



HORIZON CONSERVATION

2023 YEAR IN REVIEW

A YEAR TO GROW

Horizon Conservation, a year of commitment.

For Horizon Conservation, 2023 was a year full of commitment.

To start with, we were awarded with our first grant, and not just any grant, we earned EDGE of existence; which was an important milestone for us. And despite this tremendous achievement, it did not stop there.

We were also participants on The Habitat Trust Summit, held by The Habitat Trust in India. There, we committed to work closely with different organizations and built capacity with them.

In the same time, we maintained our commitment with the Great Green Macaw program, leading the 2nd international population census of the species in Colombia.

Moreover, we kept the commitment with our educational and social objectives. During the year, we participated on workshops, activities and meetings aimed to raise awareness and transform environmental practices for all.

Undoubtedly, everything that took place on 2022 catapulted us to live an unforgettable year for Horizon Conservation. Now more than ever, we are committed to make **2024 a year full of ACTION!**

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LEARNING TOGETHER, GROWING TOGETHER!

In 2023, we had the opportunity to **learn from world-renowned conservationists, scientists, and collaborators** who are part of different organisations such as Macaw Recovery Network, Edge of Existence, OpEPA - Organización para la Educación y Protección Ambiental, among others.

Without a doubt, the lessons they left us are invaluable, but what makes us most happy is knowing that even today, they accompany us not only to do but to be.



2nd International Population Census



@macawrecoverynetwork

During September 29 to October 2, 2023, the second international census of the Green Macaw (*Ara ambiguus*) was carried out in at least 5 countries in South and Central America.

The census was carried out with the purpose of **increasing information on wild populations of the Great Green Macaw throughout its international distribution area**, because this species is categorized as “Critically Endangered” according to the IUCN red list of species. .

The successful coordination of our actions with the conservation objectives of the PNN Paramillo has strengthened institutional collaboration, generating significant opportunities for both the local community and the endangered species.

What were the main achievements of the census?

The census for 2023 did not yield significant results in the study area, because in the transects carried out there was no evidence of the species; however, after conducting some interviews with farmers in the area and based on past monitoring, we concluded that the species can be found in the area; though, the behavior of the Great Green Macaw must be studied more thoroughly for different times of the year.



Where are the Great Green Macaws?

The absence of the species in the covered transects can be explained due to changes in the surrounding climate of the Caribbean Region, specifically in the department of Córdoba, resulting in the compartmental change of the species for the search for food.

ZSL

LET'S WORK FOR WILDLIFE



ZSL EDGE OF EXISTENCE: FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME

In 2023 we were notified that our proposal 'Conserving Great Green Macaws and Empowering Disadvantaged Communities in Colombia', was shortlisted for the 2024-2026 ZSL EDGE OF EXISTENCE: Fellowship Programme.

The grant covered up to £10,000, included training and ongoing support from the ZSL, a four-week Conservation Tools training course to be held in the first quarter of 2024.

Also, included travel, accommodation, and subsistence costs associated with the training course will be covered by ZSL. You will be informed shortly after the course whether or not you have been successful in obtaining the full Fellowship.

THE HABITAT TRUST SUMMIT : 'MUTUALISMS IN ACTION'

The Habitats Trust Summit 2024 (THS 24) to be held from March 5th to 8th, 2024, with the shared goal of bringing '**Mutualisms In Action**' – will have the shared purpose of collaboration to ask for and provide resources to fulfil the needs of all participating organisations for effective conservation action.

We were invited to participate among 40 DELEGATES FROM 21 COUNTRIES AND 28 ORGANISATIONS!

Between participant meetings (Co-evolution meetings), expert sessions (Connecting-the-dots), and panel discussions (Deep-dives), the aim was to generate tangible collaboration and be a breeding ground for future conservation action.



CONSERVATION ACTIONS



Together for conservation: We were at the 'Congreso Veterinario de Colombia'

In 2023 we were invited to the 'Congreso Veterinario de Colombia' and we could be more grateful.

During the 5 days congress we had the chance not only to share with more than 300 attendees our program regarding the Great Green Macaw but to sell our products that are an important source for financing our activities with different communities.

By the end, we received an unexpected donation from the congress that will be used for enhancing our conservation activities and programs.



ECOpossums Project

Our Animal Health program is developing the Opossum (*Didelphis marsupialis*) Ultrasound Project.

The development of this project seeks to establish, through a technique of exploration of the internal organs of the body of the Opossums, health parameters that allow us to identify and treat medically the diseases and injuries that may affect the species.

2nd International Mangrove Festival

In 2023, we participated in the second international mangrove festival, where we connected with the private sector to socialize our work and shared with the "La Playa" community about the care of biodiversity and the fragile relationships that exist in it.



We worked with OpEPA



During 2023 we learned about different experiences of teachers and actors in the territory who, through education, seek to appropriate biodiversity.

But also, we shared our studies on illegal wildlife trade in Colombia.

We still hope to do many things as a result of this collaboration!

2024 WILL BE A YEAR FULL OF ACTION