



Stand for Wildlife

YOUR CONSERVATION IMPACT

Thank you

WCS is saving wildlife and wild places in 55+ countries and inspiring a new generation through our zoos and aquarium in New York. These are just a few of the recent wins we have achieved with your support. Thank you for standing with us.

Bolstering Asian Tiger Populations

WCS field conservation teams worked with partners over more than a decade to restore tigers at a critical site in Russia where they were virtually absent for more than 50 years—and some of these animals are now roaming toward and across the international border to repopulate former tiger habitat in China.

WCS Bronx Zoo staff also traveled to the region and provided unique expertise on caring for rescued cubs while ensuring they did not become reliant on humans or associate them with food. A new study confirms that these rescue, rehabilitation, and release efforts have led to multiple new tiger births in the wild, and this important landscape supports a newly re-established local tiger population.

“The grand vision is that this whole area [between Russia and China] would be connected. There’s lots of habitat that could be recolonized by tigers.”

—LUKE HUNTER

Executive Director, WCS Big Cats Program
The New York Times, “120 Miles of Russian Forest Couldn’t Keep These Two Tigers Apart,” 12/11/2024



WCS is on the ground in
8 OUT OF 10
remaining tiger range states



Safeguarding Argentina’s Wildlife

With an array of climate-critical forests, wetlands, peatlands, and coastal habitats, Argentina’s Southern Cone is home to some of the largest and most vulnerable populations of marine mammals and birds on the planet.



Thanks to your support, WCS played a vital role in creating two new protected areas in Argentina in 2024:

✓ Islas y Canales Verdes del Río Uruguay URUGUAY RIVER, ARGENTINA

Spanning over 4,000 hectares along the Uruguay River, Entre Ríos province (below), this park provides safe haven for nearly 150 bird species and over 35 mammal species. This newly designated park will serve as a local hub for river culture and conservation, public recreational use, world-class ecotourism, and environmental education.

✓ Cliff of the Parrots TERRESTRIAL PATAGONIA, ARGENTINA

More than 25 years of WCS research and conservation support was vital in creating this new protected area in El Cóndor, Río Negro province. It will protect the world’s largest colony of burrowing parrots (74,000 birds, 37,000 nests). These birds use their beaks to dig uniquely deep burrows in sandstone and limestone cliffs, creating vital shelter for other bird species.



Caring for Confiscated Animals: The Zoo-Field Connection

Wildlife trafficking often goes hand-in-hand with large-scale organized criminal activity and poses an increasing threat to the safety of people and our planet. WCS is combating this threat by leading anti-poaching and other global field efforts, guiding international policy, and—as highlighted below—caring for confiscated animals at the Bronx Zoo and WCS's other parks in New York City. These are just some of the species WCS's parks help save from trafficking and the illegal pet trade.

Spider Monkeys

Status **Vulnerable – Endangered**

Bronx Zoo staff have helped find permanent homes in accredited facilities for 60+ spider monkeys rescued from the illegal pet trade over the last three years. Our staff work directly with federal and state authorities involved in primate confiscation at the Southern US border. Working within the AZA network of accredited zoos, we provide expertise that includes rehabilitating and successfully socializing primates with established zoo groups, and guidance on the veterinary care and long-term management of these monkeys. The growing pet trade threatens primates across Latin America and globally. WCS is working to combat poaching networks involved in this trade, which have strong links to organized crime.



“WCS’s zoos and aquarium often provide the long-term homes and proper care that confiscated, smuggled wildlife might not otherwise receive. We are proud to be a go-to animal care leader that authorities call upon to help with confiscations in New York and beyond.”

—KEITH LOVETT

Vice President and Director of Animal Programs



Parrots

Status **Endangered**

Parrots rescued from illegal smuggling operations have been provided a permanent home at the Bronx Zoo’s World of Birds. These birds are important ambassadors who help educate our guests each year about the harm the illegal pet trade inflicts on wild bird populations. In recent years, Bronx Zoo bird care experts have also traveled to Congo to help rehabilitate and release dozens of rescued African gray parrots, which had been illegally captured for the pet trade.



