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Introduction

This report presents 12 cases of deforestation alerts based on data from DETER (System for Monitoring Deforestation on Real Time) and PRODES (Program for Deforestation Calculation) observed between July 27 and August 27, 2019, in the Brazilian Amazon and Cerrado biomes. Deforestation alerts considered in this report were visually confirmed.

Below, the table shows the amount of land clearance (in hectares) per municipality, based on aggregated clearance figures from all the cases included in this report.

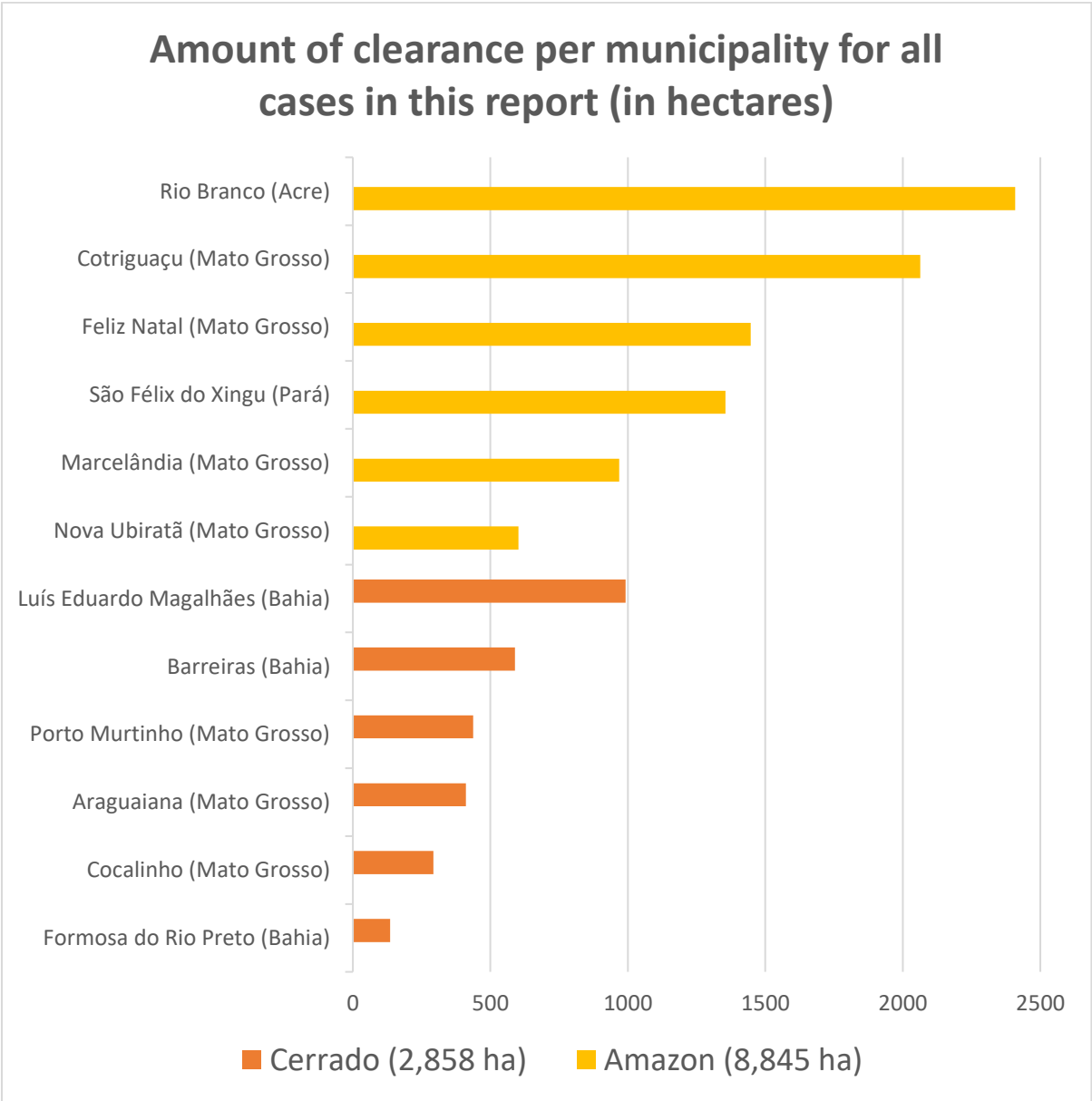


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1. Luiz Eduardo Magalhães (Bahia)



The yellow polygon indicates the border of Luiz Eduardo Magalhães, while the white polygon indicates the border of Fazenda Bananal IX.

