



Conservation in times of crisis

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Biodiversity loss is a crisis in process and is one of many indicators that human actions are irrevocably pushing planetary limits. Towards Convivial Conservation: Governing Human-Wildlife Interactions in the Anthropocene (CON-VIVA) is a research project that offers a new approach to understanding and practising environmental conservation at a time when the failure to reconcile economic development and species diversity is becoming increasingly apparent. The project addresses human-wildlife conflict and moves beyond protected areas and faith in markets to compare and propose best landscape, governance and funding practices to integrate conservation and poverty reduction. The project works with academic and NGO partners to study declining jaguar populations in the remaining Atlantic Forest in Brazil.

The CONVIVA project builds on and complements another project that studies crisis conservation situations in Brazil, South Africa and Indonesia. Crisis Conservation: Saving Nature in Times and Spaces of Exception, is a five-year project that in Brazil focuses on three aspects related to the conservation of the Atlantic Forest. The first aspect investigates how processes of extinction unfold in relation to conservation efforts and theorizes their ecological and social dynamics. The second aspect aims to understand and theorize the tactical shifts and outcomes of conservation organizations under increasingly inhospitable political conditions. Finally, the project analyses the dynamics of responses by different actors to the fragmentation and defaunation of the Atlantic Forest, as well as alternatives to mainstream conservation.

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