

Who's Who in the Tapir Specialist Group

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Keywords: megafauna, seed dispersal, defaunation, frugivores

Main Interests: Anthropocene effects on plant-animal interactions. Humans have altered the ecology and evolution of many organisms, and I am particularly interested how functional or complete extinction of fruit-eating animals affect key ecosystem processes and services.

Name: JUAN PABLO JULIÁ, Argentina

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Keywords: captive breeding, translocation, reintroduction, education

Main Interests: Reintroduction of lowland tapirs in Tucumán (Argentinian Northwest). We have an educational project about tapir in areas near where we want to reintroduce tapirs

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Keywords: frugivoria, Espírito Santo State, Brazil

Main Interests: Pesquisador do Pró-Tapir: Monitoramento e proteção das antas da Mata Atlântica Capixaba desde 2011, trabalhando para a conservação da espécie no estado do Espírito Santo, responsável pela descrição do padrão de frugivoria da espécie nas áreas de estudo.

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Keywords: conservation biology, tropical forest, large species

Main Interests: My interests mainly focus on the way large species, among them tapirs, respond to changes in their habitat; and on the direct impacts of humans on these species. My work is almost entirely centered, geographically, on the Calakmul area in the Southern Yucatan Peninsula of Mexico, where water scarcity during the dry season adds to other constraints to severely limit the ability of species to move freely over the landscape.

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Keywords: lowland tapir, Atlantic Forest, Conservation

Main Interests: I'm conservation biologist in Brazil concerned to assess the conservation status of mammals. Researcher in Pro-Tapir (Monitoring Program tapirs the Atlantic Forest Espírito Santo) and researcher at IMD - Instituto Marcos Daniel, where my studies are concerned with the conservation of tapirs the Brazilian Atlantic Forest

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Main Interests: Wildlife conservation and animal welfare, with specific experience in conservation planning, policy, education, communications and outreach.

Name: FRANZ KASTON FLOREZ, Colombia

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Keywords: Conservation, Danta, Tapir, Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta -Colombia.

Main Interests: Determine the historical and current relationship of tapir (*Tapirus terrestris colombianus*) - Kogi indians - tree guaimaro (*Brosimum alicastrum*), to establish a socioeconomic model that protects the tapir and their ecosystems in the Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta - Colombia.

Name: ANDRES LAGUNA, Ecuador

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Main Interests: Diagnosis population of large mammals, density, distribution, health, home range, diet, behavior, genetics and ecology; Andean Bear (Human Bear Interactions - Cattle and Tapir Predation); Mountain Tapir, Mountain Lion, Andean Fox, Deer; Environmental education programs focused on wildlife conservation; Development biological criteria for establishing public policies conservation, protected areas and conservation corridors; Development inter-institutional action protocols for managing interactions between large mammals - humans, research on automatic mechanisms to help minimize interactions big mammals - humans.

Name: MARIO ALBERTO COZZUOL, Brazil

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Keywords: anatomy, systematics, evolution, paleontology, biogeography

Main Interests: Interested in systematics, phylogeny and evolution of South American mammals, as well as anatomy, diversity and biogeography of this group along the Cenozoic, with focus in the Quaternary and Recent of northern South America.

Name: IVAN LIRA-TORRES, Mexico

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Keywords: mammal ecology, conservation, Colombia, Ecuador

Main Interests: Biologist interested in mammal ecology and conservation. I have extensive field experience working in the tropics with a focus on ecology and biodiversity conservation. I am especially interested in helping companies, organizations and governments to make data based decisions based on scientific methods. Most recently, I have been working on monitoring wildlife using occupancy and niche modelling. For most of my research I have studied mountain tapirs, my favorite species.

Name: HARALD BECK, Germany

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Main Interests: My research interests include mammal-plant interaction, multi trophic-level interactions, and ecosystem engineering in temperate and tropical ecosystems. Recently, my research focuses on the effects of hyper-abundance of ungulates in the northern hemisphere and defaunation of ungulates in the southern hemisphere. My study sites are located within the Peruvian Amazon and forests in Maryland.

Name: ROBERT B. WALLACE, United Kingdom / Bolivia

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Keywords: Lowland tapir, camera trapping, distribution, landscape species, conservation, wildlife management

Main Interests: Biologist interested in securing landscape scale conservation at wildlife strongholds across the Amazon and the Tropical Andes through long-term partnerships with local stakeholders especially protected areas, indigenous organizations and local communities, and through engagement with urban audiences in strategic communication and education initiatives. Wildlife research tailored to addressing key information gaps on species especially diversity, distribution, occupancy and population size and density, as well as monitoring changes across time and space to better how threats and resulting management actions affect vulnerable species.

