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WELCOME

**“There is no first world and third world. There is only one world, for all of us to live and delight in.”
Gerald Durrell**

It has been four years since Rewild Carbon was launched, and the impact that your investment has made in such a short space of time has been incredible.

Conservation is most effective through long term partnerships and commitments. This newsletter will touch on just some of the amazing work being carried out by Durrell and our conservation partners in Brazil, all of which is possible because of your ongoing support and for that we want to say a huge thank you.

Your continued commitment to reducing your emissions and mitigating your footprint will make a lasting impact on the wildlife, communities and landscape of the Atlantic Forest region. Your carbon footprint is truly rewilded.

We are always happy to answer your questions on the project and the impact your investment is making, so please don't hesitate to contact us if you would like to know more.

On behalf of everyone at Durrell and the teams in Brazil, we want to say a sincere thank you to all of our business partners for your support of Rewild Carbon. We hope that you are proud of everything you have helped achieve in Brazil. Together, we are making a difference and we look forward to celebrating more success this year.



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REWILD CARBON IN NUMBERS

Rewild Carbon is not only about reducing carbon emissions; it is also about reviving ecosystems, recovering species, and rebuilding livelihoods.

Together with our local conservation partners, our scientists track the social, economic and environmental impacts of Rewild Carbon as part of our regular fieldwork monitoring.

We will provide impact data for the full year in our 2025 Impact Report, but here is a summary of some of our achievements so far since the launch of Rewild Carbon, thanks to your support.

Notes

All data as of 29th November 2025.

*CO2 value is calculated based on average sequestration of 383 tonnes / hectare over a 30-year period after planting.

**Includes jobs which may not be wholly funded by Rewild Carbon.

217
Hectares of forest
under restoration



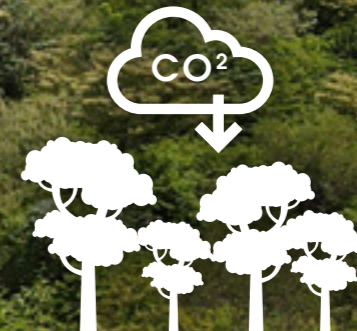
434,459
Native species trees planted
and being nurtured



342
Jobs supported in the
local community**



84,685.2
Tonnes carbon being
absorbed*



FOREST RESTORATION

Thanks to your investment in Rewild Carbon, a total of 217 hectares of forest are now under restoration.

The native-species trees you have funded are growing rapidly, absorbing carbon from the atmosphere and providing vital lifelines for the wildlife that depend on this habitat to survive.

Polygons 1,2 and 3

The first Rewild Carbon polygons, planted between April 2022 and January 2023, are now well established. There are signs of natural regeneration, and the vegetation is incredibly dense in places, making it difficult to walk through. The forest floor is virtually clear of grass cover, and a number of mammal and bird species have been recorded in the area by various monitoring techniques.

Polygon 4

This polygon is set apart from the main Rewild Carbon corridor and is close to an original forest fragment that is a known habitat of black lion tamarins. Some of the trees were planted by the Durrell team in March 2023 and are now well established, providing food and shelter for wildlife.

Polygon 5 and 6

These areas were both planted in 2023 and faced tough conditions in their first years. Following months of drought, the area was hit with flash flooding,

causing many of the seedlings to be waterlogged and buried. The community-run reforestation services team worked tirelessly to replant the lost trees. In 2025 there were signs of healthy growth in these replaced seedlings.

Polygon 7

Polygon 7 is our largest polygon to date at 38 hectares. It forms a vital link between our tree corridor and Morro do Diabo State Park, the largest remnant of Atlantic Forest in the project region. The park is rich in biodiversity, and several large mammals have been spotted by camera traps in this area.

Polygon 8

Polygon 8 is just over a year old now. The community-run reforestation services team has been carrying out routine maintenance activities, such as removing invasive grasses and watering during dry periods.

Polygon 9

The restoration of polygon 9 was completed in September 2025. Baseline data is due to be gathered in 2026.

