

PRESERVATION OF FORESTS AND BIODIVERSITY

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Environment

Agropalma works in the Amazon region, where the largest tropical forest in the world is located, corresponding to nearly 60% of the Brazilian territory and we consider its preservation as fundamental to the planet. It is understood that the performance of processes that comprise the productive chain is directly connected to the performance of personnel from our organization within a context of social responsibility and respect towards the environment.

Since the end of the 1990s, the organization invests in socioenvironmental performance improvements through the following initiatives:

- Suitability of internal processes;
- Creation of social and environmental diagnostics;
- Partnerships with NGOs;
- Implementation and certification of the Integrated Management System for all production activities;
- Obtaining socioenvironmental and organic certificates;
- Development and implementation of programs and projects that aim for environmental protection and socioeconomical development of communities involved with the enterprise;
- Commitment to the adoption of best management practices for soils and peat, in order to maintain fertility and minimize erosion, via the use of green fertilization, organic and mineral fertilization, according to crop needs and exclusion of improper soils for planting (e.g.: steep terrain, sandy soils, etc.);
- Commitment to never using any agrochemicals rated by the World Health Organization as type 1A or 1B, or agrochemicals listed in the Stockholm or Rotterdam Conventions. This commitment is extended to partnered farmers;
- Respect of the human rights conventions, including those established in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UN, 1948), and the International Labor Organization Statement on the Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work (ILO, 1998);
- Acknowledgment and respect of legal rights, use and traditions that indigenous communities, traditional populations and locations on lands that are occupied, in addition to respecting the right of exercising activities as per the culture and customs traditionally established, according to the United Nations Declarations on the Rights of Indigenous People (2007) and correlated international conventions. This commitment extends to all suppliers.

Biodiversity

Of the 107 thousand hectares that are part of Agropalma, 64 thousand are occupied by protected forest reserves, where fishing and forest activities are prohibited, which enables maintenance of ecological processes within these areas. Protection is enforced through the Forest Reserve Protection Program, which includes a team of forest security guards exclusively for guarding all borders and inspecting forest areas, inhibiting hunters, plant material extractors and loggers.

With the objective of checking efficiency and improving the knowledge regarding forest reserves, the organization implemented the Biodiversity Monitoring and Surveying Program.

The project was launched in 2004, in joint efforts with Universidade de São Paulo (USP) and is currently performed in partnership with NGO Conservação Internacional do Brasil.

Thus far, the Fauna Monitoring and Surveying Program has recorded:

- 438 species of birds, of which 27 are endangered;
- 61 species of medium and large-sized mammals, of which 11 are endangered;
- 49 species of reptiles;
- 47 species of amphibians;
- 74 species of fish;
- 153 species of aquatic bugs;
- 25 species of flies;
- 114 species of ants;
- 32 species of spiders;
- 36 species of bees.

Overall, 1029 animal species were observed, of which 40 are endangered and 11 are native species of the Centro de Endemismo Belém - CEB.

Still as part of our corporate efforts for conservation and protection of biodiversity, we are committed to never establishing plantations or any other operation inside protected areas in Brazil or any other country, except for all national parks, ecological stations, biological reserves and other conservation units of expansion plans.

For the record, our Policy and our commitment to protect biodiversity comprise of all company operations. Protection and conservation efforts are engaged in preservation areas, high conservation value areas and high carbon stock areas, in addition to planting areas.

Through our partnership with Conservação Internacional (CI) we work for the conservation of biodiversity in the entire Centro de Endemismo de Belém (CEB), through engagement with stakeholders and support of the implementation of public policies that bring positive impacts beyond our borders.

We will expand monitoring projects in 2022-2025 within the scope of the partnership with the CI of partner producer farms. Our goal is to reach 24 new areas monitored by the end of this period.

Another important goal for biodiversity is the conclusion of the restoration of 500ha of riparian forest inside Agropalma farms by 2028. The company's commitments to biodiversity conservation also apply to all CFF suppliers. In order to engage them in our policy, we provide training and print information material with simplified language, to raise awareness regarding the prohibition of hunting, deforestation and burning practices, in addition to the importance of maintaining a good reputation for the competitiveness of our supply chain. We always highlight that no hunting is allowed in Brazil.