

**PREVENTION IS
CHEAPER AND MORE
EFFECTIVE THAN
RETALIATION**

Why do jaguars kill livestock?

Jaguars may kill livestock if there are not enough wild animals for them to eat, or if the jaguar is old or injured and cannot hunt well anymore.

Protect against jaguars

Jaguars are forest animals. They generally avoid open spaces and human dwellings.

You can make it difficult for jaguars to find and kill livestock, so that they avoid farms and hunt wild animals in the forests.

Don't let jaguars find out that killing livestock is easy

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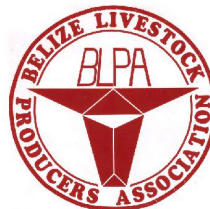
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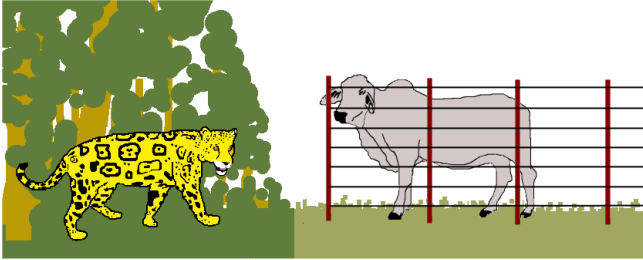
**PROTECTING
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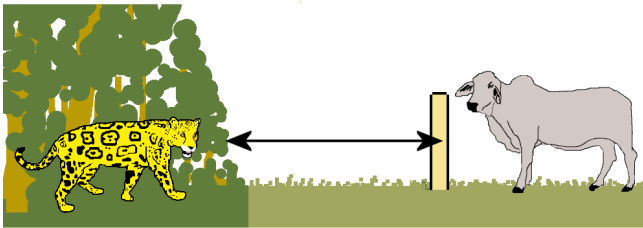
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10 WAYS TO PROTECT YOUR LIVESTOCK

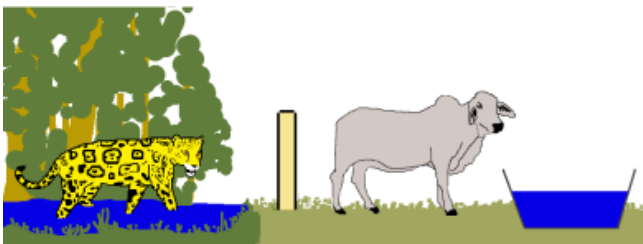
1. Jaguars move through the bush. Improve fencing to keep livestock in pastures and jaguars out.



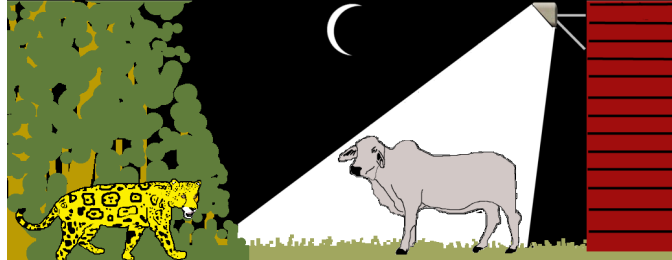
2. Jaguars prefer to hunt under cover. Keep the pasture edge away from the bush so that they cannot easily hunt your animals.



3. Jaguars are commonly found near water. Fence streams and encourage livestock to drink at watering troughs away from forested areas.



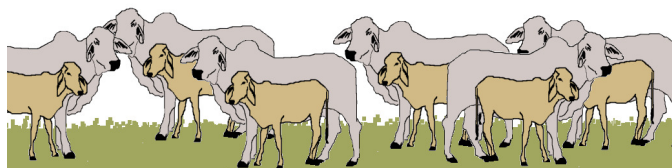
4. Jaguars like to hunt in darkness. At night use electric lighting around pens to scare away jaguars.



5. Young or small livestock are most at risk from jaguars. Protect them at night in pens or bring them closer to the house. Consider using electric fencing.



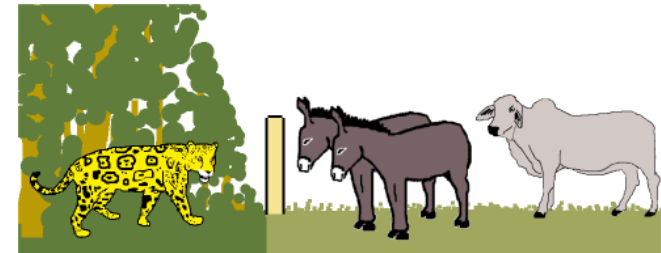
6. Breed cattle seasonally so you can control when calves are present, making them easier to protect.



7. In large pastures, introduce water buffalo into the herds. They are known to defend against jaguars, and give good meat and milk. They must be carefully managed so that they do not go feral.



8. In small pastures, use guard animals such as donkeys.



9. Jaguars prefer wild prey. Encourage wild animals on and around your land so that jaguars do not hunt cattle and sheep.



10. Wounded jaguars cannot hunt wild animals properly, and so they attack easy livestock. Shooting at jaguars often only injures them, turning them into livestock killers.