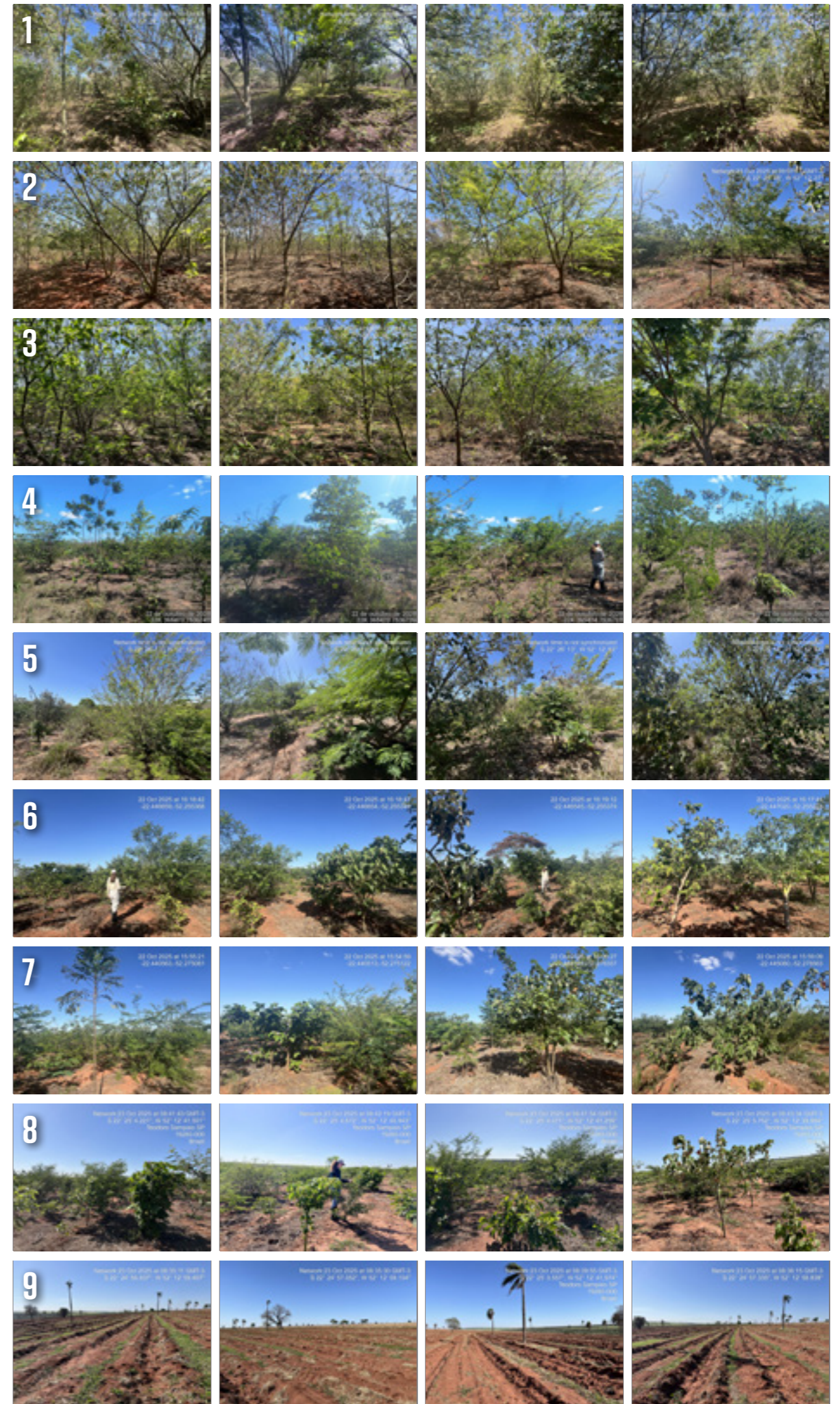
Polygon 10

Thousands of seedlings from a wide variety of native species are currently being cared for in community nurseries and restoration work will begin on Polygon 10 in 2026.