1.1. Fazenda Bananal IX

General information	
Farm name	Fazenda Bananal IX
Farm area (ha) and coordinates	6,586 -45.813877453, -11.982612516
Municipality	Luís Eduardo Magalhães
State and biome	Bahia Cerrado
Land clearance	
Period of land clearance	July 14 to September 14, 2019
Size (ha) and coordinates of clearance	992 -45.87760, -11.98752
Percentage of total area	15%
Inside Forest Code protected areas (Legal Reserves and APP)	No - -
Type of native vegetation cleared	Wooded Savanna
Land	
Embargoed land (human rights and environmental issues)	No -
Environmental fines	No - -
Natural Reserves	Yes APA Bacia do Rio de Janeiro
Indigenous lands	No -
Ownership	
Registered landowner	Agrifirma Brasil Agropecuária
Company group	Agrifirma/Genagro, an investor in Brazilian farmlands
Other properties under same register or company name	In Agrifirma/Genagro's website they declare the ownership of a total area of 71,270 ha: Fazenda Bananal (23,931 ha), Fazenda Arrojadinho (20,148 ha), Fazenda Rio do Meio (12,287 ha), and another Fazenda Bananal (14,910 ha) leased from Radar (Cosan/TIAA-Cref)
Supply Chain	
Main Commodity	Soy
Confirmed supply chain relation	No
Soy supply chain details	There are 147 warehouses within a radius of 50 km from the property owned by Bunge (14 units - 1,292,610 MT), Cargill (5 units - 917,500 MT), and ADM (1 unit - 57,870 MT), among others. However, ADM and COFCO were the only reported traders of soy produced within the municipality in 2017.
Beef supply chain details	-
Other supply chain details	-

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Fazenda Bananal IX falls entirely within the conservation area APA Bacia do Rio de Janeiro. The deforestation detected from July 14 to September 14, 2019 (992 ha) is additional to 1,632 ha cleared in the first quarter of 2019, meaning that total clearance on the property is 2,624 ha since January 2019.

Genagro Ltd, based in London, invests in Brazilian farmland and has a 44.6 percent shareholding in Agrifirma.¹ Agrifirma's CFO, Vitor Levindo Pedreira, was the former CFO of OAS Empreendimentos (2013 - 2015), one of the companies involved in the Lava-Jato scandal in Brazil. In 2017, Pedreira was convicted with 10 other executives of OAS for the company's participation in the Bancoop scandal,² the case that led to the imprisonment of Luís Inácio Lula da Silva, Brazil's former president, in 2018 for supposedly accepting bribes from OAS.

