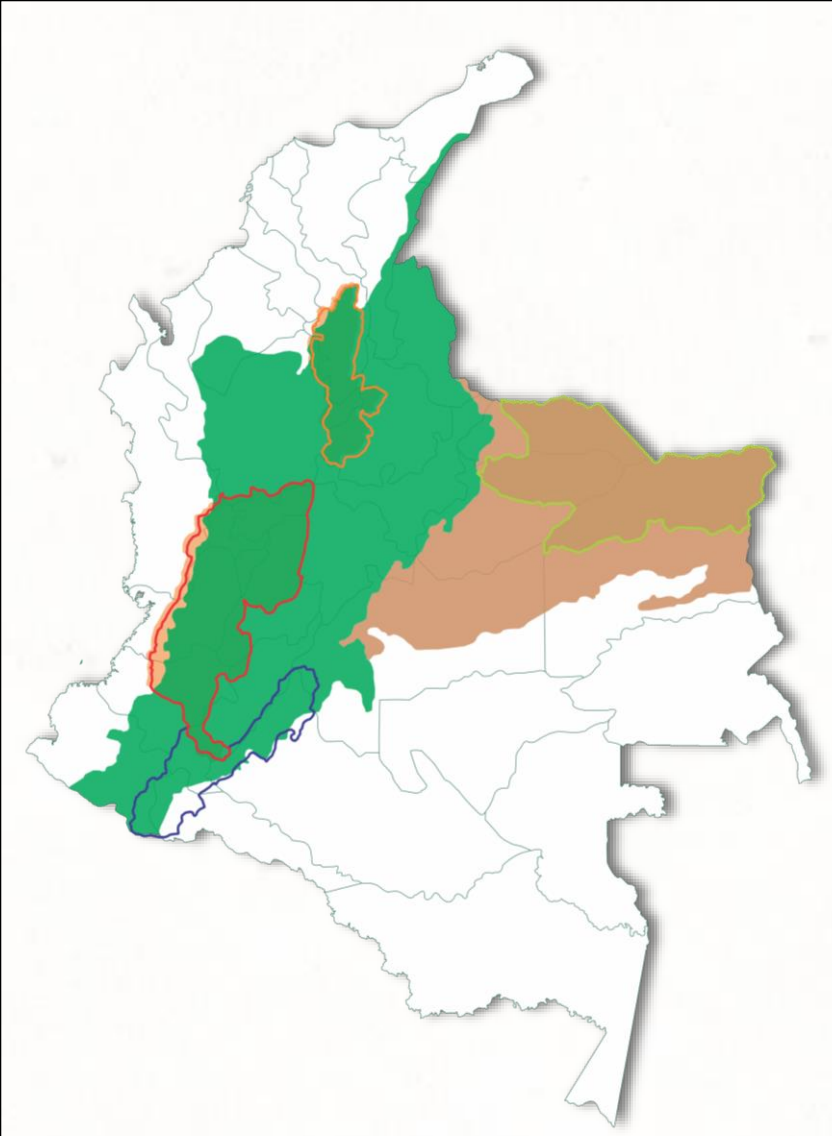
...and mammals, such as this Mountain tapir (*Tapirus pinchaque*).





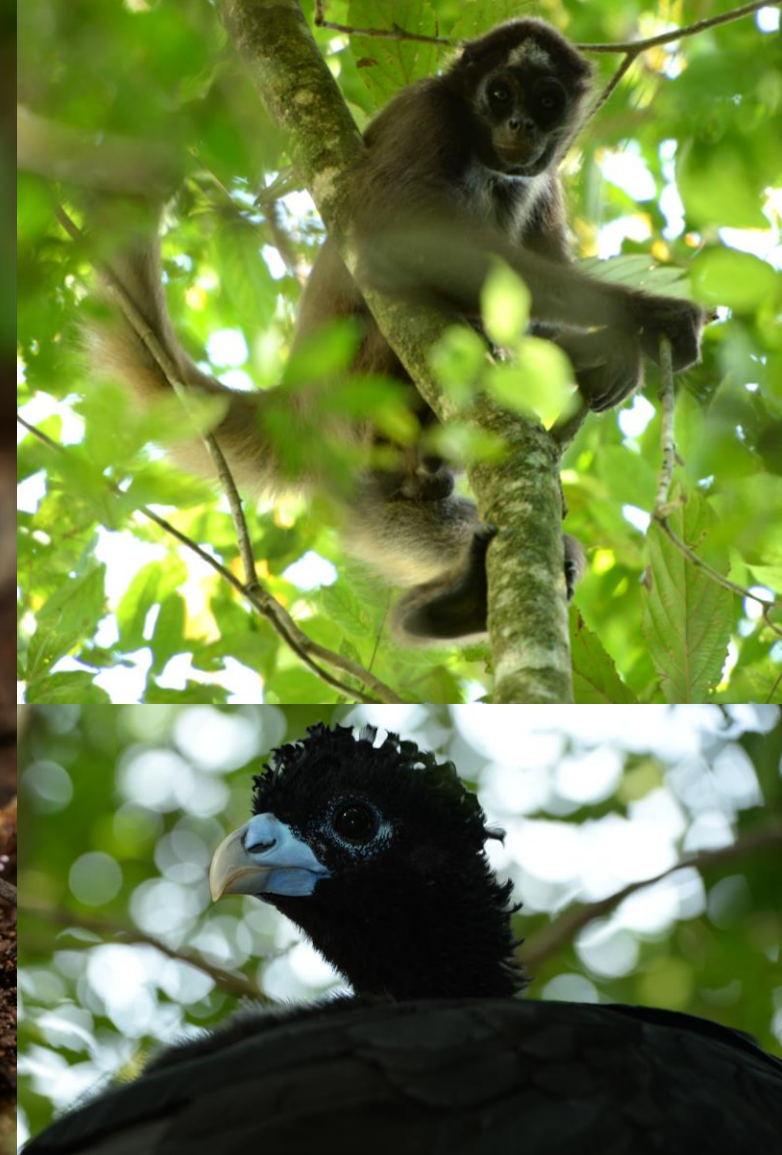
Five natural regions are home to this biodiversity.





