



SAVE THE CHOCÓ

CANANDÉ - TESORO RESERVE



2018

**FIRST RECORDED
HARPY EAGLE NEST IN
THE ECUADORIAN CHOCÓ
IN OVER 10 YEARS.**



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We at Fundación Jocotoco are conducting a biological inventory of Ecuador's last remaining lowland Chocó rainforest. The inventory will guide Fundación Jocotoco's once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to purchase 57,000 acres in the region by providing key information about habitat and biological diversity.

Over 60 people will search for and identify as many species as possible in one region over 24 hours. At this event, families, scientists, students, teachers, and community members will work together to get a rapid and precise understanding of the area's biodiversity.

Our purpose is to guide the creation of a network of protected areas that will ensure the survival of the lowland Chocó Rainforest. Our hope is to connect over 470,000 ha along an altitudinal gradient from 100-4,900 m. Expanding and connecting Fundación Jocotoco's Canandé-Tesoro Reserve (currently 17,290 acres) to two governmental reserves, will be a first step in achieving the larger goal. With your help, 57,000 acres can be bought in a single purchase!

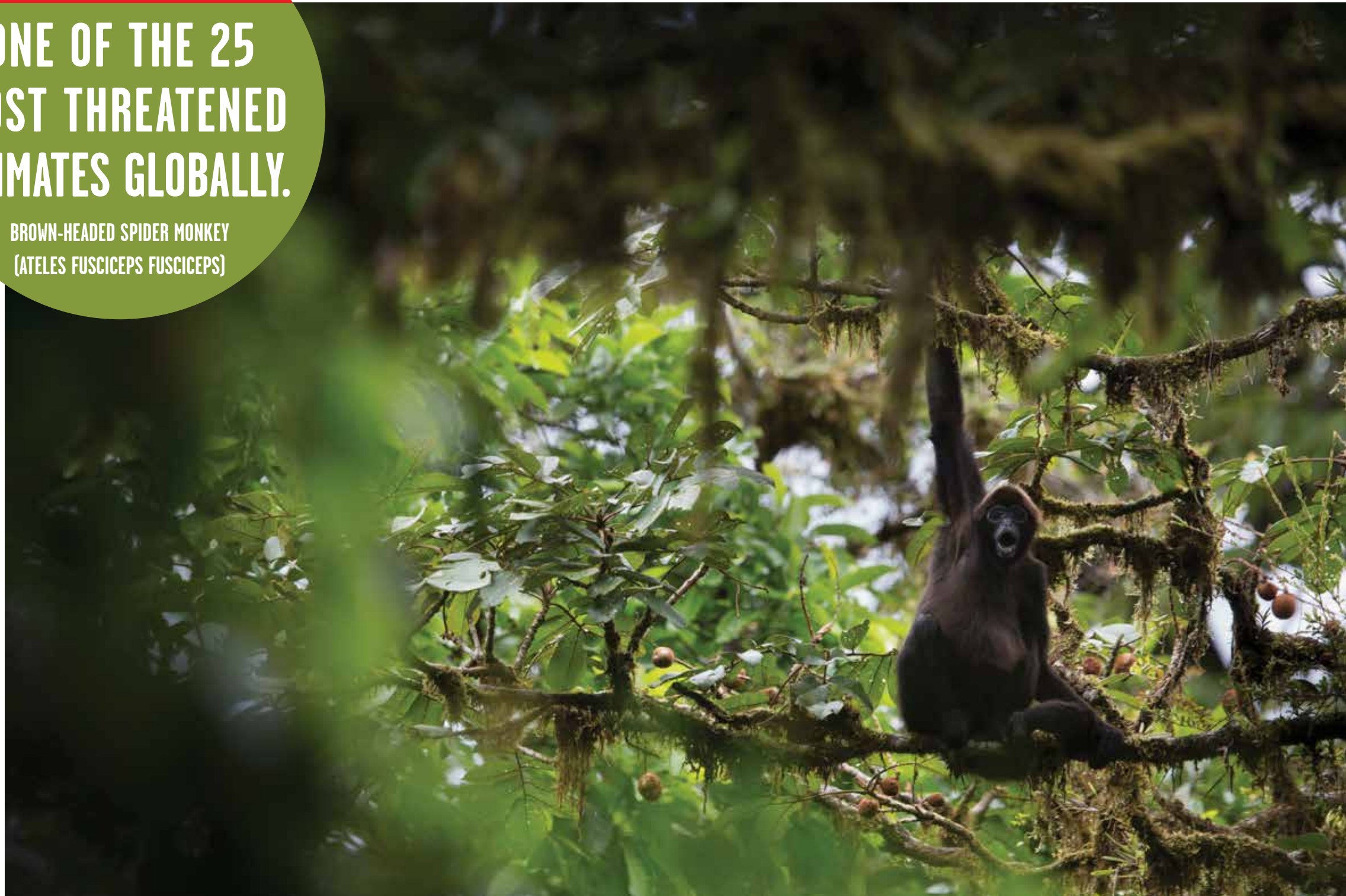
The resulting reserve network will protect an area large enough to maintain populations of species with very large home ranges such as Jaguar, Harpy Eagle, Great Green Macaw, and Brown-headed Spider Monkey (barely 500 remain), amongst many dozens of other endangered and critically endangered species endemic to the lowland Chocó.



