



ANDEAN BEARS ARE A CRITICAL PART OF THE TROPICAL ANDES ECOSYSTEM. THEIR NUMBERS ARE DECLINING.

JOIN US TO SECURE A FUTURE FOR ANDEAN BEARS



Andean bears live in the most biologically diverse region on earth, but populations throughout their range are vulnerable due to habitat loss and conflict with humans.

Experts predict that the species will be considered endangered in the next 20 years. Research on bear distribution and numbers is needed to design effective conservation strategies for Andean bears.

Our Future for Wildlife program protects Andean bears by...

- Conducting field training workshops for conservation professionals
- Developing range-wide conservation plans
- Conducting field explorations and establishing monitoring programs

We have a responsibility to protect Andean bears for future generations. Andean bears and their habitats are disappearing. Join our efforts to strategically study and monitor bear populations and habitats.

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The Zoo's Andean Bear Conservation Program

The Andean Bear Conservation Alliance (ABCA) is a partnership initiative of Cleveland Metroparks Zoo, the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS), the IUCN (International Union for the Conservation of Nature) Bear Specialist Group and other partners. The ABCA was established to provide a collaborative, coordinated, and targeted approach to Andean bear conservation and facilitate the development of range-wide conservation plans for the Andean bear.

Conducting Andean bear field research and explorations

Knowledge of Andean bear distribution, abundance and conservation status throughout their range is necessary in order to develop and manage conservation programs for this species. Field explorations evaluate Andean bear presence and population status in areas of particular interest to Andean bear conservation.

- **Tools and methodologies developed by the ABCA to study and monitor Andean bear populations are being used in 15 protected areas in Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Bolivia and are the national standard in the Colombian National Park System.**



Promoting capacity building to benefit Andean bear conservation

Scientists and National Park Service professionals are being trained to collect data on Andean bears in a consistent and systematic way throughout the Andean bear range, utilizing the same monitoring tools. The resulting data can be utilized by numerous entities, on local, national and regional levels and be fed directly into regional and national conservation plans.

- **More than two dozen training workshops have been conducted for National Parks staff in Colombia, Ecuador and Peru, on the development of Andean bear presence, distribution and monitoring projects and utilization of ABCA monitoring tools.**



Facilitating collaborative conservation plans for Andean bears

Research, field explorations and capacity-building efforts are done in collaboration with government and non-government organizations in Andean bear range countries. Efforts help identify critical areas for Andean bear conservation and support the development of data-based conservation plans.

- **The ABCA participated in the development of the Andean Bear Action Plan for Peru and the Natural Protected Areas Andean bear monitoring team.**



Join our efforts to secure a future for Andean bears.

- Purchase shade-grown coffee and other sustainably produced products. Encourage others to do the same.
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