

# WHY THE OSA?



Costa Rica's Osa Peninsula is home to one of the last tracts of virgin rainforest on the globe. One of the most diverse places on earth, it harbors **2.5% of the Earth's species** in less than a **millionth of a percent** of its total surface area, including more species of trees and birds than the entire Northern Temperate regions combined.

These incredible ecosystems provide invaluable services both locally and globally - providing clean air, drinking water, food, medicine, cultural resources and **a stable climate** - and so their conservation is critical.



## CONNECT

Look for us on Facebook, Twitter, and Pinterest. Subscribe to our monthly blog for updates!

## VISIT

Come stay at our biological research stations on the Osa Peninsula. Volunteer with our sea turtle program, or experience the natural beauty of the Osa on one of our yearly conservation birding trips.

## ASK

Learn more at: [www.osaconservation.org](http://www.osaconservation.org) or contact us for more information.

## GIVE

Support our mission by making a tax-deductible donation. No gift is too small to help ensure the conservation of the Osa!



# Osa CONSERVATION

PROTECTING THE  
**GLOBALY-SIGNIFICANT  
BIODIVERSITY OF THE OSA  
PENINSULA, COSTA RICA**



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## WHO WE ARE

A non-profit organization comprised of dedicated Costa Rican and international biologists, environmental educators and land conservation professionals working to protect the tropical rainforest of the Osa Peninsula, Costa Rica.

## WHAT WE DO

Actively conserve the largest private wildlife refuge in Costa Rica and operate the Greg Gund Conservation Center and Piro Biological Research Center to accommodate student groups, researchers, volunteers, and conservation professionals.



## OUR WORK

### HABITAT CONSERVATION

- Manage and protect over 5,900 acres of beach, rainforest, and wetlands
- Create biological corridors to maintain habitat connectivity for keystone species
- Provide a sanctuary for the endemic Yellow-Billed Cotinga to prevent extinction
- Restore degraded forest by planting native tree species



### SCIENCE + RESEARCH

- Operate two full-time biological research and education facilities focused on tropical ecology and ecosystem management
- Monitor populations of mammals including four species of large felines through an extensive camera trap network
- Catalog endangered species and monitor ecosystem health



### EDUCATION + OUTREACH

- Provide progressive environmental education to 16 local Osa public schools
- Promote experiential biology instruction through field trips to our research facilities
- Promote environmentally responsible and sustainable local economic opportunities and environmental awareness in local communities

