



JAGUAR RESCUE CENTER

ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT

2022

THANK YOU NOTE

We are living in uncertain times and great social and environmental challenges that make our mission, our purpose and activities increasingly valuable to society.

The family endeavor, initiated within the residence of our founder, Encar, has expanded and evolved to meet the escalating demands and evolving challenges. The impact of human activity on the delicate ecosystem of the South Caribbean has surpassed its sustainable limits, resulting in the unfortunate plight of wildlife as the primary casualties. This year alone, 2022, we received 966 injured, orphaned or abandoned animals in need of specialized care. The JRC team is driven by a deep affection for wildlife and an appreciation for the natural world. Our unwavering commitment is to strive relentlessly towards a brighter tomorrow, spreading our message of hope and consciousness to an ever-expanding global audience.

From our small, but important, Caribbean location, we have become increasingly aware of the vital importance of the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). These goals, advocated by the United Nations, emphasize the need for our society to advance based on fundamental principles and values that prioritize environmental preservation, restoration, and the responsible use of natural resources. Consequently, at the JRC, we actively seek partnerships and collaborations between the public and private sectors to promote the conservation of our environment.

Throughout 2022, we have strengthened our collaboration with companies, public institutions, universities, and the local community. We firmly believe that by working together and jointly creating inclusive projects, we can effectively address the challenges posed by climate change and human activities, which are rapidly degrading tropical forests.

In the exhilarating realm of 2023, we find ourselves brimming with boundless passion for the breathtaking projects that lie before us, yearning for your invaluable partnership to make them come alive. With each passing year, your unwavering trust becomes the beacon of hope that resonates deep within the untamed hearts of Costa Rica's majestic wildlife, and paves the path towards a future that is not only more sustainable, but a testament to the awe-inspiring beauty that encompasses our entire planet. Gratitude overflows from the very core of our beings, as we extend our heartfelt thanks to those who have bestowed their trust upon us. Together, let us embark on this exhilarating journey, forging a legacy that will forever safeguard the extraordinary wonders of our world.



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THE CENTER

The JRC, situated in Talamanca canton, Limón province, in Costa Rica's South Caribbean region, comprises two distinct locations. The rescue center and sanctuary facilities, spanning 1.5 hectares, are situated in Cocles, adjacent to the Caribbean Sea.

The sanctuary serves as a haven for animals that, regrettably, cannot be reintegrated into their natural habitat due to physical or behavioral limitations. Within the sanctuary, all their needs are met, ensuring their utmost well-being.

The rescue center, the project's inception, is committed to safeguarding Costa Rica's fauna. It operates in accordance with conservation principles, aiming to reintroduce as many animals as possible into their natural environment under optimal conditions.

The center also houses a nature reserve, where select rescued and rehabilitated animals are released.

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Additionally, permission was granted to oversee an additional 35 hectares, resulting in a combined area of 50 hectares. Within this expanse of tropical humid forest, 35 hectares consist of primary forest, while the remainder constitutes secondary forest.

Notably, this secondary forest is encompassed by 68 hectares of well-preserved forest.

MISSION – VISION – VALUES



MISSION

Established in 2008, the JRC is an organization dedicated to helping animals in need. With unwavering care and love, the JRC rehabilitates injured, sick and orphaned animals and releases those back to good health back into the wild. Through educational outreach, the JRC provides environmental awareness, promotes a harmonious relationship with native wildlife, and encourages the community to protect our delicate ecosystems.

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VISION AND VALUES

We are a self-governing entity, maintaining independence in both political and economic aspects. Our primary objectives revolve around fairness, support, social responsibility, and environmental preservation. Through innovative and interdisciplinary approaches, we strive to protect and restore endangered wildlife populations.

Our collaborators are at the core of our existence and actions. We foster professional relationships founded on respect, trust, assistance, empathy, and a shared commitment to progress.

The JRC endeavors to expand its role as a leading institution in wildlife conservation and scientific exploration. Our mission encompasses not only the rehabilitation of numerous animals to their natural habitats but also the advancement of scientific knowledge. By endorsing national and international research initiatives focused on studying distinct animals and ecosystems along Costa Rica's Caribbean coast, we contribute to a deeper understanding of these unique environments.

