The Brazilian Forest Service is an agency linked to the Ministry of the Environment. It aims to promote economic and sustainable use of forests with the objective of integrating forest based development on the country's economic and strategic agenda.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

Manage forest concessions

Promote sustainable forestry activities

Promote marketing activities related to forest products and services

Elaborate plans for sustainable forest production

Manage the National Forest Development Fund - FNDF

Manage the National Registry of Public Forests - CNFP

Manage the National Forest Information System - SNIF

Implement the National Forest Inventory - IFN

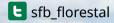
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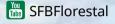
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FOREST CONCESSIONS

Concessions seek to ensure the production of timber and non-timber forest products through sustainable forest management, thus avoiding the predatory exploitation of natural resources. Moreover, the concessions in public forests aim to create the necessary conditions for the establishment of a model for a sustainable forestry economy, capable of creating employment and increasing household income in the long-term. To carry out the federal forest concessions, the Brazilian Forest Service manages the National Registry of Public Forests - CNFP, elaborates the Annual Plan for Forest Concession - PAOF and performs actions for continuous monitoring and inspection of areas under concession.

RESEARCH AND FOREST INFORMATION

Conducting research and disseminating information on forests contribute to the definition of public policies, to the management of natural resources and to the development of plans for forest conservation and use. In this sense, the Forest Service is responsible for the National Forest Inventory - IFN, an initiative that aims to monitor continuously the forest resources of the entire country. The agency is also responsible for coordinating the National Forest Information System - SNIF and the Forest Products Laboratory - LPF, a research center that is reference in timber and non-timber forest products technology.

FOREST DEVELOPMENT

The National Forest Development Fund - FNDF fosters sustainable forest activities and promotes technological innovations in the forest sector. Among many different actions to support sustainable forest development some can be highlighted, such as capacity building and technical assistance to support family and community forestry activities. The Brazilian Forest Service also manages the Rural Environmental Registry System - SICAR, a database on rural properties used to support actions to promote sustainable use of natural resources, monitoring and forest restoration, as well as territory planning.

