



2023

INTERNATIONAL CONSERVATION FUND



Dear Friends,

The International Conservation Fund (ICF) was created in 2019 as a US partner organization to the well-established International Conservation Fund of Canada (ICFC), which supports over 50 projects in 36 countries. Although ICF was formed to enable Americans to support ICFC, and though we are small and volunteer run, we are more than an ICFC “sidekick”. When our small but very experienced board and ICF volunteers meet quarterly, we have in-depth discussions about which projects we might support with our donor funds, and more generally, what’s important in the world of global conservation and how best to accomplish it.

As an independent organization with deep international experience, we also fund our own (non-ICFC) projects, and we welcome any suggestions from you! We have all worked for larger non-profits and one role we see for ourselves is to help smaller projects get support so they can be more impactful, and better known. Like you, we share a passion for nature, wild landscapes, and wildlife. However, we decided to feature this collage of faces in homage to the wonderful grassroots organizations that actually do the conservation work on behalf of all of us. In our experience, there are many, many of these local groups who work tirelessly to protect their local environments. The projects we raise money for are theirs, not ours: and they deserve all the credit. Together our projects are pieces of our bigger strategic vision, whether part of a biological corridor, a program to save a critically endangered species, or an international effort to protect a shorebird flyway.

The following pages briefly describe that vision. Because we work via local organizations, really the impact our small team can achieve is only limited by the financial support we can raise. In 2023, we greatly exceeded the support of earlier years, and we thank you very much for that!

With thanks and best wishes from all of us,

Molly Bartlett (President), Doug Bender, Jerry Bertrand, Meade Cadot, Wayne Klockner (ICF Board Members); David Agro, Aleks Evtimov, and Scott Hecker (ICF Associates)

Special thanks to David Brandes for the stunning photo of the Ruby-throated Hummingbird on our cover.

WHAT WE DO

PROTECTING SPECIES

We help groups protect endangered species especially in areas of high biodiversity to ensure their long-term survival. Typically endangered species serve as umbrella species for whole ecosystems.

The choices we make now will have a profound impact on the biological heritage we leave for future generations. Addressing the root causes of extinction such as habitat destruction, poaching, pollution, and climate change is an effective way to make positive change.



Working with engaged local communities, we can preserve threatened species and ecosystems for the long term. They know what to do - and we can help them to do it by providing resources they don't have.



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ECOSYSTEMS AND CORRIDORS

To respond to large impacts such as global warming, we need to facilitate habitat migration to higher elevations or cooler latitudes. Establishing or protecting biological corridors that connect lowlands to higher areas within mountain ranges offers a way to help species adapt to climate change.

Many conservation initiatives start by protecting a rare species at risk of extinction by setting up a new conservation reserve, restoring habitat, or removing a specific threat like deforestation or hunting.

This can arrest the extinction of the species, but usually doesn't address the longer-term problems which caused the decline of a species in the first place. To protect the species long-term, we must protect the habitat on which the species depends, which in turn relies on the larger ecosystem that sustains it. Ecosystems rely on an even larger connectivity between natural areas so that species can respond to changes in conditions and habitats can absorb small or sporadic impacts, both natural and human-induced.



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WORKING WITH INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

ICF supports efforts to defend the land rights of indigenous communities.

For thousands of years, indigenous people have been outstanding guardians of their land. Therefore aligning our conservation goals with their traditional practices just makes sense. Indigenous territories harbor some of the world's most biodiverse and pristine ecosystems on Earth, so aiding their protection of these areas contributes not only to local well-being but also global biodiversity and climate change mitigation.

Indigenous peoples own, use or manage 25% of the world's land surface, including areas with high biodiversity. Indigenous territories harbor over 80% of the planet's biodiversity.



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SAVING SHOREBIRDS

Shorebirds, in their annual migrations spanning thousands of miles across seas and continents, teach us a profound lesson — the Earth knows no borders. Their journeys, echoing the migratory paths of their ancestors, emphasize the interconnectedness of our planet.

