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Socioeconomic and Environmental Policies of Acre

The pandemic brought a devastating scenario, in which vulnerable populations and groups were the most affected worldwide. Amidst this scenario, we work hard to protect lives and redefine strategies to guarantee the human livelihood. In this process, it became more evident the importance of taking care of the environment, and prioritizing socio-environmental policies for valuing those who take care of our forests.

As we work to continue public policies for conservation and economic development, we have brought together more than ten government institutions, with support of international partners. They had the mission of taking care of those who conserve Acre forests. In order to get this, food, healthcare, vaccination and environmental services were sent and done to thousands of rural producers during the most critical periods of the pandemic.

We are proud to have one model of environmental policies for the world through the Environmental Services Incentive System, which allows the implementation of strategies designed for encouraging, maintaining and expanding the environmental products and services' offer in response to the challenges imposed by climate changes.

Focusing on promoting benefits and protecting the rights of communities, the State of Acre has also developed socio-environmental safeguards for the implementation

of projects and programs to Reduce Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD+). Thus, we act preventively in the occurrence of unwanted impacts on traditional communities, indigenous peoples and ecosystem services involved.

Following REDD + safeguards recommendation of the Conference of the Parties of UNFCCC COP 16 in Cancun, the State of Acre has bet on a participatory construction process of its safeguards under the guidance of the international REDD+ SES initiative and aligned with the National Safeguards Information System REDD+ SIS.

Aware of global commitment with climate change importance, we have advanced among the states part of the Legal Amazon with important initiatives, such as the Economic-Ecological Zoning (EEZ), which is already in its third phase, the Rural Environmental Registry implementation (RER) and the Environmental Regularization Program (ERP) and the Command and Control integrated actions, which involve the inspection and combat teams against environmental offenses.

We are taking care of the forest because it is our greatest asset, it is our home and, therefore, we strive to offer opportunities for Amazonian people to plant and feed from their own soil. Our policy has as a priority agenda that is to provide life quality for the peoples who live in the forest, joi-



ning environmental preservation with income generation and quality of life improvement.

We have a great challenge, both for the federal government and for the Legal Amazon states, to develop strategies that combine economic development with sustainability. In order to overcome these challenges, the State proposes a set of guidelines that will guide the main agendas for the coming years of this administration towards an inclusive sustainable development, through the economic growth resumption, implementing low-emission agribusiness, in compliance with laws and natural resources maintenance for current and future generations, contributing to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals – SDGs.


Gladson de Lima Cameli
Governor of the State of Acre



Ecological-Economic Zoning from Acre gets new revision

The Ecological-Economic Zoning (EEZ), the main instrument of planning and territorial management in the State of Acre, has become a national reference and is in its third implementation phase. Characterized by the application of a set of rules that

seek to regulate the territory use and occupation, the EEZ involves technical, legal, political and institutional aspects for territorial management. One of the document's innovations was the area reduction covered by zone 3 in 56% and the consequent increase in other areas.

Check out the main advances:

ZONE 1:

Sustainable Agricultural and Forestry Production System – It occupied 24.7% of Acre territory. Due to new settlements creation and land regularization of family properties, farms and rubber plantations, in Phase III, Zone 1 started to occupy 37.2% of the territory, with an increase of 50.8% in relation to Phase II.

56%, indicating the review process effectiveness. In 2007, this zone occupied 26.2% of Acre territory and was concentrated in the central region of the state and, in 2020, it started to occupy only 11.5% of the territory, distributed mainly in the Purus, Tarauaca-Envira and Jurua regions.

ZONE 2:

Sustainable Use of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection – In 2007, it occupied 49% of Acre territory and was concentrated in the border area and in the western sector regional development areas. From 2008 to 2019, two conservation units were created: Jurupari State Forest and Japiim-Pentecostes Area of Relevant Ecological Interest, which conditioned an increase in the order of 4.6% (about 360 thousand hectares) in the area occupied by the zone, which, in Phase III, occupies 51.1% of Acre territory.

ZONE 4:

Cities of Acre - In 2007, it occupied 0.2% of Acre territory and, in 2020, continued with the same percentage, although in an absolute manner, it reduced the urban perimeter area of Rio Branco (extinction of the urban area in the master plan), the main cause of the 6.4% reduction in the area occupied by Zone 4.