OUR WORK

The center's three primary areas of focus are as follows:

a) CONSERVATION:

The center's core mission, since its establishment, has always revolved around safeguarding wildlife that has been directly or indirectly endangered by human activities.



b) EDUCATION:

Our aim is to promote environmental education and raise awareness about the impact of our actions on wildlife and the significance of conservation through guided tours and engaging activities with communities and institutions.

c) RESEARCH:

The center conducts various research endeavors encompassing wildlife ecology, biology, veterinary medicine, and other related fields. Several scientific studies are currently undergoing advanced review for future publication.

Presently, the center is engaged in multiple avenues of research that are advancing and expanding in accordance with the funding allocated to them. Additionally, the center actively collaborates with both domestic and international universities through agreements, enabling the execution of specific studies within its premises.



OUR VALUED STAKEHOLDERS

Communities

These are the diverse human groups residing in the areas where the JRC operates. The JRC's core mission is centered around serving and collaborating with these communities, including indigenous peoples, children, and adolescents.

Donors

This group consists of individuals, corporations, and institutions who generously contribute. Their support plays an integral role in realizing the center's vision and fulfilling its mission.

Collaborators

They are the dedicated individuals who work for the JRC, including both employees and volunteers. Their valuable efforts contribute significantly to the work carried out by the center.

The management team

Comprises the top governing body responsible for setting the organization's strategy and overseeing its operations. Women make up 57% of the team. Institutional entities. This includes government-controlled organizations like SENASA, MINAE, Municipality of Talamanca, Ministry of Finance, Comptroller General, and others. JRC communicates, reports to, and fulfills their requirements.

The general public.

This encompasses all sectors of society not previously mentioned. This includes significant stakeholders such as international and national visitors, as well as national and international media.

SUSTAINABILITY

Sustainability is not only linked to the environment, but also to the social and economic environment, thus forming the three pillars that aim to guarantee the integrity of the planet and improve the quality of life. We want to show our stakeholders the economic, environmental, social and governance performance of our organization.

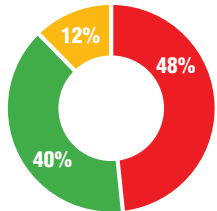


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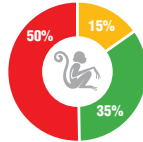


All animals (966)

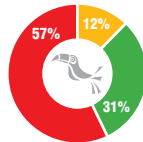
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- In the Center (119)
- Dead (467)



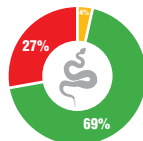
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Birds

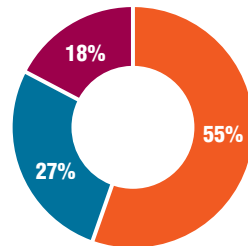


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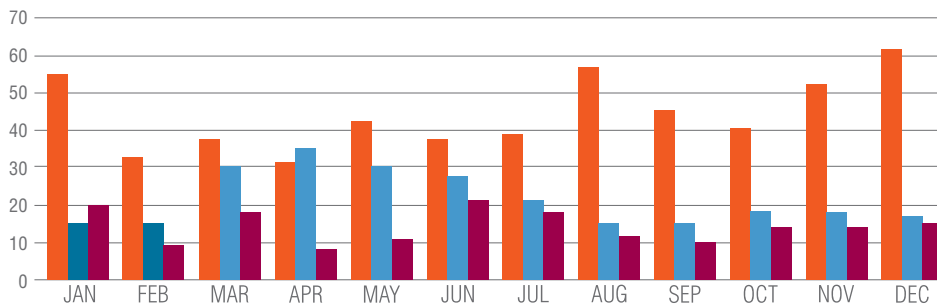


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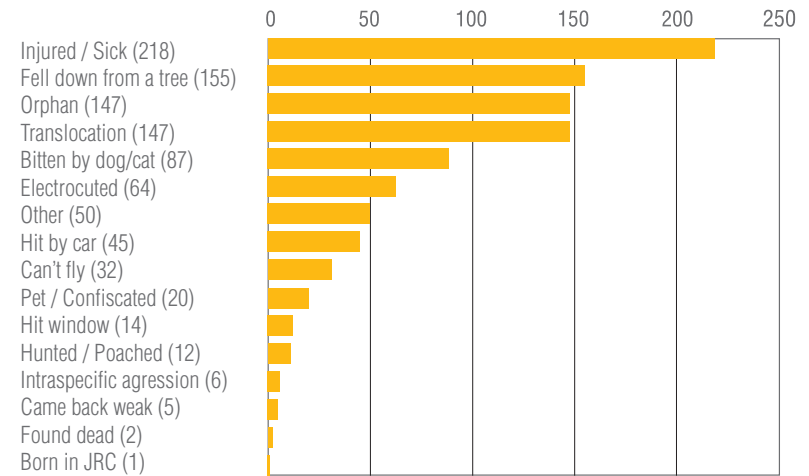
- Mammals (535)
- Birds (261)
- Reptiles (170)



