

# PHOTO HUNTING

Currently it is evident that high levels of wildlife hunting are taking place in the region due to the requirements of the community protein consumption and the generation of an income from the sale of the animals, which are an alternative to meet the basic needs of their families.

**Photo Hunting** is a project led by the Foundation "LOS YARUMOS DEL CITARÁ" which is intended to create an immediate and long-term protection of wildlife, by changing the deeply rooted concept that inhabitants of the area have in hunting. Through this paradigm shift the Foundation is seeking to develop a culture for the protection and preservation of the fauna.









Gradually the Foundation aims to educate the community about the importance of the preservation and enrichment of species within ecosystems being that the fauna of the sector is derived from it.

## **OBJECTIVES**

- ➤ To preserve wildlife in the area of the cliffs of the Citará and make this sector to become kind of sanctuary, where wildlife can breed and live freely, being the highest priority: the Andean bear, leopards, ocelots, anteaters, foxes, deer, martials, gurres, tatabros, guaguas, etc.
- > To improve the quality of life for residents who are living in poverty.
- > To record information about the animals living in the area and their evolution (growth, habits and population).
- ➤ To involve the community in the preservation and conservation of wildlife being one of the first steps for protecting the environment.

## PLAN OF ACTION

• Announcement.

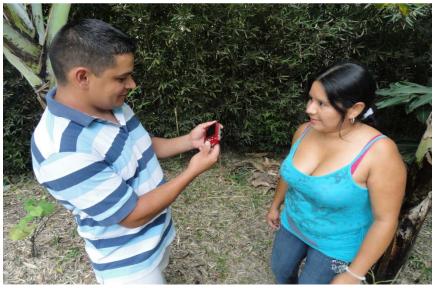
Through the community leader, the foundation invites the local hunters and their families to a motivational activity for making part of the project.



- Induction and educational workshops.
  - During motivational activity, people interested in being part of this proposal are strongly recognized and they are invited to workshops to explain the objectives of the project, the handling of camera and the benefits of participating in Photo Hunting project.
- Signing agreements and commitments.
  THE FOUNDATION "LOS YARUMOS DEL CITARÁ" will offer the hunters a different alternative for their support, proposing to replace hunting with hunting weapons by photographic images hunting

#### FOUNDATION OF "LOS YARUMOS DEL CITARÁ" commitments:

- a. To provide a camera on loan.
- b. To remunerate the work day spent only on this activity.
- c. To collect the material provided by the hunters.
- d. To make public in all the Foundation communications the work of hunters and their achievements.
- e. To promote competition among photo hunters, to encourage and improve their performance. In these contests will be highlighted, for the importance to the Foundation, those that achieve to shoot photographically, unknown and new species in this habitat.
- f. To recognize the photographic work done by hunters through calendars and other artistic media to be socialized with all members of the community.





#### **HUNTERS'** commitments:

- a. No capturing, trading, selling or killing wild animals in the Andean forest reserve located within the Yarumos del Citará reservation.
- b. To report animals which are spotted in the area for their respective census, even though the photographic record has not been taken.
- c. To provide the appropriate care to the delivered device for working (camera) and make the appropriate return of it when giving up the project.
- Groups Organization.

The groups will be organized according to sectors previously established as their scope

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- Making a work schedule
  - A. Working days of each hunter.
  - B. Collection of photographs.
  - C. Economic recognition.
  - D. Training workshops:
    - ✓ Educational workshop on the management and maintenance of the camera
    - ✓ Workshop on wildlife photography.
    - ✓ Training workshop on the care and environmental preservation