

Rare Species Fund

The Rare Species Fund is currently developing a program to reimburse farmers for livestock lost to wild predators, including jaguars. This initiative ensures that the predators do not become a financial liability for the farmers and are therefore less likely to be illegally poached. The RSF rewards farmers in the



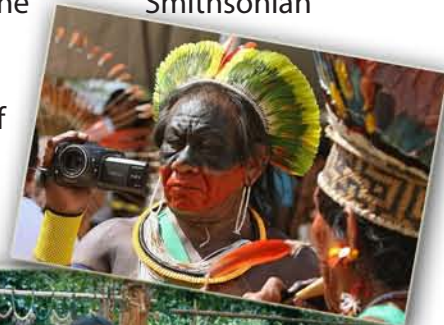
program who set aside a minimum of twenty percent of the land to be kept in its natural wild state. This ensures that viable habitat will remain for the jaguar as well as other indigenous wildlife, including: tapirs, monkeys, toucans, sloths, caiman and spectacled bears.

Jaguar Conservation: Past and Present

Jaguar conservation throughout South America has been part of the Rare Species Fund agenda for more than two decades. During the mid 1980's, the Smithsonian Institution put plans together to bring this message of preserving the jaguar to the isolated tribes of the Amazon region. The plan was to transport battery powered televisions into the

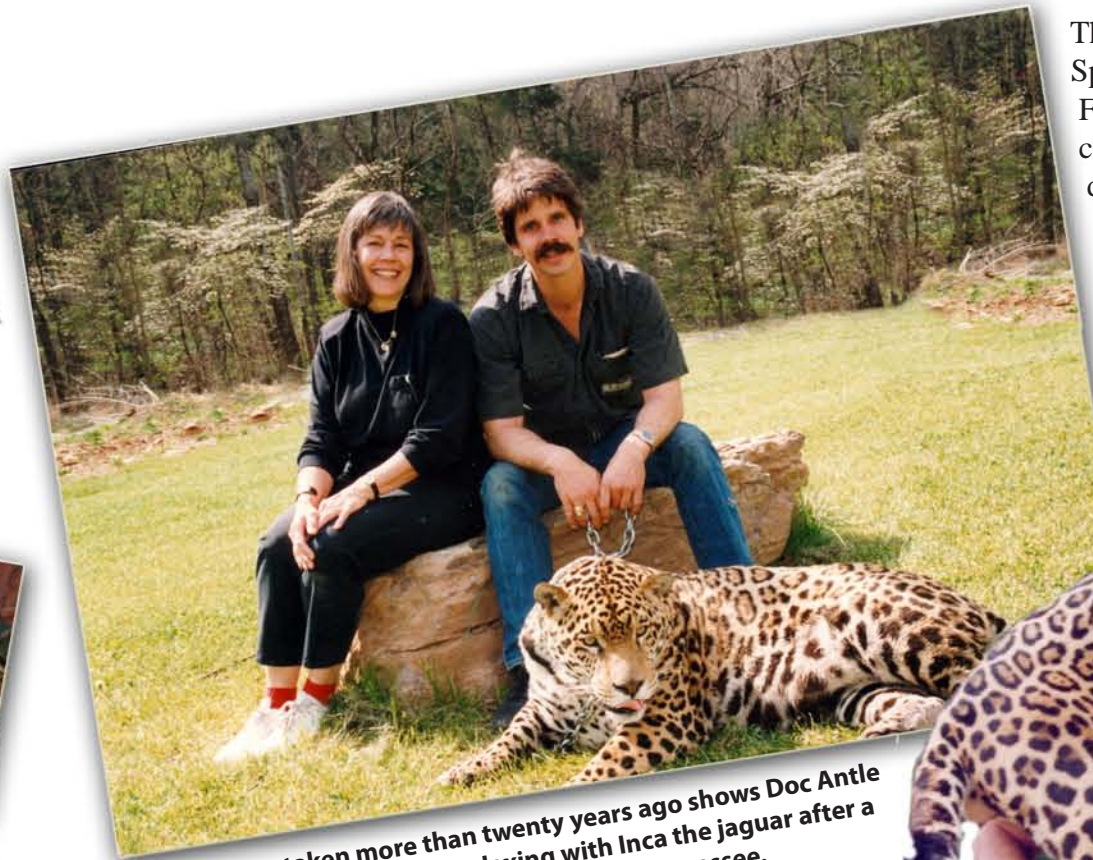


jungle and bring the first images of a live jaguar that most of the inhabitants had ever seen. Education of indigenous and local people has always played a significant role in conservation. The Smithsonian Institution had the equipment and the expedition crew ready to go, but lacked the requisite footage for the project. The Rare Species Fund stepped in and provided trained jaguars and a full film crew, supplying the footage they would never have been able to obtain in the wild.

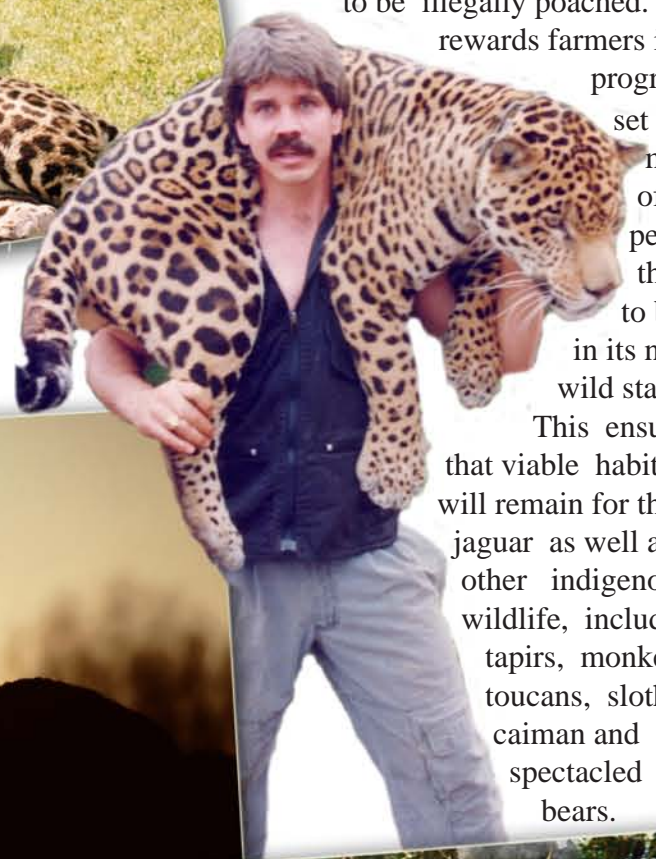


▲ Conservation of a wild species must begin in the areas where that species naturally exists.

▼ Inca the jaguar during the filming for the Smithsonian Institution Jaguar Conservation Project.



▲ A photo taken more than twenty years ago shows Doc Antle and mother Mari Lin relaxing with Inca the jaguar after a morning walk in Tennessee.



A progressive movement in South and Central America is occurring as farmers and ranchers are learning to co-exist with nature instead of working against it.



▲ RSF supplied jaguars for the filming of "Le Jaguar" starring Jean Reno, Danny Trejo and Patricia Velasquez. This movie brought the difficulties wild jaguars are facing to light for international audiences around the world.



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