Rewild Carbon is backed up by science

Continuous monitoring allows Durrell and our local partners IPÊ to constantly review and, if needed, adjust our approach to ensure that our work is effective. It also means that we can provide accurate reports and ensure transparency for all of our stakeholders. We will provide a more detailed update and the latest monitoring data for each polygon in our 2025 Impact Report.

If you would like to know more about the trees you have funded or where they are growing, please contact us at rewild.carbon@durrell.org



FIRST WILDLIFE BRIDGE OFFICIALLY OPENED

After four years of planning, fundraising and negotiating, we are delighted to share the fantastic news that work on the first canopy bridge for the Black Lion Tamarin Conservation Programme has been completed.

A ceremony took place on 20th October 2025 to officially open the bridge, with representatives from the municipal government of Presidente Epitácio, environmental agencies and protected area managers, local landowners, NGOs, the Black Lion Tamarin Conservation Program and IPÊ joining together to celebrate this fantastic accomplishment. The presence of such a range of different organisations shows the strong collaborative effort that made this project possible.

In 2021, The Black Lion Tamarin Conservation Program began fundraising efforts after recognising that a canopy bridge would bolster ongoing conservation efforts and help restore genetic connectivity. Once funding was secured, the next stage involved engaging in extensive and meaningful dialogue with key stakeholders to secure the necessary authorisations. This included coordinating with the Municipality of Presidente Epitácio, which manages the road where the bridge is now located, the private landowner whose forest fragment links to the bridge, as well as environmental agencies and local partners who were supporting the project.

The 50 metre bridge, built with suspended cables and netting anchored to tall poles, has been designed to allow wildlife to safely cross the SPV-035 road in Pontal do Paranapanema, São Paulo, reconnecting the forest fragment at Fazenda San

Maria, home to a wild black lion tamarin population, with the restored forest corridor leading toward the Mico-Leão-Preto Ecological Station.

Roads pose a great danger to the local wildlife as many animals attempt to travel between forest fragments at ground level where they are at risk of road collisions, which are also dangerous for drivers. By providing a way to cross above the road and reducing the likelihood of animals entering traffic zones, the bridge provides a solution to benefit both conservation and public safety. This is an incredibly important achievement and a strategic advance for the conservation of the black lion tamarin, and other arboreal species who will be able to use it.

Structures such as this canopy bridge complement other connectivity efforts, such as habitat restoration in the form of tree corridors, creating a safe passage for wildlife to move between the remaining forest areas, reducing the risk of localised extinctions for vulnerable populations and boosting genetic diversity between fragments and populations.

The success of this first installation boosts momentum to expand the network of wildlife bridges. Several priority areas where a bridge would greatly improve functional connectivity have already been identified.

"This canopy bridge is more than an engineering structure: it is a symbol of commitment to the future of the black lion tamarin and the Atlantic Forest. It demonstrates what can be achieved when science, community, public institutions, landowners, and funders join forces for conservation."

The Black Lion Tamarin Conservation Program



AWARD WINNING INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME

Our conservation partners ICAS were recognised at the regional stage of the IEL Talent Awards 2025, receiving first place in two categories.

The awards value initiatives of excellence in talent development and the strengthening of internship programs and professional development in Brazil.

The regional stages of the 2025 IEL Talent Awards started in August across 21 states of Brazil, including Mato Grosso do Sul. Over 750 projects were submitted to the awards for 2025, almost double the number of entries made in 2024.

In the **Innovative Internship** category, the ICAS Internship and Training Program took first place. Matheus Stanley, now a trainee with ICAS who we interviewed for our 2024 Annual Newsletter when he was working as an intern, won first place in the **Innovative Intern** category.

Both winners went on to represent ICAS at the national stage of the awards. The ICAS Internship and Training Program came 11th out of 759 entries in the Innovative Internship category for Brazil, and Matheus was one of three finalists for the Innovative Intern award. Alongside two other members of ICAS, Matheus travelled to Recife in December for the final stage and we are delighted that he won second place. A huge congratulations to Matheus and the ICAS team for these achievements.

