



Amazon Fund announces two public calls to support projects with up to R\$ 350 million

Sustainable production and reforestation in the Brazilian Amazon are the themes of these calls

The Amazon Fund has recently announced two public calls to support projects of sustainable production and reforestation in the Brazilian Amazon with up to R\$ 350 million. The public call for the "Consolidation and strengthening of sustainable and inclusive value chains" was announced on August 9th and will provide R\$ 150 million for up to ten projects that promote the consolidation or strengthening of community enterprises that preserve the forest. On November 1st, the "Vegetation cover recovery" public call was announced that will support with R\$ 200 million up to five forest recovery projects that also contribute to the technical and managerial structuring of the production chain of the forest restoration sector and for the regularization of rural properties and possessions. Both calls will receive application of projects until 2018.

Consolidation and strengthening of sustainable and inclusive value chains – The projects approved for this call will each receive between R\$ 10 million and R\$ 30 million of non-refundable resources and will primarily benefit traditional people and communities, indigenous people, *quilombolas*, settlers of the agrarian reform, artisanal fishers, family farmers and fish farmers located in the Brazilian Amazon.

The projects must also be presented in the unifying mode (*i.e.*, the applicant entity must unite subprojects of other organizations, in an integrated and coordinated way) and cover at least one of the following economic activities: timber and non-timber forest management (which may include management of wildlife); aquaculture and fishing arrangements; alternative systems of agroecological and agroforestry-based production; and community-based tourism.

The application period for this public call was extended until February 9th, 2018, and the projects can be presented by associations, cooperatives, private foundations and private companies.

Recovery of vegetation cover – The projects supported by the latest call of the Amazon Fund should be primarily in one of the following territorial categories: public protected areas; legal reserve area and permanent preservation area in agrarian reform settlements or *quilombola* territories; indigenous lands and legal reserve area and permanent preservation area in small farms or rural establishments of up to four fiscal modules.

Each project will receive non-refundable resources and must restore a minimum area of 3,000 hectares, considering different techniques to be used (conducting of natural regeneration, densification, seeds or seedlings planting) and the creation of possible partnerships.

The projects can be submitted by associations, cooperatives and private foundations, and the application period goes until June 8th, 2018. The disclosure of the projects selected in the first stage is scheduled for October 13, 2018.

More information about the calls is available on the website of the Amazon Fund or can be obtained by the e-mails cadeiasdevalor.2017@bndes.gov.br or coberturavegetal.2017@bndes.gov.br.

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Fishing is one of the activities eligible for support

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Production chain of forest restoration will be strengthened

Two new projects will be supported with R\$ 73 million

Amazon Fund will support sustainable production in the Tapajós region and the development of systems to monitor deforestation by satellites in other Brazilian biomes

Sustainable Tapajós – In the amount of R\$ 23.7 million, the project of the International Conservation of Brazil (CI Brazil) will support the strengthening of sustainable community-based forestry production, aiming to conserve the natural resources of the Tapajós region. The project area encompasses five protected areas, namely: Tapajós National Forest, Itaituba I National Forest, Crepori National Forest, National Trairão Forest, and Tapajós-Arapicuns Extractive Reserve.

Among other activities, the development of sustainable forest management plans will be implemented, as well as the strengthening of management councils and the review of management plans of the protected areas, the technical training in timber and non-timber forest management, and the implementation of a timber processing unit.

Brazilian Biomes Environmental Monitoring Program – The project to be implemented by the National Institute for Space Research (INPE), in the amount of R\$ 50 million, has a strategic importance

for the Brazilian climate policy by bringing to the Atlantic Forest, Caatinga, Pampa, and Pantanal biomes the systematic satellite monitoring of deforestation. Since 1988, the deforestation in the Brazilian Amazon is monitored annually by INPE, through the Deforestation Monitoring in the Brazilian Amazon by Satellite Project (PRODES), while the deforestation monitoring in other Brazilian biomes is being carried out in a non-systematic manner, through ad hoc initiatives conducted by different institutions.

In addition to the systematic deforestation monitoring of the Brazilian biomes, the project will support the calculation of CO₂ emissions related to the deforested areas in these biomes and the construction of a proposal of the forest reference emission level (FREL) for each of these biomes. The construction and submission of FREL are fundamental for the recognition of the results achieved by the countries in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), regarding the mechanism for Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD+).

Amazon Fund presents results in the Climate Conference in Germany

Between November 6th and 17th, the Amazon Fund participated in the 23rd World Climate Conference (UNFCCC), held in Bonn, Germany. On the 14th, the fund team presented the panel “Impacts and challenges of the Amazon Fund” in the Amazon Bonn event. On this occasion, BNDES and the German Government through

KfW Entwicklungsbank signed a new donation to the Amazon Fund in the amount of € 33.92 million. On the 16th the event “Amazon Fund: contributing to the achievement of Brazilian goals” was held in Espaço Brasil, during which the public call “Recovery of the Vegetation Cover” was announced.

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Annual meeting with donors

During COP 23, on November 17th, the annual meeting with donors of the Amazon Fund was held with the participation of representatives of BNDES, the Brazilian Ministry of the Environment and of Germany and Norway governments.

At the meeting, an overview of the fund's current situation was presented, as well as the challenges and prospects for the coming years.

Juliana Santiago, head of the Amazon Fund, speaks on the panel during COP 23