

THE BELIZE JAGUAR PROJECT

CONSERVATION, COMMUNITY, CULTURE, AND CATS!



CONSERVATION

The Belize Jaguar Project was established in 2001 by Dr. Marcella Kelly, world renowned ecologist and trailblazer of remote camera trapping techniques among many other things. The goal of the project was to study the population density and spatial use of jaguars in a non-invasive way using remote cameras. Dr. Kelly's data have helped make informed conservation decisions for multiple species across Belize and even other countries!



COMMUNITY

During my time as a field technician on the project I had the privilege of working alongside and learning from local Belizeans. We collaborated with WCS, Forestry Department, and local NGOs. I also spent time in Sylvester Village where the community shared aspects of their culture such as Latin dancing and traditional Mayan foods with us.



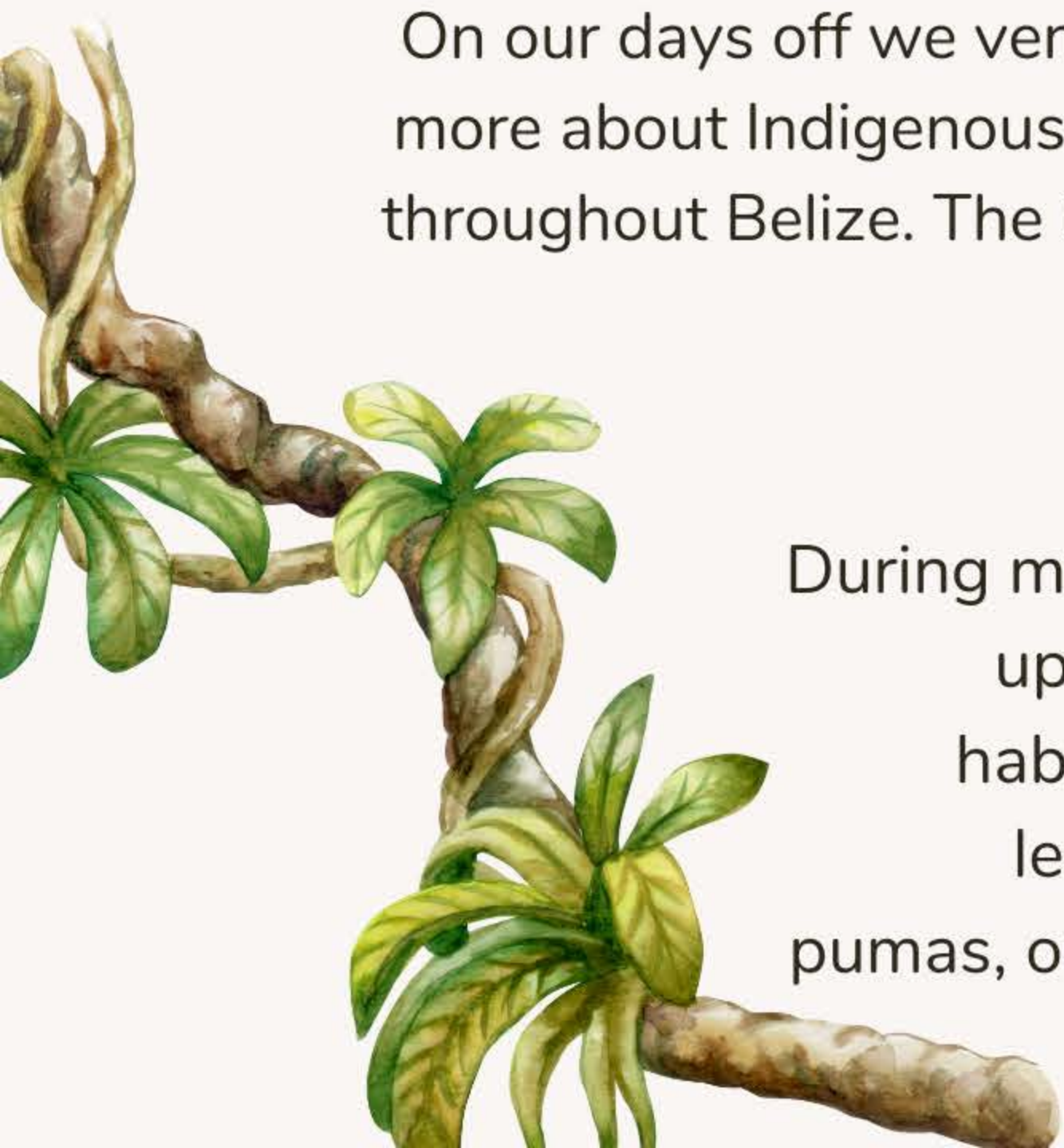
On our days off we ventured to Mayan ruins and caves to learn more about Indigenous history and culture that is still prevalent throughout Belize. The Mayan people were never conquered by colonialists.