Corals

Status **Near Threatened – Critically Endangered**

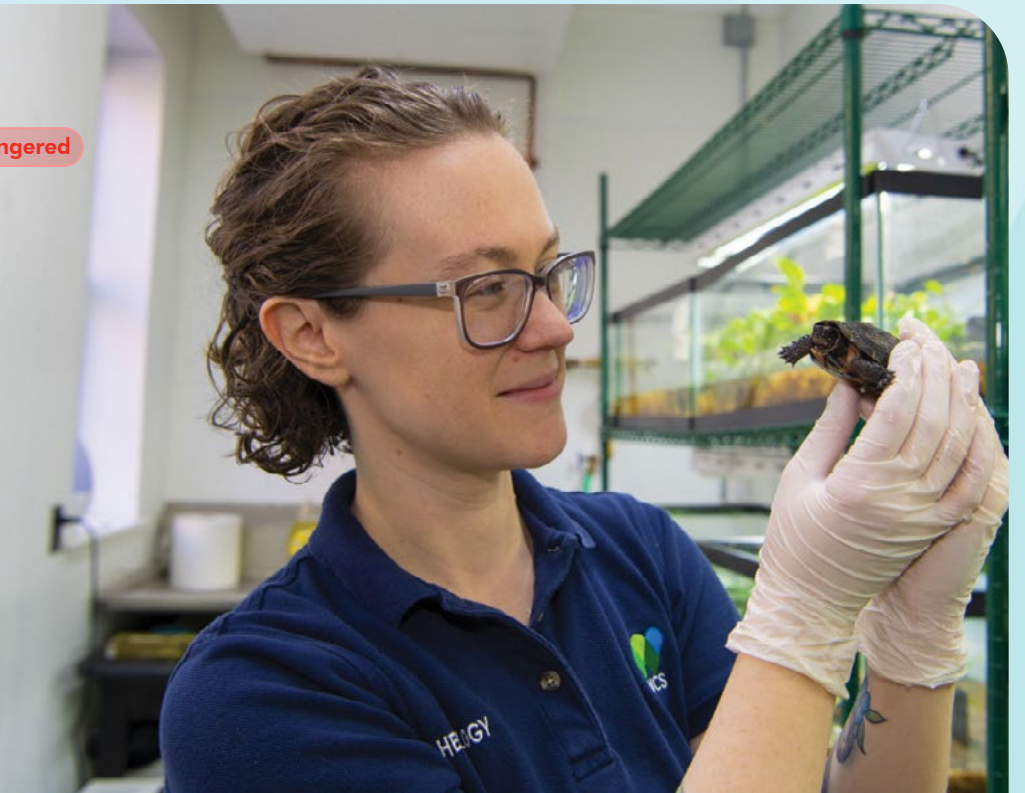
WCS’s New York Aquarium has received hundreds of live coral specimens confiscated from the illegal aquarium trade, which cannot be returned to the wild as they may contaminate wild populations. We have successfully propagated many of these confiscated specimens through a process called “fragging” in our coral lab, and these corals have been added to the 80-species coral colony at the aquarium, helping educate millions each year about the threats to coral reefs.



Turtles

Status **Vulnerable – Critically Endangered**

Bronx Zoo staff have helped save hundreds of confiscated turtles, including bog turtles and other species, following confiscations from the illegal pet trade. Many of these animals join zoo assurance colonies—critical for ensuring healthy, viable turtle populations and safeguarding against extinction.



Announcing New WCS President and CEO Adam F. Falk

Adam F. Falk—a distinguished physicist, foundation leader, and former college president—will join WCS as the new President and CEO on July 1, 2025.

Adam comes to WCS from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, where he has served as President since 2018. Previously, he was President of Williams College, and before that, James B. Knapp Dean of Johns Hopkins University's Zanvyl Krieger School of Arts and Sciences. He is the author of 50 peer-reviewed papers and has a PhD from Harvard University.



NEW AT THE BRONX ZOO World of Darkness

Slated to open in summer 2025, World of Darkness will introduce visitors to fascinating and rarely seen nocturnal species, including aye-ayes—unique primates native only to Madagascar—vampire bats, broad-snouted caiman, and many more.

Nocturnal species play significant roles in nature as pollinators, seed dispersers, and insect eaters; many are also severely impacted by disease, habitat loss, and other threats. World of Darkness will provide an opportunity for people to learn about these often misunderstood species, and how to protect them.

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ON THE COVER

Night monkeys, or douroucouli, peer through the forest in Yasuní National Park, Ecuador where WCS and partners conserve tropical forest habitat for jaguars, tapirs, and more. Millions will learn about these and other nocturnal animals at the Bronx Zoo's World of Darkness.



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