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MINGA LODGE  
& SANCTUARY

# RESIDENCY PROGRAM

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*Live the work of wildlife rescue. Restore the forest with us.*

ECUADOR · AMAZONIAN RAINFOREST

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Set deep within 700 acres of protected Amazon rainforest, Minga Wildlife Sanctuary offers one, two, and three month immersive residency placements for those ready to give wildlife a chance — and to be transformed in return.

W H Y   H E L P ?

# MORE THAN A PLACEMENT

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Residents and volunteers are the backbone of our daily operation. Every meal prepared, every enclosure cleaned, every behavioral note recorded directly supports an animal's journey back to the wild — and equips you with field experience few classrooms can offer.

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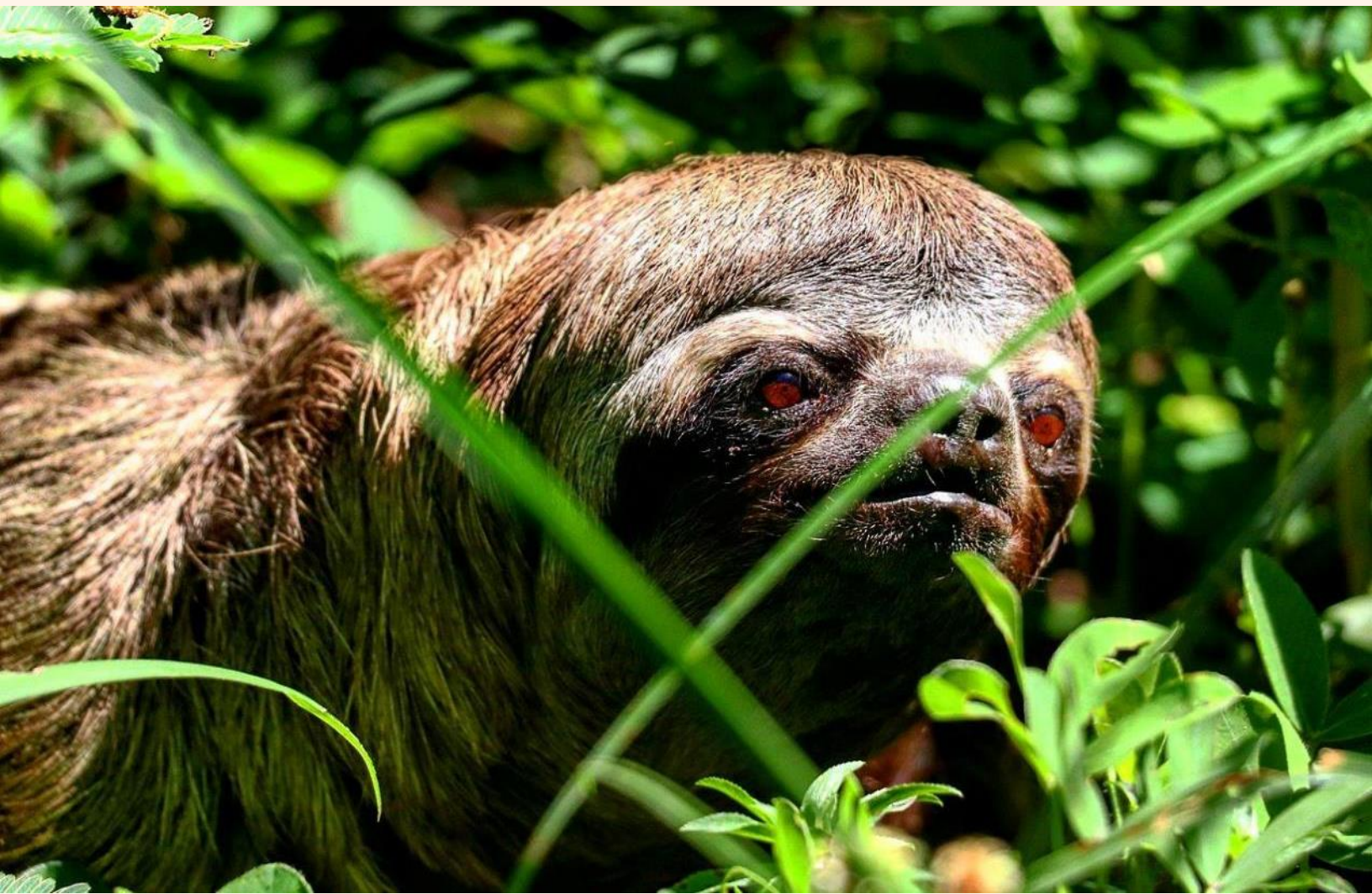
Months of immersive,  
hands-on placement

