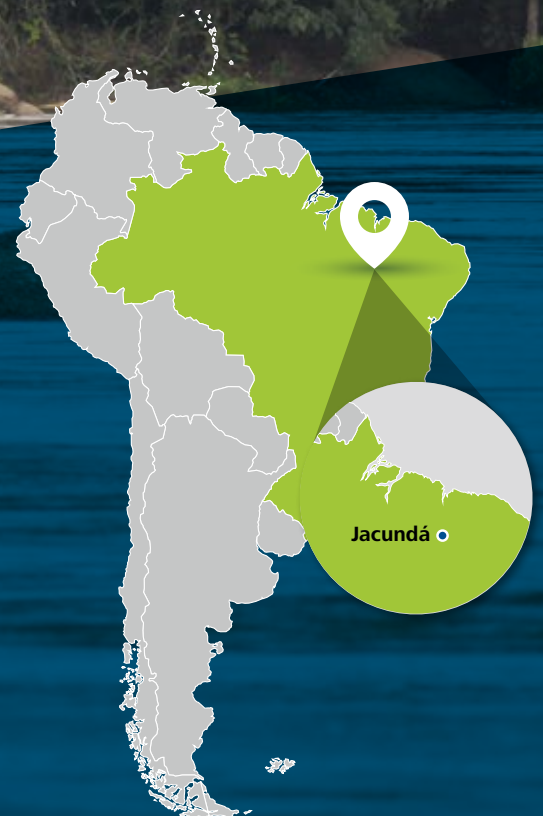




# Jacundá Forest Conservation Brazil

**Protecting the Amazon rainforest and  
empowering local communities**



*Through a community-based approach, Jacundá protects an area of 95,000 hectares of native forests, home to hundreds of animal and plant species. Biodiversity conservation and the sustainable use of resources improve local livelihoods and prevent an estimated 140,000 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions from being released into the atmosphere each year.*



### The Context

The Southern Brazilian State of Rondônia is renowned as part of the Amazonian “Arc of Deforestation”, a belt of rapidly disappearing tropical forest. The Resex Rio Preto-Jacundá territory in particular has a history of local economic hardship. This started with the occupation of the area and the installation of two rubber plantations over 70 years ago. Since, the rubber cycle in the Amazon has declined and this has deepened the vulnerability of traditional communities. Faced with these difficulties, the residents of this area seek livelihoods in a territory that is highly biodiverse but scarce in basic public services.

### The Project

The Jacundá project provides income opportunities for local communities by establishing a supply chain of non-timber products such as rubber, açai, and brazil nuts. With the help of the project and revenues generated from carbon credits, the project aims to protect 35,000 hectares of native rainforest from deforestation and establish 95,000 hectares of forest as a Protected Area.

### The Benefits

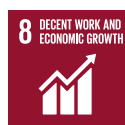
Apart from being certified by REDD+ and VCS, the Jacundá project was acknowledged with the community and biodiversity gold level of the Climate, Community and Biodiversity (CCB)-Standard. Community workshops on health care, biodiversity monitoring and leadership trainings for women and young people improve families’ livelihoods and empower vulnerable groups.

The project provides workshops and quarterly training for residents interested in agroecology, waste disposal and composting



**20 families**

participated in workshops on health and family planning



**130 residents**

benefit from better income opportunities by participating in the project



**414,000 tCO<sub>2</sub>e**

reduced on average annually through avoided deforestation



**94,289 ha**

of forest established as a protected area safeguarding native species

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