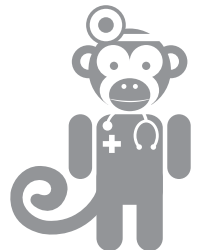
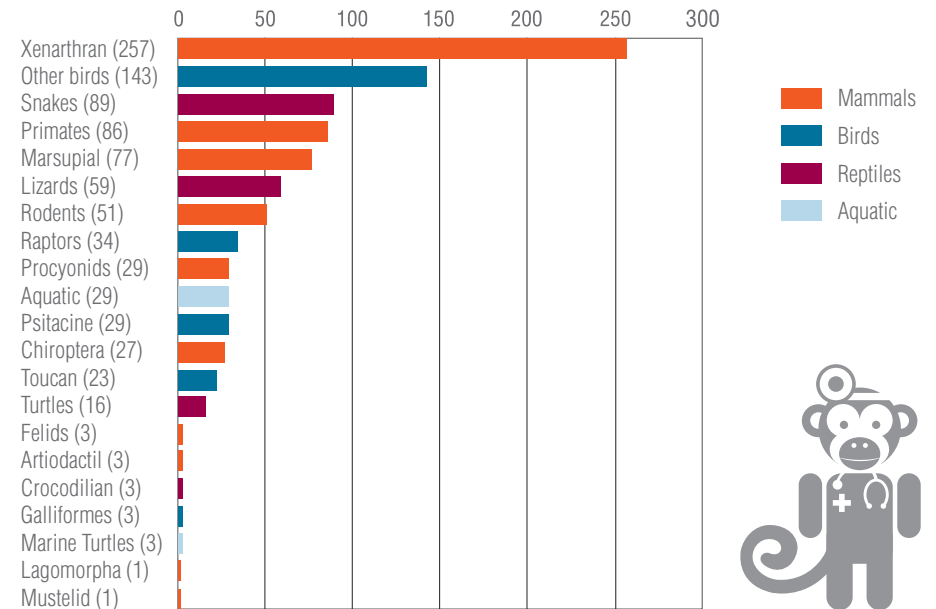
Admissions per month



Cause of admission



Admission by taxon



ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

As mentioned, the center has three primary functions: conservation, research, and education. Concerning conservation, the center carries out the following tasks:

Animal Rescue

The center actively engages in animal rescues 24/7, all year round. We possess a dedicated vehicle for these rescue operations. In addition to animals delivered to us by the Ministry of the Environment (MINA) and other organizations, we also collaborate with government entities such as the Fire Department, Police, Coast Guard, etc.

A groundbreaking initiative by the center involves the creation of a private WhatsApp group with various government entities. This enables us to promptly notify them of animal rescue situations, allowing for coordinated efforts to ensure the safe transportation of the animals to our center from any location within Costa Rica.

In 2022 alone, a total of

966

animals were rescued
at our center



SOCIAL SUSTAINABILITY

The JRC actively engages in social sustainability through its commitment to Environmental Education, which is a core aspect of the center's work. Environmental education plays a vital role in empowering individuals to get involved and take action for the betterment of the environment.

In May 2022, the JRC established the dedicated JRC Community program, aimed at fulfilling its social sustainability objectives. The program entails:

Educational talks conducted for schools and colleges.

Organizing visits for special groups, including women's associations and indigenous elders.

Establishing collaboration agreements and developing work plans in conjunction with the Costa Rican Border Police and their project "Fronteras de Paz para las Comunidades."



Offering free admission to the center for community members.
Providing training courses on wildlife handling and care to company personnel and government agency workers.
Conducting educational tours for tourists to raise awareness about the primary causes of environmental issues, the current situation, and actionable steps for improvement.
Creating educational material such as posters and panels for children.

Generating global media presence to raise awareness about preventing wildlife electrocutions in power lines and electrical transformers.

