

Maísa REDD+ Project, Moju, Brazil

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Offset Standard: VCS + CCB gold



Habitat conservation in an region of exceptional endemism

The Fazenda Maísa project area spans 28,739 hectares in the municipality of Moju, Pará State, which has suffered from a deforestation rate of 46.25% between 2000 and 2009. This has resulted from increased ease of access to the region through the PA-150 highway, lack of protective public policies, weak law enforcement in controlling deforestation, and the beginning of real estate speculation, placing the region within Brazil's troubled "Arc of Deforestation".

Located within Belém's Centre of Endemism, the area has great biodiversity value and encompasses the largest number of endangered animals and plant species in Brazil, according to the Emílio Goeldi Museum and Conservation International. Sustainable Forest Stewardship low impact logging techniques and satellite monitoring and will provide high quality habitat protection and help to balance the ecosystem. Furthermore, the project benefits regional biodiversity by mitigating landscape fragmentation, since it behaves as an ecological corridor to biodiversity on the landscape level.

Eight local communities in the surrounding municipalities form part of the work force for low emission activities. These include sustainable management of forest crops such as açai, Brazil nuts and latex.

Benefits

- 67,458 tonnes of CO2 emissions avoided each year
- Preserves 128 species of flora, of which 8 are endangered
- Safeguards 350 species of fauna, of which 29 are endangered. This includes the Chiropotes satanas (known locally as cuxiú-preto) and Cebus Kaapori (known locally as cairara), two endemic primates
- Soil erosion prevention through forest management, where the underlaid sandbank has left Fazenda Maísa susceptible to rainfall erosion issues
- Contributes to regional thermal regulation



Project areas and proponents

Fazenda Maísa is located in Moju municipality, near to the Tocantis River. The project started in May 2012, with the greenhouse gas accounting period spanning 30 years until 2042. The project proponents are as follows:

- Biofílica Investimentos Ambientais S.A.
- Maísa-Moju Agroindustrial Ltda.
- Sipasa-Seringa Industrial do Pará S.A.

