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Amazing Species: Blue-and-yellow Macaw

The **Blue-and-yellow Macaw**, *Ara ararauna*, is listed as Least Concern on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species™. This species has an extremely large range and is found throughout subtropical and tropical forests, woodlands and savannahs, in South America, from Venezuela to Brazil, Bolivia, Colombia and Paraguay. They are also found in Mexico and Panama.

This striking and charismatic bird has been exploited for the illegal pet trade, representing the biggest threat to this species for several decades. However, although numbers of Blue-and-yellow Macaws appear to be decreasing, the species has a very wide distribution range and the rate of decline is not considered to be sufficient to warrant listing in a threatened category.

Blue-and-yellow Macaws receive protection through listing on Appendix II of the Convention on International Trade of Endangered Species (CITES) and also through the European Union Wildlife Trade Regulations. Even though this species is strictly protected against international pet trade, wild-caught individuals have been recorded in international trade.



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