STAND FOR WILDLIFE
YOUR CONSERVATION IMPACT
Winning New Protections for Jaguars

WCS’s strong science helped secure important new protections for jaguars in 2022. As part of an international treaty on endangered species (CITES CoP19), 184 nations agreed to prioritize eliminating poaching and trade of these big cats, and create new protected habitats and corridors in countries where jaguars live. These countries decided to act because of WCS research which revealed growing threats, including widespread online international trade in jaguar parts.

Our jaguar protections are proving effective, with numbers steadily increasing at many of WCS’s field sites—and we are working to recover jaguar populations where threats remain. In Colombia for example, WCS is partnering with communities to end retaliatory killings of jaguars in response to livestock predation—positioning water tanks to keep cattle away from wetlands where jaguars roam, and giving pigs abundant food sources away from key jaguar sites.

Jaguars rising 6% annually in WCS sites since 2002
Reversing an Elephant Poaching Crisis
Elephant populations are now stable in Tanzania’s Ruaha-Katavi stronghold. We recently rescued nearly 20,000 elephants a year to poaching. We have partnered with the Tanzanian government to strengthen patrols; improve protected areas management, infrastructure, and communications; and monitor wildlife populations. We also help local communities protect the wildlife corridors.

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Budgie Landing: Coming to the Bronx Zoo Spring 2023
The pet trade is one of the biggest drivers of decline in many wild bird species. A new exhibit at WCS’s Bronx Zoo will allow guests to get up close and personal with budgies—colorful, friendly birds that are a responsible, sustainable option for pet ownership.

Save wildlife by curbing poaching, wildlife trafficking, habitat loss, and other major threats in partnership with governments and communities. We aim to stabilize or increase at-risk populations of elephants, big cats, sharks, and many other endangered species—moving them from crisis to recovery.

Protect Nature’s Strongholds, advancing global action to protect 30 percent of the planet by 2030. Habitat that WCS conserves shelters more than half of life on Earth—and we are setting our sights higher still with a goal of catalyzing the creation of at least 50 new protected areas by 2030. This will secure vital biodiversity and climate benefits while protecting human and animal health.

Connect people to nature at WCS’s zoos and aquarium
With millions of visitors annually, WCS’s parks in New York City help create future conservation champions, inspiring them to protect and advocate for nature. We offer hands-on science education to youth in our communities, with volunteer, internship, and employment opportunities that can spark a lifelong interest in wildlife.

WCS stands for wildlife. Thank you for standing with us.