

Project Update: November 2022

After 5 months of going to the Atlantic Forest areas of the Rio Doce State Park, I had found only one individual of *Callithrix aurita*, a species native to the park and threatened extinction, and about 115 hybrid individuals of the invasive species (*C. penicillata* and *C. geoffroyi*) with *C. aurita*. So, I decided to double the effort and, together with a friend, we went after this endangered species in other places I couldn't go before. We found three individuals of *C. aurita*. When I saw the primate I couldn't speak, I just cried and trembled with emotion. It was the best feeling I've ever felt. It was the first time I saw the species in the park. We located the three individuals on the last day of our work routine, I was almost giving up because of tiredness but my friend (Natasha) gave me the strength to continue. This finding is very important because we thought that there would be no more pure individuals of this species in the Rio Doce State Park because many people did not find this species for many years. However, the high number of individuals of the invasive species (115) in the same location as *C. aurita* worries us because it is a serious threat to the native species since they will compete for habitat and food, and form hybrid individuals when they reproduce with them. We will need a next/another project to guarantee the genetic integrity of these few individuals of *C. aurita* found in the park and contribute to their conservation. Now, we are including environmental education actions for tourists, employees, and the local community to contribute to the conservation of this species in the park, and who knows they can help us find new individuals.





DESAPARECIDO

VOCÊ JÁ O VIU EM ALGUMA MATA DA REGIÃO?



PROCURA ★ SE SAGUI-CAVEIRINHA

Possui uma mancha branca na face que lembra uma caveira e coloração do corpo negra com tufo branco

HÁ 30 ANOS QUE NÃO VIAMOS
ESTE ANIMAL NO PARQUE



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