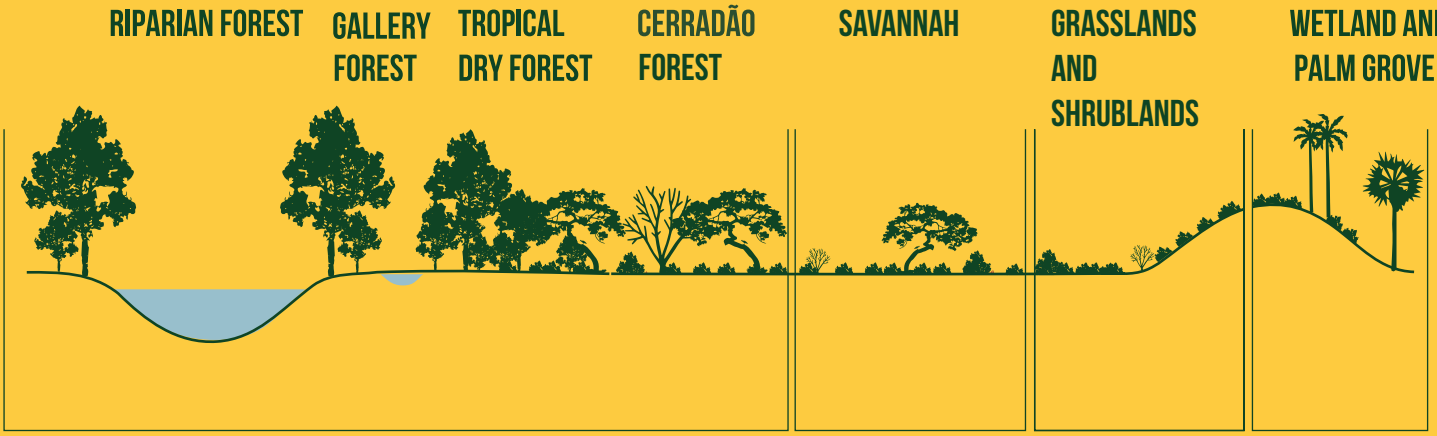
THE CERRADO

The Cerrado is the largest savannah region of South America. It holds around 5 % of the world's biodiversity and is one of South America's most important water sources. But in the last 40 years, around half of the Cerrado has been converted to agriculture and pastures. Soy cultivation now takes up around 7 per cent of the Cerrado biome.

VEGETATION OF THE CERRADO



THE CERRADO'S NATURAL VEGETATION IS BEING REPLACED BY CROPS AND PASTURE

HALF OF THE CERRADO HAS ALREADY BEEN DESTROYED

100 MILLION HECTARES DESTROYED

AN AREA EQUIVALENT IN SIZE TO WESTERN EUROPE

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THE BIG FIVE OF CERRADO

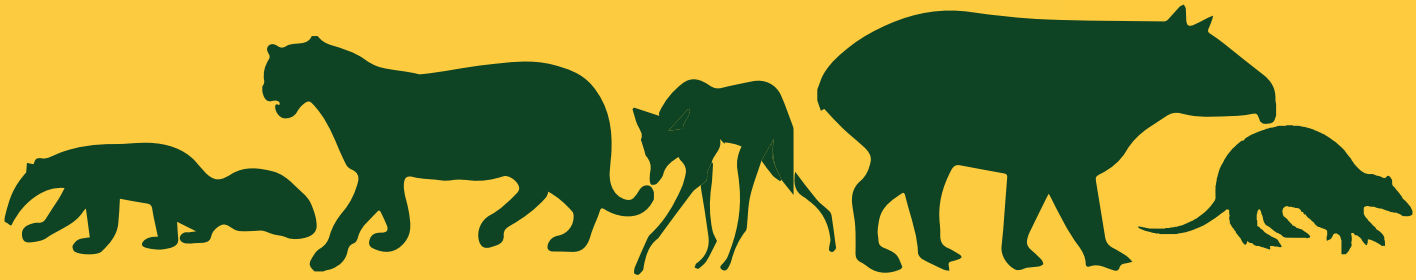
Five flagship species whose habitat is threatened

THE JAGUAR

THE LARGEST CAT IN THE AMERICAS
EXTINCT IN VARIOUS REGIONS

THE TAPIR

THE LARGEST TERRESTRIAL MAMMAL IN BRAZIL
WEIGHS UP TO 300 KG



VULNERABLE *VULNERABLE* *VULNERABLE* *ENDANGERED* *VULNERABLE*

THE GIANT ANTEATER

IT HAS A LONG BUSHY FLAG-SHAPED TAIL
THE LARGEST ANTEATER ON EARTH

THE MANED WOLF

IT IS THE LARGEST CANID IN SOUTH AMERICA
WEIGHS BETWEEN 20 AND 30 KG
SOLITARY AND NOCTURNAL
EATS MAINLY FRUIT

THE GIANT ARMADILLO

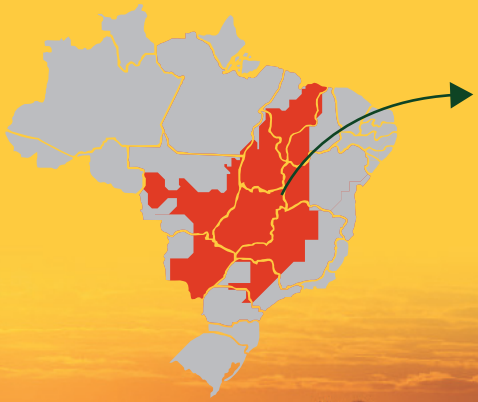
WEIGHS BETWEEN 25 AND 60 KG
ITS BURROWS ARE UP TO 40CM WIDE

5% OF THE WORLD'S SPECIES ARE FOUND IN CERRADO

99 MAMALS 864 BIRDS 180 REPTILES 1.200 FISH 150 AMPHIBIANS

LESS THAN 10% OF THE CERRADO IS COVERED BY PROTECTED AREAS

LESS THAN 3% OF THESE AREAS ARE STRICTLY PROTECTED AREAS



240 ENDANGERED SPECIES LIVE IN THESE PROTECTED AREAS

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