365

Days a year — our program  
runs every season

100%

Of your effort goes directly to the  
animals in our care



THE ANIMALS YOU WILL CARE FOR

# CHERISHED LIVES DESERVING A SECOND CHANCE



## SQUIRL MONKEY

Prepping for release, building a group of 5 monkeys



## RED-MANTLE TAMARIN

Preparing for release, currently being socialized



## SPIX'S NIGHT MONKEY

Rescued from illegal trade



## KINKAJOU

In process of rewilding



## BLACK AGOUTI

Female in rehabilitation



## DUSKY-HEADED PARAKEET

In care at the sanctuary

Y O U R J O U R N E Y

# HOW YOU WILL SPEND YOUR TIME

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No two days at Minga look the same. Your work moves between four interconnected areas — each contributing to the rehabilitation and release of Amazonian wildlife.

01

## DIRECT ANIMAL CARE

Daily feeding, enclosure cleaning, behavioural observation and enrichment for animals in active rehabilitation.

02

## FIELD CONSERVATION

Camera-trap deployment, monitoring of released individuals, and support during pre-release and reintroduction events.

03

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Help deliver environmental education workshops in local communities aimed at children and young people. (only available on residencies of 2+months)

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## PROFESSIONAL GROWTH

Mentorship from experienced sanctuary staff and veterinarians, building skills you will carry into your conservation career.

## RECURRING ACTIVITIES

# DAILY SANCTUARY LIFE

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Volunteer life follows the rhythm of the sanctuary. Mornings begin early with feeding rounds; afternoons turn to enrichment, enclosure work, and observation. Each task is small on its own – together they make rehabilitation possible.

### ANIMAL FEEDING & CARE

Prepare and deliver species-appropriate diets to animals in active rehabilitation, monitoring intake and condition.

### ENCLOSURE MAINTENANCE

Clean and reset enclosures across the sanctuary; maintain nutrition, quarantine, and clinical areas to veterinary standards.

### ENRICHMENT & TRAINING

Design and deploy enrichment items that develop the species-specific behaviours animals need to thrive in the wild.

### BEHAVIOURAL DATA COLLECTION

Record observations that inform individual rehabilitation plans and contribute to the centre's long-term records.

### INSECT COLONY HUSBANDRY

Breed, feed, and care for the insect colonies that nourish many of the animals in our care.





HANDS. HEARTS. HABITAT.



# ARE YOU THE RIGHT FIT?

Conservation work at Minga calls for curiosity, resilience, and a willingness to live closely with the rhythms of the rainforest. Below is the profile we look for — though every volunteer brings something unique.

## 01

### ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

Graduate or current student in wildlife biology, veterinary medicine, ecology, or a related conservation field. Prior experience in rehabilitation or environmental education is a bonus.

## 02

### LANGUAGES

Fluent English or Spanish required. Spanish helpful but not essential — many volunteers improve quickly during their stay.

## 03

### PERSONAL QUALITIES

Proactive, adaptable, team-oriented, and genuinely curious about Amazonian ecosystems and culture. Ready for community life with limited resources.





*Successful Release · Ocelot returned to the rainforest after rehabilitation*

## YOUR INVESTMENT

# CHOOSE YOUR EXPERIENCE

1

MONTH

\$3,850 USD

*A first immersion in wildlife rehabilitation.*

2

MONTHS

\$7,500 USD

*Deepen skills and begin to lead daily care routines.*

3

MONTHS

\$10,500 USD

*The complete experience — care, fieldwork, community*

## WHAT IS INCLUDED

- Round-trip transport: Quito to sanctuary
- Shared accommodation, separated by gender
- Hot water and 24/7 electricity
- Wi-Fi internet access
- Daily breakfast, lunch, and dinner
- Mentorship from experienced staff
- Ongoing support via WhatsApp, phone, email
- Full project placement coordination

# READY TO APPLY?

Send your CV and cover letter telling us why you want to join Minga.  
If the above options don't meet your desired timeline let us know we will  
be happy to work with you to meet your desired

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