ZONE 3:

Priority areas for territorial planning – It had a reduction of

The third phase revision was coordinated by the State Secretary for the Environment and Indigenous Policies (SSEIP) and it has as its main products the Map of subsidy to environmental and territorial management, accompanied by the Executive Summary and agricultural zoning of climate risk and the pedoclimatic zoning complementary studies.



Benefits for Indigenous Communities

- Subsidies for 149 indigenous agroforestry agents who implement actions to protect the territories of their peoples and promote sustainable management activities in their territories
- Training of 50 new indigenous agroforestry agents
- Subsidies to organizations for the implementation of management plans in indigenous lands and cultural heritage activities
- Notice for submission of proposals from indigenous organizations
- Support for 25 of 36 indigenous lands in Acre
- Agreements signed with 59 indigenous associations.



Investments for Indigenous People

In 2021, the State government, through Semapi, allocated more than R\$ 10 million to support projects that benefit communities. Five Territorial and Environmental Mana-

gement Plans (TEMP) are between preparation and another 29 are being updated in order to guarantee the indigenous strategy records for the future. The resources are from REM Program

(REDD Early Movers), in Portuguese (REDD+ for pioneers), and from the Environmental Sanitation and Socio-economic Inclusion Program of Acre (ESSIP) of the World Bank (Bird).

Emergency Measure on Indigenous Lands

Also in 2020, approximately R\$700 thousand were invested in 3,450 basic food baskets distributed over three months. The resources of REM Program were destined to indigenous families as an emergency measure in the crisis caused by Covid-19.

75
Tons of food
for food security
in 20 Acre
indigenous lands



Acre government delivers food baskets to an indigenous village in Jordão. Photo: Marcos Vincentti.

Appreciation of Indigenous Culture

The State of Acre Government also guarantees incentives for valuing indigenous culture through the Award

for Strengthening the Original Peoples' Culture. The initiative will award 144 cultural proposals from in-

digenous people who live in villages and also in urban areas. Investments add up more than R\$1.4 million.

Culture and Training

Besides guaranteeing support for cultural festivals, qualification, training and the scholarships for indigenous agroforestry agents payment (IsAFA), Acre government is working to implement 21 support terms for indigenous organizations. The initiative will strengthen handicrafts, potential species research, recovery of altered areas, cultural spaces' construction, sustainable production and nursery implementations.

Kaxinawa Space

Another important initiative was the delivery of Kaxinawa Space, which will work as an embassy of the native peoples. The place will be the stage for cultural events, indigenous art sale to promote the economy and the promotion of themed events that value dances, music, handicrafts, festivals, theater and other cultural manifestations. The initiatives are developed through Elias Mansour Culture Foundation (EMF).



Gladson Cameli welcomes indigenous leaders to update territorial and environmental management plans. Photo: Diego Gurgel/Secom



Environmental management instruments unite government of Acre to organizations and civil society

The government values its relations with organizations and civil society and, through the State Council of Environment and Forest (Cemaf), a 22-member deliberative and normative collegiate body, seeks resolutions for environmental issues. Under the management of the Secretary of State for the Environment and Indigenous Policies (Semapi), the council deliberates on subjects that cause environmental impact.

Cemaf also oversees the application

of resources from the State Environment and Forests Fund (Femaf), the body responsible for financing the implementation of the Public Forest Policy of the State of Acre. The fund acts as a catalyst for resources from various sources, intended for actions and projects in defense of the environment, climate and forest. Donations include the Global REDD Program for Early Movers (REM), the Amazon Fund/BNDES and WWF/SKY.

Protected Natural Areas undergoes reformulation

The Protected Natural Areas State System of Acre – PNASS (Law nº 1.426/2001) is composed of a set of State and Municipal Conservation Units (CUs). Seanp was conceived based on Ecological Economic Zoning studies (EEZ) that guarantee the coverage of protected areas in almost half of the state territory, and it can be expanded to around 70% of the territory when counted the private properties' legal reserves and the agroforestry projects.

Seanp has contributed to the implementation and public policies monitoring that guarantee the protection of biodiversity and ecosystem services. Recently, Acre government started the public consultation process to reformulate the law that establishes the Seanp due to changes in the state environmental legislation and also

to make the management of protected areas more operational, defining more clearly the competences of the Environment and Indigenous Policies State Secretariat and other institutions that act within the scope of Seanp management.

