



# Ya'axché Membership Program

Support community-oriented conservation in Belize!

## Our Vision

*Harmony between nature and human development for the benefit of both!*

## Who we are

Ya'axché is a Belizean, community-oriented NGO working in conservation and sustainable development. We were formed by a consortium of community members and local environmentalists in 1997.

## Where we work

Ya'axché geographic focus is the 770,000 acre Maya Golden Landscape in Southern Belize; a mosaic landscape comprised of protected areas and private, state and community lands. This area combines conservation areas and community-owned lands linking the forests of the Maya Mountains with the mangroves and coral reefs of the Mesoamerican Barrier Reef World Heritage





### Above

*Agriculture Extension  
Coordinator, Kenny Cal*

### Below

*The Harpy Eagle and  
the Yucatan Black Howler  
Monkey*

### What we are protecting

The MGL is a biodiversity hotspot and an excellent example of ecosystem interconnectivity. It is of huge ecological importance comprising of a diverse range of forest habitats including upland and lowland broadleaf forest and mangrove swamps; and, supporting over 3,000 plant species, 110 mammals, 400 birds, 92 reptiles and amphibians, including 18 endemic and 37 globally threatened species, such as jaguars and tapirs.

### Our work

Ya'axché works tirelessly to achieve harmony between nature and human development via its two programs: Protected Areas Management (PAM) and Community and Outreach Livelihood (COL).





### Above

*Sustainable Land-use  
Officer Jaume Rusalleda  
in charge of the sack race  
at Farmer of the Year  
Award 2013*

The COL program aims to assist local communities in the MGL to improve their standard of living while maintaining vital environmental services. To do this we promote sustainable agriculture, micro-enterprise initiatives, environmental education and outreach and build strong governance throughout the local communities.

### Below

*American Pygmy  
Kingfisher and ranger  
Zaccus Cal*

At the PAM programs foundation is the ranger team, known to be one of the best trained in Belize, with skills in biodiversity monitoring, environmental law, enforcement, navigation and fire management. Our rangers use these skills to patrol the Bladen Nature Reserve and Golden Stream Corridor Preserve ensuring these resources are protected for today's, and our future, generations.





### Above

The eye of a Keel-billed Toucan

### Why become a Ya'axché member?

Ya'axché needs your help to continue our works in the COL and PAM program and to increase awareness of Ya'axché's conservation and development work as well as environmental issues in southern Belize.

*"The outstanding thing about Ya'axché is that every cent of donated money is having an effect, with such a small staff there are few organizations with as great an effect on sustainable community development and ecosystem protection per dollar spent. We would love to show any member what we do on the ground to prove that this is the case."*

- Lee McIoughlin, Protected Areas Manager at Ya'axché

### Choose your level of membership!

Interested in becoming a member, there are several levels of membership to choose from (shown in table).

### How to sign up

1. Log on to [www.yaaxche.org/member](http://www.yaaxche.org/member) using a credit card (secured by Paypal)
2. Send completed membership form to Ya'axché with either:
  - a. An enclosed cheque made payable to Ya'axché Conservation Trust
  - b. An enclosed bank deposit slip to Ya'axché's account
  - c. Mailing of cash is not recommended. However a Ya'axché staff can accept cash.

For more information, email us at [member@yaaxche.org](mailto:member@yaaxche.org) or find us on: [facebook/yaaxche](https://www.facebook.com/yaaxche) [twitter/yaaxche](https://twitter.com/yaaxche) [vimeo/user4750480](https://www.youtube.com/user/yaaxche)

Membership Type	Heliconia	Cedar	Mahogany	Rosewood	Ceiba
Cost (USD)	Free	\$25 Per year	\$100 Per year	\$500 Per year	\$1000 Per year
Monthly Newsletter	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Annual Report		✓	✓	✓	✓
Ranger for a Day			✓	✓	✓
Printed Annual Report				✓	✓
A Taste of Belize (Belizean grown chocolate, arts & crafts from Mayan Women's Group)				✓	✓
Ya'axché Merchandise					✓

# YA'AXCHÉ MEMBERSHIP FORM



Title: ..... Full Name: .....

Shipping Address: .....

Email: ..... Tel: .....

## BECOMING A MEMBER

**\*\*Renew membership every year\*\*** Choose from the following types of Membership:

**Cedar Member** you receive *Ya'axché Monthly Newsletter and Annual Report* ..... US25 (BZ50)

**Mahogany Member** you receive *Ya'axché Monthly Newsletter, Annual Report and Ranger For A Day* ..... US100 (BZ200)

**Rosewood Member** you receive *Ya'axché Monthly Newsletter, Printed Annual Report, Ranger For A Day and A Taste of Belize (Belizean grown chocolate, arts & crafts from Mayan Women's Group)* ..... US500 (BZ500)

**Ceiba Member** you receive *Ya'axché Monthly Newsletter, Printed Annual Report, Ranger For A Day, A Taste of Belize (Belizean grown chocolate, arts & crafts from Mayan Women's Group) and Ya'axché merchandise* ..... US1000 (BZ2000)

## ONE-OFF DONATION

I would like to donate \_\_\_\_\_ (amount) in \_\_\_\_\_ (currency).

## PAYMENTS

Online: Go to [www.yaaxche.org/member](http://www.yaaxche.org/member) to sign-up online using your credit card. Secured by **Paypal**.

I enclose a cheque made payable to Ya'axché Conservation Trust

I enclose a bank slip of deposit made into **Ya'axché Conservation Trust** account (400-2287, Scotia Bank Belize Limited – Punta Gorda Branch)

I gave Ya'axché staff member cash. (The mailing of cash is not recommended)

Return membership form to: **Membership, Ya'axché Conservation Trust, P.O. Box 177, 22 Alejandro Vernon Street, Punta Gorda, Toledo District, Belize**

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