



Letter from the Editors

We're excited to present to you another issue of *Edentata*! *Edentata* 19 starts with an impressive review of the distribution and status of Paraguayan *Xenarthra*. Three short communications provide new information on the distribution of *Xenarthra* in Argentina and Brazil, two describe unusual behaviors observed in giant anteaters, and another one reports agonistic interactions in a group of brown-throated three-toed sloths. There are also two interesting notes on predator-prey interactions, one describing how a nine-banded armadillo killed a coral snake and the other documenting how a tayra (*Eira barbara*) preyed on a brown-throated three-toed sloth.

We're extremely happy to let you know that our Specialist Group has recently established an agreement with Animal Educators Inc. and Nurtured by Nature. To show their commitment to the conservation of *Xenarthra*, these institutions will be supporting the Brazilian three-banded armadillo conservation program both financially and by contributing their vast knowledge on the maintenance and captive reproduction of *Tolypeutes* to the Brazilian *ex situ* breeding program. We've also had the pleasure of getting to know artist Ryan Felton, who celebrated his passion for armadillos by writing a beautiful book called *Little Armored Ones* and hosting an exhibition of his armadillo paintings (and armadillo-shaped cupcakes!). Ryan encouraged the exhibition attendees to make donations to our Specialist Group, which allowed us to publish this issue of *Edentata*. We invite you to read more about these initiatives in the News section, and would like to extend a huge thanks to Animal Educators Inc., Nurtured by Nature, and Ryan Felton for their commitment and generous donations.

Our News section is packed with other information, too! You'll find announcements of new books, the recent re-assessments of the conservation status of *Xenarthra* in Brazil and Argentina, and the openings of new rescue centers in Suriname and Colombia. We're very proud of our Specialist Group member Flávia Miranda, who received recognition from the Brazilian Academy of Sciences for having produced one of the best doctoral theses in the country. We invite you to read more about it in the News section.

We'd like to give a warm welcome to Gabriela Ruellan, who has joined the *Edentata* team as our new graphics designer. Gabriela made small improvements to the Newsletter's layout that we hope will make it even more attractive. Welcome to the team, Gabriela!

Let us take the opportunity to thank all anonymous reviewers for their excellent work. We also thank Sarina Van der Ploeg, Publications Officer at IUCN's Science & Knowledge Unit, for her invaluable help with tracking down all the DOIs in the References sections as well as with assigning the DOIs to all articles published in *Edentata*.

Last, but not least, we'd like to make a call for help. We're looking for a sponsor for upcoming issues of *Edentata*. If your institution is interested in supporting our Newsletter, please contact us at edentata@xenarthrans.org. Thank you!



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