An overview of the Vinaceous Amazon Parrot Reintroduction in a Brazilian National Park

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The Vinaceous Amazon Parrot (Amazona vinacea) is listed as vulnerable species (IUCN). For the first time, 20 A. vinacea were reintroduced in a Brazilian National Park. During the pre-release phase, candidates were trained daily to look for natural food items, to avoid humans, to stay above the ground and to fly continuously. Data on behavioral time budget, weight and biometry were collected. All veterinary exams suggested by the Instrução Normativa 179 were performed. Thirteen animals met the criteria necessary for release and were successfully reintroduced in Jan 2011. Four individuals received radio collars and will be monitored until August 2011.