

# Cotriguaçu Sempre Verde



**O**bjective: To promote a new trajectory for social and economic development in the municipality of Cotriguaçu in NW Mato Grosso state in the Brazilian Amazon, based on the conservation and sustainable management of natural resources.

The largest remaining forest frontier of Mato Grosso lies in the northwestern region of the state: an area of 108,000 km<sup>2</sup>, of which more than 80% remains forested. Four of the seven municipalities in this region are on the Brazilian Environment Ministry's list of the most critical municipalities for deforestation in the Amazon.

Because of Cotriguaçu's deforestation rate higher than the regional average and of the diversity of land uses within its territory, this municipality was chosen for the implementation of a coordinated set of actions aimed at sustainably reducing deforestation and forest degradation, as part of a jurisdictional REDD+ pilot project.

The project's actions are organized in cinco main components: Developing Environmental Management Capacity, Responsible Practices in Sustainable Forestry Program (PRODEMFLOR), Responsible Practices in Cattle Ranching Program (BPA), Natural Resource Management in Rural Settlements and Territorial Management Plan for Indigenous Lands

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## Project components

### Developing Environmental Management Capacity

Objective: To provide the municipality with the capacity and basic infrastructure to exercise the functions of environmental management.

Strategies: Implement a system to monitor forest areas (fire, deforestation and degradation, and recuperation of degraded areas); support the creation of environmental legislation; support the activities of the Municipal Environment Council.



### Responsible Practices in Sustainable Forestry Program (PRODEMFLOR)

Objective: To promote the development of sustainable forestry, its transparency, and the implementation of good practices in forest management projects.

Strategies: Creation of a voluntary program whereby forestry companies submit their sustainable forest management plans to independent monitoring, while also making a commitment to responsible practices, receiving in exchange the technical support necessary to elaborate and implement responsible practices in their forest plots.



### Responsible Practices in Cattle Ranching Program (BPA)

Objective: To promote the adoption of better agro-pastoral practices that contribute to conservation and environmental recuperation, avoiding uncontrolled expansion of pastures by limiting production growth to areas which have already been deforested.

Strategies: Creation of a voluntary program with two modalities: beef cattle and dairy cattle. Producers commit to a phased program adopting responsible ranching practices with annual monitoring. In exchange they receive technical assistance and other support in the elaboration and implementation of program projects.



### Territorial Management Plan for Indigenous Lands

Objective: Long-term planning for the use and protection of natural resources on Indigenous Lands.

Strategies: Capacity-building and education on climate change, the National Policy for Environmental Management of Indigenous Lands (PNGATI), participatory ethno-mapping and ethno-zoning projects; development strategies for vigilance and monitoring.



### Natural Resource Management in Rural Settlements

Objective: To improve the quality of life of families living in rural settlement projects via rational and autonomous management of natural resources.

Strategies: Participative development of diagnostics and of a socio-economic and environmental development plan; strengthen community associations; support the production and commercialization of local products.



For the success of the Cotriguaçu Sempre Verde project, ICV acknowledges the vital support received from our partners:

- **Municipality of Cotriguaçu: Mobilization of local actors**
- **TNC: Implementation of Environmental Registry of Rural Properties**
  - **ONFi: Implementation of PRODEMFLOR**
  - **Embrapa: Technical supervision of BPA program**
  - **IFT: Technical supervision of PRODEMFLOR program**
- **SEMA: Coordination with State-level policies and environmental management instruments**

**Coordination**



**Support**