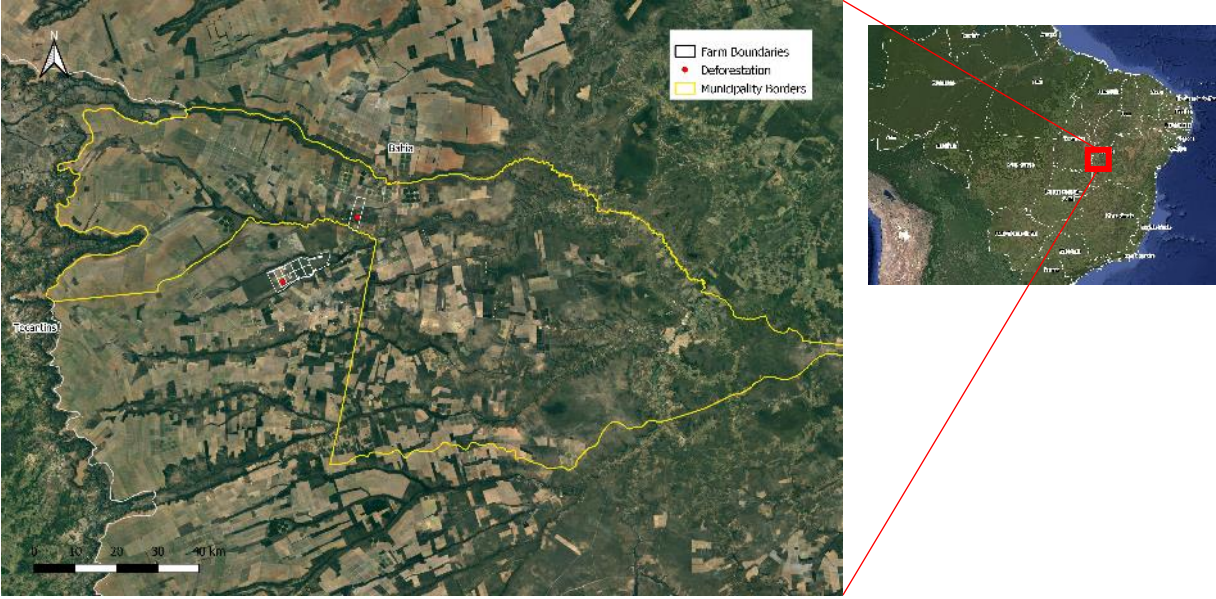
Agrifirma was established in 2008 by Ian Watson and Jim Slater as land investment operations of RIT Capital Partners, owned by Lord Jacob Rothschild. In September 2011, Brasil Agronegócio FIP,³ a private equity fund managed by BRZ Investimentos, acquired majority shares of Agrifirma, changing its name to Agrifirma Brasil Agropecuária. Brasil Agronegócio FIP invested BRL 160 million in this joint venture.

¹ <http://www.genagro.net/index.html>

² <https://politica.estadao.com.br/blogs/fausto-macedo/promotoria-diz-que-lula-e-dono-do-triplex-e-recorre-por-condenacao-de-leo-pinhoiro-vaccari-e-mais-dez-no-caso-bancoop/>

³ <https://www.valor.com.br/empresas/1000146/mesmo-com-captacao-agrifirma-mantem-planos-de-ipo>

2. Barreiras (Bahia)



The yellow polygon indicates the border of Barreiras, while the white polygon indicates the border of Fazenda Palmeira e Heloisa.

2.1. Fazenda Palmeira e Heloísa

General information	
Farm name	Fazenda Palmeira e Heloísa
Farm area (ha) and coordinates	3,808 -45.705481923, -11.856754826
Municipality	Barreiras
State and Biome	Bahia Cerrado
Land clearance	
Period of land clearance	June 24 to September 17, 2019
Size (ha) and coordinates of clearance	589 -45.70647, -11.86759
Percentage of total area	15%
Inside Forest Code protected areas (Legal Reserves and APP)	No - -
Type of native vegetation cleared	Savanna Park
Land	
Embargoed land (human rights and environmental issues)	No -
Environmental Fines	No - -
Natural Reserves	Yes APA Bacia do Rio de Janeiro
Indigenous lands	No -
Ownership	
Registered landowner	Fazenda Sequoia Bahia (Leonardo Montesanto Tavares and Ricardo Ribeiro Tavares - Grupo Montesanto Tavares)
Company group	Fazenda Sequoia Bahia is a company owned by Leonardo Montesanto Tavares, Ricardo Ribeiro Tavares, and Primavera Agronegócios, part of the Grupo Montesanto Tavares (GMT), a coffee company in Minas Gerais
Other properties under same register or company name	The Monte Santo Tavares company group owns another two bordering farms in Barreiras, Bahia, totalling 5,753 ha: Palmeira e Heloísa (3,808 ha), Fazenda Lagoa do Oeste (1,064 ha) and Fazenda Mimoso (881 ha). The headquarters of the company is in Minas Gerais, where the group owns five farms: Atlântica Agro, MGX Agro, Primavera (two under this name), and Matilde
Supply Chain	
Main Commodity	Unknown
Confirmed supply chain relation	No
Soy supply chain details	There are 118 warehouses within a 50 km radius from the property owned by Bunge (13), Cargill (4), ADM (1), among others
Beef supply chain details	-
Other supply chain details	There is no information available about the commodity produced on this farm, but Barreiras is part of a cotton production region in west Bahia. The company Grupo Monte Santo Tavares is focused on coffee production in Minas Gerais, supplying companies such as Starbucks and Green Mountain.

