

# Project Profile: Guatemala

Guatemala loses an average of 180,000 acres of forest every year. This rapid rate of deforestation is driven by slash-and-burn agriculture, cattle ranching, and monoculture plantations, placing threatened and endemic species at risk of genetic isolation while destroying well-established carbon sinks.

As a supporter of this project, you'll be preserving critical habitat for 30 species of high conservation value, including Jaguar, Baird's Tapir and West Indian Manatee. Around 500 species of bird have been recorded in the project area, including more than 100 migratory species which either transit through or spend the winter here.

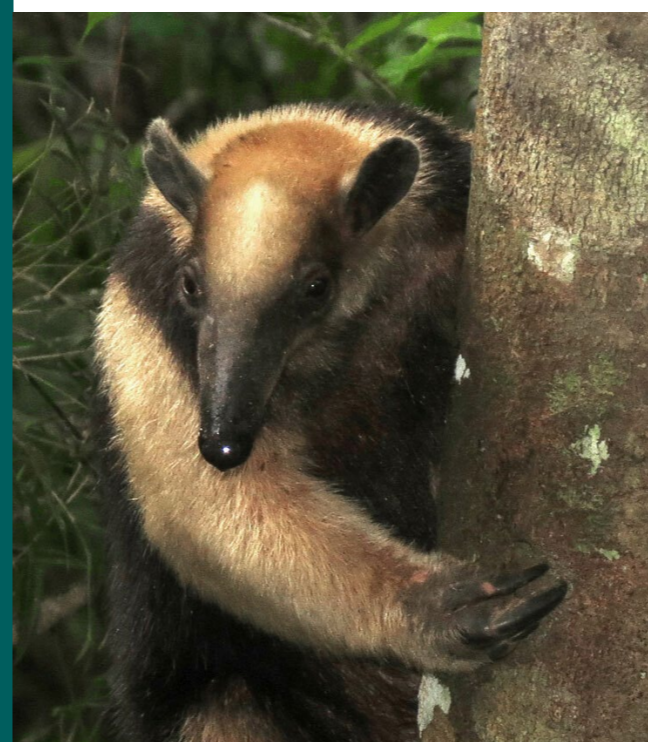
This project also delivers myriad community benefits. Improving access to healthcare and education for women and girls is a key focus, particularly among Indigenous groups. Using project funds, FUNDAECO are working to develop sustainable agroforestry systems, sustainable livelihoods for farmers and fishermen, and an ecotourism programme that will employ members of local communities.

The Conservation Coast is certified to the combined Verified Carbon Standard (VCS) and Climate, Community and Biodiversity Standards (CCBS). Purchasing Verified Carbon Units (VCUs) in this project will provide third-party verification for your carbon neutral claim.


Businesses not seeking third-party verification for their carbon neutral claim, or pursuing net zero or carbon positive/negative strategies, can invest in any of our Carbon Balanced projects in addition to the Conservation Coast.

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By purchasing avoidance credits in the REDD+ project 'Caribbean Guatemala: The Conservation Coast', you can prevent the forests here from suffering a similar fate. Managed by WLT partner FUNDAECO, the Conservation Coast protects more than 300,000 acres of tropical forests and wetlands, spanning the entire Caribbean coastline of Guatemala. These ecosystems serve as carbon sinks and provide environmental services like clean drinking water, timber, and natural disaster risk reduction for the people who live here.



## Your Impact in Caribbean Guatemala: The Conservation Coast

-  Project area: 133,826 acres
-  Project timeframe: 30 years
-  Biomass carbon stocks: Verified by VCS
-  Total estimated carbon benefit: 21,844,843 tCO<sub>2</sub>e
-  Climate benefits: Forest protection
-  Trees protected: 73,125,446
-  Terrestrial species protected: 792
-  UN Sustainable Development Goals: 13