Name: ANDRÉS TAPIA, Ecuador

Job Position/Institutional Affiliation: Researcher, Centro Ecológico Zanja Arajuno

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Keywords: lowland tapir, mountain tapir, Amazonia

Main Interests: 1) Working with local communities in strategies to manage rainforest in a sustainable manner; 2) To know evolutionary and biogeographic aspects of the natural history of wildlife, specially tapirs and big Amazonian mammals.

Name: ANDRÉS ARIAS ALZATE, Colombia

Job Position/Institutional Affiliation: Estudiante de Doctorado PhD (cand), Laboratorio de Análisis Espaciales, Instituto de Biología, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México-UNAM

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Keywords: ecology, species distributions, ecological niche modeling, geographical ecology, urban ecology, conservation biology, Mammalogy, tapirs, carnivores, natural history

Main Interests: Areas of research interest have focused on ecology, urban ecology, geographical ecology, conservation biology, natural history and wild life conservation. Currently one of the main interests is to understand the effects of climate change on the ecological structure and distribution patterns of tapirs and carnivores in Americas, with respect to their ecological characteristics and requirements based on ecological niche and geographical distributions modeling. Thus contributing to understand these key species for their role in the ecosystems dynamics, towards their conservation and thus of environmental services protection not only in Antioquia, but also in Colombia and Latin America.

Name: JUAN PABLO REYES PUIG, Ecuador

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Keywords: conservation, Tapirus pinchaque, Central Ecuadorian Andes

Main Interests: Direct conservation actions through establish private and community reserves between Sangay and Llanganates National Park. Monitoring wild populations of mountain tapir in central Ecuadorian Andes and research their ecology.

Name: AMABILI FALQUETO MISTURA, Brazil

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Keywords: biologia da conservação, ecologia na Mata Atlântica, manejo

Main Interests: Bióloga pesquisadora no Instituto Marcos Daniel

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Main Interests: conservation medicine, in-situ and ex-situ conservation of tapirs, relevant diseases for tapir populations, hematological and biochemistry parameters of wild tapirs, physiological parameters of a wild tapirs under anesthesia, human conflicts with tapirs populations, environmental education

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Keywords: SDM, modeling, distribution, habitat, satellite imagery, remote sensing

Main Interests: My main focus is on modeling species distributions using the most up-to-date data and methods, in order to inform conservation actions. Currently I am working with Baird's Tapir, but my interest extends to all Tapir species, and any species of conservation concern.

Name: MATT HARTLEY, United Kingdom

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Keywords: veterinary, reproduction, conservation breeding, captive management, population management

Main Interests: Captive management, nutrition, reproduction and veterinary care of tapirs in captivity and population management of the world captive tapir population to support conservation breeding and conservation interventions for tapirs; Conservation interventions such as rehabilitation, translocation and re-introduction of tapirs; Disease epidemiology and impact on wild populations of tapirs.

Name: JAIME ANDRES SUAREZ MEJIA, Colombia

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Keywords: effectiveness of conservation measures, public awareness, Tapirus pinchaque, Tapirus bairdii, Tapirus terrestris, Colombia, traditional knowledge.

Main Interests: Make more effective implementation of strategies and plans of conservation of the species of tapir in Colombia to achieve a real impact on the maintenance of viable populations of long-term tapir in the country. Designing strategies to disseminate knowledge about the ecological importance and function of tapirs to the general public and government officials about the presence of three species of American tapir in Colombia and what it represents for the diversity of the country and maintenance. I am interested in better understanding the current presence of T bairdii in the basins of Colombia Choco region not evaluated yet.

Name: NINON MEYER, France / Panama / Mexico

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Keywords: large mammals, tapir, conservation, Panama

Main Interests: My work focuses on the ecology of large mammals with a special interest in Baird's tapirs. I conduct field work using camera traps in several sites across Panama but principally in Central Panama and Darien. The goal of my study is to investigate the movement of tapirs in fragmented landscapes to define adequate conservation strategy in terms of land-use planning.

Name: JOSE LUIS CARTES, Paraguay

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Keywords: protected areas, in-situ conservation

Main Interests: Protected areas planning and conservation, monitoring and research of wild populations of lowland tapirs.

Name: ARMANDO CASTELLANOS, Ecuador

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Keywords: mountain tapir, Andean bear, conflicts, research

Main Interests: Our goal is to save the Mountain tapir and Spectacled Bear from extinction through in-field scientific studies to protect and conserve their populations.