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In 2013, Adeco Agropecuária sold Fazenda Palmeira e Heloísa and mentioned the property as being part of its portfolio of coffee farms. Montesanto Tavares group, the current owner of this farm, is one of the largest Brazilian coffee producers and has more than 500 suppliers.⁴ Led by Ricardo Ribeiro Tavares, the group owns four coffee trading companies: Atlântica Coffee, Cafebras, Inter Brasil Coffee and Ally Coffee.⁵ Grupo Montesanto Tavares is the largest exporter of Arabica coffee in Brazil and supplies companies such as Starbucks and Green Mountain Coffee Roasters.⁶

The Public Sector Pension Investment (PSP Investments), a Canadian pension fund, bought part of the Montesanto Tavares Group in 2018.^{7,8}

Montesanto Tavares Group's Fazenda Sequóia received two fines for labor law irregularities in 2009, six in 2015 and one in 2018.⁹

⁴ <https://www.dinheirorural.com.br/secao/capa/o-mercador-do-cafe#>

⁵ <http://montesantotavares.com.br/>

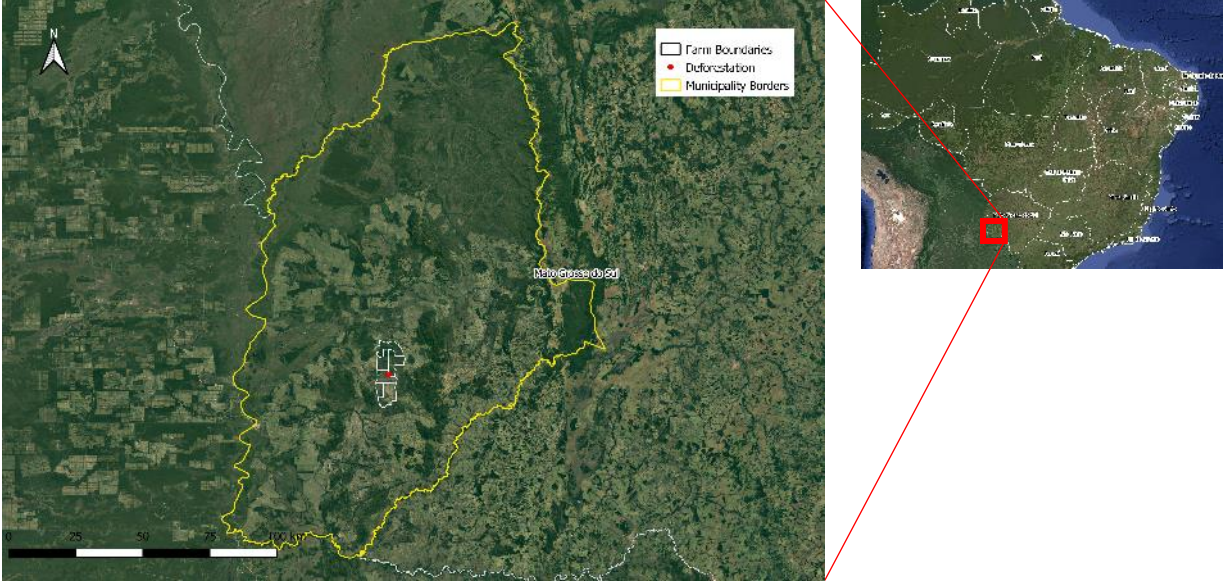
⁶ <https://economia.uol.com.br/noticias/redacao/2019/01/20/agronegocio-exportacao-cafes-especiais.htm>

