



# Living in the Chocó Forests of Ecuador

## The Chachi Cocoa Farmers

The Chachi live in the province of Esmeraldas, in the Chocó forest of Ecuador.



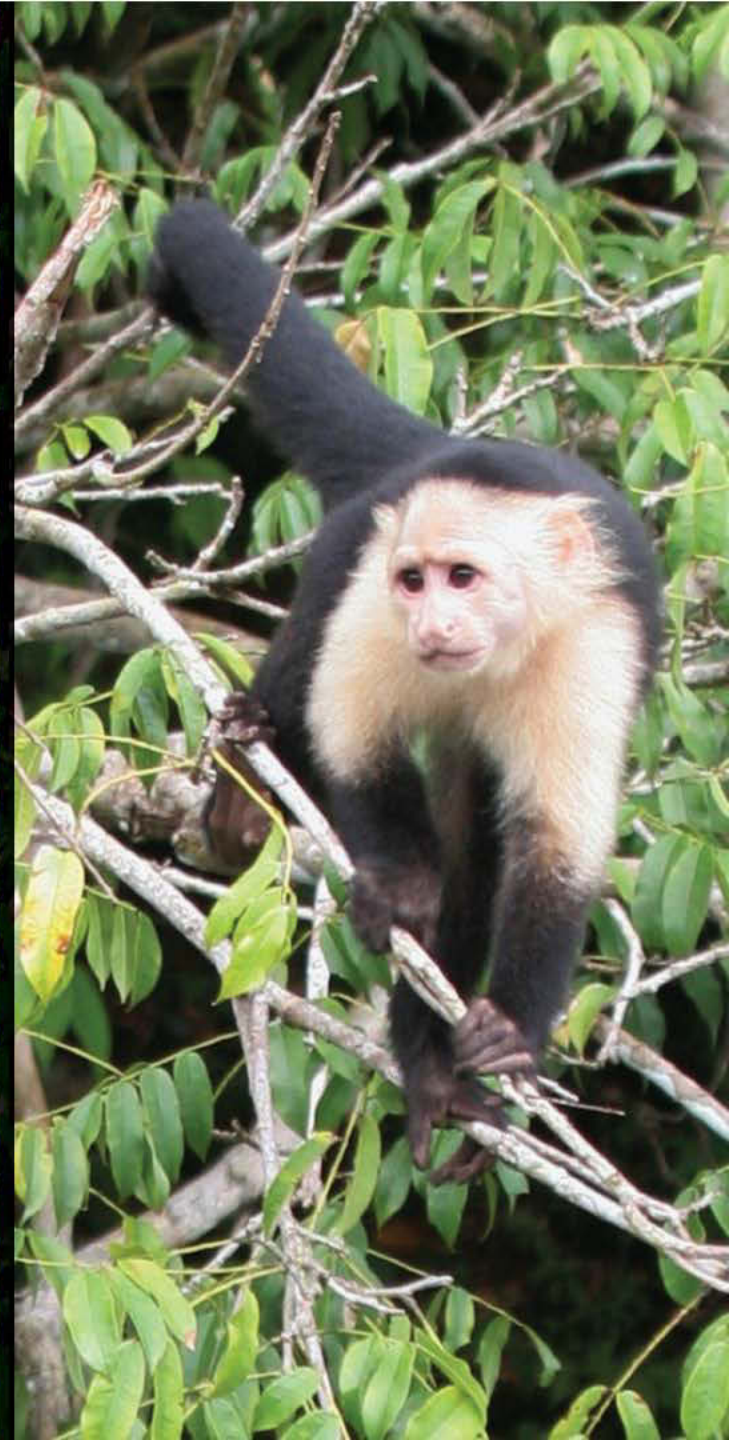
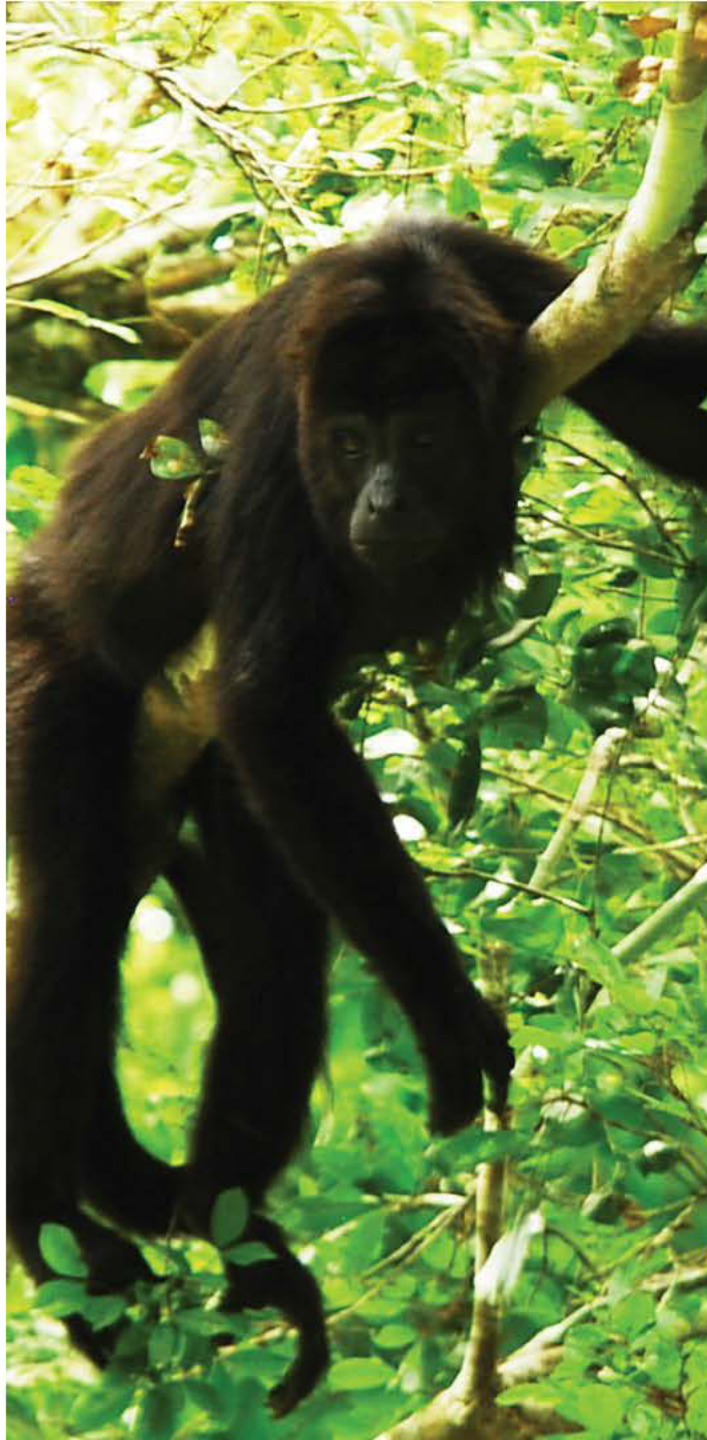
The rainforest in Ecuador is thick with trees and other plants, which serve as homes and food to many animals.



