The Harpy Eagle (Harpia harpyja) is one of the world’s largest eagles and a culturally important species in the Republic of Panamá. The species occurs on the national emblem, is the national bird, and is fully protected under law. The Convention on the International Trade of Endangered Species (CITES) has listed the Harpy Eagle under Appendix I since 7 January 1979 (CITES 2010). There is little information on the overall population size and no accurate estimation of the current number of breeding pairs in Panamá or the rest of its range. The Harpy Eagle is thought to be an indicator species for ecological integrity because of its position as a top predator (Albuquerque 1995).

Little is known about the feeding behavior of wild Harpy Eagles, because such behaviors are difficult to observe given the secretive nature of the species. Methods to determine the diets of Harpy Eagles have included direct observa-