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## ANNOUNCEMENT

### Tropical Summer Clearance Sale

Western Mesoamerica had a France-worth of tropical dry forest but today less than 2% remains. Only 0.09% has conservation status. The dry forest in Guanacaste National Park (GNP) in northwestern Costa Rica wants to buy itself, replant itself and regrow itself. This restoration of 700 km<sup>2</sup> of dry forest and rain forest refugia will double the amount of Mesoamerican conserved dry forest.

How restore it? Give it back the land it once occupied, and protect it from ranching, fires, and hunting. The organisms come from the 302 km<sup>2</sup> of National Park restoration already within GNP, and from population fragments in the damaged habitats. Invasion by native organisms will be natural or assisted, depending on the zone. But it is also cultural restoration. Its user-friendly performance as a living classroom and research laboratory will be conducted and attended largely by Costa Ricans, with an international audience as well. The Costa Rican government has agreed to match all donations 1:1 with endowment funds. GNP has raised \$2.62 million and needs at least \$1 million more for the small parts. She requires \$4 million more to purchase GNP's 160 km<sup>2</sup> core. This purchase will secure the entire project.

#### Summer sale - \$300 buys you all of (forever):

1 hectare or 2.47 acres	0.04 anteater
0.001 jaguar	200 sphinx moth caterpillars (offer good in July only)
0.1 adult guanacaste tree	25 spiny pocket mice
0.01 muscovy duck	0.429 insect species
0.0029 herp species	0.01 white-lipped peccary
0.1 agouti	400 dung beetles
0.05 curassow	20 toads
0.000016 of the join between 330 km <sup>2</sup> dry forest and 210 km <sup>2</sup> rain forest	125,000 acorns
1,000,000 ants	0.023 mammal species
10,000 mushrooms (early rainy season bargain)	100 vines
0.25 tinamou	5,000 bruchid beetles (rainy season purchase not guaranteed)
0.4 adult guapinol tree	100 scorpions
0.5 parrot	0.000028571 peripatus species
5 metres of riverbank	0.03 spider monkey
0.005 tapir	3 million unlisted organisms
1 rattlesnake	20,000 cubic metres of sunshine, 4.7 billion raindrops, 1 ha of clouds and some dew.
200 orchids	
0.000029 volcano	
0.0071 bird species	

Your tax-deductible Summer purchase order of *any* amount should be mailed to *Nature Conservancy-Guanacaste Fund, 1785 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20036*. All purchases will be held for your on-site inspection by the Costa Rican National Park Service. Detailed information available from D. H. Janzen, Department of Biology, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA 19104 (215-898-5636), or Santa Rosa National Park, Apdo. 169, Liberia, Guanacaste Province, Costa Rica (country code 506, tel. 69-55-98).

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