This keel-billed toucan uses its large, colorful beak for breaking apart seeds and berries.



The Black Howler Monkey (left) and the Capuchin (right) are just two of the many mammals that live in the Chocó forest of Ecuador.



This squirrel cuckoo can be seen in the mangroves of the Chocó forests.



All of these delicious fruits grow in the rainforests!



These Chachi Indian boys are gathering bananas and other fruit from the Chocó forest.





This young Chachi Indian lives with his family in San Salvador, a city in Ecuador.



A These are the seeds of the cocoa plant, which are dried and turned into chocolate.



A canoe is a good way to travel in the rivers of the rainforest.



These cocoa trees are a good home for rain-forest animals. You can see the cocoa pods on the ground.



Some people cut down trees in the rainforest. What do you think will happen if they cut down too many?



**These Chachi men feel at home in the Chocó forests. Look how big the tree is compared to this man!**



The rainforest is not  
just a beautiful place...

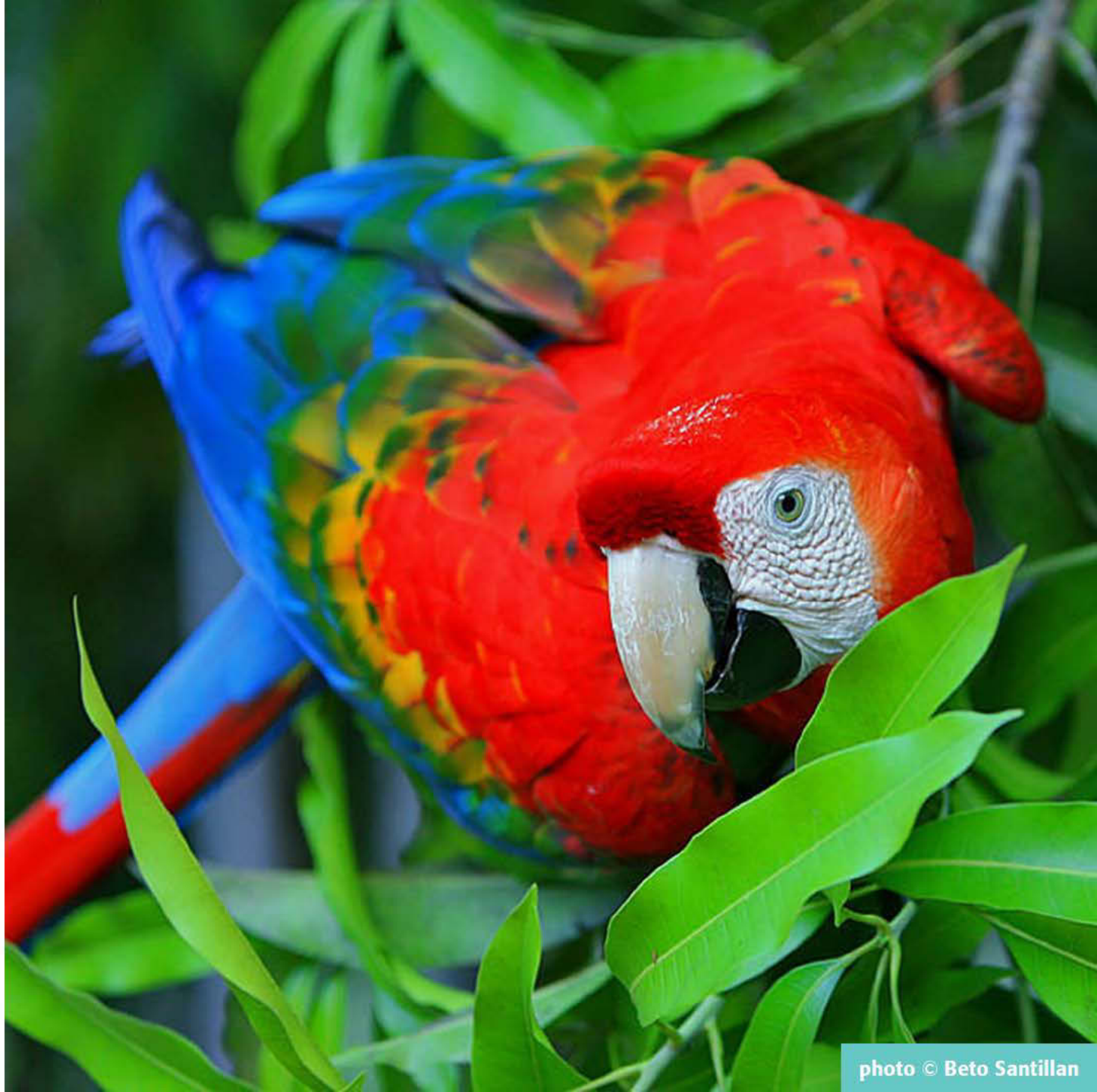


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