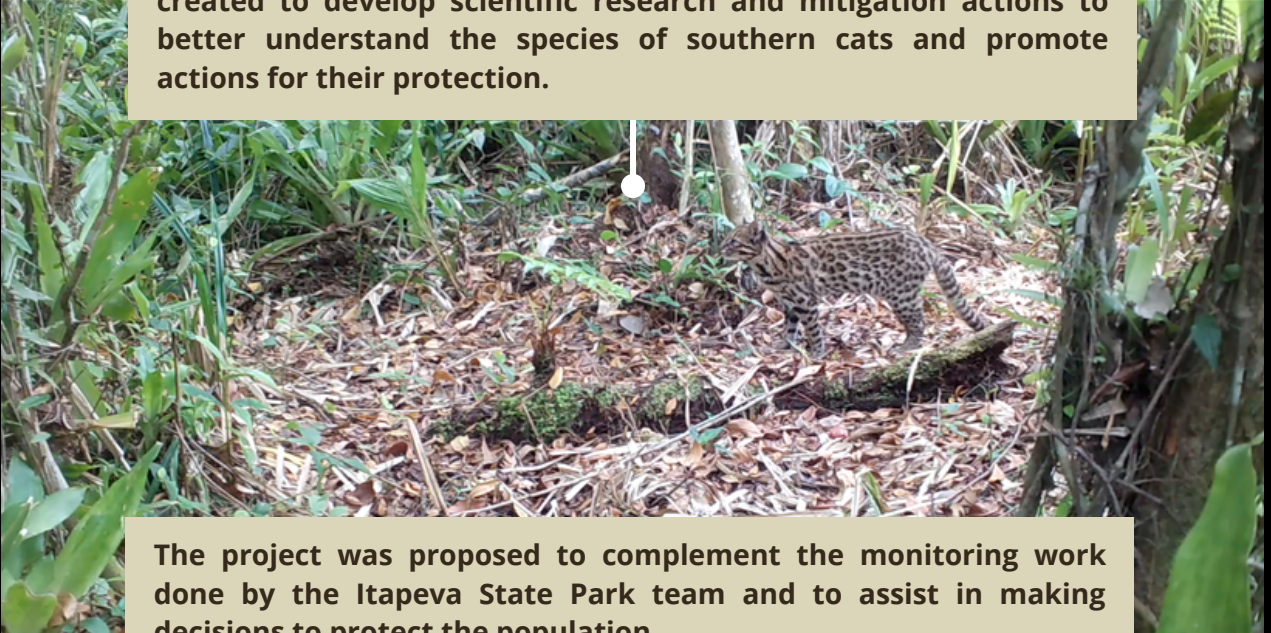


## The Project

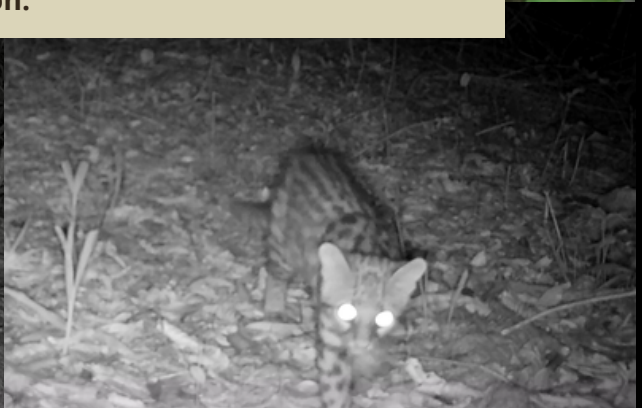




**The Tiger Cats of Itapeva Project (ITC) is a conservation project created to develop scientific research and mitigation actions to better understand the species of southern cats and promote actions for their protection.**



**The project was proposed to complement the monitoring work done by the Itapeva State Park team and to assist in making decisions to protect the population.**



**Currently, the park team monitors daily the environments most used by the animal and frequently records its movement.**





**Our project is associated with the Tiger Cats Conservation Initiative (TCCI) and the Wild Cats Americas conservation program of the Pro-Carnivorous Institute, which brings together conservation projects aimed at the protection of wild cats of different species.**



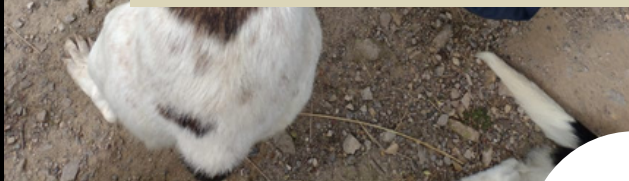
**In all, 28 conservation projects spread across North, Central and South America are part of the initiative, including Torres, the southern end of its distribution.**



Photos: Tiger Cats Conservation Initiative (2022)



On Friday, March 25, 2022, projects were encouraged to participate in the 1st International Campaign for Vaccination, Castration and Medication of Domestic Dogs and Cats, promoted by the Small Wild Cats Conservation Foundation (SWCCF).



Thanks to these resources, the projects were able to transform monitoring and scientific research into mitigation actions in six different countries!





On the same day, we carried out the first conservation action of the Itapeva Tiger Cats (ITC) in Torres, with the Torrense Association for the Protection of Animals (ATPA) and support from the Itapeva State Park (SEMA/RS).



The action vaccinated 33 domestic dogs around the Unit and included them in a permanent program of care and care.





At the moment, we continue to carry out campaigns with the support of the government and the community.





With the help of Park employees, we selected the available data on the species *Leopardus guttulus* to support scientific articles involving its ecology and natural history.

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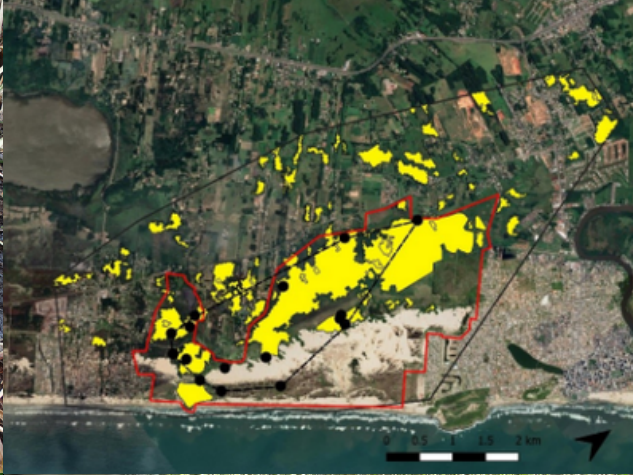
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**RESUMO**

*O gato-do-mato-do-sul (Leopardus guttulus) é um dos pequenos felinos neotropicais mais ameaçados do mundo, considerado Vulnerável (VU) em nível global e nacional. Existem poucos dados de densidade deste felino. Dessa forma, através deste estudo avaliamos sua densidade na maior Unidade de Conservação em sua ocorrência e conhecida no estado, o Parque Estadual de Itapeva.*





*Chrysocyon brachyurus*

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The Itapeva Tiger Cats is part of one of the projects developed by the Instituto Pró-Carnívoros, which since 1996 has been working for the conservation of wild carnivores throughout Brazil.



*Panthera onca*

Photo: Adriano Gamarini



*Galictis cuja*

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*Procyon cancrivorus*

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*Conepatus chinga*

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Your dedicated work for the conservation of our wild animals is for us inspiration of work and life!



*Lycalopex gymnocercus*

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