

## OPENING OF THE SLOTH RESCUE AND REHABILITATION CENTER (DECEMBER 1, 2021)

CONTRIBUTING TO THE CARE OF THE ENVIRONMENT

## INTRODUCTION

On June 1, 2019, the Summit Rainforest & Golf Resort became a resort entirely focused on implementing ecological practices and promoting Panama as a country-brand to the world.

Within these practices, our Butterfly Farm and Frog Farm remain, where various exotic species are currently procreated and the release of 10% of them to the world is ensured. Other initiatives include the preservation projects carried out by our biologist and trail guides, where we rehabilitate wild animals that have been injured, and then release them to their natural habitat.

The project that we want to present to you consists of helping one of the most seen animals in the Panamanian rainforest, the sloth. Being part of the Xenarthra family (sloths, anteaters and armadillos), these animals constantly suffer from many accidents in the forest area, being electrocuted by electric poles or forced to migrate due to deforestation, and due to the lack of resources in rehabilitation centers and foundations, these animals are obliged to be rehabilitated in a limited space and under concrete. So we took the initiative to create a rehabilitation center where these animals can be cured in their natural habitat and thus, be able to guarantee that by releasing them, they will be able to defend themselves and survive in the wild.

This project will have visibility of 2 and 3-toed sloths, as well as anthills and armadillos. Additionally, they will have a quarantine center for newly introduced species and a veterinarian present to care for them. Therefore, clients will not only be able to see these animals being rehabilitated, if not, they will also have the opportunity to observe their releases when they are ready to be reintroduced into the environment.



## WHAI DIFFERENTIATES THIS PROJECT FROM THE REST?

This project would be the first sloth rehabilitation center in Panama. Our license would be different from a captive license in that it would only be for rehabilitating and releasing. We are going to provide a safe and natural space to the foundations of Panama that receive these creatures, to help them recover and release them to their natural habitat, also creating an educational center for the preservation of these animals and the environment.

