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QUANTIFYING CONFLICT AND ASSESSING BENEFITS OF BLACK CAIMAN (MELANOSUCHUS NIGER)

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SUMMARY

Meshach, in collaboration with Dr. Matt Hallett (University of Florida/Jacksonville Zoo), recently completed a project investigating human-caiman conflict in the Rupunumi region of Guyana. This talk will cover the background of the project, some preliminary results, and stories from the field.

BIO:

Since completing his BSc in Biology from the University of Guyana, Meshach has worked with a variety of taxa. He has banded birds in Guyana and Suriname, conducted camera trapping for mammals all over Guyana's interior, and surveyed the costs and benefits of living alongside black caiman. Meshach received the Winston Cobb Fellowship from Panthera and was named one of 25 Caribbean achievers under 25 years of age by Caribbean Beat Magazine. He is now in route to complete the Postgraduate Diploma in International Wildlife Conservation Practice at the University of Oxford in the UK.