

WHERE WE WORK

Ya'axché operates within an area known as the Maya Golden Landscape (MGL) in southern Belize. It is centered around the Golden Stream watershed and the Golden Stream Corridor Preserve (GSCP). The 15,441 acre GSCP, the 100,000 acre Bladen Nature Reserve and the 36,000 acre Maya Mountain North Forest Reserve, located in the north of MGL are managed by Ya'axché.

The MGL forms the primary southern biological corridor for Belize, which is the only remaining broadleaf forest link between the Maya Mountains and the forested coastal plains of southern Belize.

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Ya'axché Conservation Trust is a Belizean organization which aims to maintain healthy forests, rivers and reefs for the benefit of all.

Through protected area management, advocacy, and working hand in hand with communities, Ya'axché strives to develop capacity for the wise use of land and natural resources in and around the Maya Golden Landscape in Toledo.

Harmony between nature and human development for the benefit of both!

WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITIES

The Ya'axché Community Outreach and Livelihoods program aims to assist the local communities in the Maya Golden Landscape to improve their standard of living while maintaining the pristine environment of the area.

The program achieves this through promotion of sustainable agriculture and enterprise initiatives, environmental education and outreach, and fostering strong governance throughout the local communities. Community support is necessary for successful management of protected areas!

MANAGING PROTECTED AREAS

Ya'axché is managing the Golden Stream Corridor Preserve, the Bladen Nature Reserve – considered the crown jewel of Belize's protected acres, and the Maya Mountain North Forest Reserve.

Ya'axché is represented by a team of highly skilled rangers who patrol these areas for illegal activities whilst collecting biological monitoring data and assisting visiting researchers on a variety of projects. Ya'axché strives to maintain a strong and open relationship with the communities surrounding the protected areas – for the benefit of all!

SUPPORT OUR WORK

There are many ways of supporting us: subscribe to our membership program, book an ecotour and a bunkbed through EcoTourismBelize.com, make a donation, or volunteer with us.

As a Ya'axché member you will get regular updates on our work and small tokens of appreciation. EcoTourism Belize, our sustainable financing venture, provides ecotours, service learning opportunities and rustic accommodations in and around Golden Stream Corridor Preserve. Volunteers who have worked at Ya'axché found their experience most rewarding.



School trips are regularly arranged to Bladen Nature Reserve and other protected areas as a part of our environmental education. *Photo: Erik Hammar.*



Geoffroy's spider monkey, (*Ateles geoffroyi*) is found in Bladen Nature Reserve. The species is classified as Endangered by IUCN. *Photo: Erik Hammar.*