

## Three new projects approved in Q4 2016

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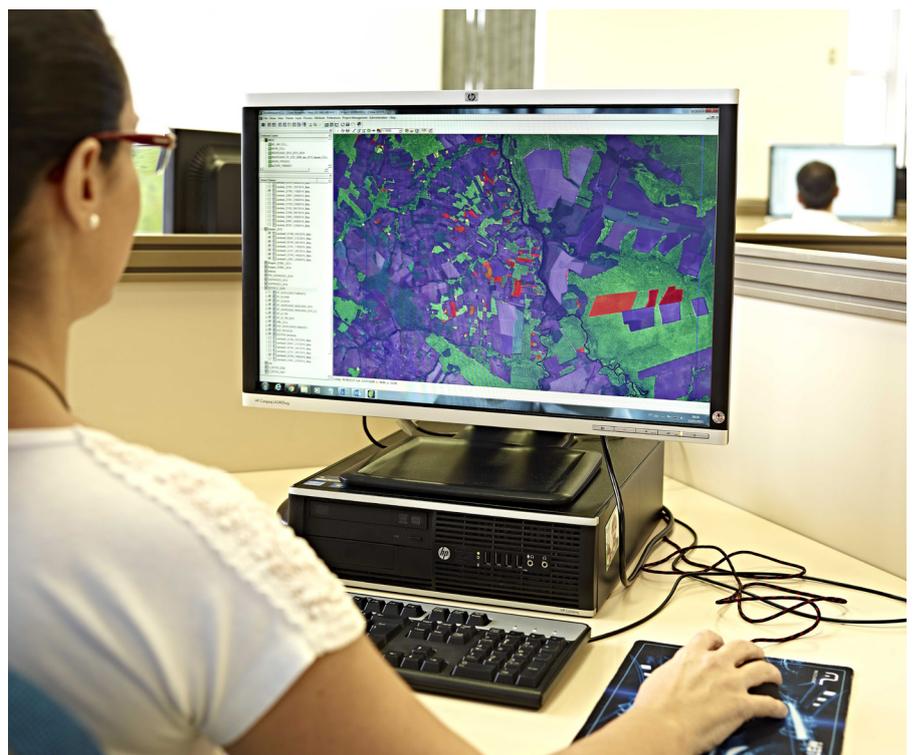
The BNDES board of directors approved support for three new projects to be carried out by the Brazilian Institute of Environment and Renewable Natural Resources (IBAMA), the Environmental Institute of Paraná (IAP), and the Vale Fund. Thereby, the Amazon Fund ends the year with eight new projects approved, which represent additional R\$ 196.6 million for initiatives that aim at reducing deforestation and promoting sustainable development. Thus, the Amazon Fund now has a portfolio of 86 supported projects, totaling to R\$ 1,397 million, with a total value of R\$ 653 million already disbursed.

### Approved projects

In an initiative to directly tackle deforestation, on October 19 the allocation of R\$ 56,295,964.63 to IBAMA for the development of its environmental monitoring and surveillance activities in the Amazon was approved. The importance of this project can be estimated based on the evaluation of the second phase of the Action Plan for Prevention and Control of the Legal Amazon Deforestation (PPCDAM). That evaluation concluded that the decrease in deforestation observed as from 2004 was mainly due to the actions taken in the environmental monitoring and control realm, among which the environmental surveillance conducted by IBAMA stands out.

In order to promote productive arrangements and sustainable businesses in timber and non-timber forest management, aquaculture and fishery arrangements, besides the implementation of agriecological and agroforestry systems, on December 7 the project proposed by the Vale Fund was approved.

In the Amazon Fund's support line for enforcing the forest code, R\$ 14,110,253.86 were approved for the development project of the Environmental Rural Registry (CAR) of the rural properties in Paraná, to be conducted by its state environmental agency. With the enactment of the current Forest Code (Law 12,651/2012), the CAR was established as nationwide electronic public registry, with the purpose of integrating environmental information on rural properties and possessions, composing a database for control, environmental and economic planning, and prevention of deforestation. This project is in line with the Amazon Fund's support in other Brazilian biomes for the development of systems geared towards the monitoring and control of deforestation.



*Registry in CAR is the first step for obtaining environmental legal compliance for a property*

# Annual meeting of the Amazon Fund donors is held outside Brazil

## International agenda also featured participation of the Amazon Fund at the Marrakech Climate Change Conference

On October 27 the Amazon Fund held the 7<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of donors, which occurred for the first time outside Brazil, in Oslo, Norway's capital. The seminar "The Amazon Fund: combining conservation and development in the Brazilian rainforest" took place on the next day, presenting to the Norwegian society the results achieved by the Amazon Fund and also its challenges. The seminar's opening table had the participation of the director of the Museum of Natural History of Norway, Tone Lindheim, the minister of Climate and Environment of Norway, Vidar Helgensen, the director of BNDES, Marilene Ramos, and the secretary of Climate Change and Environmental Quality of the Ministry of Environment, Everton Lucero. The

seminar also had the participation of the head of the department of the Amazon Fund, as well as experts, indigenous beneficiaries, the third sector, and the state governments of the Amazon region.

COP 22/UNFCCC – The BNDES team presented the results of the Amazon Fund during the 22<sup>nd</sup> Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP 22), which brought together representatives from more than 190 countries. In the space dedicated to Brazil, BNDES held the event "The Amazon Fund as a financial instrument for REDD+: fostering sustainable development in tropical forests," hosted by the head of the department of the Amazon Fund, Juliana Santiago, with the participation of André Guimarães, from the Amazon Research Institute (IPAM), Virgílio Viana, from the Sustainable Amazon Foundation (FAS), Maria Jacqueline Mendoza Ortega, from the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (OTCA), and Thelma Krug, as representative of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).

The Amazon Fund also had a booth in the Global Landscape Forum, one of the biggest COP events to discuss issues related to forests and land use. The forum was organized by the Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR) in partnership with the World Bank and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).



Juliana Santiago presents the Amazon Fund at Climate Conference

## COFA holds its 21<sup>st</sup> meeting

### Committee confirms the Amazon Fund scope area

In 2016, the second meeting of the Guidance Committee of the Amazon Fund (COFA) was held at the BNDES headquarters in Rio de Janeiro, on December 2. It was opened by the secretary of Climate Change and Environmental Quality of the Ministry of Environment, Everton Lucero, and the director of BNDES, Marilene Ramos.

The main subject of the meeting was the recognition by the COFA members of the modification of the Amazon Fund scope area – from the Amazon biome to the Legal Amazon – regarding the "Guidelines and criteria for application of the Amazon Fund resources." There was also the presentation of the fourth phase of the Action Plan for Prevention and Control of the Legal Amazon Deforestation (PPCDAM) and the opening of the discussion on the guidelines of COFA for 2017–2018. Furthermore, the meeting comprised reports on COP 22 and on the first year of the National Strategy for REDD+ of Brazil (ENREDD+), besides the presentation of the

Platform Indicar, which aims to monitor the impact of priority policies contained in the Plans for Prevention and Control of Deforestation in the states of Acre, Amazonas, Mato Grosso, and Pará.



Secretary Everton Lucero opens the 21<sup>st</sup> COFA meeting