Name: GEORGINA O'FARRILL, Mexico / Canada

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Keywords: tapir, conservation, outreach, climate change, extinction

Main Interests: Being able to share with future generations the impressiveness of large mammals is one of my main interests and this is why I work towards the conservation of large endangered species such as Baird's tapir. I am interested in knowing what is the role of species in the ecosystem and the consequences of the disruption of their movement patterns. I enjoy and try to translate scientific knowledge to put in the hands of those that live in close proximity to endangered species and those who take political decision on the habitat of large animals.

Name: NAY MYO SHWE, Myanmar

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Keywords: ecology, conservation

Main Interests: The conservation and ecology is main interest. Consequently, the distributional survey for Malayan Tapir is requiring in Myanmar. Likewise, the population status of Malayan Tapir in Myanmar is not well known. Facing threats to the species and conservation action for species is urgently needed. Therefore, ecological survey and conservation action for Malayan tapir is crucial. Moreover, awareness raising program is necessitate to mainstream of Myanmar conservation strategy.

Name: YOAN DINATA, Indonesia

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Main Interests: Ecology and conservation of cats and other large terrestrial mammals including Malayan tapirs.

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Main Interests: Malay tapir, linking of in-situ and ex-situ activities, tapir ecology.

Name: ANTONY JOHN LYNAM, Thailand

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Keywords: conservation, Asia

Main Interests: Natural history & conservation ecology of small mammals, wild cats, Asian elephants, and tapirs, species responses to deforestation & habitat fragmentation, hunting & wildlife trade; interface between conservation science & applied wildlife management, using evidence-based approaches, statistical analysis, & technologies (camera-trapping, drones and remote sensed imagery) to advise the recovery of threatened wildlife populations in tropical Asia.

Name: ZAINAL ZAHARI ZAINUDDIN, Malaysia

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Main interest: On a serious note I am pursuing science as a tool for conserving wildlife, especially large mammals. Apart from veterinary medicine I focus a lot on reproductive biology in both male and female. I love learning new concepts and technologies in veterinary science and reproduction.

Name: BENOIT DE THOISY, France / French Guiana

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Keywords: conservation, ecology, genetics, Amazonia

Main Interests: BdT works since almost 20 years in French Guiana, as head of a NGO dedicated to wildlife study and conservation. His interests are the history, diversity, ecology and conservation of Amazonian ecosystems. The programs implemented use wide variety of tools and approaches, from field monitoring to genetics, ecological expertise, environmental awareness and support to local policies for land and resources management.

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Keywords: education, lowland tapir, students, Brazil

Main Interests: My intent is to provide information on lowland tapir biology, ecology and conservation for students of farming communities of Mato Grosso state (Brazil) and persuade the local merchants to support lowland tapir conservation through financial support or better commercial/industrial/management practices.

Name: KEITH WILLIAMS, United Kingdom

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Keywords: tapir, biodiversity, conservation, protected areas

Main Interests: Conservation of biodiversity in terrestrial and marine systems with a major emphasis on protected areas and species management. Strategic operational planning incorporating the cooperation of impacted communities and their engagement for conservation outcomes, particularly in developing countries. Integration of conservation objectives with national plans to meet social and economic objectives, and the mainstreaming of environmental considerations in policy development and implementation through education and awareness raising at all levels of societies.

Name: NIALL MCCANN, United Kingdom

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Keywords: Baird's tapir, Honduras, conservation, deforestation, poaching

Main Interests: Using and developing appropriate methodologies to gather robust data on biodiversity levels and threats to biodiversity that may be used to support conservation initiatives.

Name: BUDHAN S. PUKAZHENTHI, United States

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Keywords: tapir, reproduction, conservation

Main Interests: Conservation and reproduction of all species of tapir. We have developed semen collection and hormone monitoring techniques for all four species of tapir. We would like to see these tools including systematic collection and banking of biomaterials being integrated into both in situ and ex situ programs. Finally, training the next generation of tapir reproductive specialist also is a major interest of mine.

Name: SOFÍA MARÍN WIKANDER, Venezuela

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Keywords: Ecology, Habitat use, Population density, Tapirus terrestris,

Main Interests: The research area of my interest is the conservation and management of wildlife, especially endangered mammals, through the study of the ecology and biology of their populations. Specifically about tapirs, I am interested in the study of habitat use and population density to assess their state of conservation. I am also interested in the field of landscape ecology, where social and biological components are integrated in the search for sustainable management of natural resources.

