



Thank you for your interest in becoming a sponsor of Save The Giants.

*Save the Giants is a nonprofit community driven conservation organization, dedicated to preserving Guyana's wildlife via a multi-disciplinary approach. The focal species for Save The Giants is the critically endangered giant otter.*

There are various ways to make a valuable contribution to the Save the Giants Project! If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, please send an email to [Christina@savethegiants.org](mailto:Christina@savethegiants.org) or visit <http://savethegiants.org/donate/>

## \$200-\$400: Sponsor a Team Otter Surveyor(s):

On a monthly basis, our project conducts a 10-day otter population survey along stretches of the Rupununi River, in Guyana. During these surveys, the surveyors spend up to 12 hours a day on the boat, navigating the river and recording signs of otters, as well as photo documenting individual and groups of giant otters. The work is tedious and involves a great deal of physical stamina and a certain expertise on tracking and documenting giant otters.

Your donation of \$200 covers the 10-day stipend provided to the surveyors. Typically, 2 surveyors participate in each 10-day survey. Save the Giants has 2, well trained field researchers who are currently conducting the otter population surveys. In 2018, the project would like to recruit and train up to 8 new surveyors and increase the range of the otter population surveys.

## \$600: Sponsor an Otter Camera Trap:

In the world of otter field research, not all camera traps are created equal. Giant otters are extremely sensitive to disturbances around their dens, especially during cubbing season. Experimenting with multiple brands of traps in the field has allowed us to single out the most efficient trap for recording giant otters: the Reconyx Hyperdrive. Your donation of \$600 will fund the Reconyx trap, a waterproof case and a snake lock, to ensure our traps are not stolen in the field.

This camera trap lies on the high end of the price spectrum, but here's what it has that the others don't:

1. Color photography with crystal clear imaging: when trying to identify individual otters, high resolution photos are critical.
2. Extended battery life.
3. Ability to set on a 12hr cycle, as to not produce an alarming flash when the otters are in their dens at night.

Camera traps are an essential part to the otter surveys, because they act as an additional set of eyes. Without the traps and their ability to capture data in a non-invasive manner, making accurate deductions on otter group size, determining female/male ratios and counting cubs, would be almost impossible feats to achieve. Save the Giants currently owns 3 camera traps and ideally, we would like to have between 15-20, in order to maximize data collection within specific otter territories.



## \$1350: Sponsor an Otter Survey:

The monthly, 10-day otter survey conducted by our trained, field researchers are not only physically taxing, they also require a great deal of monetary support. Below, you will find the budget breakdown for each, 10 day survey:

Budget for 1,10-day giant otter survey, with 2 otter surveyors

| Line Item             | Price                           | Totals |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|--------|
| Food                  | \$5/day x 10 x 2( per surveyor) | \$100  |
| Lodging               | \$15/day x 10 x 2(per surveyor) | \$300  |
| Boat Rental Fee       | \$30/day x10                    | \$300  |
| Fuel and Oil for Boat | 5 gal/day max @ \$5/gal x10     | \$250  |
| Surveyor Stipend      | \$200 x 2 (per surveyor)        | \$400  |
|                       |                                 | \$1350 |

## \$5,000: Sponsor a Workshop:

Funding for Otter Surveyor Training: Training will cover proper survey methodology, fecal collection, best methods for setting camera traps, basic GPS mapping skills and appropriate human/giant otter encounter protocols. Invitations will be sent out to villages in the interior, who are interested in becoming trained otter surveyors. Training additional local surveyors is critical to the success and growth of this project.

## \$7,000: Sponsor a Boat:

Currently we are renting a boat for \$30/day during each survey. This quickly adds to our expenses. The boats that are the most suitable for navigation on the river are simple 14ft long, aluminum fishing boats. Boat motors are 25 horsepower outboard gas engines. We are hoping to acquire 2-8 boats so we can train more surveyors to survey larger sections of the river.

| Line Item  | Price  | Totals |
|--|--------|--------|
| 14ft aluminum fishing boat (purchased in country)        | \$3500 | \$3500 |
| 25 horsepower outboard gas engine (purchased in country) | \$3500 | \$3500 |
|  |        | \$7000 |