



Sloths, Schools, & Skyways

Field research, community education, and forest corridors with the Sloth Conservation Foundation in Costa Rica.

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The Sloth Conservation Foundation

PLACEMENT
Puerto Viejo de Talamanca, Limón, Costa Rica

Realised outputs

196,676

SOCIAL MEDIA VIEWS

Reached through photography and visual storytelling produced for SloCo's social media channels.

25

FIELD SURVEYS CONDUCTED

GPS fixes and behavioural observations logged to the Urban Sloth Project and Great Sloth Census.

14

SLOTHS TRACKED LONG-TERM

12 urban, 2 in primary rainforest – located by VHF telemetry and visual and thermal drone flights.

22

INDIGENOUS BRIBRI STUDENTS TAUGHT

Across two co-designed environmental education workshops, delivered at local schools and refined between sessions on participant reactions.

2

BRIBRI PLANTATIONS REFORESTED

Trees planted across two large indigenous plantations, closing gaps in the canopy and reducing habitat fragmentation in the rainforest.

WEEKS 1–6

Goals set before departure vs. what landed

THREE SMART STRANDS

STRAND	SMART TARGET SET IN MAY	REALISED BY WEEK 6	VERDICT
Field surveys & tracking	~12 biweekly surveys; GPS and behavioural data logged for the Urban Sloth Project and Great Sloth Census.	25 surveys – more than double the target – and a 14-sloth longitudinal tracking set spanning urban and primary-forest habitat.	EXCEEDED
Education & outreach	Workshops co-designed with SloCo's education team, plus reusable visual materials and social content – volume set by organisational need.	Two workshops reaching 22 Bribri students, and a photography suite that carried SloCo's message to 196,676 viewers.	MET
Connected Gardens	Landowner outreach to recruit new participants into SloCo's wildlife corridor network.	Outreach converted into direct planting on the ground: two large Bribri plantations with tangible, real-world reductions in habitat fragmentation.	REDIRECTED

What SloCo keeps

Visual library

Field photography and footage handed over for outreach, fundraising and landowner recruitment.

Live tracking data

14 sloths in the longitudinal record, continuing to inform conservation strategies.

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