Name: KELLY RUSSO, United States

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Main Interests: Tapir conservation, rhino conservation, photography, Star Wars

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Keywords: áreas protegidas, Andes tropicales, tapir de Montaña, Sur de Ecuador

Main Interests: Mis principales intereses se orientan a la gestión de territorios de conservación, en diferentes modalidades de conservación ya sea en ámbitos públicos y/o privados, con énfasis en la región andino tropical

del sur del Ecuador. Entre los principales trabajos en los cuales me encuentro trabajando están el incrementar áreas de conservación en la zona andina del sur del Ecuador; y, elaborar planes de manejo de áreas previamente existentes, considerando al Tapir de Montaña (*Tapirus pinchaque*) como una de las especies emblemáticas dentro de estos territorios.

Name: RENATA CAROLINA FERNANDES SANTOS, Brazil

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Keywords: lowland tapir, *Tapirus terrestris*, conservation medicine, health, in situ

Main Interests: Renata Santos is a Brazilian Veterinarian whose main professional interests are wildlife medicine, conservation medicine (focusing on the One Health Approach), and tapir research and conservation.

Name: ANDRESSA GATTI, Brazil

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Keywords: Atlantic Forest, lowland tapir, conservation

Main Interests: Ecology, conservation and management of wildlife, and survey of mammals, especially tapirs.

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Keywords: animal ecology, conservation biology, wildlife management

Main interests: Nowadays my research involves the development of a scientific-technical network to promote the reintroduction of endangered species in Atlantic Forest (Refauna Network: Reintroduction of Fauna and Restoration of Ecological Interactions Network). Besides, my main current project is the reintroduction of tapir in Rio de Janeiro state, southeast Brazil, and verification of the restoration of ecological interactions in the area.

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Main Interests: tapir conservation, captive management

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Keywords: zoology, ecology, landscape, biodiversity information, protected areas

Main Interests: ecology of tropical forests, vertebrate species biodiversity, tapirs natural history and conservation status in Guatemala and globally, landscape ecology and spatial analyses, biodiversity data bases and information management, protected areas management, zoological species monitoring, integrated management and planning, coupled human and natural systems, and environmental education.

Name: DON GOFF, United States

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Main Interests: Former lowland tapir studbook keeper for the AZA.

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Main Interests: Interested in research, new technology and management aspect particularly in human-tapir conflict; main current issues include tapir displacement and road-kill; interested to collaborate in research or management-based project in Peninsular Malaysia which could be used as capacity building and expertise enhancement for DWNP's staff.

Name: DARÍO MARCELINO GÜIRIS ANDRADE, Mexico

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Main Interests: Médico veterinario con 27 años de experiencia en clínica de fauna silvestre, salud pública (riesgos a la salud humana por agentes parasiticos), experto en diagnóstico clínico de laboratorio (microbiología, parasitología, protozoología), así como en taxonomía de helmintos y protozoos.

Name: CECILE RICHARD-HANSEN, France / French Guiana

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Main Interests: Cecile Richard-Hansen has been conducting wildlife research in French Guiana for over 20 years, focusing on hunting impact and sustainability, ecology of important game species or threatened species such as the tapir, curassow, and peccaries and habitat-wildlife relationships in tropical forest ecosystem.

Name: DIANA KAROLINA BERMÚDEZ LOOR, Ecuador

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Keywords: educación ambiental, conservación

Main Interests: Realizar actividades de Educación Ambiental y Difusión que permitan desarrollar una conciencia ecológica para la conservación del Tapir. Enfocando el trabajo en las zona correspondiente al Corredor Ecológico Llanganates-Sangay y Parque Nacional Llanganates y sus zonas de amoriguamiento.

Name: ANDERS GONÇALVES DA SILVA, Brazil / Australia

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Keywords: population genetics, conservation genetics, phylogeography, phylogenetics, genomics, next-generation sequencing, Bayesian data analysis, Brazil

Main Interests: I am a computational evolutionary biologist. I combine biological, statistical, and computational skills to solve applied problems through a fundamental understanding of ecological and evolutionary processes re-constructed from genetic data. The three corner stones of my research are collecting high-quality data, processing it efficiently using modern computational biology methods, and extracting the most out of each data point through advanced statistical modelling. While I have applied my skills to a diverse set of systems, I have a soft spot for tapirs. In particular, I am interested in understanding their social structure, and the origins of their explosive diversity in the South American Pleistocene.

Name: RODRIGO CISNEROS VIDAL, Ecuador

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Keywords: oso andino, mountain tapir, Parque Nacional Podocarpus
Main Interests: Ecology and conservation of wild mammals; Conservation Biology and Genetics, Landscape Genetics. I am interested in integrating these approaches to effectively contribute to the research and conservation of biodiversity in the Neotropic. I would like to increase our collaborative work since it is the best way to achieve conservation objectives; also I am strongly focused on local scale work which is a key step for conservation of wild populations.