WCS works in four landscapes across Colombia.





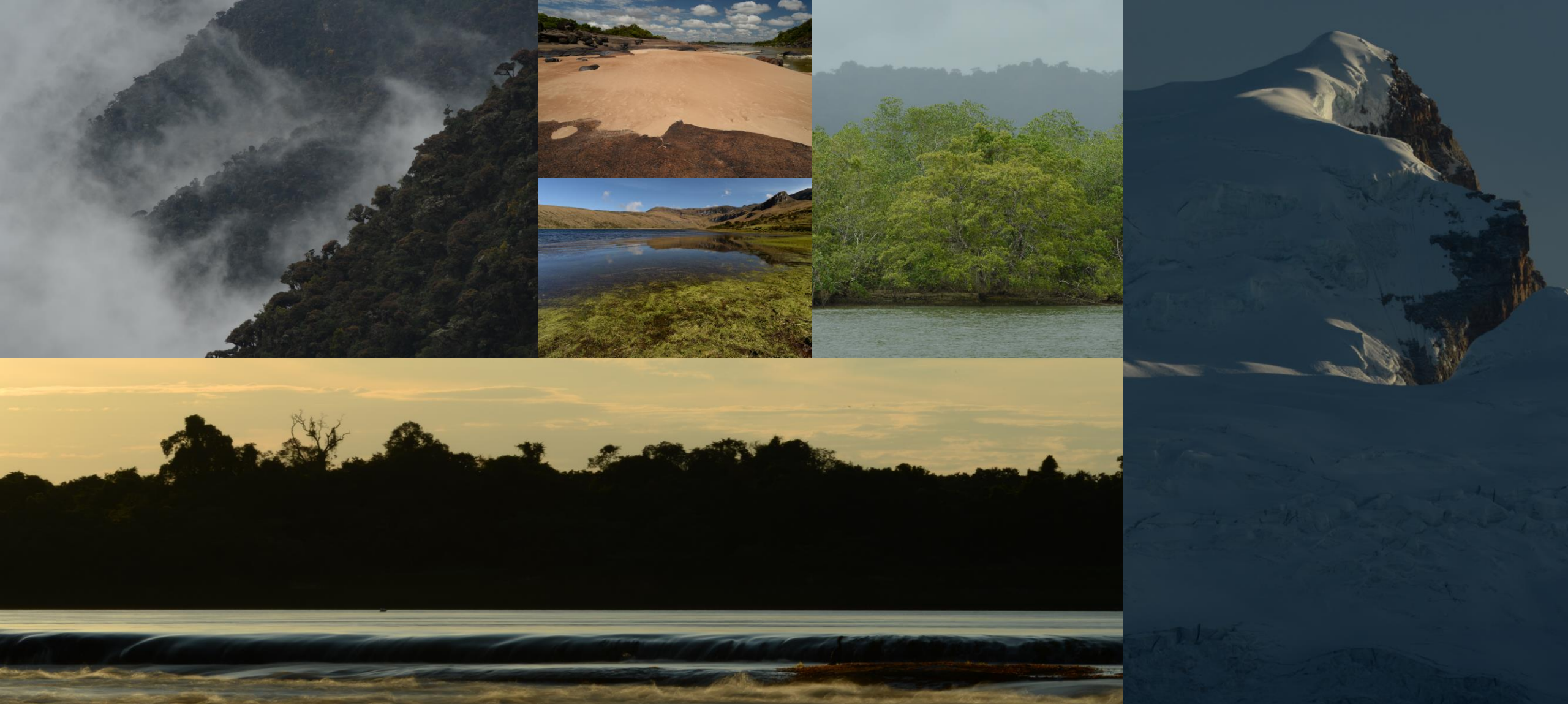
WCS has planted nearly 30,000 native plants, which have improved the connectivity of more than 1 million hectares of forests, the habitat of threatened species such as the **Brown spider monkey** (*Ateles hybridus*) and the **Blue-billed curassow** (*Crax Alberti*).





We have signed more than 80 conservation agreements with rural families and landowners to improve coexistence and habitat of mammals such as the Andean bear (*Tremarctos ornatus*) and the lowland tapir (*Tapirus terrestris*).





Our trainings on the use of SMART technology have allowed 58 **protected areas** of the National Natural Park System (7.9% of the territory of Colombia) to be more **effectively managed**.





Together **with local communities**, we have protected nesting beaches—resulting in the birth of 260,000 South American river turtles (*Podocnemis expansa*) and more than 9,500 Magdalena river turtles (*Podocnemis lewyana*), which have reached the Meta and Sinú rivers, respectively.





We lead a national strategy for the conservation of amphibians in 7 National Natural Parks. In addition to protecting 134 threatened species, with this initiative we have discovered more than 12 new species.





We have released 71 juveniles of the **Orinoco cocodrile** (*Crocodylus intermedius*), one of the most threatened and largest (up to 7 m) crocodiles in the world.



We support several local communities to implement **sustainable production systems** and strengthen associativity while **empowering women**. ASOMUCARE is an example of this.





We contributed to the designation and expansion of **6 protected areas**, increasing by more than **6 million hectares** the natural heritage that Colombia safeguards which provides multiple benefits to people, both nationally and globally.

