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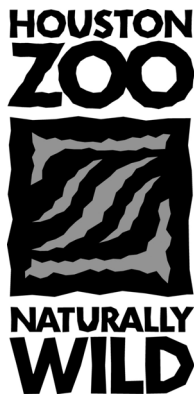
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POSTERS - LOWLAND TAPIR



Use and Commerce of Individual Parts of the Amazonian Tapir (*Tapirus terrestris*) in Peru

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Between February 2002 and June 2003, 26 markets in the Peruvian Departments of Amazonas, Ancash, Arequipa, Cajamarca, Cuzco, Huánuco, Junín, La Libertad, Lambayeque, Madre de Dios, Pasco, San Martín and Ucayali were visited. Fourteen of these places were illegally selling Amazonian tapir's parts. Most significant sales were recorded in Lambayeque (33.3%), San Martín (19.0%) and Ucayali (14.3%). The products sold were the claws (37.5%, US\$3 to 5.8), leathers (31.3%), skulls (18.8%) and dry meat (12.5%, US\$2/kg). Also, in some markets of Ucayali, the retailers reported the sale of young tapirs as pets. This commerce is local and it is mainly for the use in medicine of some tapir's parts, as much of the people from the city as from the field. From the 120 interviews, 98% indicated to use the nails mainly to cure diverse diseases like epilepsy, asthma, breakage of bones, cardiac problems, faints, hemorrhages and help for pregnant women. Some parts are also used as contraceptives. The meat comprises of the feeding and is well-known as "mounting meat". Skulls and leathers are used like trophies or adornments.

Captive Management of *Tapirus terrestris* at the Chorros de Milla Park Zoo, Mérida, Venezuela

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"Chorros de Milla" Park Zoo is a Venezuelan governmental institution administered by CORMETUR (the regional tourism corporation). It is located to the Northeast of Mérida city, occupying an area of 12 ha in a small valley crossed by the Milla River to 1,850 m.a.s.l. During the last 50 years, the Milla River presented two exceptional floods that forced the construction of two dikes to mitigate the force of the flow during the rainy season. One of these dikes was used to establish an enclosure of 1,400 m² for the lowland tapirs (*Tapirus terrestris*). In 1988, we obtained the first tapir from the Caricua Park Zoo (Caracas), a juvenile male named "Pijiguao". Since then, we have maintained 5 tapirs in the park (2 males and 3 females) although always a single breeding couple (M, F) at the same time. Between 1990 and 1995, two females brought from Las Delicias Park Zoo (Maracay, Aragua State) died; one due to *anaplasmosis* and the other one drowned during a flood of the river. After this event, modifications were made in the enclosure in order to guarantee the life of the animals. Thanks to the inter-institutional cooperation, in 2000, we received a juvenile female named "Simona", brought from Bararida Park Zoo and Botanical Garden (Barquisimeto, Lara State). "Simona" and "Pijiguao" are currently the breeding tapir pair in the park. In 2002, we achieved the first species breeding event: a male named "Sebastian". The tapir is one of the conservation focal species at the "Chorros de Milla" Park Zoo by means of an integrated program of research, breeding and environmental education.