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Keywords: in situ conservation, seed dispersal, frugivory
Main Interests: Works with conservation and biodiversity research, education and environmental interpretation and environmental regularization of rural properties. is interested in the conservation of the lowland tapir in fragmented landscape of the Atlantic Forest and it develops spatial ecology studies, frugivory and seed dispersal. Also interested in landscape ecology, ethnobiology, nature conservation and protected areas management.

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Main Interests: My primary interests are in the morphology of the vertebrate skull, and in the evolutionary history of vertebrates (particularly the tapiroid mammals). In this regard I have performed phylogenetic analyses of the tapiroids based on the morphology of recent and fossil tapirs. I am also involved in establishing methodologies for studying ontogenetic (i.e., developmental) sequences. I currently work at the University of Texas High-Resolution X-ray CT Facility, which is focused on scanning natural history specimens.

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Main Interests: Wildlife conservation and environmental awareness education; maintaining a rescue center and rehab center for wildlife which can no longer survive in the wild; focus upon problem jaguars; rehabilitation, education, research; creating a broader understanding about the important role T. bairdii plays in Belizean forest ecology.

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Keywords: captive management, veterinary medicine, infectious diseases, epidemiology

Main Interests: Captive management, including captive breeding and release programs; expertise on veterinary medicine, infectious diseases and epidemiology; interested to contribute to the improvement of population management of captive animals in Brazil, helping organize studbook and implement care guidelines.

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Keywords: camera-trapping, landscape ecology, population ecology, surrogate species, Tapirus terrestris

Main Interests: I am interested in the ecological study of surrogate species, especially large mammals, like cats and ungulates, that serve as tools for biodiversity conservation. Into the field of conservation biology, my research is focused on population ecology and landscape, for the study and management of species and potential areas for conservation. Currently, I am coordinator of the "Proyecto de Investigación y Conservación del Jaguar y Danta en la Serranía El Bachiller, Venezuela" and consultant for the "Programa de Monitoreo de Ungulados de la Reserva de la Biósfera del Tuparro, Colombia" coordinated by the National Parks of Colombia and WCS.

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Main Interests: My main intellectual focus is to understand why or why not medium and large mammals adapt to human-dominated landscapes, using this information to apply towards real world solutions for sustaining biodiversity in economically productive agro-ecosystems. Related interests include how to maintain seed dispersal networks in fragmented forest landscapes; cost effective restoration ecology; hunting culture and how to ameliorate the negative consequences of human predation; and the role of multi-national corporations and agro-business in biodiversity conservation.

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Keywords: Baird's tapir, Nicaragua, telemetry, occupancy

Main Interests: For the past several years Chris has worked as the coordinator for Proyecto Tapir Nicaragua, a Baird's tapir research and conservation initiative based in the Caribbean Coast of Nicaragua. He is also the Nicaragua Country Coordinator for the IUCN/SSC Tapir Specialist Group, and works as the Scientific Supervisor for Panthera Nicaragua and a consultant for Global Wildlife Conservation. He is strongly interested in applying interdisciplinary solutions to conservation problems in the developing countries of Latin America. His current efforts focus on Baird's tapir (*Tapirus bairdii*) and jaguar (*Panthera onca*) spatial ecology, occupancy, and conservation in the Caribbean region of Nicaragua.

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Main Interests: The countries have to work very hard in order to develop their Action Plan. There are several countries without Conservation Action Plan. On the other hand, the members of the Tapir Specialist Group need to have better communication among us (via E-mail; skype, telephone, etc. etc.).

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Keywords: nutrition and feeding

Main Interests: Since 2001 to 2006, I have worked in the Nutrition department of Fundación Temaikèn as nutritionist. Since 2007, I have been working in the Animal Nutrition Department of Veterinary Science of UBA. Last year I have ended my doctoral studies about the morphological digestive system of the Pampas deer (*Ozotoceros bezoarticus*).

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Main Interests: Provide support to the SSC Specialist Group (SG) network including the Tapir SG. Lead role on interventions – the means by which IUCN and / or the SSC addresses emerging conservation issues of serious concern, using the IUCN's influence and neutrality is used to put pressure on Governments, organizations and companies to act in an environmentally responsible manner and in line with their commitments to international policy agreements. Instrumental in leveraging good science to influence action through numerous consultations engaging international experts within and outside of IUCN.

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Main Interests: Rafiki wants to increase tapir awareness through sustainable tourism. Our project want to engage in Bairds tapir re introduction.

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Main Interests: I have worked in zoos for over 30 years specializing in animal care and husbandry. I have been able to work with all four tapir species in a zoo setting. I have been the AZA Chair of the Tapir TAG and population manager/studbook keeper of Malayan tapirs since 2007. In addition I was fortunate to have spent a couple weeks as a field volunteer in the Pantanal with Patricia Medici and the Lowland Tapir Conservation Initiative.

