



The bloodline of Golden Stream Corridor Preserve
Photograph by Maximiliano Caal

Golden Stream Corridor Preserve

Size of Protected Area
15,441 Acres

Globally Endangered Species
**4 Plant, 2 Bird, 7 Mammal,
2 Reptile**

Species found in Protected Area
**19 Amphibian, 270 Bird,
20 Fish, 59 Mammal, 54 Reptile**

Ecosystems found in Protected Area
17 Ecosystems

DON'Ts in Protected Area
Fishing, Hunting, Logging

DOs in Protected Area
**Ranger for a Day EcoTour
River Patrol EcoTour
Birds of Belize EcoTour
Sustainable Extraction of
Non-Timber Forest Products**

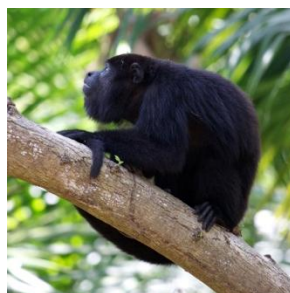
Threats to Protected Area
**Wildfire, Overhunting,
Agricultural expansion**



A critical link in the Mesoamerican Biological Corridor

A private protected area of just under 10,000 acres, initially purchased in 1998 to avoid its conversion to citrus and shrimp farming; it was expanded to 15,441 acres in 2004. Golden Stream Corridor Preserve protects the last remaining forested link between the globally biodiverse Maya Mountains and the coastal lowland forests which connects to Guatemala and the Mesoamerican Biological Corridor. This corridor is critical to the survival of many species including the endangered Baird's tapir and the Yucatan Black Howler Monkey. It also protects important archaeological sites containing remains of ancient human civilizations and pleistocene mammals.

Directly adjacent to the preserve lies the villages of Golden Stream, Tambran and Medina Bank. In order to recognize traditional use of forest resources by these villages, Ya'axché has developed a sustainable extraction program in the preserve for selected traditional building materials. The area of this is limited to the edges of the corridor to maintain ecological function but represents Ya'axché's commitment to Integrated Landscape Management which recognizes the need for multiple uses of forest.



Yucatan Black Howler Monkey
Photo:Erik Hammar



Baby Baird's Tapir strolling on
our patrol trail © Victor Bonilla



Molar of a prehistoric mammal,
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