

Project Update: March 2012

Poachers killed “Guacurari”, one of the jaguars that we were studying with GPS collars. We launched a public campaign asking for jaguar protection.

During the last days of February 2012 we found one of our jaguars fixed with a GPS collar killed by poachers at the Urugua-í Provincial Park. This jaguar showed a normal behavior using forest habitat inside the protected area and was killed just for fun. Poachers didn't extract the skin of the animal and tried to destroy the collar shooting it. In despite of be a protected species, jaguars are still poached in the region. Our studies show that poaching constitutes the main threat to the conservation of this species in this population. After this sad event, we launched a public campaign with other NGOs to ask the authorities more resources to jaguar protection. We developed informative journeys in the Iguazu waterfalls and many cities of the North of Misiones Province and create a Facebook (www.facebook.com/laselvaestadeluto) were we are putting information about the campaign.

