

GET INVOLVED

As a non-profit organisation, we rely on support to make our work possible. Here's how you can make a difference.

DONATE

A monthly or one-off donation on our website, www.slothconservation.com

- ♻️ \$150 buys the raw materials to construct a full canopy bridge
- ♻️ \$250 covers a one-day sloth education outreach event for 30 students
- ♻️ \$500 funds the materials required to insulate a single electricity pole with three-phase mounting

ADOPT A SLOTH

Symbolically adopt a sloth for yourself. All proceeds go towards supporting our sloth conservation programs

JOIN THE TEAM

Join our mailing list to receive exclusive news and updates from the field!

VOLUNTEER

If you think you have skills that may be beneficial to our work and would like to get involved, let us know. We may have a position for you!

BUY ONLINE



SLOTHS: LIFE IN THE SLOW LANE

SloCo founder and sloth expert Dr Rebecca Cliffe has teamed up with renowned wildlife photographer Suzi Eszterhas to produce this stunning coffee-table book which will take you on an immersive journey through the jungles of South America to discover the secret lives of sloths! The story is illustrated through spectacular imagery, capturing some of the most intimate and rarely seen moments, while the narrative reveals some of the latest scientific discoveries and fascinating insights into the previously unknown habits of these unusual animals. All book proceeds go towards supporting our sloth conservation efforts. Copies are available on Amazon and through our online shop: www.slothconservationshop.com



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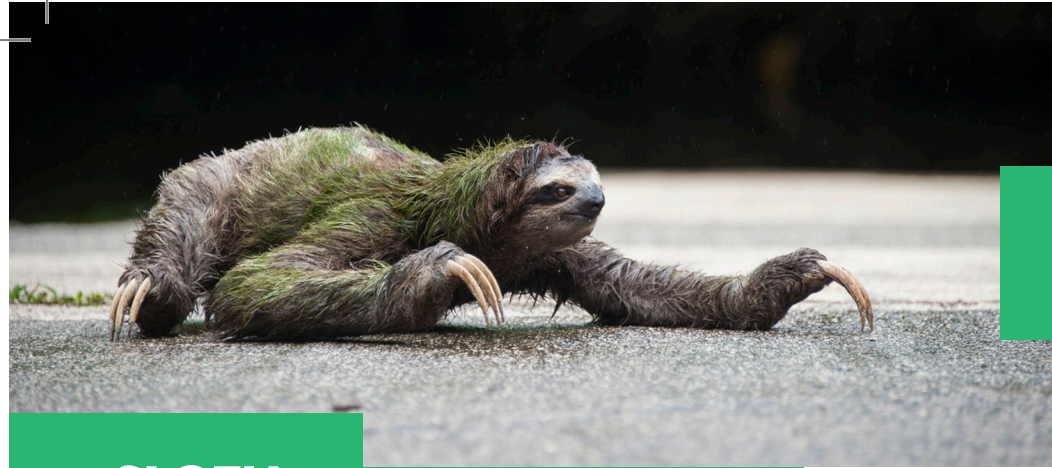
A registered non-profit organisation
dedicated to saving sloths in the wild
through research and conservation initiatives.

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OUR PARTNERS





WHAT WE DO

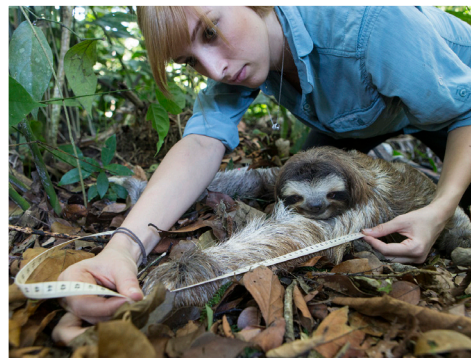
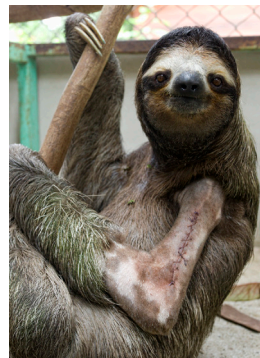
SLOTH CONSERVATION: THE PROBLEMS

With their highly specialised lifestyle, sloths do not adapt well to rapid environmental change. They are physically unable to run, jump or swing across gaps between trees, and so any break in canopy connectivity (from small openings to large scale habitat fragmentation) means that sloths have to descend from the safety of the canopy to travel across the ground. This leaves them vulnerable to the dangers of the urban environment; from power line electrocutions and dog attacks, to road traffic collisions, genetic isolation and human poaching, sloths are falling victim to the urbanisation of the rainforest in unprecedented numbers. Given their slow rate of reproduction (raising approximately one baby every 3-4 years), sloth populations in Costa Rica are now in decline, the Pygmy three-fingered sloths of Panama are listed as critically endangered on the IUCN Red List while the Maned sloths of Brazil have been listed as vulnerable.

Only 3.5% of Costa Rica is covered by primary rainforest, compared to 40-50% for other South and Central American countries

Costa Rica has lost over 50% of its arboreal mammal populations to power line electrocutions

Of the 3000 wildlife electrocutions recorded in Costa Rica each year, over 50% are sloths



EDUCATION OUTREACH PROGRAMS IN LOCAL COMMUNITIES

Our outreach workshops aim to connect children to nature, and to equip them with the knowledge and skills to identify environmental challenges in their communities, related to the conservation of sloths and the rainforest ecosystem. The workshops focus on the biology of sloths, the importance of the ecosystem, the challenges that sloths are facing and how children can help.

RE-INSULATION OF POWER LINES

We fund the raw materials required to insulate existing electricity lines, poles and transformers by providing grants to affiliating organisations. We are current support the 'Shock Free Zone' program, launched by the Jaguar Rescue Centre.

INCREASING HABITAT CONNECTIVITY

Habitat fragmentation in Costa Rica has resulted in sloth inbreeding, causing an abnormally high number of sloth babies born with genetic deformities. We are currently working with local businesses and property owners to encourage an increase in canopy connectivity and reforestation. This includes the provision of saplings to be planted in key areas and constructing canopy bridges to artificially link habitat fragments together.

CONSTRUCTING WILDLIFE CANOPY BRIDGES ACROSS MAJOR ROADS

We are currently constructing eight canopy bridges to connect trees in key areas along the South Caribbean coast of Costa Rica where sloths regularly cross the road. We have also installed camera traps to monitor the usage of these bridges by different species.

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION: SLOTH 'SELFIES' AND THE PET TRADE

Sloths are captured by locals in order to charge tourists to take a photo with the animal. We have established permanent signage in high tourist areas to promote responsible "sloth tourism" and safety. We also use social media campaigns, blogs and our international education materials to help bring an end to the illegal sloth pet trade.

SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH

We fund, coordinate and publish high-quality research into many different aspects of sloth biology and ecology conservation. A full list of published and ongoing research projects can be found on our website.