The contributions were received during a virtual public hearing. After analyzed were incorporated into the text, sent for analysis of the Attorney General of the State of Acre (AGS) and, after to the Legislative Assembly of Acre (LAAC) for voting.

Seanp operates in accordance with Brazilian laws that exist for this matter, such as the National Plan for Protected Areas – NPPA (Decree No. 5.758/2006) and the National Policy for Indigenous Lands Environmental and Territorial Management– NPI-LETM (Decree No. 7747 /2012).



Actions strengthen the wood forest products' management

State Secretary for the Environment and Indigenous Policies is the body responsible for preparing, coordinating and supervising public policies execution related to timber and non-timber forest production. Thus, under the Sustainable Development Program of Acre

(SDPA II/BID), the team works in forest areas to promote the timber forest chain and timber forest products, such as timber forest management and production of wooden artifacts.

The actions developed are focused on training in community management and multiple-use forest ma-

nagement techniques: participatory diagnoses, associations and cooperativism, good management/collection practices, processing, marketing and production management, forest certification and exchanges, support in the preparation of potential communities Management Plans.



Wooden artifact produced by young people from Associação Seringueira Porto Dias, in Acrelândia. Photo: Archive/Semapi.

Management of non-timber forest products

Under the scope of SDPA II/ BID, Semapi works in the sustainable development of communities and social organizations residing in forest areas, through investments in projects that aim at promoting value chains of non-timber forest products, such as murumuru (*Astrocaryum murumuru*), buriti (*Mauritia flexuosa*), cacao (*Attalea tessmannii*) and native forest seeds.

These projects directly contemplate approximately 680 families residing in Cruzeiro do Sul, Mancio Lima, Rodrigues Alves, Porto Walter, Marechal Thaumaturgo and Tarauaca towns in the state of Acre, besides there are Guajara and Ipixuna in Amazonas state, covering Conservation Units



Extractive families collecting in the forest. Photo: Semapi Archive

(Gregorio River State Forest Complex – GRSFC), Indigenous Lands (Kampa TI of Amônia River and

Arara TI of Igarapé Humaita) and Agrarian Reform Settlements located in Jurua Valley.



Buriti



Murumuru



Coconut



FOREST CONCESSION

Acre advances in the Forest Concession process

Acre has approximately 240,000 hectares of state public forests ready to be granted to the private sector in Gregorio River State Forests Complex, in Tarauaca. The project

for the forest concession implementation is in the pre-publication stage, specifically in the announcement publication stage. For the preparation of the pre-bid, specialized legal entities and individual

consultants were hired to carry out the necessary technical studies. The Public Forest Management State Law project is under discussion at the Legislative Assembly of Acre (ALEAC).



240
Thousand
hectares of
forest available
for forest
concession
in Acre



INFRASTRUCTURE ACTIONS

Acre Roads: sustainable development paths

Another highlight of the government's environmental management, through the Secretariat Environment and Indigenous Policies, is the contracting of specialized services for the maintenance of branches and the construction of manholes and bridges, aiming at supporting community forestry and agroforestry production. This pioneering initiative benefits rural families located in state and federal Conservation Units (CUs), and in settlement projects linked to SDPA II/BID investments.

Acre Branches

The program Acre Branches is an initiative of the State government, through the Department of Highways, in partnership with city halls local roads' improvement and restoration por meio do Department of Highways. The objective is to create the necessary conditions for strengthening agribusiness, transporting agricultural production and guaranteeing communities' access to urban areas and activities such as education and health.

The State government received from the Federal government a fleet of 90 heavy machines to be used in the execution of urban and rural infrastructure works in the municipalities of Acre. R\$ 36.7 million in equipment were sent, such as hy-

draulic excavators, motor graders, wheel loaders, backhoes, crawler tractors, dump trucks and semi-trailers. In addition, around 94 million reais were passed on the State government, through the federal bench, for the branches' improvement.



Rural producer in the Juruá region celebrates the sale of agroforestry products. Photo: Cleiton Lopes/Secom



Pioneering: Acre advances in strategies for environmental regularization

Acre's advance in the Rural Environmental Registry (RER), with more than 55 thousand registered rural properties – 100% of the total estimated areas in the state – is a reflex of the pioneering maintenance, now in the implementation of the Environmental Regularization Program (ERP).

