

THREATENED SPECTACLED BEARS SPOTTED AT INKATERRA MACHU PICCHU PUEBLO HOTEL



Known for their shyness and for being South America's only bear species, spectacled bears have been making regular appearances recently around Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel's grounds. Agile climbers and primarily vegetarian, the spectacled bears spotted around the lush cloud forest outside the hotel – mother and cub in one sighting and one single male in another - have been grazing on bromeliads and other vegetation.

The estimated population of the spectacled bear currently stands at around 3,000 individual bears, declining closer to extinction each year due to loss and fragmentation of their habitat, making these uncommon sightings in the wild even more exciting.

Currently, Inkaterra and the Peruvian National Institute of Natural Resources (INRENA) manage the Spectacled Bear Project at Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel. The program is designed to recover bears that have been negatively affected by human impact and reintroduce them into their natural habitat. Presently there are three spectacled bears at Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel. One of which is a cub 11 months old, rescued from poachers in the region.

For more information on Inkaterra and its Spectacled Bear Project, visit www.inkaterra.com.