⁷ <https://br.reuters.com/article/businessNews/idBRKBN1IA3FZ-OBRBS>

⁸ <https://www.investpsp.com/en/investors/natural-resources/>

⁹ <http://cdcit.mte.br/inter/cdcit/pages/infracoes/>

3. Porto Murtinho (Mato Grosso do Sul)

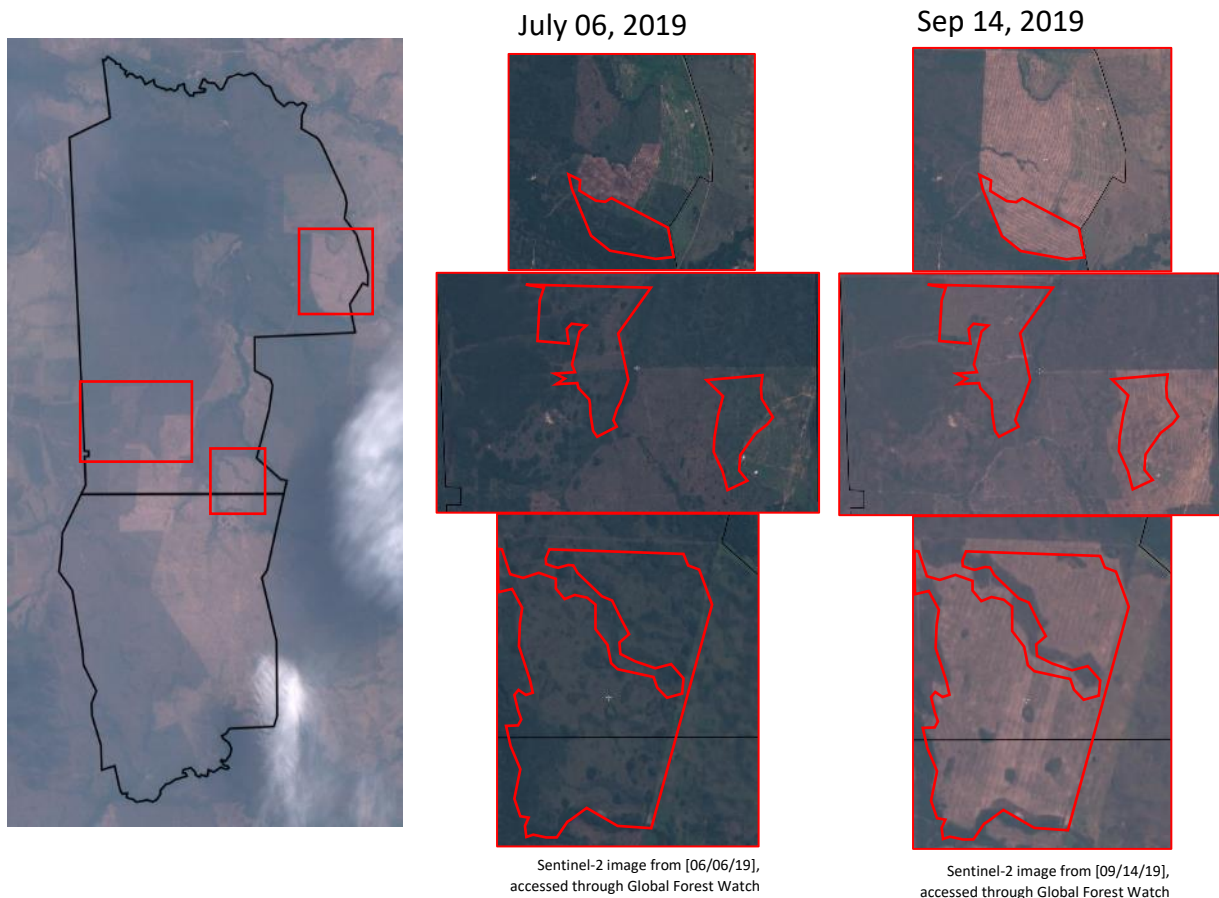


The yellow polygon indicates the border of Porto Murtinho, while the white polygon indicates the border of Fazenda Emadica Parte 02.