Even in the middle of the pandemic caused by Covid-19, the government, through the Environment and Indigenous Policies State Secretariat (EIPSS), started 2021 with prospecting activities to select areas that will

be included in the actions to promote the program, which will directly benefit rural family farmers.

Success Showcase

The environmental regularization process of rural properties and possessions in Acre has been considered a success showcase, and there are several investments made by the partners, with specific criteria, structured along the project lines, in a non-overlapping and complementary manner.

A novelty for 2021 is the adhesion to the Floresta+ Amazonia project, developed in a partnership with the Environment Ministry (EM), of the federal government, in which Acre is one of the first states to advance on this agenda and in the discussions for signing the Agreement of Technical Cooperation (ATC). Rural producers who adhere to environmental regularization may be eligible for remuneration for providing environmental services for the conservation and recovery of native vegetation.

Actions bring health and dignity to thousands of families in the forests of Acre

In addition to the implementation of public policies for conservation and economic development, Acre government carries out parallel projects, such as the Itinerant Humanitarian Action, which brings health and dignity to residents who live off family farming and extractivism in Conservation Units and State Preserved Forests. More than ten government institutions joined in the mission to care for those who conserve the forests of Acre.

In 2021, over 8,000 consultations were offered, including medical consultations, dental and nursing care, laboratory tests, medicine delivery, ultrasound exams, women's and men's health prevention and the vaccination against Covid-19.

The action also includes citizenship services, with the issuance of a second copy of birth civil registration, death and marriage, lectures on the violence prevention against women, courses in entrepreneurship, environmental education and various sustainable practices.



Itinerant Humanitarian Action in the Conservation Units of Acre. Photo: Archive/Semapi



Vaccination against Covid-19 was highlighted in humanitarian actions. Photo: Archive/Semapi



Semapi secretary, Israel Milani, monitors itinerant actions for environmental regularization, in 2019. Photo: Archive/Semapi

Deforestation and Fires Prevention and Control State Plan

Actions to prevent and control deforestation are part of the Deforestation and Fires Prevention and Control State Plan (DFPCSP/Acre), which brings together guidelines that guide strategies, goals and actions focused on reducing deforestation and degradation and environmental services maintenance.

The DFPCSP integrates and modernizes command and control actions, allowing the State to act in the face of extreme weather events, such as severe droughts that affect and degrade the forest. The plan also meets the National Strategy for the Reduction of

Greenhouse Gas Emissions from deforestation and forest degradation, forest carbon stocks conservation, forest sustainable management and increase in forest carbon stocks (REDD+).

The document, which is under review, brings together the actions to control and prevent forest fires and wildfires, continuing the process of implementing the New Forest Code within the scope of the Rural Environmental Registry (RER), through the Environmental Regularization Program (ERP) and the Degraded and Altered Areas Recovery Project (DAARP).

Integrated Command and Control missions for inspection of environmental offenses in Conservation Units.

Investing:

2019 - BRL 23,612.05

2020 - BRL 1,439,179.60

2021 - BRL 1,132,578.97





Cigma and integrated environmental actions to stop deforestation

With technological support, geospatial tools and trained technicians, the Integrated Center for Environmental Geoprocessing (Cigma) offers qualified information to guide the government policies strategies for reducing and stopping fires and illegal burning in Acre.

Maps and detailed reports are generated from Cigma's Situation Room and Central Geoprocessing Unit to facilitate inspection and monitoring of the most vulnerable

regions with data obtained from satellite images, which help teams in decision-making.

With air, land and water support, the teams move to stop fires and environmental offenses. The actions have the commitment of the State Department for the Environment and Indigenous Policies, the Environmental Police from the Military Police, Civil Police, Environment Institute, Brazilian Army, National Force and the Integrated Center for Air Operations.

Vice President of the Republic, Hamilton Mourão, learns about the actions of the Acre government in combating deforestation Photo: Marcos Vincentti/Secom



Graphic Project of the Integrated Environment Center, in Feijó, Acre. Photo: Graphic/illustrative design

Integrated Environmental Centers: decentralization of environmental services

The government of Acre has adopted several strategies to provide rural producers and traditional communities with access to information. Three centers are being completed in some cities of Acre: Brasileia, Cruzeiro do Sul

and Feijó, in addition to specialized assistance in the Organizations at Service Centers (OCAs) in Xapuri and Rio Branco.

