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**THE CONSERVATION PRISM: AN ANALYTICAL FRAMEWORK FOR THE
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ABSTRACT: The “conservation prism” is an interdisciplinary analytical tool designed to help improve conservation strategies. The conservation prism is comprised of four lenses. Each lens is associated with a different discipline I believe necessary for a well-rounded conservation project: ecology, culture, politics, and economics. The thesis analyzes reasons for biodiversity loss in Costa Rica, justifying the need for the conservation prism. The necessity of local community involvement in conservation projects is a recurring theme throughout the analysis. The conservation prism thus helps to create strategies to aid community integration. The conservation prism is applied to the Area de Conservacion Guanacaste (ACG) in Costa Rica, proving the need for and effectiveness of the interdisciplinary approach.

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