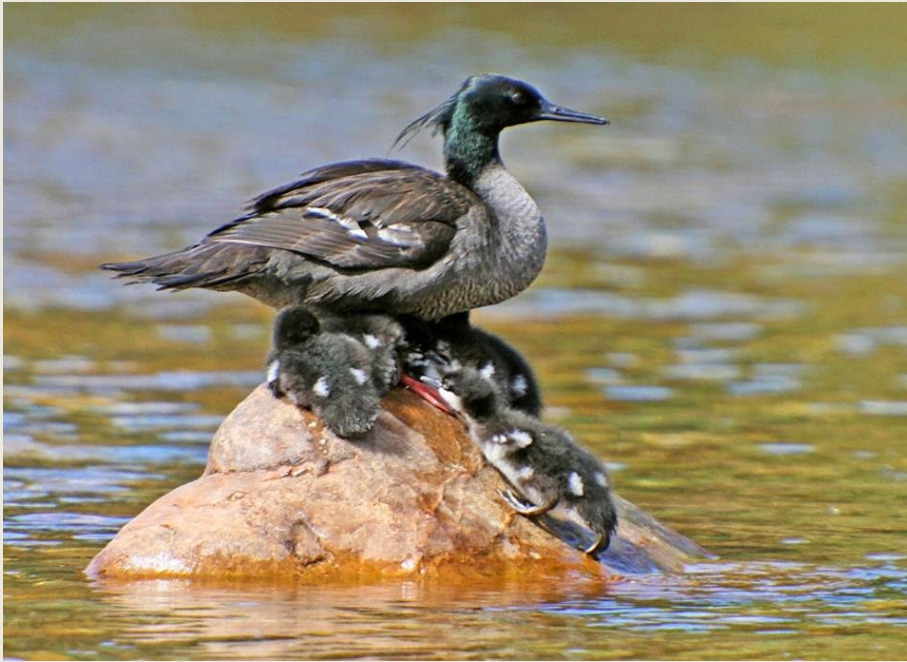




COMMON NAME: PATO MERGULHÃO, BRAZILIAN MERGANSER

SCIENTIFIC NAME: MERGUS OCTOSETACEUS



**IUCN RED LIST
STATUS:**

CRITICALLY
ENDANGERED

**ESTIMATED
NUMBER OF
MATURE**

INDIVIDUALS:
FEWER THAN 250

**POPULATION
TREND:**
DECREASING

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HABITAT: ONLY FOUND IN RIVERS/STREAMS/CREEKS IN THE STATE OF MINAS GERAIS, BRAZIL. RECORDED IN THE EARLY 2000S IN EXTREMELY SMALL NUMBERS (FEWER THAN TEN) IN ARGENTINA AND PARAGUAY, WHERE THE SPECIES IS MOST LIKELY EXTINCT.

HABITAT CONDITIONS: CONTINUING DECLINE IN AREA, EXTENT, AND QUALITY

THREATS: ANNUAL AND PERENNIAL NON-TIMBER CROPS, MINING AND QUARRYING, HUNTING AND TRAPPING TERRESTRIAL ANIMALS, LOGGING AND WOODS HARVESTING, RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, DAMS AND WATER MANAGEMENT/USE, AGRICULTURAL AND FORESTRY EFFLUENTS





CONSERVATION ACTIONS: AN AWARENESS AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM HAS BEEN CONDUCTED IN THE REGION, EX-SITU CONSERVATION IS IN PLACE, AND AN ACTION RECOVERY PLAN EXISTS, WHERE CONSERVATION SITES HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED. YET, NO SYSTEMATIC MONITORING AND NO INVASIVE SPECIES CONTROL OR PREVENTION SCHEMES EXIST, NO REINTRODUCTION EFFORTS, INTERNATIONAL LEGISLATION, OR MANAGEMENT CONTROLS HAVE BEEN SETUP.

LAST ASSESSED: FEBRUARY 2019

RESEARCH SOURCE: [HTTPS://WWW.IUCNREDLIST.ORG/SPECIES/22680482/143756439](https://www.iucnredlist.org/species/22680482/143756439)

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- * ELECT (OR BECOME) ENVIRONMENTALLY MINDFUL LEADERS
- * CONTACT YOUR REPRESENTATIVES TO VOICE YOUR CONCERNS ABOUT WILDLIFE CONSERVATION (AND PEACEFULLY PROTEST IN FRONT OF THEIR HOMES AND OFFICES, IF THEY DO NOTHING)
- * EMBODY THE "KIND" IN MANKIND BY DONATING SOME OF YOUR TIME AND/OR MONEY TO ORGANIZATIONS LIKE THE IUCN
- * BUY MY NFTS SO I CAN CONTRIBUTE TO IUCN'S EFFORTS
- * USE AND TALK ABOUT YOUR VICTORIOUS NFTS AND APPAREL TO SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT THESE INCREDIBLE SPECIES
- * EAT WHOLE FOODS THAT ARE ORGANIC, PLANT-BASED, AND GROWN IN AGROFORESTRY SYSTEMS INSTEAD OF HIGHLY PROCESSED CORPSES AND CHEMICALLY-TREATED MONOCULTURES