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Keywords: jaguars, felids, mammals, Atlantic Forest, population ecology, Argentina

Main Interests: Since 2001 I am working in research and conservation projects related with jaguars and other mammals in the Atlantic Forest of Argentina, Brazil and Paraguay. My studies are focused in the ecology and conservation of felines, approaching also investigations about other medium and big mammals that share the habitat with jaguars. My principal works approach topics related to the ecology of populations of these species, to the factors that threaten them and to the search of solutions to achieve his conservation and a harmonious conviviality with the local population.

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Keywords: megafauna, Asian elephant, Malayan tapir, seed dispersal, human-wildlife conflict

Main Interests: I am a conservation ecologist and my main research interest lies in the behavior, ecology, and conservation of Asian megafauna, such as elephants and tapirs. My work focuses mostly on two aspects: (1) understanding the ecological function that megafauna play in tropical forests, especially as seed dispersers; and (2) working towards evidence-based conservation strategies that facilitate human-megafauna coexistence. I am based in Peninsular Malaysia, where I lead the Management & Ecology of Malaysian Elephants (MEME; www.meme-elephants.org) research project. My work is increasingly leaning towards the social sciences because I think that understanding (and changing!) human behavior is the main challenge for tropical conservation science in the 21st century.

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Main Interests: Dr. Mathias Tobler has been studying tapirs in Costa Rica, French Guiana and Peru for over 15 years. His research interests are in the spatial and population ecology of large mammals and in the development and application of new technologies and analytical methods for wildlife studies. He has many years of experience working conducting large camera trap surveys and using GPS collars on tapirs and other large mammals. Mathias is based in San Diego but manages projects in Mexico, Peru, the US and South-East Asia. Some of his most recent research focuses on the impact of selective logging on large mammals in the Peruvian Amazon.

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Main Interests: If a part of my time is dedicated to Lowland Tapir and the European Ex-situ Programme for this species, I have an interest in all South American mammals. Conservation and education are the 2 areas in which I am involved in my daily job and would like to get more involved. I find inspiration, goals and determination of priorities in IUCN organization, CBSG tools and the One-Plan Approach philosophy.

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Keywords: Tapirus bairdii, ecology, conservation, hunting, Mexico

Main Interests: Basic and applied research on the ecology, conservation, ethnobiology, and management of Baird's tapir and its habitat in Mexico and Central America. Education, training and advisory about wildlife ecology and conservation at different levels (graduate and undergraduate teaching, courses and workshops for government institutions and rural communities).

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Keywords: conservation, welfare, strategic planning, participative work

Main Interests: My main interests involve tapir's conservation. In order to achieve this I am very interested in different topics and strategies as welfare of captive populations, community work, field studies, population management. But the most important to improve conservation practices is to develop strategic planning and consider all the different actions and tools to accomplish the most important goal: conservation.

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Main Interests: Help conserve the Amazon forests through community-based conservation, sustainable use, protected areas and landscape management. Set up wildlife management with indigenous groups to secure species and habitat conservation, sustainable livelihoods, and economic benefits. Understand the impacts of climate change on wildlife and people of the Amazonian flooded forests. Direct the Museum of Amazonian Indigenous Cultures and the Historic Boat Museum in Iquitos, Peru.

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Main Interests: Estuve trabajando por muchos años en la selva amazónica con las comunidades indígenas en la temas de cacería. Posteriormente realice me tesis de maestría en Biología de la conservación, utilizando como herramienta los GIS haciendo un modelamiento espacial de los lugares de caza y alimentación de las dantas (Tapirus terrestris), en el bajo y medio río Caquetá, Amazonía colombiana, en donde involucre la cartografía social para a portar a los planes de manejo y conservación locales. Actualmente, trabajo con GIS, sensores remotos, análisis de conectividad, análisis de cuencas, entre otros.

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Main Interests: Currently I work in the Pantanal, but I'm interested in knowing different biomes and animals from other countries. My main interests are jobs in the medical field of conservation, medical clinic and surgical wildlife, pathological anatomy, clinical pathology, parasitology.

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Main Interests: I work at the National University of Colombia, and my main work focuses on three aspects: teaching, research and extension. As a teacher, my duties include lecturing and supervising students in the undergraduate and graduate programs of Biology (bachelor, Masters and Ph. D. degrees). My research focuses mainly in ecology and conservation of species and their habitats. I have special interest in tapir ecology and conservation in general, and tapir association to natural licks in particular. My extension activities include training courses to government personal, wildlife surveys required by diverse institutions and advising environmental agencies in specific topics.

