



BRAZIL PROGRAM

USDA Forest Service International Programs

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS 2015-2019

Partnership for Conservation of Amazon Biodiversity Program (PCAB)

- ICMBio established guidelines and procedures for the preparation and review of management plans for federal Conservation Units (Instrução Normativa Nº 5/2018).
- Two Management Plans completed using the new methodology, and 45 additional under development or revision, with 9 plans in their final phase of completion.
- ICMBio builds SIGEO, a GIS-based tool to enhance management planning in Conservation Units.

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MANAGEMENT PLANNING PROJECT

The U.S. Forest Service (USFS), with support from U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) Partnership for Conservation of Amazon Biodiversity (PCAB), has been building technical capacity in Brazil's Chico Mendes Institute for Biodiversity Conservation (ICMBio) for management planning. Tools and best practices help improve the development and effectiveness of management plans for Brazil's federal conservation units.

USFS and ICMBio have worked together to adapt U.S. methodologies to revamp and streamline the development process and information contained in their General Management Plans. Now, ICMBio's planning model is more strategic, dynamic and focused on original management objectives; better integrates with institutional guidelines and priorities, improves communication about the importance of the conservation unit, and clarifies conservation objectives and how to achieve them. ICMBio has used the new methodology to complete General Management Plans for 2 conservation units, Cairaçu Environmental Protection Area and Iguazu National Park. The adapted model has become a "living" document, which ICMBio may improve and adapt as needed.

Through the partnership, ICMBio is also adapting *Park Atlas*, a tool used by the U.S. National Park Service. The tool uses Geographic Information System (GIS) to combine, organize and store geospatial data from a variety of sources on a reliable digital platform open to the public. Work on the adapted tool (named SIGEO in Brazil) is expected to be completed by end of 2019.



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