CULTURE



CATS

During my 1 short month with the project I set up and maintained cameras in 4 unique habitats across the country. All the while learning how the cats species (jaguars, pumas, ocelots, margays and jaguarundis) use these habitats in different ways.

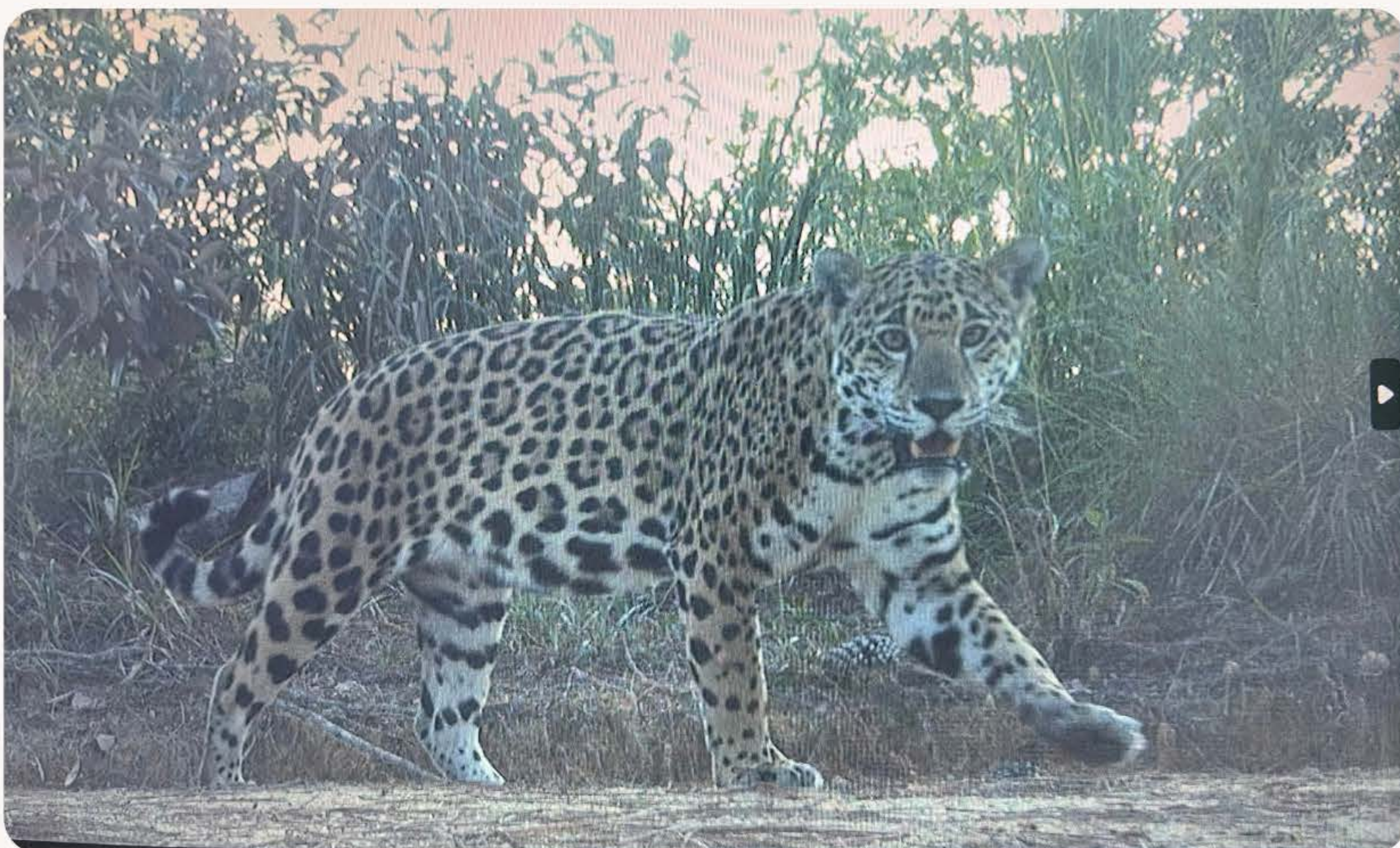


More Fun Pictures



Xunantunich ancient Mayan Ruins
that overlook Guatemala.

Beautiful Jaguars. The
bottom photo was
taken 2 hours after I
set up the camera.





Market where we purchased our fresh produce.

Fresh jaguar print on the trail



Puma



Tapir. The national animal of Belize



Fer-De-Lance. The most venomous snake in South and Central America. I found him on the trail



The river near our field house where we bathed and did laundry

Rio Frio Cave, a sacred Maya site

