

Natural Capital in the Amazon COVID Economic Recovery

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Why Amazon Green Recovery matters?



The Amazon basin is the most biodiverse ecosystem on earth.

- ❑ It provides between **35% and 40%** of Latin America's fresh water
- ❑ It has **60%** of the world's remaining tropical rainforests and is home to at least **25%** of all terrestrial species;
- ❑ It also brings together unique cultures and knowledge associated with the forest through indigenous people belonging to more than **400** different ethnic groups.
- ❑ It has **38 million** inhabitants (Brazilian Legal Amazon)
- ❑ It represents about **60%** of Brazilian national territory

What has been done so far?

- ❑ US\$99 billion is the national amount spent in 2020 alone (Treasury, 2021);
- ❑ US\$ 10.3 billion is the total being considered (100%);
- ❑ US\$1 billion are positive measures, especially in credits for **family farming** and **low carbon agriculture**;
- ❑ US\$ 9,1 billions are in negative measures, especially in credit and subsidies for the **agriculture and cattle-raising**.

○ **Agribusiness has been the priority economic sector** - receive resources through the economic stimulus measures. The Amazon **arc of deforestation** coincides with the region where agriculture and cattle-raising are growing most

○ **Nine infrastructure concessions foreseen to 2021**, are tend to increase the pressure on forests

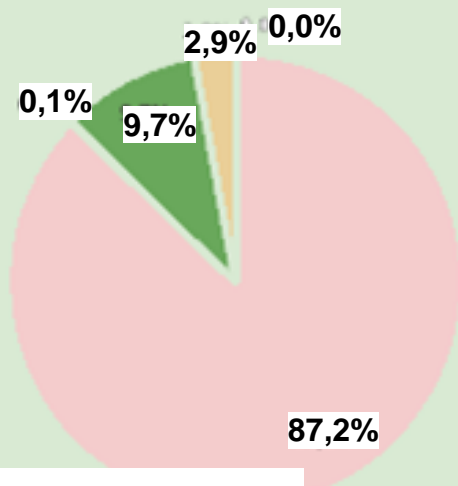
○ **The eight regulatory acts implemented for mining and fishing enterprises**, weaken the environmental governance

○ **Family Farming & Low carbon**
PRONAF and ABC Program: US\$ 942.7 mi

○ **Amazon Bioeconomy (Amazonas State)**
Inovasociobio Program: US\$ 419 mil

○ **Infrastructure Internet**
Connected Amazon Project: US\$ 4.47 mi

○ **Research and Development**
Reduction in available resources by 29.3% compared to 2020



- High Negative
- Low Negative
- Low Positive
- High Positive
- Uncertain/undefined

Estimated COVID Green Recovery Index: positive **EXPENDITURES** on natural capital compared to negative **EXPENDITURES** on natural capital

In view of the measures and values presented, it is estimated that only **9.8%** of them will have a **positive impact** on natural capital in the recovery of the Amazon, while the largest part, **87.2%**, should have a **negative impact** on natural capital.

There are still about **2.9%** of the measures considered where there are **uncertainties** as to the impact on natural capital in the Amazon, as they depend on how the resources will be applied in the projects in the region.



- ❑ Support for the incidence of green policies through the dissemination of the Green Recovery Plan carried out by the **Interstate Legal Amazon Consortium**



Reference: [Green Recovery Plan in the Legal Amazon](#)

Thank you!

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