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Main Interests: I became involved with the TSG as the Registrar Advisor for the Association of Zoos and Aquariums' Tapir Taxon Advisory Group, working to standardize records-keeping processes for tapirs in ex situ institutions within AZA and acting as an information source for health and population management research. I am an active member of the Conservation Breeding Specialist Group, working to integrate in situ

and ex situ conservation communities. My Ph.D. research involved investigating the integration of in situ and ex situ data management processes for holistic conservation in adopting a One Plan Approach considering both in situ and ex situ populations for conservation action.

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Main Interests: I am interested on conservation issues, mainly related to Mesoamerican biodiversity, protected areas and human activities affecting them. I am interested on biodiversity inhabiting productive landscapes including aspects related to ecological connectivity and biological corridors. In here I am interested in water quality and availability and the roll that some particular species have. In this sense I am interested in the biology of bats, jaguar, tapir and aquatic insects. The compound effects of climate change with the main factors that affect biodiversity are important issues to work with.

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Keywords: tapir health, tapir anesthesia, tapir medicine, capture methodologies, tapir conservation, conservation medicine, eco-epidemiology, Atlantic Forest, Amazon Forest, lowland tapir.

Main Interests: On the topic of tapirs conservation and medicine, my main research interests was related to health interactions between tapirs, their environment and other wild and domestic species, understanding how infectious diseases and other health treats could affect tapirs population. Over all, my interests remains on understand the eco-epidemiology of wildlife important diseases, which could affect multiple taxonomic groups, and conservation status of endangered and vulnerable species.

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Main Interests: My main interests are project management, wildlife management and conservation of big mammals and protected areas. I have participated in the construction of conservation plans for threatened species, and also as a part of the team that updated the national policies for wildlife.

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Keywords: Environmental Education, Conservation, Road Ecology, Tapir Vehicle Collision, Habitat Fragmentation

Main Interests: Because roads and other linear clearings in the forest contribute to fragmentation of wildlife habitats, and the associated traffic flow causes wildlife mortality, my main interest is in how roads and other habitat alterations affect the local population of tapirs in Belize. I am also interested in utilizing community

outreach and environmental education to address this emerging problem, as well as other local conservation issues.

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Keywords: genetics, ecology, behavior

Main Interests: I am interested in using genetic tools to understand the ecology, behavior and adaptations in different species. In my Master's studies, I investigated lowland tapir social behavior by estimating relatedness between individuals from dung samples. Since this project I have been collaborating in the Lowland Tapir Conservation Initiative, assisting with the analysis of relatedness between individuals and population genetics. In the near future I will be conducting a whole genome study with marmots, performing genomic comparisons among marmot species to gather insights into the evolution of unique characteristics in this group.

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Main Interests: Renee Bumpus began her wildlife conservation career in British Columbia, Canada, in 1999 working at an endangered species conservation center where she managed and assisted with recovery and reintroduction efforts locally and globally. Renee has participated on recovery teams for species such as the critically endangered Vancouver Island Marmot, Oregon spotted frog and Northern spotted owl. As an experienced animal care specialist and conservation manager, she aided with training and conservation efforts at Painted Dog Conservation in Zimbabwe. In 2010, she joined the Houston Zoo's Wildlife Conservation Program to expand their contributions to international wildlife conservation efforts. As the Conservation Programs Manager for the Houston Zoo she pursues ways to unite and strengthen the conservation community as a whole and expand on the effective role zoos can play in conservation. Renee currently serves on the board of Emerging Wildlife Conservation Leaders and steering committees for Human Wildlife Conflict Collaboration, the Snow Leopard Conservancy and Artists for Conservation. She acts in assistance or advisory capacities for the Wildlife Conservation Network, National Geographic photographer, Joel Sartore's Photo Ark project, the Tapir Specialist Group and the Malagasy managed NGO, G.E.R.P., in Madagascar.

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Main Interests: Estudiar la biología y ecología principalmente de Ungulados y Carnívoros para apoyar en la elaboración de políticas y planes que ayuden a la conservación y manejo de las diferentes especies. De la misma forma tengo mucho interés en seguir trabajando en la difusión y comunicación a la población local, nacional e internacional a través de actividades como charlas en colegios, congresos, artículos en periódicos y artículos científicos.

