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## With two new approvals, Amazon Fund's portfolio totals 89 projects

### Projects from the Tropical Forest Institute and the Interstate Association of Agricultural Development will strengthen the support to sustainable productive activities

In the second quarter of 2017, two new projects have become part of the Amazon Fund's portfolio. On April 6, the Board of Directors of BNDES approved the Fund's support to the Florestas Comunitárias (Community Forests) project, of the Tropical Forest Institute (IFT), in the amount of R\$ 8.1 million. On May 24, the Technology Use for Reducing Deforestation project of the Interstate Association of Agricultural Development (ADAI), was approved in the amount of R\$ 9.1 million.

**Community Forests** – IFT's project aims at the implementation of community forest management models for use and commercialization of wood and açai berries in the extractive reserves (RESEX) of Arióca-Pruanã, Mapuá and Terra Grande-Pracuúba. The three reserves are located on the Marajó Archipelago, in the state of Pará, and cover an area of more than 370 thousand hectares, equivalent to approximately three times the area of the municipality of Rio de Janeiro.

The communities covered by the project are located in one of the regions with the lowest human development index (HDI) of the country. Among the activities carried out locally are wood extraction and production of açai berries, which are extremely valued by the local culture. Nevertheless, producers have little knowledge about good practices of sustainable management of wood and açai berries and lack organization for their commercialization. The project will tackle the production, logistics and commercialization bottlenecks in such a way that communities have access to fairer and formal markets. With this, it will help in strengthening social organization, generating income and fighting deforestation.

Community Forests is the second of IFT's projects to receive the support of the Amazon Fund. The institute is recognized



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*PAIS, also known as Mandala, because of its circular shape*

for its expertise in the Amazon and has over twenty years of experience. Its first project supported by the Amazon Fund was completed in 2015 and aimed mainly at capacity-building in sustainable forest management (click [here](#) to view the project's completion report).

**Use of social technologies for reducing deforestation** – The project presented by ADAI has the objective of promoting agro-ecological food production, aiming at food security for the benefited households and at the decrease of pressure on natural resources. To this end, the method of Integrated and Sustainable Agro-ecological Production (PAIS) will be used.

PAIS is a social technology that involves organic agricultural production integrated with the creation of small animals. It facilitates the growing of foods that are diversified and healthy for consumption and commercialization, reducing dependence on external inputs.

Within the scope of the project, the deployment of 240 PAIS units is expected with solar powered irrigation systems. In addition, the planting of native forest species, such as Brazilian nut, cupuaçu and açai berries, will be supported, aiming at diversification of production and reforestation of degraded areas.

ADAI was founded in 1993 to work on the deployment of projects along with the communities affected by dams related to projects of hydroelectric power generation. In the approved project, the units of the PAIS system will be installed in areas of influence of hydroelectric power enterprises in the states of Pará, Mato Grosso, Rondônia, and Tocantins.



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*The correct planning of log dragging reduces the impact on the forest*

# COFA approves new foci of activity for the 2017-2018 biennium

New thematic public calls for the period have also been defined

The 22nd meeting of the Amazon Fund Guidance Committee (COFA), held on May 9, approved adjustments to the guidelines and criteria for allocation of the Amazon Fund's resources and defined its new foci of activity for the 2017-2018 biennium. The figure below presents the guidelines for this period.

The foci of activity include "Monitoring and control," "Encouraging sustainable productive activities," "Territorial ordering," and "Science, innovation and economic instruments."

One of the novelties was the transformation of the "Scientific and Technological Development" focus of activity into "Science, Innovation and Economic Instruments," the result of a review of the Plan of Action for the Prevention and Control of Deforestation in the Amazon (PPCDAm) which introduced the use of economic instruments as one of the new lines of action for preventing and combating deforestation. The change will allow the Amazon Fund to support the structuring of microfinancing mechanisms, such as revolving funds for the expansion of the value chains of products of biodiversity and agro-ecology as well as to support the expansion of the policy of public procurement of these products in order to give them economic sustainability and a greater scale.

At the meeting, the Amazon Fund was also authorized to prepare four public calls for the 2017-2018 biennium with the themes: consolidation of productive chains of socio-biodiversity; performance in settlements of the agrarian reform; vegetation recovery in deforested areas; and support to municipalities.

Foci of activity of the Amazon Fund in the 2017-2018 biennium			
Monitoring and control	Encouraging of sustainable productive activities	Territorial ordering	Science, innovation and economic instruments
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monitoring of and fighting against environmental crimes and infractions</li> <li>Implementing of the Rural Environmental Registry (CAR)</li> <li>Prevention and fighting against wildfires</li> <li>Improving and monitoring of deforestation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Structuring and consolidating of productive chains of socio-biodiversity and family farming</li> <li>Strengthening of the Bolsa Verde Program</li> <li>Recomposing of degraded areas</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Landholding regularization</li> <li>Territorial planning</li> <li>Elaborating and implementing of a territorial and environmental management plan for indigenous lands</li> <li>Creating and consolidating of protected areas</li> <li>Implementing of the Assentamentos Verdes Program</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support to scientific research geared towards the development of new products of socio-biodiversity</li> <li>Sustainable productive activities</li> <li>Development of systems for the monitoring of slash-and-burn agriculture</li> <li>Community funding</li> <li>Promoting of the public procurement policy</li> </ul>



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*Participatory governance is one of the pillars of the success of the Amazon Fund*

## The Annual Report of the Amazon Fund for 2016 is now available

Since June 31, the Annual Report of the Amazon Fund for 2016 has been available on the website of the Amazon Fund, in Portuguese and English. The report presents information on the activities of the Fund, such as its recent developments, challenges and prospects, its governance, fundraising, monitoring and evaluation of results, as well as data on the projects approved in 2016 and on the completed projects. To see it, click [here](#).