In 2022, a total of 526 boys and girls visited the center, with 24 visits taking place between April and December. Out of these visits, 7 were from schools (3 private and 4 public), while the remaining 17 visits were organized through social projects in the area. Additionally, 88 community members from Bribri, Cocles, and Chiripó participated in the center's activities. Furthermore, a special visit was arranged at a school to commemorate Jaguar Day, where 13 children aged 9 to 12 were in attendance.

ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY

Positive Indirect Economic Impacts

- The development of the Talamanca area, which has historically had the lowest rates of human development and per capita income in the country, is positively influenced by the presence of the JRC. Many visitors specifically come to the country to experience the JRC, resulting in expenditures on accommodation, transportation, and catering services. Although it is challenging to quantify these expenses precisely, they significantly contribute to the economic and social progress of the area.
- Each job created by the JRC supports a number of individuals, and families who depend on the income generated from those positions.
- The JRC attracts qualified personnel, who, along with their needs, drive progress in the area.
- Through our JRC Community program, community knowledge is enhanced, particularly in relation to the environment.

- We actively promote collaboration with local producers, helping them distribute their products through our store.
- In collaboration with ICE, we participate in the Shock Free Zone program. The JRC has conducted an inventory of power lines and transformers that pose a threat to wildlife due to insufficient insulation. ICE has invested \$73,927 in various interventions in 2022, such as isolating secondary lines, transformers, and implementing wildlife crossings and semi-insulated conductors.
- The JRC's international media presence continues to grow, with numerous features in newspapers, magazines, and television programs. Our social media platforms (Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube) have also experienced significant increases in followers, reaching a total of 223,000. Additionally, our website received 184,235 unique visitors in 2022. This heightened exposure of our destination has attracted an indeterminate number of nature tourists from around the world, as indicated by our visitor surveys.

ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY

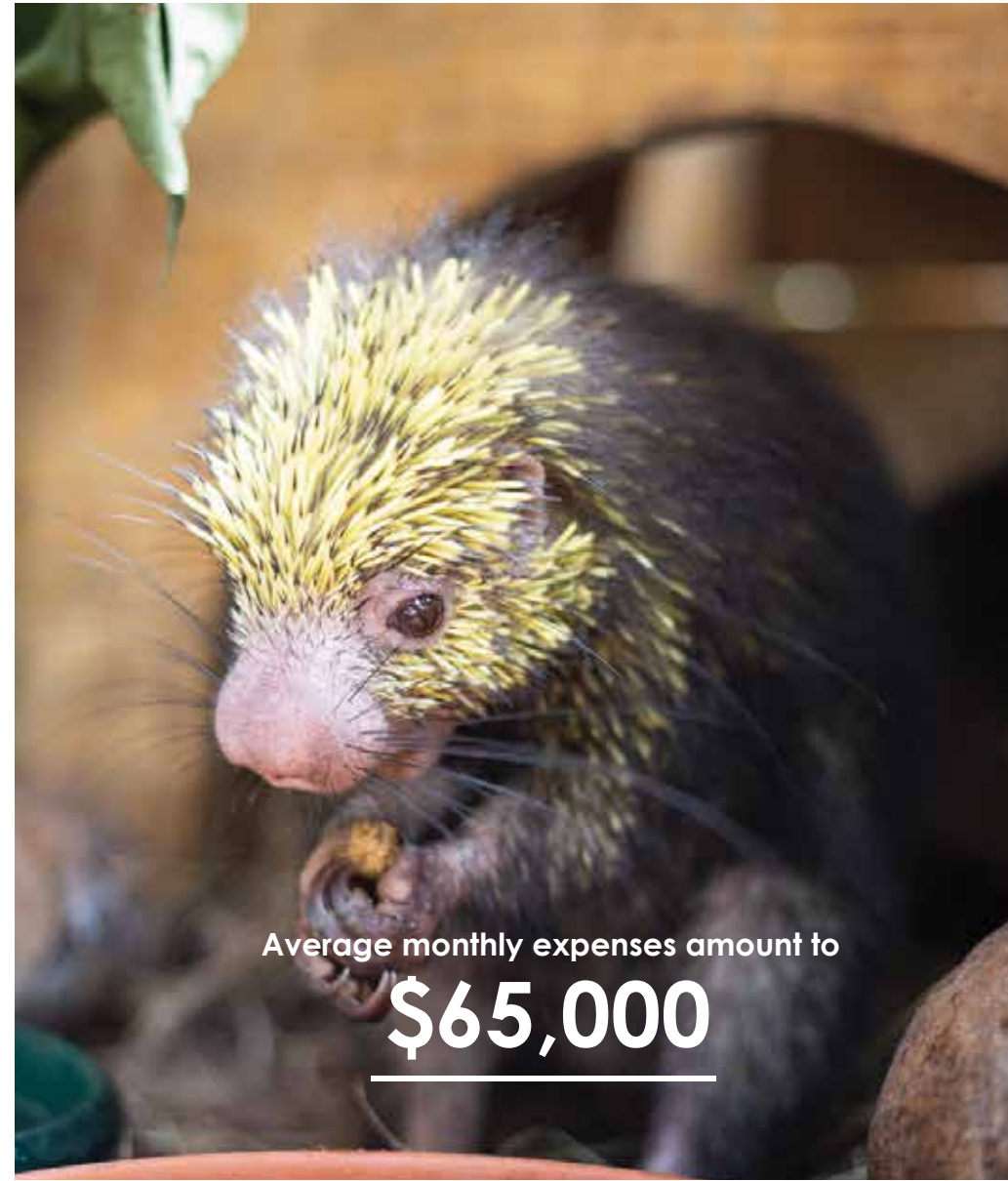
The Structure

The JRC group is a mixed organization. The rescue center is managed by the Ceiba Primary Forest Foundation, which also has the Shock Free Zone and JRC Community programs under its umbrella. The JRC Sanctuary is managed as a private company.

Financial Information

The financial budget of the JRC in the year 2022 was divided into the following items:

ITEM	% Amount over the total
Social projects Ceiba PF Foundation (Shock Free Zone, JRC Community)	0.5%
Public Services (electricity, water, telephones, internet)	1.8%
Rent/purchase of La Ceiba	6.9%
Veterinary services and products	2.4%
Animal Food	8.4%
Maintenance (vehicles, IT networks, veterinary equipment)	1.4%
Facilities and equipment maintenance	6.4%
Professional Services (accounting, biology, security, web, legal)	3.2%
Commissions and bank charges	1.5%
Other Expenses	0.5%
Cleaning supplies	2.0%
Fuels (gas, propane ect..)	1.1%
Construction of new facilities	30.2%
Salaries and Social Charges	34.4%



CEIBA PRIMARY FOREST FOUNDATION

The Foundation receives income mainly from donations and the accounts are presented each year to the Comptroller General of the Republic of Costa Rica.

Year 2022

Income:

Donations: \$269,959

Expenses: \$316,963

Administrative expenses: \$28 209

Operating expenses:

Construction of new facilities: \$237,922

Salaries and social charges: \$41080

Professional services \$4746

Veterinary products: \$4381

Social projects \$3807

THE FOUNDATION'S PROJECTS IMPLEMENTED IN 2022

Alongside managing the rescue center, the Ceiba Primary Forest Foundation successfully completed various projects in 2022, thanks to generous donations. These initiatives included:

1. Constructing specialized facilities within the JRC rescue center:

Two multipurpose structures dedicated to bird care, providing ample space for flying practice and modular areas. Each facility measures 17x6x3m.
Two additional multipurpose facilities for short-stay purposes.

2. Revitalizing and upgrading areas affected by neglect during the COVID pandemic:

Repairs conducted in laundry and workshops.
Restoration of the main building, featuring an expanded Administration space and a new JRC Wildlife Hub.
Provisional space established for the nursery in the rear building.



3. Land preparation activities:

Clearing and proper disposal of waste materials under authorized management.
Repairs made to the perimeter fence.
Construction of a small bridge to facilitate stream crossing.
Implementation of rainwater channeling systems.
Procurement of essential construction tools.
Acquisition of a rainwater collection tank for two new poultry facilities.
Purchase of microchips and a reader to facilitate animal identification upon release.



Implementation of the Shock Free Zone Program:

Purchase of ropes for wildlife crossings (transferred to ICE).

Engagement of engineering services to conduct a census and map power lines and transformers from Hone Creek to Manzanillo.



JRC Community Program:

Procurement of materials for engaging activities with local schools.

Allocation of travel expenses beyond the JRC premises.