

22. The potential of community forestry in the Brazilian Amazon (Pará)

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In Pará State, 60% of lands destined for forest management are rural communities forests: the concessions intended for companies are not able to supply even half of the current industry needs. Traditional communities and small farmers have no knowledge or economic ability to perform commercial logging. When happens, community forests management is conducted through agreements with companies in different arrangements. Public policies and actions seek to allow the consolidation of forest governance by local communities. The financial framework of the implementation of reduced-impact forest management is analyzed, as well as the key elements that allow control by the local community organization (pre exploratory and public authorizations step financing; diversification of timber and non timber products; marketing; internal control routines of logging). Are proposed guidelines for public policies in order to facilitate the development of community logging in different contexts of land tenure: protected areas, production forests, agrarian reform settlements. The implementation modalities of a public forest technical support are discussed. The potential of forestry in production systems in agrarian reform settlements is analyzed in the context of the current debate concerning the reformulation of Brazilian forest code.

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