Shorebirds like the Red Knot have relied on specific flyways for millennia, with their timings and migration paths finely tuned to the rhythm of nature, such as the narrow window of time when millions of horseshoe crab eggs are laid and in turn fuel their aerial marathons.

For a mere 200-gram bird to navigate a 15,000-kilometer flight, a myriad of factors must align and their timings must be perfect. Any disruption along these flyways poses a severe threat, could lead to a collapse in the population of these incredible birds. To address the global challenges faced by shorebirds, we think big.

Our goal is to collaborate with private partners, NGOs, and governments from diverse countries in a united and collaborative front for shorebird conservation along entire flyways.



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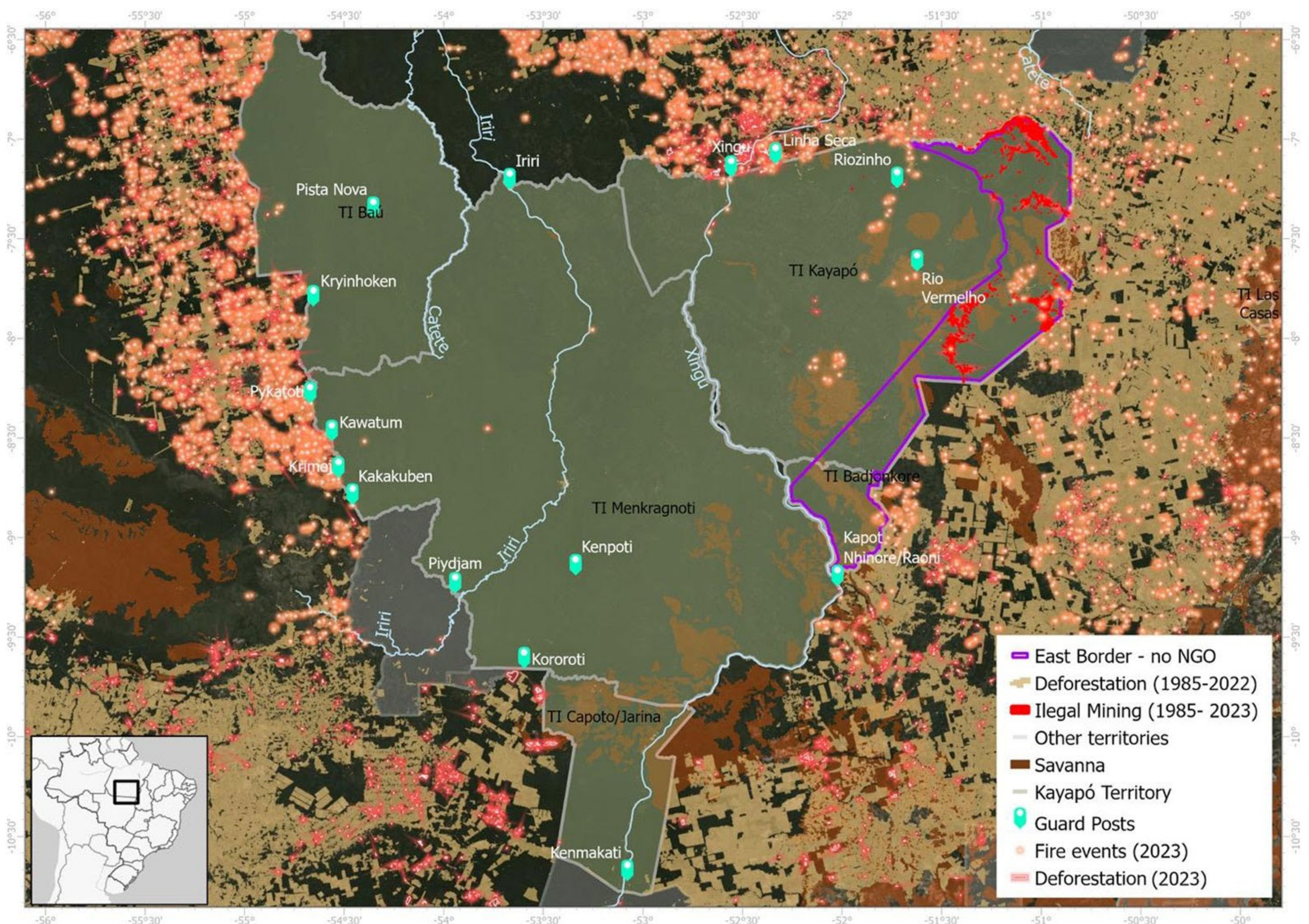
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SOME PROJECTS YOU HELPED SUPPORT IN 2023:

Kayapo guard posts

Thanks to the territorial surveillance program, over nine million hectares (23 million acres) of Kayapo territory and 2,200 km of its border remained largely intact, while the land outside Kayapo territory burned. The guard posts are the cornerstone of this program.

Beyond the direct effect of deterring gold miners, loggers, ranchers, and fishermen, Kayapo guard posts provide Kayapo communities with a reliable income and help them take pride in the work they do for their land and people. In 2023, your support helped add a new guard post on the mid-west border, the Piydjam guard post.



The state of the 10.6 million hectare block of ratified Kayapo Indigenous territory as of December 2023



Urgent action to save the Vaquita



Sea Scouts assist with removing submerged nets that were snagged by the devices ("ghost nets").

Since 2022 ICFC and ICF have provided funds for two complementary projects for the critically endangered vaquita. With the Cetacean Action Treasury, we are funding the efforts of local Sea Scouts who patrol the boundaries of the Zero Tolerance Area (ZTA). They are warning gill-netters who might want to fish within the Vaquita Refuge that there are 200 submerged anti-net devices in the area that will catch their nets.



Sustainable Future for Lake Malawi



Confiscated mosquito nets used for fishing.

Your support for Ripple Africa has been instrumental. Fishing communities are now earning more due to healthier fish stocks, due to the actions of the Fish Conservation Committees. Ultimately, the increased number of larger fish in markets is providing sustainable animal protein to the people of Malawi while also increasing the biodiversity of Lake Malawi.

Protecting Spoon-billed Sandpipers



Your support in 2023 has been instrumental in enabling actions such as guarding sites to prevent hunting, promoting alternative livelihoods in farming and fishing, implementing no-hunting bylaws through Village Conservation Groups, and supporting local non-governmental organizations to raise awareness about the impact of hunting, all of which are crucial for protecting the Spoon-billed Sandpiper.

LOOKING AHEAD, 2024 AND BEYOND

JURUÁ RIVER

The Juruá River, the most meandering tributary of the Amazon, irrigates one of Earth's most complex floodplain systems. Our field partner, Instituto Juruá, a Brazilian non-profit formed by conservationists, researchers, and local leaders, supports this project in partnership with rural communities and associations. Contrary to the doom-and-gloom narrative in conservation, the Juruá showcases promising community-based conservation efforts, with locals positively impacting biodiversity. Instituto Juruá is aiding the Kulina Indigenous People by strengthening their social organization for official territorial recognition.



FISHING CATS



Our field partner, the Fishing Cat Ecological Enterprise, is a Cambodia-based organization dedicated to protecting critical habitats for the remarkable Fishing Cats and other threatened species in two mangrove forests. Their project activities range from biodiversity surveys to ranger training, forming a comprehensive strategy that we are excited to support.

Our field partner YAKUM works to protect indigenous forests and build cultural, medicinal and food sovereignty, through reforestation with carefully selected native tree species and territory mapping. This effort strengthens land rights of nearly 100,000 acres of traditional territory of the Siekopai indigenous group in the Amazonian lowlands of Eastern Ecuador. The Siekopai territories encompass diverse habitats, including seasonally flooded Varzea and lowland terra firme forests, and boast some of the highest densities of animal and plant species.

