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Species of the Day: Blue-throated Macaw

The **Blue-throated Macaw**, *Ara glaucogularis*, qualifies as 'Critically Endangered' on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species™. It is found in a small area of north-central Bolivia known as Los Llanos de Moxos, part of the Beni Savannas.

Live export of Blue-throated Macaws from Bolivia has been banned since 1984, and efforts by conservation organisations have radically reduced this trade. Land clearance for pasture and tree-felling for fuel on private cattle ranches reduces the number of suitable nesting trees, which creates nest-site competition from other species of birds. Indiscriminate hunting to provide feathers for indigenous headdresses may have a small impact on the population in some areas.

Efforts continue to be made to suppress illegal trade in this species and raise awareness through community-based conservation action. Alongside these efforts, continued work on nest guarding and creation of new nesting cavities through the provision of nest boxes are all helping to increase the Blue-throated Macaws population size.

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