

Uno Vari Kiria

Vai vuru kerani

Katsi katsi kerani

Mari Mari Kerani

Kuma Kuma Kerani

Uni turu kerani. . .



Where the sun comes from

Where the trail in the jungle comes from

He's come cut the silence of the forest

He's come from the sun

He's come from the great spirit

Bringing health . . .





Munu munu krtsni

the healer arrives

Jaguar Bio-Cultural Renewal
A Yawanawa Project Proposal

Background:

Territory encroachment and poaching threaten the survival of the Jaguar and are a constant threat to unarmed Yawanawans.

The Yawanawans are one of the few intact tribes in the world. Their stories, legends, and mythology have kept their relationship with the Jaguar alive and healthy for thousands of years.

Jaguars are the only panthera species native to the Americas; 88% of the surviving jaguars are clustered in Yawanawan territory and continue to live in this region, despite the fact it is not their optimal environment.



VISION:

The Yawanawans—in partnership with the Jaguar—will restore the corridor extending from Brazil through Mexico to preserve and protect Jaguars and the biodiversity of this region.

Goals:

To restore the corridor of protection for the Jaguars from Brazil to Mexico by networking diverse Indigenous communities and Western conservationists.

To monitor Jaguars using Western and Indigenous science, and to develop strategies for bio-cultural conservation.

To help Western science and Indigenous peoples in other Jaguar territory to learn from the culturally intact Yawanawans to understand why and how they continue to live in harmony with the Jaguar.

To address the lack of a common language or set of symbols between the worlds (integrity, rigor, reliability), we are developing a jaguar conservation app. The app will be holistic and analytical and may serve as a prototype for future conservation efforts.



Phase I—Foundation

Phase II—Application

Phase III—Reflection & Integration

Phase IV—Bridging* & Globalization

**We will explicate what the bridge is as each Phase unfolds*

Phase I

Purpose: To network and exchange information about conservation issues and practicalities.

To establish the foundation for a comprehensive anti-poaching and security plan for the region.

2-3 representatives from the Yawanawan community in Brazil travel to Oaxaca, Mexico to network with successful indigenous conservation projects, such as Alianze Jaguar de Mexico, Jaguars into the Wild, and Naturalia.

International security expert conducts tactical assessment and develops an anti-poaching/security plan in Yawanawan territory.

Continue development of a Jaguar conservation app begun in 2016.

Timing: February 2017

Phase II

Purpose: To unite in ceremony, and to share the significance of the jaguar inter-tribally.

To establish methods and protocols to address poaching issues threatening jaguars and the overall biodiversity in the region.

3-4 representatives, including Yawanawan medicine men, return to Oaxaca to meet with Jaguar shamans and conservationists. The groups will pray together and share their jaguar cosmivision. The group will also attend a global Jaguar conference.

Timing: May 2017



Phase III

Purpose: To further strengthen the Jaguar Conservation Corridor and develop concrete action items for Jaguar conservation.

2-3 Jaguar representatives and conservationists travel from Mexico to the Amazon to further the connection and sharing of traditional wisdom.

In partnership with local communities, ongoing anti-poaching methods and procedures will be developed.

To educate the next generation of conservationist by collecting and transmitting traditional jaguar stories of the Yawanawans.

Timing: Late 2017

Action Items:

- Purchase and install camera traps, patrol boats, and other anti-poaching equipment
- Using international security experts, train a Jaguar ranger team



Phase IV

Purpose: To bridge Western and Indigenous methodologies for the protection of Jaguars and other apex predators around the world for the preservation of the Earth's biodiversity and all life.

Organize a larger meeting among WISN Global Big Cat Alliance members and Jaguar team

Share the Indigenous Science/Western Science Jaguar conservation model via digital platforms and at the Wild Conference in China, the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Peoples, and others.

Timing: 2018

Financial Request

At this time, we are requesting funds for phase I and II.

(Proposed budget sent separately.)