The initiative will allow the population of the capital and other cities to have easier access to environ-

mental services, such as licensing and concessions, as well as information about land and environmental regularization. The integrated centers will gather several government institutions, offering a variety of faster and more widely services.



Carreta Ambiental reduces bureaucracy access to services for rural producers

In order to reduce bureaucracy and facilitate access to environmental services and value human beings, the government of Acre provides assistance to rural producers and traditional communities in the state's countryside and isolated regions

with the Environmental Visit Project.

The initiative allows the producers to have access to essential services, such as environmental licensing, opening of processes, inspections, issuance of licenses and certificates of grants and assistance aimed at land regularization.

While waiting for service, the teams provide courses and guidance to municipal managers and technicians about legislation and environmental education, also providing cultural and leisure activities to the community.



During the Carreta Ambiental action, in Assis Brasil, food baskets were delivered to fishermen and riverside dwellers with financial support from the REM Program. Photo: Sérgio Ronney/Secom

Environmental Services Incentive System seeks conservation and quality of life for populations

The Environmental Services Incentive System (Sisa) is one of the main environmental public policies in Acre that contributes to the sustainable development and valorization of products and the forest. Through Sisa Acre became a pioneer in the implementation of a strategy aimed at the sustainable development of low carbon emissions. The initiative unites conservation and the improvement of the quality of life of traditional populations, indigenous people and family farmers, through the encouragement, maintenance and expansion of the offer of environmental products and services in response to the challenges posed by climate change (Law 2.308/2010).

Governance

One of Sisa's principles is transparency and social participation in the formulation and execution of its actions. These principles resulted in the creation of social participation instruments such as the State Commission for Validation and Monitoring of Sisa (Ceva), which has the support of consultative bodies to deal with specific issues. The Indigenous and Women's Thematic Chambers and the Scientific Committee function as democratic channels that guide and legitimize the benefit-sharing process, ensuring the work of indigenous people, women, traditional populations and civil society, promoting good governance, ensuring compliance with environmental and social safeguards, and validating the results within the scope of Sisa and its programs.

ISA Carbon

ISA Carbon is a program that, in line with Brazilian national policy and the United Nations Framework

Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), is linked to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions from deforestation and degradation to the carbon flow, sustainable forest management and conservation, maintenance and enhancement of forest carbon stocks (REDD+).

In addition to generating environmental and social benefits for those who preserve, conserve, recover or sustainably use natural resources, the program allows the distribution of benefits for services in the "stock and flow" modality to those who live in Acre's forests. Currently, ISA Carbon's actions are carried out with the support of the REDD Early Movers Program (REM), considered the first jurisdictional program in the world financed through the German KfW Development Bank, and, in this second phase, it has the United Kingdom counterpart.

ISA sociobiodiversity

The ISA Sociobiodiversity Program takes as its definition that socio-biodiversity is the set of interactions between ecosystems and their ecological processes, added to the sociocultural diversity and products arising from these relationships. The program aims to promote the conservation and valuation of environmental services, improving the peoples and communities quality of life, through the economic sustainability of production chains, adding value to products and services in order to encourage the empowerment of people and communities and also seek national and international partnerships for the development of production chains linked to socio-biodiversity (Law 3.462/2018).



Environmental and Social Safeguards

The Social and environmental safeguards are principles and criteria established for the implementation of projects and programs for Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD+) to prevent the occurrence of unwanted impacts on traditional communities, indigenous peoples and the ecosystem services involved.

With a focus on promoting benefits and protecting the rights of communities and the functions of ecosystems, the State of Acre has

developed social and environmental safeguards within the scope of the System of Incentives for Environmental Services (Sisa).

Following the REDD+ Safeguards recommendation of the UNFCCC Conference of the Parties, COP 16 in Cancun, the State of Acre developed the process of participatory construction of its Safeguards System under the guidance of the international REDD+ SES initiative and aligned with the Safeguards Information System National REDD+ SIS.

Acre Sustainability and Environmental Services Seal will be awarded to REDD+ projects

In order to encourage public and private projects to reduce emissions from deforestation and forest degradation (REDD+) and the bioeconomy, the Government of Acre, through the Institute of Climate Change and Regulation of Environmental Services (IMC), created the Acre Sustainability and Environmental Services Seal, which is a platform for recognizing projects that contribute to the maintenance and expansion of the provision of environmental services in an integrated and sustainable manner

The Acre Seal of Sustainability and Environmental Services will be awarded to projects that, in their elaboration phase or also implementation, meet the guiding principles of the Environmental Services Incentive System (Sisa) and redd+ safeguards of the UNFCCC Conference of The Parties, COP 16, in Cancun.

