



Dear TiME supporter,

For those of us in the northern hemisphere, spring is here and with it the reminder of the enormous biodiversity that surrounds us whenever we are: even in cities, it is an opportunity to see more active wildlife, be it birds or even insects, which are so crucial for our ecosystem.

And yet it cannot compare to the wondrous biodiversity in the three threatened habitats you can save in this year's campaign. Learn more about the endangered wildlife you can protect in [IKIAM Reserve \(Ecuador\)](#), [Río Roberto \(Ecuador\)](#) and [Rocha Bros \(Brazil\)](#) — and cast your vote today!

This month, we feature two surprising discoveries, one of an **ancient species** and one of a **species on the brink of extinction**, both highlighting the same truth: we must keep conserving, hoping, and discovering.

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New sightings of the rare Asiatic Cheetah

The Asiatic cheetah is Critically Endangered, with a [2025 study](#) estimating a total of 24 adult individuals worldwide, all of them in Iran.

This year, in the midst of a war, new individuals have been recorded, demonstrating again the power of persistent conservation efforts. When there is still life, there is still hope.

[Read full article \(New York Times\)](#)



Prehistoric kraken found?

Paleontologists have identified a fossil of an octopod of 60 feet (19 meters) that reigned in the oceans 100 to 72 million years ago. These invertebrates were so huge, they may have feasted upon the famed plesiosaurs and mosasaurs.

While we cannot save these ancient sea terrors, finding previously unknown gigantic fossils indicates that the ocean, and perhaps the land too, are still full of unknown creatures. By saving endangered habitats, we can reveal more hidden wonders.

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