3.1. Fazenda Emadica Parte 02

General information	
Farm name	Fazenda Emadica
Farm area (ha) and coordinates	18,927 -57.4144, -21.5304
Municipality	Porto Murinho
State and Biome	Mato Grosso do Sul Cerrado
Land clearance	
Period of land clearance	July 07 to September 14, 2019
Size (ha) and coordinates of clearance	437 -57.39491, -21.53389
Percentage of total area	2%
Inside Forest Code protected areas (Legal Reserves and APP)	Yes 60 ha inside declared Legal Reserve and APP
Type of native vegetation cleared	Semidecidual Seasonal Forest
Land	
Embargoed land (human rights and environmental issues)	No -
Environmental Fines	No - -
Natural Reserves	No -
Indigenous lands	No -
Ownership	
Registered landowner	Aileen Correa da Silva Ferraz
Company group	No group company identified, but Aileen Correa da Silva Ferraz owns AF Pecuária and São Joaquim Agropecuária, both in Mato Grosso do Sul.
Other properties under same register or company name	Aileen Correa da Silva Ferraz is the registered owner of Fazenda Emadica Part 1, 2, 3, and 5, Fazenda Emadica Remanescente (all adjacent farms), and Estância Santo Antônio, in Rochedo, Mato Grosso
Supply Chain	
Main Commodity	Beef
Confirmed supply chain relation	Yes
Soy supply chain details	There is one warehouse within a 50 km radius from the property, owned by Agência Portuária de Porto Murinho. Within a 100km radius, only two other owners own several warehouses: Agropecuária Serradinho Ltda and Luiz Antonio Stragliotto. A total of 6,654 MT of soy was exported from the municipality in 2017, all by Royal Agro Cereais
Beef supply chain details	Cattle was sent from Fazenda Emadica to JBS's plant in Ponta Porã in 2018 and JBS's plant in Naviraí (MS) in 2019. Moreover, cattle were sent from Estância Santo Antônio in Rochedo (Mato Grosso) to two plants for slaughter: Naturafriq Alimentos Ltda (signed TAC) and Frizelo Frigoríficos
Other supply chain details	-

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Aileen Correa da Silva Ferraz owns two beef companies, AF Pecuária and São Joaquim Agropecuária, and a restaurant in Campo Grande.^{10,11} Her father, João Adalberto Ayub Ferraz, was the president of the Association of Cattle Ranchers of Mato Grosso do Sul (Acrissul) in the 1990s,¹² and her brother, Maurício da Silva Ferraz, likely co-manages Fazenda Emadicá.¹³

A 2018 video recording with Maurício reveals that Fazenda Emadicá supplies cattle to JBS.¹⁴ Animal transfer data confirms these supply chain relations between Fazenda Emadicá and JBS's plants in Ponta Porã and JBS's plant in Naviraí (MS).¹⁵

In 2009, environmental local prosecutors of Porto Murtinho investigated the property Fazenda Emadicá, at that time managed by João Adalberto Ayub Ferraz, for illegal deforestation in a permanent preservation area (APP).^{16,17}

