

## **JAGUAR 2030 NEW YORK STATEMENT**

**We**, the attendees of the Jaguar 2030 High-Level Forum, 1 March 2018, representing jaguar range countries and international and national partner organizations, having come together to discuss the status and future of the jaguar with the shared goal to ensure more effective collaboration within and between range countries and partners:

**Convinced** in the central role that this apex predator has in maintaining natural landscapes, including within and across protected areas and biological corridors, and within broader efforts to ensure effective natural resource management, strengthen community livelihoods, and achieve the 2030 Agenda, the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, and the Aichi targets;

**Recognize** the intrinsic value of jaguars and the biological diversity of jaguar landscapes, and that healthy jaguar populations are an indicator of sustainable ecosystems and the ecological services such systems provide for human well-being;

**Note** that efforts to protect jaguars and their range help to advance broader conservation and climate objectives in line with commitments made by all range countries through international environmental agreements, including: the Convention on Biological Diversity, the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, and the Convention on Nature Conservation and Wildlife Preservation in the Western Hemisphere;

**Acknowledge** that jaguars and other fauna and flora are an irreplaceable part of the Earth's natural systems which must be protected for current and future generations, and Note the power of the jaguar as an umbrella species that advances broader biodiversity conservation objectives and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs);

**Affirm** the value of the jaguar as a significant cultural icon and key feature of past, present and future national heritage throughout its range in the Americas, including for indigenous and local communities and society more broadly;

**Note with concern** that the jaguar has lost nearly fifty percent of its former range and is already extinct in two former range countries; jaguar range continues to decrease; and human-caused mortality is affecting the health of core populations;

**Remain fully aware** that there are many common threats to jaguar populations, including habitat fragmentation, loss, and degradation; prey depletion; hunting of jaguars for sport, tradition or to

protect livestock; and illegal trade in jaguar parts;

**Recognize** that jaguars can co-exist with people in human-dominated landscapes with minimal conflict; and practical solutions to minimize jaguar conflict can be implemented with little cost to landowners, while providing economic benefits;

**Acknowledge** that the long-term survival of the jaguar requires better protected core populations and movement continuity to ensure genetic connectivity, including through more efficient management of protected areas, reducing habitat loss, use of innovative financial tools and policies, and strengthened legal enforcement and rule of law;

**Support** ongoing efforts made by range country governments and partners to develop jaguar conservation plans that help protect core population strongholds and secure corridors between them, including jaguar-specific conservation strategies that integrate stronghold protection and corridor conservation measures into regional, national, and local land-use strategies and decision making;

**Welcome** regional cooperation and multi-national efforts to establish transboundary protected areas and address other issues relevant to jaguar conservation within and across national boundaries.

Given the above and our commitment to present and future generations, we, the attendees of this Jaguar 2030 Forum, **resolve** to work together to:

**Promote research** and **data-sharing** to support jaguar conservation and provide decision-makers, practitioners, companies, financial institutions, citizens, communities and indigenous peoples with the data and information they need to better understand, respect, and support the role of the jaguar, its habitats, and jaguar corridors in achieving the SDGs, the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the Aichi targets;

**Increase awareness** and **facilitate behavior change** among all stakeholders, including through additional comprehensive, global, regional, and local evidence-based advocacy campaigns and educational programmes to support conservation of the jaguar;

**Pilot, replicate, and scale-up successful integrated jaguar conservation approaches**, including through initiatives that:

- mainstream biodiversity and jaguar conservation into development and sector policies, practices, and investments, including fisheries, agriculture, tourism, infrastructure, and forestry, and in this way harness nature-based solutions for achieving national and global sustainable development goals, without compromising human food security;

- help to shift social and economic incentives for land allocation, management and restoration in ways that enhance jaguar conservation;
- strengthen capacities at all levels to secure jaguar core population strongholds and fill connectivity gaps between them, including mapping of biological corridors;
- improve jaguar-human co-existence, including addressing issues of livestock conflict and domestic animal disease transmission;
- mitigate fragmentation due to human activities; and
- prevent poaching of jaguars through effective national and international law enforcement to better respond to the trafficking of, and demand for, jaguar products;

**Catalyze greater investments in nature-based solutions** for development challenges by using public resources to incentivize private financing and combining domestic and international resources in tools and approaches such as payment for ecosystem services, subsidy reform, green bonds, and sustainable commodity production that generate social and economic benefits that are compatible with jaguar conservation. **Engage local communities** and **indigenous peoples** as co-responsible stakeholders and partners in the above-outlined efforts to conserve jaguars and strengthen livelihoods. To achieve these goals and objectives and to accelerate action, **we further resolve** to jointly explore collaboration options for developing and implementing a regional approach to jaguar conservation with clear coordination and financial mechanisms.

**We also hereby propose** the creation of an International Jaguar Day to be observed annually with the goal of celebrating jaguars as an icon for sustainable development, raising awareness and public support for jaguar conservation, and consolidating conservation efforts by range countries and partners.