

#### A Gap Analysis of the Andean Bear Distribution in Peru

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## Andean Bear Conservation

- Why should we conserve the andean bear?
- What should we do to contribute to conservation actions?





Which are the suitable habitat gaps in the Peruvian Protected Area System in order to ensure long term persistence of the Andean Bear?

# Study Area

- Peru 12 850 sqkm
- Greatest range of habitat types and elevations (AB 200 - 4750m)
- 74 protected areas under different land designation types (LDT)
- 49 potential protected areas
- Information gaps





#### Predictive distribution modeling (PDM)

•Selected tool: Maxent

•155 occurrence sites used for training the model

 Selected Features: Altitude – meters
 Relative humidity - percent
 Number of wet days – days with >0.1mm rain / month
 Life zones (Holdridge)

•30% of records used for testing the model

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### **PDM Results**

- Probability distribution
- 25% threshold
- Prediction close to the coast (historical distribution)
- Improvement through deductive approach

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## Gap Analysis

 Protected areas boundaries overlaid with model prediction (18.2%)

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# **Integrity Analysis**

	Original model prediction		Prediction corrected with deforestation	
Land Designation Types	Predicted area overlap (sqkm)	Predicted area percent	Predicted area overlap (sqkm)	Predicted area percent
Strict protection	20571.3	11.4	20022.6	5 12.3
Sustainable use	10461.6	5.8	10268.3	6.3
Reserved zones	742.7	0.4	742.7	0.5
Private conservation areas	1093.8	0.6	1063.5	0.7
Total	180369	18.2	162968	19.7

Deforestation data – Global Land Cover 2000 European Commission

## Suitability analysis

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300 sqkm Castellanos, 2005 600 sqkm Goldstein comm pers, 2008 1900 sqkm Peyton, 1999 4000 sqkm Goldstein comm pers, 2008

### **Connectivity Analysis**

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•Global Land Cover (GLC2000) – European Commission<sup>1</sup>

International Center for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT)<sup>2</sup>

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#### Habitat Blocks Delineation

	Block Name	Model Prediction overlap (sqkm)	Percent overlap
4		C000 7	4.40
1	North Eastern	0000.7	4.10
2	South Eastern	24522.95	15.05
3	Ucayali	12896.6	7.91
4	Huallaga	18711.04	11.48
5	Pacific	961.34	0.59
			39.21

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# Summary Map

- Preliminary identification of critical areas for conservation
- Core areas
- Complementary
  areas
- Critical areas for connectivity
- Manu NP

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### Next steps

 Detailed blocks suitability analysis and boundary refinement

 Incorporate additional LDT such as Indigenous Territories for AB conservation

•Test the PDM with a larger dataset and modeling AB historical distribution

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