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Main Interests: Actualmente mi mayor interés está en el trabajo de la interrelación de los recursos naturales o genéticos con las comunidades indígenas y locales de los países, dentro de lo cual entra el Tapir como especie focal en la conservación de los hábitats y su relación con estas comunidades indígenas con las que habita. Adicionalmente considero importante la conservación de los ecosistemas y sobre todo el trabajo relacionado a la Biología de la Conservación de las especies. El trabajar en proceso de promoción, difusión y concientización dirigido a la sociedad en general permitirá a largo plazo la conservación de muchas especies y sobre todo valorar del rol que cumplen las especies en nuestros ecosistemas. Finalmente es importante el trabajar y aportar en la generación de una normativa clara que aporte la conservación de las especies y su uso sostenible.

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Main Interests: The main interests are in the realm of landscape studies both theoretical and applied ones. Using indicators for analysing state of ecosystems and landscapes. Using landscape approach for management of species habitat like tapir and other mammals. With the help of GIS and fieldwork I try to understand and answer questions regarding the use of landscapes, degradation and ecosystem services dynamics. This also includes insights into geography, ethno ecology and political ecology involving communities and power relations.

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Main Interests: Conservation planning, wildlife conservation, watershed conservation, environmental education, communication, photography, capacity building.

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Main Interests: Behavioral ecology and the biological interactions between species and their habitat. My practical interest is conservation biology.

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Main Interests: I am interested in the ecology of medium and large sized mammals (especially tapir), mainly on topics of habitat use and management of protected areas. Other topics of interest include sustainable development and ecosystem-based adaptation.

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Main Interests: my interests are eminently Biofilo, I love my job and I want to strengthen studying flag as the mountain tapir and its ecology ecotourism I like a lot the intervention species, through my professional experience I have adopted management tools to apply in matters related to the management and conservation of biodiversity, especially in the southern region of Ecuador. working with flagship species of birds and mammals.

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Main Interests: Since 2013, I have been involved with the research and conservation initiatives of the Nicaragua Tapir Project, assisting with camera trap sampling and helping to coordinate our GPS telemetry project, including tapir capture and radio tracking expeditions, I am ready to continue working with the project and increasing my collaboration internationally to ensure the conservation of tapirs in Nicaragua.

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Main Interests: development and activation of collaborative field-focused species and habitat conservation and protection strategies; strategies and actions to combat illegal wildlife poaching and trade; threat identification – at habitat and species level – and strategic responses to emerging threat; illegal wildlife poaching and trade investigations; building networks between civil society, science and national forestry and law enforcement agencies to strengthen species and habitat conservation.

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Main Interests: Biologist, MSc in Ecology and Evolution. I'm interested in population studies and the impact of human pressures such as hunting, agriculture and palm-harvesting (*Euterpe edulis*) on the populations of endangered species of the Atlantic Forest and the development of mitigation strategies such threats to conservation of biodiversity of the Atlantic Forest.

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Keywords: Malayan tapir
Main Interests: We want to make tapir as 'famous' animals as tiger, elephant or rhino. Living together in the same island, Malayan tapir seems never known as his or her 'neighbor' to the peoples live surroundings. Not many colleague students interest study of Malayan tapir not as their study about animals I said above. Education of environment in its habitats about Malayan tapir have to be done strongly that allow peoples to concern about this species as endangered as the other species. Besides, the education in the captivity about Malayan tapir should also improving to visitors that there is also another species that need to make attention

besides the 'favorite' species as tiger, rhino or elephant. I hope with the strong willing for introducing Malayan tapir more intensely to the peoples, will make this species more famous as famous its 'neighbor'.

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Main Interests: Alvaro is from the indigenous Ulwa community of Karawala. His primary interests include environmental education in rural communities, community-based conservation in indigenous villages, and wildlife ecology. He has worked for the past several years on large camera trapping efforts focused on jaguars and tapirs and a Baird's tapir radio telemetry project.

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Main Interests: Miguel works for the Foundation for the Autonomy and Development of the Atlantic Coast of Nicaragua. He manages the Kahka Creek Nature Preserve, which is owned by the foundation and located within the Wawashang Reserve. Kahka Creek doubles as a Tapir Rescue and Rehabilitation Center and Miguel oversees the care of the animals there.

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Keywords: Tapirus bairdii, Nai, Costa Rica, statistical modeling, Cordillera de Talamanca, highlands

Main Interests: My main interests include population ecology and statistical modeling. My current work is focused on understanding the species population ecology in the highlands and study the effects of anthropogenic disturbance (e.g. roads, power lines, etc.) over it.

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Keywords: tapir, Chaco, Paraguay

Main Interests: The Chaco region of Paraguay is going through an unprecedented wave of deforestation, with over 1000 ha cleared daily. It is extremely important to work on the conservation of species such as Tapirs, before it is too late. In the region Tapirs have been little studied with even basic ecological data still missing. I have special interest in collaborating and working toward the conservation of this wonderful species.