

JAGUARS NEED OUR HELP....

YEAR 3 AND YEAR 4 HAVE ADOPTED A JAGUAR FROM THE WWF



The mysterious jaguar has been virtually wiped out from most of its northern range. Jaguars now live in around **half** of their historic habitat.



Their habitat is under attack like never before. In the Amazon, the home for most jaguar, we're losing an area of rainforest around **the size of three football pitches every minute**.



Jaguars are now found mainly in the Amazon and the Pantanal – a huge wetland area in Brazil, Bolivia and Paraguay. Over 70% of jaguars live in the Amazon. Jaguars often live near water and are excellent swimmers – they're able to cross large rivers.

THREATS

<p>HABITAT LOSS In the Amazon, an area of rainforest the size of three football pitches is lost every minute. These forests are a key habitat for jaguars.</p>	<p>LOSS OF PREY People hunt the jaguars' natural prey – so they see jaguars as competition for food. Also, due to the loss of habitat, jaguars sometimes kill cattle, so ranchers regard them as a pest.</p>	<p>POACHING Still poached for their paws, teeth and other parts, which are generally used in traditional Asian medicines.</p>	<p>ISOLATION Deforestation not only reduces the amount of habitat available to jaguars, it also breaks up and isolates populations making them more vulnerable to other threats.</p>

HOW WE CAN HELP

WWF has worked in the Amazon for over 40 years. They have helped Amazon countries to create and manage **protected areas**. They work with local communities and leaders to help them understand the importance of particular habitats - to encourage them to preserve them.

Our jaguar adoption helps the WWF to:

- 1) Train local communities to monitor jaguars. The data they collect helps us to understand the jaguar's range and status and then show what else we need to do to protect them.
- 2) Teach local communities about how important jaguars are to try to stop people killing the jaguar.