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ONE OF THE 25 MOST THREATENED PRIMATES GLOBALLY.

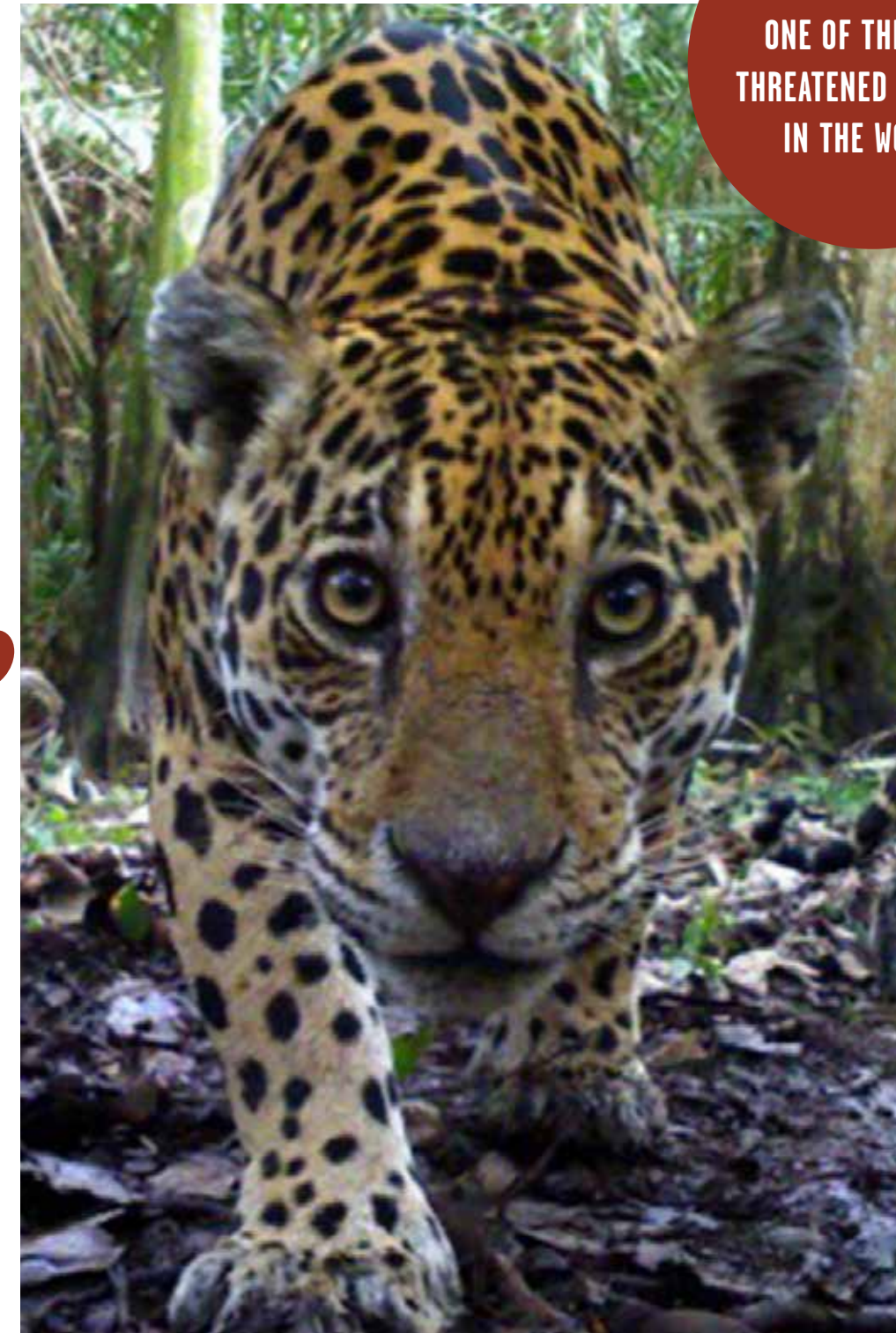
BROWN-HEADED SPIDER MONKEY
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This purchase of 57,000 acres is a unique opportunity to conserve one of the last remaining untouched areas of forest in the Chocó. Only 2-5% of lowland forest remains, making this opportunity crucial to the survival of the wildlife in the region. A high proportion of the species that live here are threatened (Critically Endangered to vulnerable) and many are not found anywhere else (endemic). There are 62 species of birds endemic to the Chocó. Of those, 37 species occur in the Canandé-Tesoro Reserve.