Arnaud Desbiez, founder of ICAS, had this to say about the awards: *"This recognition confirms the relevance of our program, which combines science, practice, and inclusion to prepare the next generation of conservationists...These awards celebrate the dedication of our interns and mentors, reinforcing the credibility and impact of the actions we carry out with the support of our partners and funders. A huge thanks to the Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust for having invested and launched this initiative."*





BRAZILIAN CONGRESS OF PRIVATE NATURAL HERITAGE RESERVES

In July around 600 people attended the Brazilian Congress of Private Natural Heritage Reserves in Belo Horizonte, Minas Gerais.

Since the first congress, held in 1996, the aim has been to bring together and strengthen the Brazilian private natural heritage reserves (RPPN) community, promote dialogue and find innovative solutions to the challenges related to the management of these reserves. The main focus of the 2025 congress was **Private Natural Heritage Reserves in the Context of the Climate Crisis and Biodiversity Loss**.

Representatives from the national government (ICMbio), the Public Prosecutor's Office, private companies, state environmental agencies, national and local organisations, landowners, conservationists and leaders gathered to discuss a range of topics relating to RPPN, including biodiversity, climate change, ecosystem services, sustainability, and public policies focused on RPPN.

As well as being a partner organisation for the congress, our conservation partners Instituto Biotrópicos were invited to be a plenary speaker. Members of the organisation delivered a presentation entitled **RPPNs and the Ecological Corridor at Serra do Espinhaço Biosphere Reserve**.

The talk focused on raising public awareness by demonstrating that a well-informed and planned creation of private reserves can ensure landscape connectivity while also protecting areas of high conservation priority within two mosaics of protected areas in the Espinhaço Range, where Durrell currently work with Instituto Biotrópicos.

Alongside the Instituto Biotrópicos' coordinator and speaker, the organisation also sponsored the attendance of two landowners from Relicário da Serra at Cipó Mosaic, and from Serra do Cabral e Lazão at the Espinhaço Mosaic.

The hope is to engage more landowners to create private reserves in the Espinhaço Range. So far, 531 ha of private reserves have been created in the area with the help of Instituto Biotrópicos.

CAUGHT ON CAMERA

Camera traps play an important role in monitoring the impact of conservation work. Here are just a few of the many images recorded from our project areas in Brazil. How many species can you recognise?





AND FINALLY

Price update

The price of Rewild Carbon is based on the cost of delivering high-quality science-based reforestation and conservation work in Brazil. The price is reviewed every six months to take into account changes in this cost. Unlike many other nature-based solutions, it does not include any element of profit and is not driven by supply and demand. We ensure that at least 90% of the funding we receive from you goes to nature, where it is needed.

The price is currently under review, and an update will be shared once it is finalised.

GD100 celebrations

2025 was a very special year for Durrell as it marked the 100th birthday of our founder. We celebrated Gerald Durrell's extraordinary legacy throughout the year, from our plaque unveiling at the manor house back in January, to our art installation Bloom over the summer, to our Founders Ball in September. Thanks to our supporters, we have raised vital funds to ensure the future of Jersey Zoo and that Gerry's dream lives on.

We have also been inundated with photos and memories from supporters who remember Gerald Durrell or were influenced by him. To find out more about the celebrations and to read some specially selected supporters' memories, please visit **GD100 on our website**.

How can we help?

We are always happy to provide support with communications around your involvement with Rewild Carbon or to give a presentation on the project to your colleagues. If you would like to discuss how we can help you, please contact us at rewild.carbon@durrell.org

Durrell e-news

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SPECIES CAUGHT ON CAMERA ON PREVIOUS PAGE Lowland tapir, Jaguar, Giant anteater, Puma, Crab eating fox, Six-banded armadillo, Jaguarundi, Ocelot, Brown brocket, Oncilla, Southern tamarin, Agouti, Lesser yellow-headed vulture, Yacare caiman, White-lipped peccary, Giant armadillo



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