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Amazing Species: Maned Wolf

The **Maned Wolf**, *Chrysocyon brachyurus*, is listed as 'Near Threatened' on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species™. It is the largest South American canid and can be found in some areas of Brazil, Paraguay, Argentina, Bolivia, Peru and Uruguay, although only in low densities.

Maned Wolves are the only species in their genus and the tallest of the wild canids. They are solitary, monogamous and highly frugivorous (consuming principally fruits). The major threats to the species are road mortality and a drastic reduction of habitat. The open grasslands and Cerrado (Brazil's savannah) have been replaced by farmland, increasing the conflict between Maned Wolf and people. Other threats are the presence of domestic and feral dogs in the vicinity of protected areas, illegal hunting, harvesting of body parts for native folk medicine and loss of genetic variability.

The Maned Wolf benefits from programmes to protect the Cerrado biome and wild fauna, including a hunting ban. The development of education strategies, a reduction in the conflicts with people, and the implementation of conservation campaigns are important tools to safeguard the future of the species.

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