To learn more about this initiative in sustainable environmental practices, visit: <http://imc.ac.gov.br> or email your project: gabinete.imc@ac.gov.br



Indigenous intercultural training unites knowledge and environmental conservation

In recognition of the traditional culture and customs of indigenous peoples, the government of Acre invests in indigenous intercultural training. The project combines social and environmental conservation actions with the knowledge and experience of indigenous peoples through the Indigenous Intercultural Formation Project.

During the training, the people learn how they can work on their land, combining knowledge with topics such as reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, global warming and climate change. To this end, indigenous agroforestry teachers and agents act as protagonists of their own educational projects, as well as the management of their territories. After training, they act as multipliers agents of the project's actions in their communities.

Nowadays, there are 226 rural schools distributed in 36 indigenous territories in 12 cities in Acre, which serve 15 people of three different languages: Pano, Arawa and Arawak. The training directly benefits 827 indigenous people, of which 630 are teachers and 197 agroforestry agents. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, activities were suspended. The initiative has a partnership with Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) and the financial support of the REM Acre Phase II Program.



Intercultural training will train indigenous peoples on territorial management. Photo: Archive/SEE



Acre's government works with respect for the culture and customs of indigenous peoples. Photo: Archive/SEE



Rubber and murumuru producers receive payment for environmental services

The Government of Acre believes that the state's economic development is possible with public policies that combine environmental conservation and care for small producers, farmers and indigenous peoples. The proof for this is the payment of subsidies for the production of 462 tons of rubber and murumuru.

The subsidy is a successful experience of payment for environmental services which encourages the continuity of sustainable production chains. Payments totaled R\$3.1 million, thereby benefiting 965 farmers. The goal is to reach 1,300 families by the end of 2021. The benefited families are concentrated in almost all of Acre's territory with most of them living in river-side areas and forest reserves.

The action complies with Law 1.277/1999 and works as an incentive for families whose main source of income is the extractivism, coupled with the policy of preservation and conservation of the forest. The initiative is coordinated by the State Department of Production and Agribusiness (Sepa) and has financial support from the REM Acre Phase II Program.



Extractive women play a prominent role in the process of separating the almond from the murumuru. Photo: Semapi Archive



Government seeks investors for marketplace Feira Sisa+

The goal is to expand access to marketing tools for socio-biodiversity products, through the marketplace, with training, business training, advice on prospecting for green markets and negotiations. Nowadays, CDSA is seeking financial investments to take Marketplace FeiraSisa+ to 13 other associations estimated to directly benefit 1,300 farmers and indigenous peoples in the commercialization of socio-biodiversity products from production chains in protected areas.

To get to know more about this initiative and contribute to the implementation of Acre sustainable

environmental practices, send an email: cdsa.ac@outlook.com.

Covid-19 Pandemic

The worsening of the pandemic around the world has generated significant impacts in various sectors of the economy, including family farming, directly harming thousands of rural producers, and it was in this scenario that Feira Sisa+ made it possible to take the traditional face-to-face sales to the internet, through the digital platform. The tool ensured the continuity of production and increased sales for a group of women producers who

sold their produce at weekly fairs in Rio Branco, the capital of Acre.

Producers awarded with Feira Sisa+ received training and courses and participated in exchanges with the aim of broadening their vision for a more expansive market and, consequently, improving family income. The pilot project was assisted by the EII-Earth Institute Innovation and executed with the Women's Directorate of the State Department for Social Assistance, Human Rights and Policies for Women (SEASDHM) with the support from Acre First Lady's office, Ana Paula Cameli, and the Traditional Peoples Regional and Global Committee.

SISA+ Fair Platform encourages producers to expand the sale of socio-biodiversity products on the internet

To strengthen the sale of low-emission products and the valuation of environmental assets associated with the Environmental Services Incentive System (Sisa), the government of Acre, through the Environmental Services and Development Company (CDSA), created digital tools for inclusion of new products in the sustainable business portfolio with a focus on Low Emissions Agribusiness. From this initiative it was brought the Marketplace Feira Sisa+ created to support the products sale by indigenous women and rural producers.

