

To promote forest conservation and to ensure that traditional populations remain in protected areas, participate in their management and derive benefits from them



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PROJECT

Consolidation of the Mosaic of Protected Areas in the Northern Rim of the State of Pará - Brazil

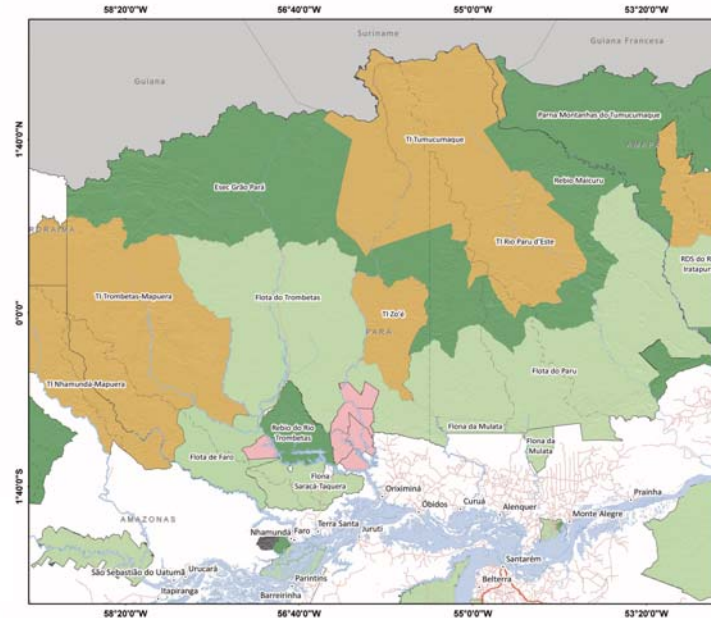
Importance of this project

An area of 22 million hectares, with enormous diversity of species, ecosystems, landscapes and traditional populations. All the exuberant features of nature and culture in the Amazon protected by law in northern Pará.

This area connects protected areas in the states of Amapá and Amazon plus five Conservation Units established in 2006 by The Secretariat for the Environment of the State of Pará. Together, these areas comprise **the largest extension of protected tropical forest of the world**. The Mosaic of Protected Areas in the Northern Rim of the State of Pará is made up of federal protected areas, indigenous lands and quilombolas territories.



Mosaic of Conservation Units in the Northern Rim of the State of Pará, Brazil



Map: Imazon

Why is Imaflora working in the State of Pará's Northern Rim?

Imaflora, which has been active in conservation projects since its foundation, has teamed up with other organizations and with the local government to strengthen the recently established Conservation Units.

The main partners in this joint effort are: The Secretariat for the Environment of the State of Pará (SEMA), Chico Mendes Institute for Biodiversity Conservation (ICMBio), Institute of Man and the Environment in the Amazon Region (Imazon), Tropical Forest Institute (TFI), Conservation International (CI) and a number of local players.



Past, current and future actions

Imaflora has played a decisive role in the public consultations involved in the establishment of the State Conservation Units of the Northern Rim of the State of Pará and in the creation of the respective management boards, followed by training of their members. Imaflora is still quite active in training and capacity building of communities and their leaders within and around protected areas. The purpose of these training programs is to help communities to live in harmony with the forest and to draw benefits from the economic activities that are carried out in those areas.

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“We firmly believe that local players can have an important role in the consolidation of the Conservation Units. They can help monitor activities within the protected areas, thus avoiding potential threats such as illegal logging and land occupation, and non-authorized research activities.”

Roberto Palmieri,
project coordinator



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“It is very important that people like you, who are conducting this work, learn about our situation. This cultural wealth that we enjoy, although isolated in the forest, is beautiful and does good to all of us. It makes us richer, stronger and happier. We wish that this work of Imaflora could “flourish” even within our quilombola communities. Not only those that are located inside the forest reserve, but also those in the neighborhood, so that they could have adequate conditions to better work their products. Like, make a drum, extract copaiba oil, breu resin, and lianas – all these things can be sold and are replenished by nature. The people would earn some money and start living in a better paradise that we live today...I have great hopes in Imaflora that is bringing these projects to us. And you take us to visit other projects being developed in various places. This for us will be a super important thing.”

Daniel de Souza,
Leader of quilombola settlement



Photo: Imaflora

Population to benefit from this project

The target audience that will directly benefit from the training and capacity building to be offered by Imaflora consists of 85 board members in charge of Conservation Units, 370 representatives of communities of the Northern Rim, and public agencies and civil society organizations of the municipalities of Almeirim, Monte Alegre, Alenquer, Óbidos, Oriximiná and Faro in Pará and Laranjal do Jari in Amapá.



Photo: Imaflora

Expected results

With this project Imaflora expects:

- To consolidate a total area of 22 million hectares of Conservation Units, Indigenous Lands and Quilombola Territories of Northern Pará;
- To prepare the members of the boards in charge of the Conservation Units of the State of Pará to manage the protected areas with the involvement of the local populations in order to ensure transparency in the management of protected public areas;
- To generate opportunities, jobs and income to traditional communities that are compatible with the objectives of the State Forests, and obtain their support in assisting government agencies in the protection of Conservation Units of the State of Pará, thus imposing a barrier against forest degradation, and
- To promote forest and agricultural practices among dwellers of the Conservation Units of the Northern Rim of the State of Pará that are less damaging to the environment.

How does Imaflora operate?

A nonprofit, nongovernmental organization established in 1995 with the aim of promoting the conservation and sustainable use of natural resources and generating social benefits in the forest and agricultural sectors. The Institute focuses on innovative projects that respect the region's economic, environmental, cultural and social diversity. Additional information: www.imaflora.org

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