

Tapir Mountain Nature Reserve



BELIZE KARST HABITAT CONSERVATION

To Promote adaptive conservation through innovative management of the Tapir Mountain Nature Reserve, for the benefit of all Belizeans.

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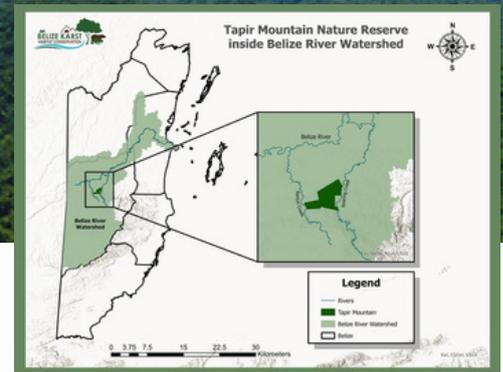
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Conservation through innovative management

Covering 6,286 acres of pristine lowland tropical evergreen forest on limestone soils, the Tapir Mountain Nature Reserve (TMNR) is a testament to Belize's commitment to conservation. The reserve, now managed by the Belize Karst Habitat Conservation, stands as Belize's very first nature reserve, and it is a sanctuary for both the land and its inhabitants. The reserve offers an array of diverse ecosystems. Its limestone (karstic) soils, characteristic of the region, have given rise to a unique landscape of sinkholes, underground streams, and caves. This diverse landscape supports a rich array of flora and fauna, including potentially up to a thousand species of plants, at least 55 mammal species, and more than 340 bird species. Among its inhabitants, TMNR provides critical protection for two of Belize's high-risk species—the Central American Spider Monkey and the White-lipped Peccary. Three species within its bounds are globally classified as 'Endangered,' including the Baird's Tapir, Central American Spider Monkey, and Yucatan Black Howler Monkey.

TMNR extends its vital role in safeguarding the Barton Creek and Roaring Creek sub-watersheds. These undisturbed forested landscapes drain into these two creeks, providing a critical watershed buffer for downstream communities such as Teakettle, Ontario, and Blackman Eddy. By protecting these watersheds, TMNR contributes to the well-being of both the environment and local communities, ensuring a harmonious coexistence between nature and human life.

Belize Karst Habitat Conservation currently has five continuous management programs that make up the management framework for the Tapir Mountain Nature Reserve. These programs include:

1. Natural Resource Management Program
2. Research and Monitoring Program
3. Community Outreach and Participation Program
4. Infrastructure and Equipment Program
5. Administration Program

