

As part of the 1st Rufford Booster Grant (44634-B), **the government of Córdoba province** (one of the study areas where we focused the outreach, research and conservation efforts) **has now declared the Chaco Eagle (*Buteogallus coronatus*) and seven other wildlife species as Natural Monuments**. This designation is key for the conservation of the species, because it aims at **consolidating a legal and technical framework to strengthen provincial public policies on conservation and generate a greater social awareness and citizen commitment to the protection of these species**.

The environmental minister of Córdoba province highlighted that this category **“guarantees the implementation of specific conservation plans in the future, with actions focused at habitat protection, scientific research, and environmental education”**. Since I and our group (CECARA-CONICET) have participated in the proposal, as well as in the ideas for this declaration, this is a milestone in our aim to effectively and legally protect the Chaco Eagle in the region, and **it is a result of our committed campaigns on environmental education**, as well as on specific meetings held with authorities of this province during late 2024.

Some useful links:

- Official links by Córdoba Government:
  - <https://prensa.cba.gov.ar/ambiente/cordoba-declaro-monumentos-naturales-provinciales-a-ocho-especies-de-fauna/>
  - <https://prensa.cba.gov.ar/ambiente/declaran-monumentos-naturales-provinciales-a-ocho-especies-animales/>
- Social network news on the issue:
  - <https://www.instagram.com/p/DNy0Yan5D3a/>
  - <https://www.facebook.com/photo?fbid=1176124567884162&set=pcb.1176124644550821>
- Live talk in the House of Representatives of Córdoba province by some collaborators in the region on the Chaco Eagle:
  - <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DOdwbPNjcDG/?igsh=ajRyYWWqanFpejBx>