

Some 38 proposals are validated in the first round of Public Call-to-Bid

Total resources available R\$ 50 million

Of the 97 proposals the Amazon Fund received with the scope of the Public Call-to-Bid for Sustainable Production Projects, some 38 have been validated in the preliminary documental and assessment registration phase, and they are now allowed to enter the classification and selection phase. The average cost of the validated proposals is R\$ 5.6 million.

The Public Call-to-Bid, open from February 27 to July 26, 2012, was aimed at selecting proposals seeking non-reimbursable financial support for economic activities in the following categories: wood and non-wood forest management; aquaculture and fish farming; as well as agro-ecological and agro-forestry systems.

The amount eligible in each proposal was limited to a minimum of R\$ 2 million and a maximum of R\$ 10 million. Total resources available amount to R\$ 50 million.

The list of validated and invalidated projects, listed with the protocol number received from the BNDES, can be consulted on the Amazon Fund website (www.fundoamazonia.gov.br).

Selection and Classification – The second phase of the Public Call-to-Bid, which entails selecting and classifying the 38 validated projects, will be run by a committee, comprising representatives from the BNDES; the Ministry of the Environment (MMA); the Ministry of Agricultural Development (MDA); the Ministry of Fishing and Aquaculture (MPA); the Ministry of Science, Technology

and innovation (MCTI); the Brazilian Forestry Service (SFB); the civil society group in the Guidance Committee of the Amazon Fund (COFA); the state government group of (COFA); as well as a representative from the Seminar of State Secretariats for the Environment, of the Legal Amazon. Assessment covers 10 criteria, as established in the Public Call-to-Bid regulations (see box).

Throughout the process for selection, classification, analysis and approval of the proposals, the BNDES will not accept new projects that would meet the criteria for support as defined in the regulations for the Public Call-to-Bid for Sustainable Production Projects of the Amazon Fund.

Further clarification can be obtained via e-mail: chamadapublicafundoamazonia@bndes.gov.br.

Publicity and capacity-building events guarantee the initiative's success

To publicize the Public Call-to-Bid for Sustainable Production Projects, the BNDES, in partnership with state governments within the Legal Amazon area and with the German Technical Cooperation Agency (GIZ), held a series of publicity and capacity-building events. The occurred from March 20 to April 20 in the nine capitals within the Legal Amazon: Rio Branco (AC), Macapá (AP), Manaus (AM), São Luís (MA), Cuiabá (MT), Belém (PA), Porto Velho (RO), Boa Vista (RR) and Palmas (TO).



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Criteria to be used by the Selection and Classification Committee

1. Contribution to generate employment and income;
2. Sustainability and durability of results;
3. Strategy for action, clarity in defining goals and methodology of the proposal;
4. Background and technical capacity of the applicant;
5. Coherence between staff and market costs, as well as results;
6. Ratio between numbers of families benefiting and the amount requested;
7. Integration with public policies;
8. Matters related to gender and youths;
9. Financial counterpart;
10. Innovation.

Amazon Fund pays tribute to Norwegian ambassador Turid Eusébio

The Ministry of the Environment, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the BNDES paid tribute to the Norwegian ambassador Turid Eusébio for the support provided to the mission of the Amazon Fund to combat deforestation and to foster sustainable development in the Amazon region. The event was held on August 29, 2012, in Brasília, and included Minister Izabella Teixeira, Ambassador Luiz Alberto Figueiredo and deputy managing director of the Environmental Division of the BNDES, Sérgio Eduardo Weguelin, who represented the president of the Bank, Luciano Coutinho, along with the managing director of the Environmental Division, Guilherme Narciso de Lacerda.

Ambassador Turid Eusébio has left the post in Brazil, which will now be held by Ambassador Aud Marit Wiig. Norway and



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Turid Eusébio, Izabella Teixeira, Luiz A. Figueiredo and Sérgio Weguelin

Brazil have an important background of bilateral cooperation, especially related to environmental and indigenous issues.

BNDES approves R\$ 15 million for the state of Rondônia

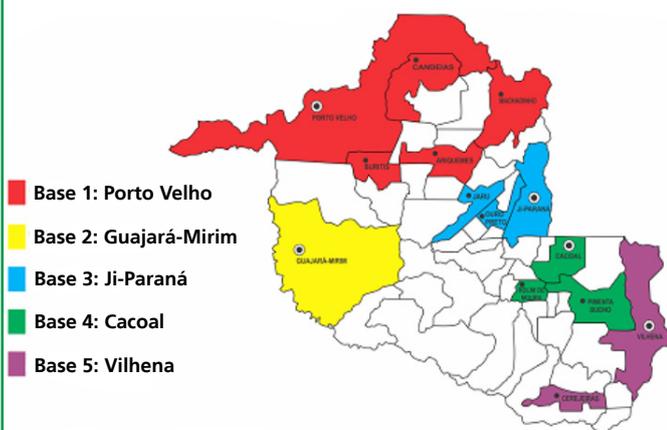
Support, within the scope of the Amazon Fund, aims to help monitor and combat forest fires and illegal burn-offs

The board of directors of the BNDES, within the scope of the Amazon Fund, has approved non-reimbursable financial support in the amount of R\$ 15 million for the “Greener Rondônia” project, in the state of Rondônia, which will be run by the Rondônia Military Fire Fighters (CBMRO). With

this approval, the portfolio of the Amazon Fund totals 34 approved projects, at a global amount of R\$ 396 million.

The project is part of the state strategy to combat forest fires and unauthorized burn-offs (see box), and will include the purchase of material and equipment for the Fire Fighters Base – which will be built by the state in the capital Porto Velho – and for four other bases located in Ji-Paraná, Guajará-Mirim, Cacoal and Vilhena. Besides this, the project will train staff from the CBMRO staff and personnel from other partner organs in graduate courses in environmental sciences. (see figure).

Region within the scope of the project, highlighting the bases



Goal within the state strategy to combat forest fires and unauthorized burn-offs

- I) Structuring the integrated management mechanisms;
- II) Expanding fire and burn-off monitoring;
- III) Collaborating with deforestation inspection organs (federal, state and municipal).