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BNDES approves a further R\$ 7.2 million for Alta Floresta

Support for the second phase of the Amazon's Olhos d'Água project reflects successful efforts to strengthen environmental management, focusing on recovery of degraded areas and development of sustainable production activities

The board of directors of the Brazilian Development Bank (BNDES), within the scope of the Amazon Fund, approved financial support in the amount of R\$ 7.2 million for the project to recover degraded areas, focusing on environmental regularization of rural properties owned by family farmers in the municipality of Alta Floresta. With this approval, the Fund's portfolio will reach 40 supported projects, totaling R\$ 531.2 million.

With a 30 month deadline, Phase 2 of the Amazon Olhos d'Água project aims to continue and expand efforts initiated in Phase 1, with full support from the Amazon Fund in the amount of R\$ 2.8 million (see details of the two stages in the table below).

Additionally, the second phase includes encouraging the development of sustainable production initiatives, such as raising bees and fish as well as producing organic vegetables.

The goal is to make it possible to consolidate a local model for sustainable development, combining income generation and encouraging conservation of permanent preservation areas on rural properties.

Phase 1 achievements

- Georeferencing of 1,220 rural properties;
- Initial recovery efforts of 942 hectares of degraded areas;
- CAR implemented in 2,792 rural properties;
- 20 Demonstration Units (DUs), with total area of 80 hectares, implementing agroforestry techniques and pasture management.

Goals of Phase 2

- Georeferencing of 1,500 rural properties, totaling 100% of properties already enrolled in CAR;
- Recovery of 3,317 hectares of degraded properties, all enrolled in CAR;
- Continuity of activities in 20 implemented DUs, in addition to expanding techniques for pasture management over 200 hectares;
- Encouraging beekeeping, fish farming and production of fresh organic produce.



Founded in 1976, the municipality located in the extreme north of the state of Mato Grosso, some 830 kilometers from the capital Cuiabá.

Its territory covers 8,976 km², with a population of 49,164 inhabitants (according to IBGE 2010).

Along with 15 other surrounding municipalities, the city is part of the so-called Amazon Portal Territory which, in turn, accounts for 12.3% of the area and 8.5% of the population in the state of Mato Grosso.

In 2012, the city's name was removed from the list of municipalities that require priority actions to prevent, monitor and control deforestation in the Amazon Biome, as a result of specific efforts to enroll rural properties in the Rural Environmental Registry (CAR) and to implement recovery strategies for its deforested and degraded areas.

Deforestation in km² per year



Budget of the Call-to-Submission rises to R\$ 100 million

An announcement doubling the amount of resources available for sustainable production projects is made during the event Amazon Fund Dialogues - Government and Civil Society.

The volume of resources available for selected projects in the Call-to-Submission for Sustainable Production Projects in the Amazon Fund has been doubled. The announcement was made on June 19, at the Planalto Palace in Brasilia, by the managing director of the BNDES' Environmental Division, Guilherme Lacerda, during the meeting Amazon Fund Dialogues - Government and Civil Society, sponsored by the General Secretariat of the Presidency and the Ministry of the Environment. The decision was based on the volume and quality of the projects presented. In addition to the eight projects selected by the Commission, ten others met all the criteria of the Call-to-Submission, but exceeded the R\$ 50 million initially available. With the expansion to R\$ 100 million, the Call-to-Submission now has 18 selected projects. All are aimed at fostering direct benefits for traditional communities, indigenous people, land reform settlers, fishermen, farmers and/or family farmers located in the Amazon Biome (see more at www.fundoamazonia.gov.br).

Dialogues - During the event, which was attended by the Chief Minister of the General Secretariat of the Presidency, Gilberto Carvalho, and the Minister of the



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Managing Director Guilherme Lacerda attended the meeting at the Presidential Palace

Environment, Izabella Teixeira, agreements were signed with civil society entities, resulting from the partnership between the BNDES and Banco do Brasil Foundation (FBB) within the Amazon Fund. Eighteen projects covering eight states (Acre, Amapá, Amazonas, Pará, Rondônia, Roraima, Tocantins and Mato Grosso) in more than 10 different production chains were formalized. Efforts within the Amazon Fund/FBB partnership, which affirm contributions of R\$ 100 million over a five-year period, also aim to strengthen sectors such as agriculture, family farming, agrarian reform settlers and indigenous groups, among others.

Amazon Fund at USP

On June 20, the Deputy Managing Director of the Environmental Division of the BNDES, Sergio Weguelin, and head of the Amazon Fund Management Department, Claudia Costa, were at the University of São Paulo (USP) to talk about the development of the Fund and its perspectives.

They were invited by professors responsible for Corporate Strategy and Climate Change in the Business Administration Graduate program at FEA-USP, Jacques Marcovitch and Isak Kruglianskas. Management of both the Amazon Fund and 18 of the 40 supported projects are the students' main study subject.

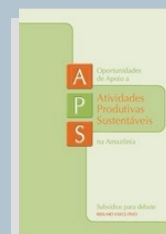
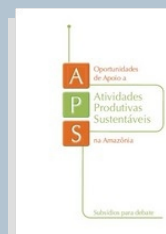


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Sergio Weguelin and Claudia Costa cleared students' doubts

In focus

Sustainable Production Activities



The following publications are available on the Amazon Fund's website:

Action Plan for Prevention and Control of Deforestation in the Legal Amazon (PPCDAm), 3rd Phase. *The challenges in the 2012-2015 period include fostering activities to promote sustainable production activities aimed at combating new deforestation in the Amazon, which is more dispersed in the territory and located on smaller properties.*

Opportunities to Support Sustainable Production Activities in the Amazon. *Within the Technical Cooperation of the BNDES/GIZ, this effort seeks to identify possibilities for action that will help meet the goals of the PPCDAm, particularly in supporting sustainable production activities.*