Fundación Jocotoco has been working in the region since 2000, protecting the habitat and wildlife using innovative management practices. We currently employ 15 park guards and parabiologists to protect the Canandé-Tesoro Reserve. The very high level of protection has led to the rebound of many threatened species and large predators like Jaguars. For many of these Chocó species the Canandé-Tesoro Reserve is their last refuge. Help us protect them.

**“TEN TIMES MORE PARK GUARDS PER UNIT
AREA THAN GOVERNMENTAL RESERVES”**



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ONE OF THE MOST
THREATENED HABITATS
IN THE WORLD.**

HELP SAVE THE CHOCÓ



HOW YOU CAN HELP

LAND PURCHASE

\$200 an acre

PARK RANGER

Sponsor a park ranger \$6,000 a year

MONITORING SYSTEM

\$2,500 installs an acoustic monitoring system for biodiversity monitoring and threat control.

GEAR

binoculars/scopes, jackets, boots, photography equipment, GPS tracker



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Fundación Jocotoco is an Ecuadorian non-governmental organization (NGO), created in 1998 with the objective of protecting areas of critical importance for the conservation of endemic and threatened bird species in Ecuador that are not under the protection of the National System of Protected Areas (SNAP). Jocotoco achieves this goal by acquiring and managing land as biological reserves. So far, the foundation has established a network of 13 reserves, which together protect around 23. 000 hectares. Each reserve protects the habitat of threatened birds and countless other threatened species of flora and fauna.

I CANNOT IMAGINE A MORE URGENT CONSERVATION INITIATIVE. THE CHOCÓ PLANTS AND VERTEBRATES ARE AWE-INSPIRING IN RICHNESS AND HEART-BREAKING IN THEIR ENDANGERMENT. I APPLAUD JOCOTOCO FOR ITS AMBITIOUS EFFORT AND WISH THEM EVERY SUCCESS. - E.O. Wilson, Harvard University



