

## Mirador, Guatemala

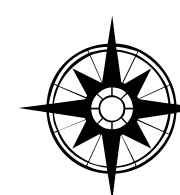
### Site Significance - Natural Environment & Threats



#### Map Legend

- Major Mayan Archaeological Site
- Recent Fire Location (2006 - 2011)
- Mirador Basin Boundary
- Guatemalan National Park
- Lake
- River
- International Border
- Major Road
- Land Use & Vegetation Data**
- Modern Agriculture
- Alluvial Plain Highland Forest
- Highland Forest
- Lowland Forest
- Riparian Forest
- Wetlands
- Flooded Savannah

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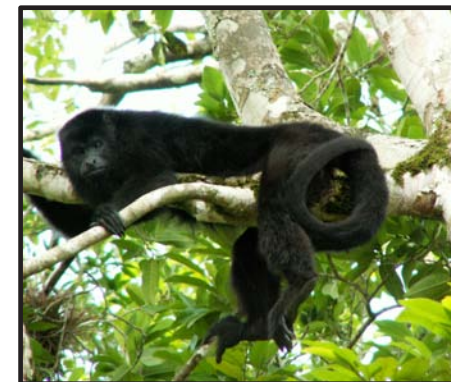


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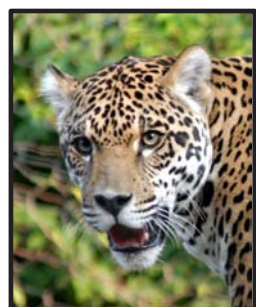
#### Rapid Habitat Loss

The Maya Biosphere has lost roughly 64% of its forests in just the last 10 years, according to the Guatemalan Foundation for the Environment (FOGUAMA). The proposed preserve has the potential to stop the destruction of the forests at its borders and to provide an alternative to the status quo of burning, logging, looting and poaching for the local communities.



#### Nature & Wildlife Conservation

GHF's goal is to eliminate poaching and natural resource excavation in protected areas by building a highly effective Mirador Park Service comprised of a core team of trained professionals from Tikal National Park and supplemented with new hires from the local communities of Carmelita and Uaxactun. The Mirador Team is not only enforcing existing laws against poaching but also will be implementing a more comprehensive wildlife conservation program.



#### The Mirador Cultural & Natural Preserve

Mirador, the largest proposed new wilderness area north of the Amazon Basin, will protect over 800,000 acres of pristine tropical forests and wildlife habitat encompassing the oldest and largest ancient Maya cities, pyramids, temples and causeways in the Americas. The area is also home to a rich array of biodiversity, including the world's highest density of jaguars.