SIEKOPAI PEOPLE



NANTU FOREST



As one of the few remaining intact forests in Sulawesi, Nantu is a safe haven for numerous endemic species found nowhere else on Earth. Our new field partner, YANI, has been dedicated to protecting the Nantu Forest, a living jewel of biodiversity, for over 20 years. YANI takes direct field action to prevent biodiversity loss while supporting rainforest management and sustainable development. Additionally, they aim to strengthen local capacity for conservation through education and field learning initiatives.

2023 FINANCIAL INFORMATION

International Conservation Fund Corp Statement of Financial Position

As of December 31, 2023

Jan - Dec 2019 Jan - Dec 2020 Jan - Dec 2021 Jan - Dec 2022 Jan - Dec 2023

ASSETS

Current Assets

Bank Accounts

1010 Cash - Cambridge Trust (4518) \$ 19,218 \$ 58,931 \$ 38,699 \$ 216,653 \$ 447,601

Total Bank Accounts \$ 8,268 \$ 47,584 \$ 27,351 \$ 205,306 \$ 447,601

Other Current Assets

1101 Accounts Receivable - (OLD) \$ 242 \$ 9 \$ 0 \$ 21 \$ 0

1190 Undeposited Funds \$ 0 \$ 0 \$ 0 \$ 0 \$ 0

Total Other Current Assets \$ 242 \$ 9 \$ 0 \$ 21 \$ 0

Total Current Assets \$ 8,510 \$ 47,593 \$ 27,351 \$ 205,327 \$ 447,601

TOTAL ASSETS

\$ 8,510 \$ 47,593 \$ 27,351 \$ 205,327 \$ 447,601

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

2011 Capital One (5577) \$ 39 \$ 0 \$ 0 \$ 45

2001 Accounts Payable (OLD) \$ 5,304 \$ 1,137 \$ 2,352 \$ 1,657 \$ 2,925

2046 Accrued Expenses \$ 0 \$ 0 \$ 55,317

Total Current Liabilities \$ 5,304 \$ 1,137 \$ 2,352 \$ 101,657 \$ 58,242

Total Liabilities \$ 5,304 \$ 1,176 \$ 2,352 \$ 101,657 \$ 58,287

Net Assets

3400 Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions \$ 3,207 \$ 14,482 \$ 22,591 \$ 25,049 \$ 87,276

3500 Net Assets with Donor Restrictions \$ 31,936 \$ 2,408 \$ 78,621 \$ 302,038

Net Revenue \$ 0

Total Net Assets \$ 3,207 \$ 46,418 \$ 24,999 \$ 103,670 \$ 389,314

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

\$ 8,510 \$ 47,593 \$ 27,351 \$ 205,327 \$ 447,601

International Conservation Fund Corp Statement of Operations January 2019 - December 2023

