

Anthony J. Giordano



Dr. Anthony J. Giordano is the Founder, Executive Director, and Chief Conservation Scientist of S.P.E.C.I.E.S. <<https://carnivores.org>>, The Society for the Preservation of Endangered Carnivores and their International Ecological Study. He is also current President of the Wild Felid Research & Management Association (www.wildfelid.org), is a member of three IUCN Species Survival Commission Specialist Groups (Cats, Small Carnivores, & Peccaries), and serves on the board of governors for the Society for Conservation Biology (www.conbio.org). An accomplished scientist with nearly 100 articles and book chapters, Anthony has advised and mentored dozens of international graduate students and worked in more than 30 countries, having led scientific expeditions in 17 of them. Today he is a leading expert in the ecology and conservation of the world's mammalian carnivores, a group of species that includes the world's wild cats, dogs, bears, hyenas, and weasels, civets, and mongooses. Forgoing a traditional academic career to practice, train others, and innovate on the conservation frontlines, Anthony is equal parts scientist, social entrepreneur, thought leader, and explorer. He believes that to realistically achieve habitat connectivity across big landscapes, "rewilding" and the protection of remote wilderness, will take us only so far. In addition, he believes holistic, forward-thinking strategies adapting to changing economic and socio-political contexts, must be a big part of the solution across a planet where half the land has already been developed. Because healthy carnivore populations are often a good, cost-effective indicator of that health, Anthony is pioneering the establishment of "carnivore-friendly" land use practices and approaches that integrate ecological science, socio-economic incentives, technological advances, and innovative techniques to mitigate conflict between carnivores and human communities, in order to achieve lasting ecosystem health. Today Anthony's priority activities have him working with local communities and scientists to advance scientific knowledge and the conservation of an incredible diversity of species, including jaguars, maned wolves, fishing cats, dholes, snow

leopards, sun bears, margays, giant otters, tigers, striped hyenas, leopards, binturongs, sloth bears, and of course, the enigmatic clouded leopard captured in the S.P.E.C.I.E.S. logo.