

# SABALETA SANCTUARY

Conservation and Sustainable Livelihoods



TIERRAMAR







# PROJECT OBJECTIVE



⇒ Protect the present water resources and the forest ecosystem that surrounds them by creating an ecological corridor; strengthening local environmental education; and generating sustainable income sources for locals through regenerative tourism.





# LOCAL CONTEXT





# Colombian Pacific Rainforest



Part of the Chocó-Darién bioregion



Largest active center of speciation and endemism in the world



Greatest diversity of plants per hectare on the planet



40% of the total number of mammals in Colombia are found here

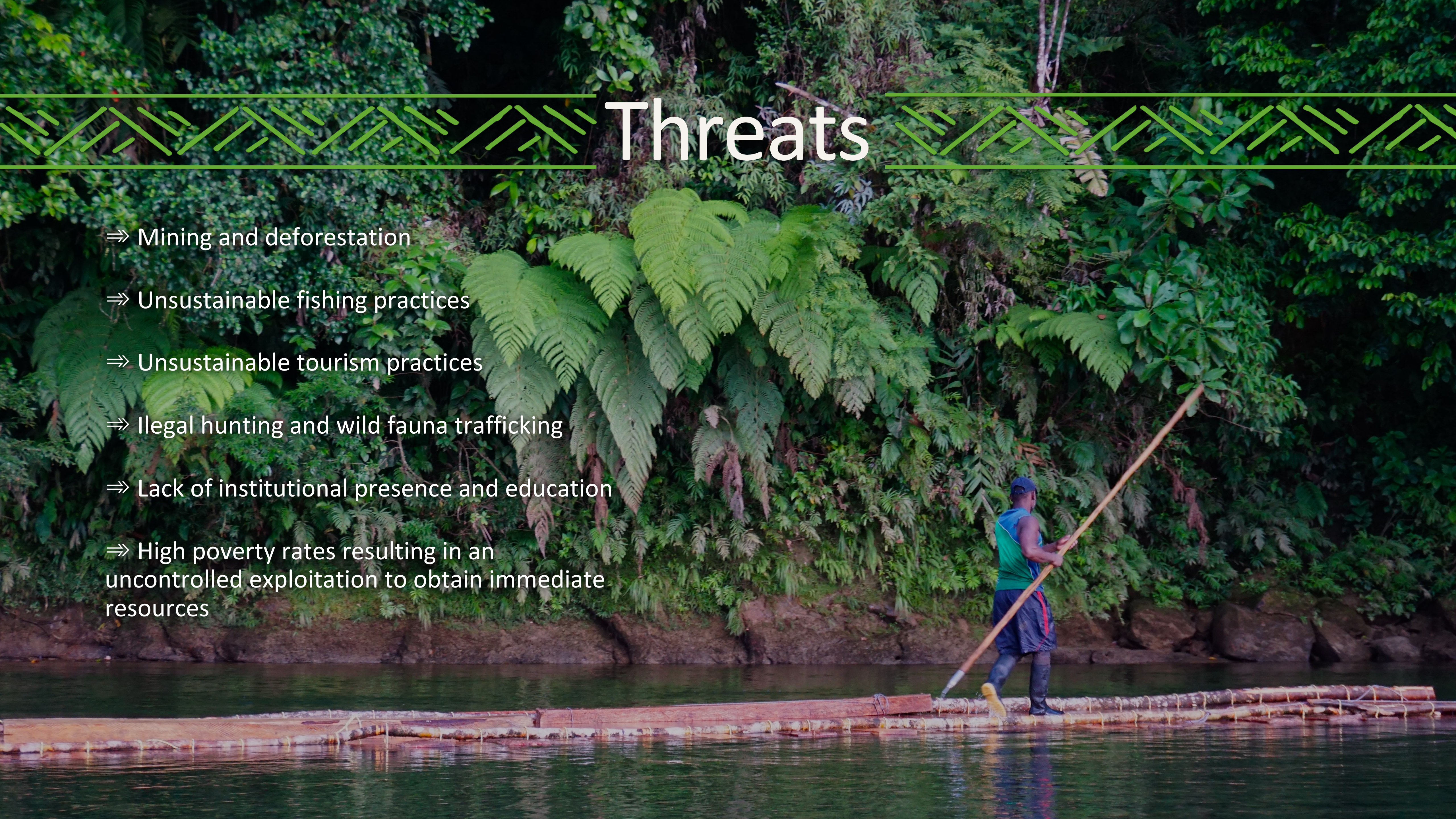
Home to keystone species such as:

The Jaguar (*Panthera onca*), the Puma (*Puma concolor*), the Ocelot (*Leopardus pardalis*) and the Neotropical Otter (*Lontra longicaudis*)



# Threats

- ⇒ Mining and deforestation
- ⇒ Unsustainable fishing practices
- ⇒ Unsustainable tourism practices
- ⇒ Illegal hunting and wild fauna trafficking
- ⇒ Lack of institutional presence and education
- ⇒ High poverty rates resulting in an uncontrolled exploitation to obtain immediate resources





# Sabaleta Sanctuary

- ⇒ Area protected by TierrAmar in the Colombian Pacific rainforest
- ⇒ Located between the Farallones de Cali mountains and Valle del Cauca's Pacific Coast
- ⇒ Characterized by a landscape of lowlands bathed by springs, streams, and rivers surrounded by lush tropical rainforests
- ⇒ Its waters shelter the near-threatened Neotropical Otter (*Lutra longicaudis*), and commercially valuable freshwater fish
- ⇒ Home to multiple threatened and endemic mammal, reptile, amphibian and bird species





# PROJECT PHASES







Purchase land for protection

⇒ Initially, purchase 21 hectares of forested land that surrounds the cleanest water stream in the area

⇒ Protect them under the Sabaleta Sanctuary



# PHASE 01

| STATUS                                                   | Fundraising      |
|----------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| 4 hectares have been purchased, legalized and protected. |                  |
| BUDGET NEEDS                                             | \$80,000,000 COP |





Environmental Education Program

⇒ Implement the Colombian Ecosystems Awareness Project (CEAP) in the Sabaletas town school for its future generations

⇒ Train local adults and teenagers on:

- Sustainable fishing
- Ecological and responsible tourism
- Permaculture and Agroecology
- Sustainable sports guiding
- Sustainable aquaculture
- Forest ecosystem monitoring

# PHASE 02



|                                                                          |                  |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| STATUS                                                                   | Active           |
| CEAP has been implemented.<br>The training program is still fundraising. |                  |
| BUDGET NEEDS                                                             | \$47,000,000 COP |





Forest Stewards Program

⇒ Integrate the local community in our conservation and restoration efforts via:

- Camera trap monitoring
- Reforestation
- Forest monitoring
- Food forest set up and maintenance



PHASE 03

| STATUS                              | Fundraising      |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| The camera traps have been donated. |                  |
| BUDGET NEEDS                        | \$18,000,000 COP |





Sustainable Livelihoods

- ⇒ Employ locals in the Forest Stewards Program
- ⇒ Employ locals in regenerative tourism activities
- ⇒ Employ locals in all the activities executed at the Sabaleta Sanctuary



PHASE 04

| STATUS                                                                      | Fundraising      |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| 19 locals have been employed in forest monitoring and basecamp restoration. |                  |
| BUDGET NEEDS                                                                | \$73,000,000 COP |





Ecological Corridor Connection

⇒ Continue purchasing more forested land upstream to create an ecological corridor starting from the Sabaleta Sanctuary



PHASE 05

|                                 |                   |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| STATUS                          | Inactive          |
| Planning and fundraising stage. |                   |
| BUDGET NEEDS                    | \$670,000,000 COP |



# CALL FOR ACTION

Support Phase 1, 2 and/or 3 of the *Sabaleta Sanctuary* project to help conserve vulnerable forest land, its fauna and precious water resources!

Price per individual hectare for Phase 1 (includes legalization & paperwork):

COP: \$7,513,000.00

USD: ~\$2,000.00 (fluctuates with exchange rate)

## Bank Details for Transfers:

Bank: BANCOLOMBIA

Swift Code (8 characters): COLOCOBM

Account Type: AHORROS

Swift Code (11 characters): COLOCOBM XXX

Account #: 517-000012-10

Nit: 901.367.036-9

Bank Address: Calle 30A # 6-75 piso 1, Torre sur, 111001





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# Thank you for your interest!

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