Benefits

The initiative improves the quality of life through income generation, integrating the productive sector, traditional populations, indigenous peoples and



Secretary of SEASDHM, Ana Paula Lopes, President of CDSA, José Gondim, First Lady, Ana Paula Cameli, and Elsa Mendoza of EII. Photo: Pedro Devani/Secom

the community. The initiative also contributes to reducing gender and income inequality between men

and women, while it encourages women to assume their role and undertake in their communities.



First lady of Acre, Ana Paula Cameli, visits the producers of Feira Sisa+. Photo: Pedro Devani/Secom

Sustainable tourism generates income and improves life in communities

With its dark waters, banks taken by the forest and stretches where a veritable green carpet covers all the water, the Rio Croa Community is one of the beneficiaries of the Community-Based Tourism Project. The region has become one of the largest touristic centers in Acre whose fame has spread across Brazil.

Along Croa River there are 76 riverside families, who are benefited by trainings in community governance, management, entrepreneurship, environmental education and solid waste, and techniques aimed at strengthening sustainable tourism. The objective is to enable the

community to receive tourists from all over the world, generating jobs and income while reinforcing the importance of conserving the forest and its wealth.

With the investments, the government of Acre values the human being and generates collective benefits providing quality of life for those who care for the environment. The project is also being implemented in the Chico Mendes and Cazumba-Irace-ma Extractive Reserves and in the Serra do Divisor National Park, on the border between Acre/Brazil and Peru. The initiative has financial support from the REM Acre Phase II Program.





Fruit growing contributes to the recovery of degraded areas

The government of Acre has already invested R\$73 million in promoting competitive and sustainable forestry and agroforestry value chains.

From 2014 to 2021, this program has already benefited 3,117 producers with fruit seedlings (açaí, clump of açaí, acerola, soursop and passion fruit), nuts and rubber trees.

The investments also include projects for the recovery of degraded areas with the elaboration, dissemination and promotion of public calls from the government for the selection of projects to support the development of agroforestry value chains.

Impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic

During the Covid-19 pandemic, the government of Acre invested in strengthening the Food Acquisition Program (PAA) as an alternative to minimizing the impacts for small producers, buying the production of 524 rural producers which already exceeds R\$ 1.5 million.



Women producers improve their income with fruit pulp production. Photo: Archive/Secom

Taking care of people and conserving the Environment!



The environmental policy practiced by the State of Acre government is focused on forest conservation to support local economic development. Our biggest challenge is to add value to forest products and services to generate work and income for those who live in the most remote communities.

In order to put into practice this new development model in Acre, based on low-emission agribusiness, the Environment Ministry has worked in an integrated and transversal manner. The dialogue between the productive sector and the State Environmental System has been constant to find the best

path for the economic development with socio-environmental responsibility.

We believe that the secret for a viable solution to the problems that affect thousands of families in Acre is in the presence of the State, mainly, where it can act most: generating opportunities. There are several running programs, directly benefiting small producers, extractivists, riverside dwellers and indigenous people.

To fulfill this important mission, we are working to unlock the public machinery and provide working conditions for the people from Acre, integrating the environmental sectors, production and agribusiness. We carry out articulations to solve land regularization processes and enable the environmental license release for important sectors such as lumber, swine and poultry, within the legal rules.

The dream of putting the environment and agribusiness walking together is already a reality and the State of Acre government environmental management has been working tirelessly to bring new strategies to communities, such as Car Environmental Parade, offering services to producers with attendances aimed at the regularization of their properties to access rural credit, benefiting thousands of rural producers.

Not long ago, these dialogues were inconceivable or did not happen with strategic decision-making. We are showing that it is not necessary to break the law to have development and environmental conservation walking together. Proof of this is the structuring, expansion and renovation of the Integrated Environment Centers.

We are structuring Integrated Environment Centers to strengthen environmental monitoring actions and give support for Command and Control, under the coordination of Semapi. The Integrated Center for Geoprocessing and Environmental Monitoring (ICGEM) works in an integrated manner with important environmental agencies and works to provide information with cutting-edge technologies, directing government strategies with the production of reports and bulletins about the drought monitoring, fire risk, hotspots and air quality.

We are working to conserve our forests and improve the lives of the people who live in them. We cannot define or apply recipes as solutions, because we are talking about thousands of Amazonians' lives, but we understand that taking care of people and conserving the Environment is the path to follow!



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