



SOUTH AMAZON REDD+ FOREST PROTECTION BRAZIL

**Protecting the abundantly biodiverse
Southern Amazon from deforestation**



This REDD+ (Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and forest Degradation) project protects over 185,000 hectares of Brazil's Southwestern Amazon Rainforest from deforestation, caused historically by cattle ranching, and logging – legal and otherwise. On top of reducing emissions by preserving forest carbon stocks, the project creates positive impacts for surrounding communities and ecosystem biodiversity.

The Context

Brazil has the greatest concentration of biodiversity on the entire planet – its abundant life forms represent 20% of all Earth's known species. Yet Brazil's rich Amazonian rainforests still face alarming rates of deforestation – a particular issue for the Southern Amazon, where low governance and encroaching infrastructure leave the area vulnerable to deforestation, primarily from beef cattle ranching and timber harvesting.

The Project

Straddling the border between Brazil's Amazonas and Acre States, the project comprises a single property, Fazenda Seringal Novo Macapá. It protects a vast swathe of the Southwestern Amazon from deforestation under a sustainable forest management plan (SFMP). Certified by the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC), the SFMP is a tool for conservation and forest carbon stock maintenance to reduce deforestation rates.

The Benefits

As well as reducing emissions through prevented deforestation, the project is registered under the Social Carbon Standard, certifying positive community and environmental impacts. The project activities support social programmes like environmental education for surrounding communities, and there's a focus on maintaining local traditional culture. There are also economic benefits for the region – the project's management and industrial activities generate a wealth of employment opportunities for local people.

The area of rainforest protected by this project is richly biodiverse, and home to at least 345 bird species – including three vulnerable bird species, and a further 27 that are endemic to the Southern Amazon.



700
job opportunities

in total will be generated by the project, boosting the local economy and contributing to regional development



483,594
tCO₂e

reduced on average annually, through avoided deforestation and forest carbon stock maintenance



186,369
ha

of Amazon Rainforests protected from deforestation and degradation

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