

Brazilian Amazon

Halting and Reversing Deforestation and Degradation While Addressing Injustice

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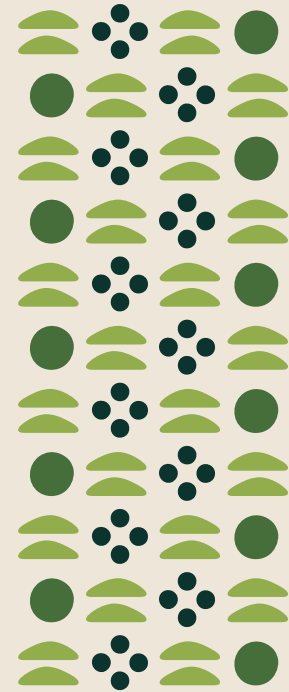
Forests, People, Climate (FPC) is a collaborative of philanthropic funders, civil society, and community-based organizations seeking to halt and reverse tropical deforestation while supporting just, sustainable development. We focus on equitable and enduring solutions that safeguard tropical forests and support those stewarding them, in particular Indigenous Peoples, Local Communities, and Afro-descendants in tropical forest countries. For more information, please contact us at info@forestspeopleclimate.org

Why the Brazilian Amazon?

The Amazon Basin, which stores around 150 to 200 billion tons of carbon, is critical to a climate-resilient world. The largest portion of the Amazon rainforest is in Brazil, in a region home to 28 million people, 72% of whom live in urban areas or in urban outskirts. While deforestation has increased in recent years, several opportunities are also on the horizon to support just and sustainable solutions to deforestation for people and the climate.

An inclusive economic model that respects the rights of Indigenous Peoples, Quilombolas, and Local Communities (IP, Q, & LC) is key to bringing lasting solutions to the region. Over 180 different peoples¹ live in the Brazilian Amazon. Often, these communities face multiple threats and structural racism, leading to violence and injustice and driving conflicts over land. Combating these prejudices and promoting IP, Q, & LC tenure rights can effectively create the conditions under which communities can secure their livelihoods and traditional knowledge, and continue protecting their lands, which are spread over an area of approximately 110 million hectares. These IP, Q, & LC lands have the lowest levels of deforestation in the Brazilian Amazon, serving a vital function in limiting Brazil's forest loss and carbon emissions.

In addition to benefits from inclusive IP, Q, & LC economic models, Brazil has a real potential to develop a low-carbon economy through investments in integrating economic systems and socio-ecological landscapes, which include low input, diverse agriculture production like agro-ecology and forest production like agroforestry systems. This emerging trend is called 'socio-bioeconomy'. With increased funding and strengthened



¹ <https://ispn.org.br/biomas/amazonia/povos-e-comunidades-tradicionais-da-amazonia/>

infrastructure for socio-bioeconomy products, focused on job creation and food security, this approach could create 365 thousand additional jobs² and rapidly improve social and economic conditions for all residents of the Amazon.

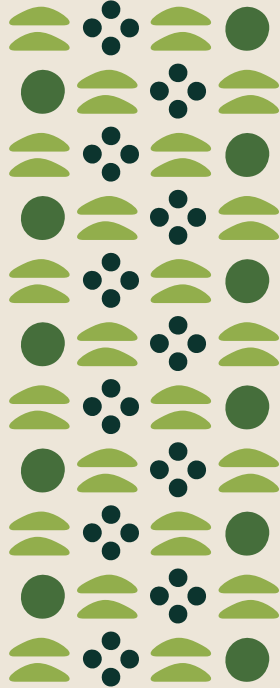
A systems approach that embraces all these opportunities can support the transition to an inclusive, sustainable economy that helps dismantle systemic racism across the region. Upholding the rights of communities, fostering inclusive dialogue among stakeholders, and ensuring deforestation-free products is fundamental to accelerating action on climate resilience and biodiversity protection in the region.



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² <https://www.wri.org/research/new-economy-brazil-amazon>

Our Goal



Halt and reverse deforestation and degradation in the Brazilian Amazon by shifting economic, social, and political processes to support forests, uphold rights, and promote sustainable, equitable economic alternatives.

While recognizing the need to build solutions with Amazon residents, FPC's strategic priorities in the Brazilian Amazon also aim to tackle systemic racism, sexism, and other prejudices and promote self-determination of IP, Q, & LC. These elements of equity and inclusion are critical to shifting the current inequalities faced by many as well as building support for the diversity, culture, and richness of Amazon peoples.



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Focus Areas

The strategic priorities in the Brazilian Amazon are focused on the following interconnected areas:

- 01. Support IP, Q, & LC Rights and Agency** Encourage efforts to recognize, secure, and defend IP, Q, & LC rights, support communities in exercising their right to self-determination and to Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC), and support efforts to secure greater IP, Q, & LC agency in decision-making forums to ensure territories are safe and economic stability improves.
- 02. Accelerate Socio-Bioeconomy Approaches** Scale up socio-bioeconomy efforts, including ensuring a green, fair transition. Strengthen the full value chain, thereby benefiting all Amazon residents including those in and around urban centers.
- 03. Secure Deforestation- & Conflict-Free Industries** Ensure Amazon-derived agricultural products, particularly beef, and extractive industries no longer contribute to deforestation and conflict, including through indirect suppliers and funders.
- 04. Mobilize Public Support** Encourage the Brazilian public to mobilize around public, economic, and political support for Amazon protection and the upholding of rights through celebrating the diversity and cultural richness of the region.
- 05. Support Strong Climate and Biodiversity Policies** Support efforts to create the conditions for addressing land tenure rights, and effectively implementing climate and biodiversity policies with robust governance frameworks.

Further Information

FPC's strategic priorities in the Brazilian Amazon aim to support holistic solutions for just, sustainable development in a highly complex region, with a diverse range of actors. This overview of FPC priorities in the Brazilian Amazon draws on a longer strategy developed through a participatory process with representatives from communities in the region.

About FPC Strategies

FPC has nine strategies – three regional strategies in the Brazilian Amazon, Congo Basin, and Indonesia, and six cross-cutting thematic strategies: Enabling Conditions, Indigenous Peoples, Local Communities, & Afro-Descendants (IP, LC, & AD), Supply Chains, Strategic Communications, Private Finance, and Carbon Markets Integrity.

The primary purpose of the FPC strategies is to provide a roadmap for grantmaking, action, monitoring progress, and learning. The strategies are also a tool to align a number of actors around strategic goals, whether it's where FPC focuses on implementation or funding. These are 'living strategies' that FPC intends to iteratively update to respond to changing contexts.