Jan - Dec 2019 Jan - Dec 2020 Jan - Dec 2021 Jan - Dec 2022 Jan - Dec 2023

Revenue

Donations 84,965 523,072 260,086 1,514,108 1,124,609

Other Rev: Internships 4,900 0 13,500 9,995

Total Revenue 89,865 523,072 260,086 1,527,608 1,134,604

5010 Donation Conservation Work Expense 76,050 476,607 270,914 1,434,155 827,726.00

Operation Expenditures

8010 Advertising 585 2,113 1,720 265

8030 Bank Fees 73 171 339 201

8050 Computer Hardware & Software 188 627 778 908

8065 Consultants and Subcontractors 1,975

8070 Dues & Subscriptions 226 640

8141 Office Supplies 155

8150 Postage & Delivery 43 147 280 183

8161 Credit Card Merchant Fee 405 1,118 388 1,649 1,215

8181 Accounting Fees 950 7,000 9,529 14,257

8182 Legal Fees 5,078 143 143 488

8195 Internships and Educational Expenses 4,900

8265 Tools and Equipment 1,518

8290 Travel 72

8296 Meals 72

Total 8290 Travel 0 0 0 0 72

Total Operation Expenditures 10,608 3,254.41 10,590 14,783 21,234

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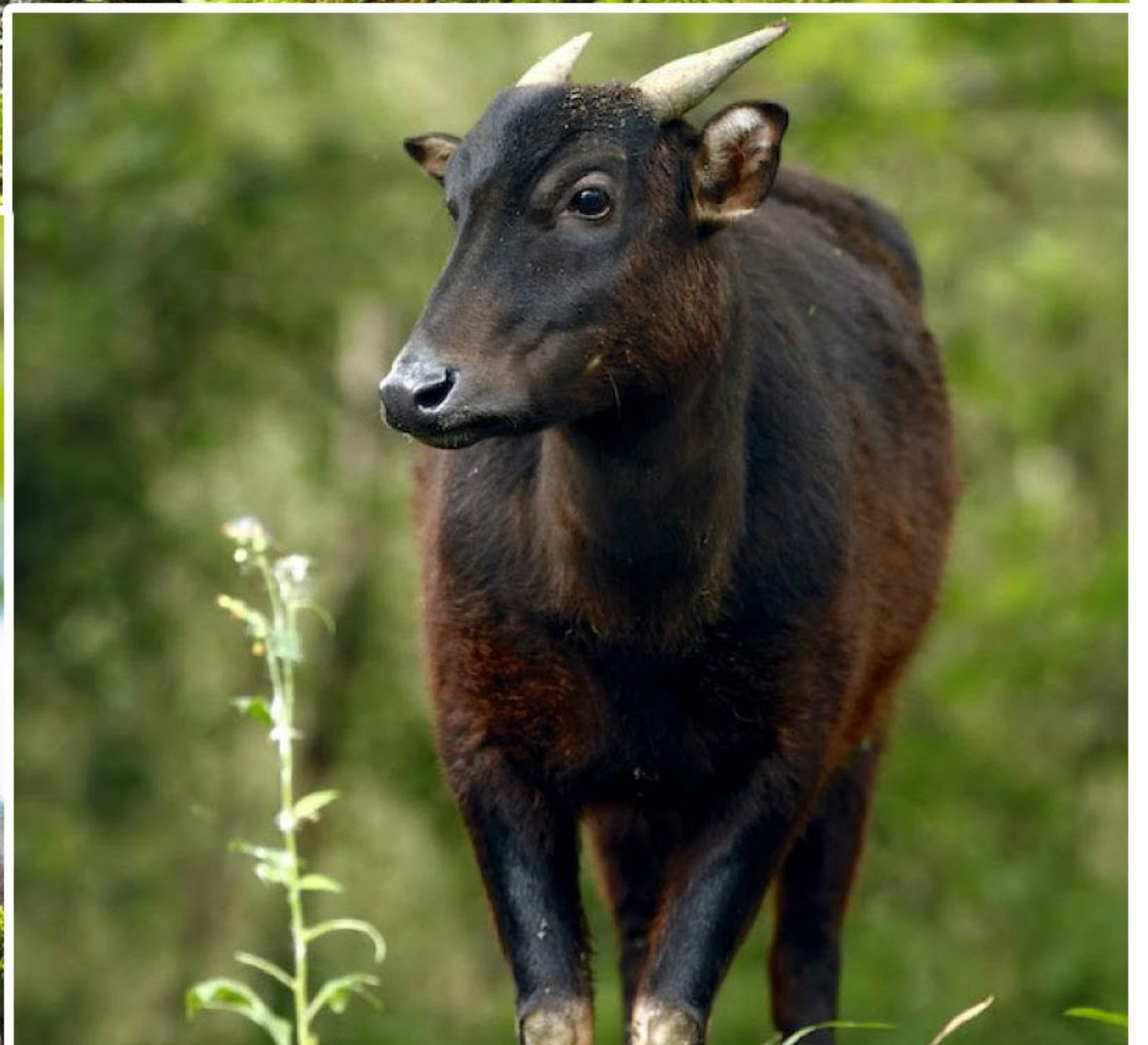
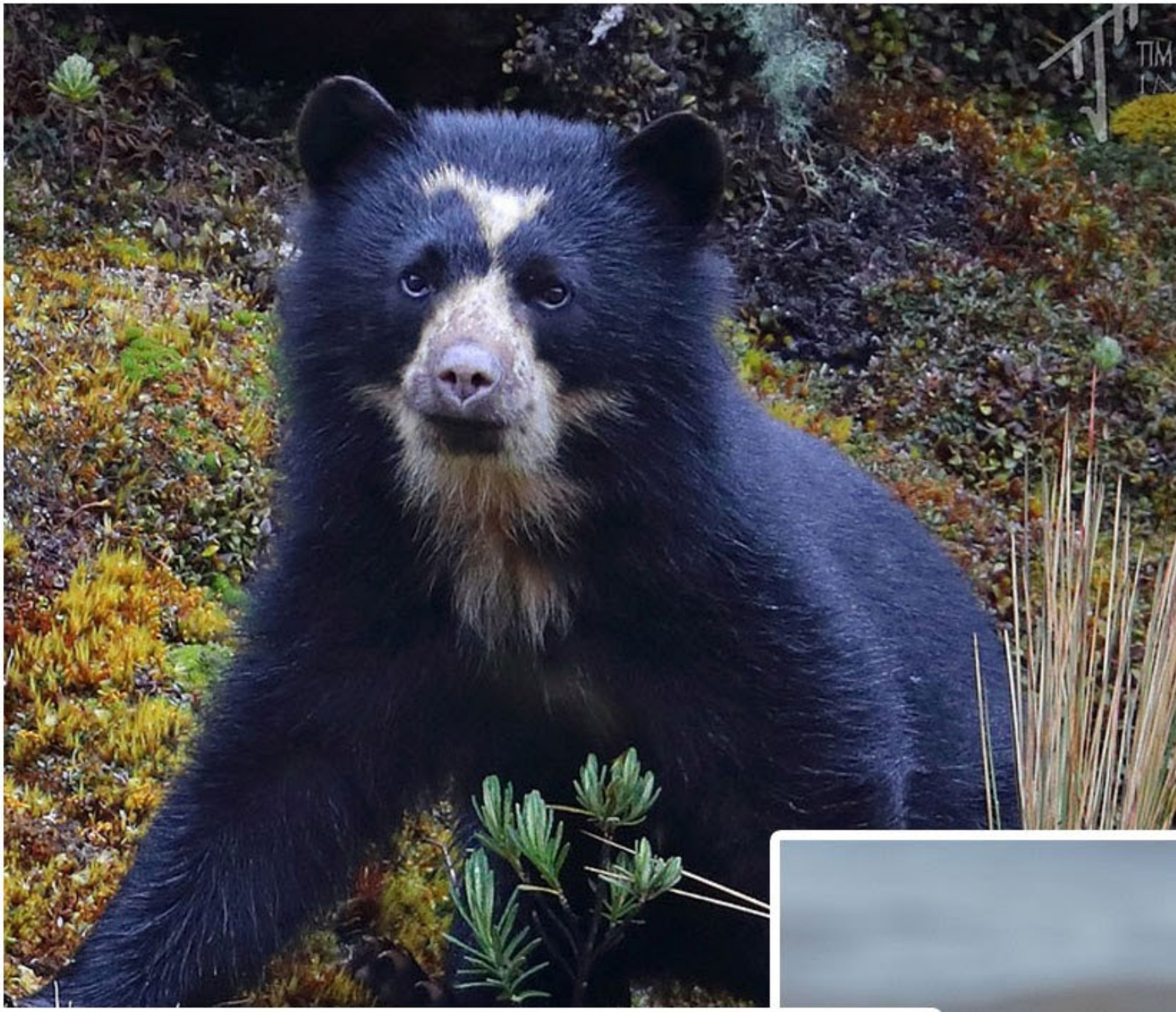
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES

3,207 43,211 (21,418) 78,670 285,644

* Please note that the above financials are unaudited. Our audited financials will be available on our website as soon as they are completed.

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