¹⁰ <https://www.cnpj.world/empresa/af-pecuaria-eireli/26777382000158>

¹¹ <https://cnpj.biz/37562626000100>

¹² <https://www1.folha.uol.com.br/fsp/agrofolh/fa260313.htm>

¹³ http://www.spdo.ms.gov.br/diariodoe/Index/Download/DO9570_10_01_2018

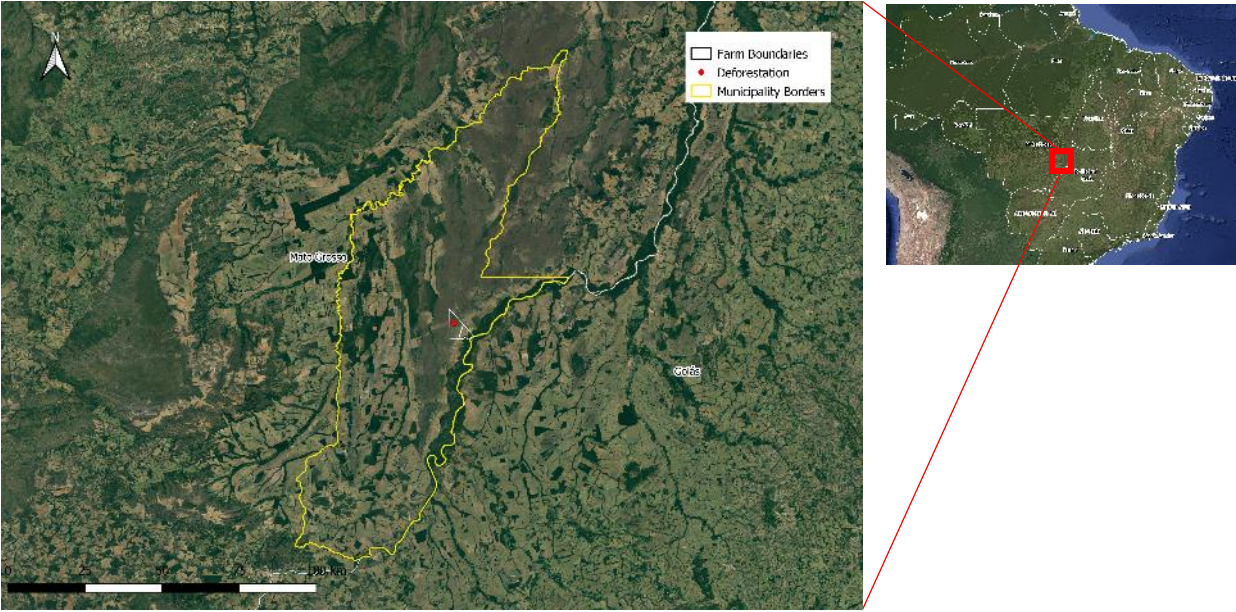
¹⁴ <https://www.girodobo.com.br/videos/confira-as-fazendas-em-destaque-do-dia-05-de-janeiro-de-2018/>

¹⁵ Animal Transit Data

¹⁶ <http://www.radaroficial.com.br/d/6478765563576320>

¹⁷ <https://www.jusbrasil.com.br/diarios/37421370/mp-ms-30-05-2012-pg-3>

4. Araguaiana (Mato Grosso)



The yellow polygon indicates the border of Araguaiana, while the white polygon indicates the border of Fazenda Lago do Marrecão (Marrecão I).

4.1. Fazenda Lago do Marrecão (Marrecão I)

General information	
Farm name	Fazenda Lago do Marrecão (Marrecão I)
Farm area (ha) and coordinates	4,420 -51.690338216, -15.145780056
Municipality	Araguaiana
State and Biome	Mato Grosso Cerrado
Land clearance	
Period of land clearance	June 15 to September 08, 2019
Size (ha) and coordinates of clearance	411 -51.69161, -15.12623
Percentage of total area	9%
Inside Forest Code protected areas (Legal Reserves and APP)	Yes 411 ha inside declared Legal Reserve
Type of native vegetation cleared	Savanna Park
Land	
Embargoed land (human rights and environmental issues)	No -
Environmental Fines	No - -
Natural Reserves	No -
Indigenous lands	No -
Ownership	
Registered landowner	Pedro Julião Freire Lemos
Company group	Somelpe Administradora
Other properties under same register or company name	Fazenda Santa Mônica (820 ha), in Rosana, São Paulo. No other properties found in Mato Grosso
Supply Chain	
Main Commodity	Beef
Confirmed supply chain relation	Yes
Soy supply chain details	There are two silos within a 50 km radius from the property, although neither are owned by soy export companies. In 2017, 100% of soy produced in Araguaiana was exported and ADM was the sole exporter.
Beef supply chain details	Fazenda Marrecão I e II supplied cattle to a JBS slaughterhouse in Barra do Garças, Mato Grosso
Other supply chain details	-

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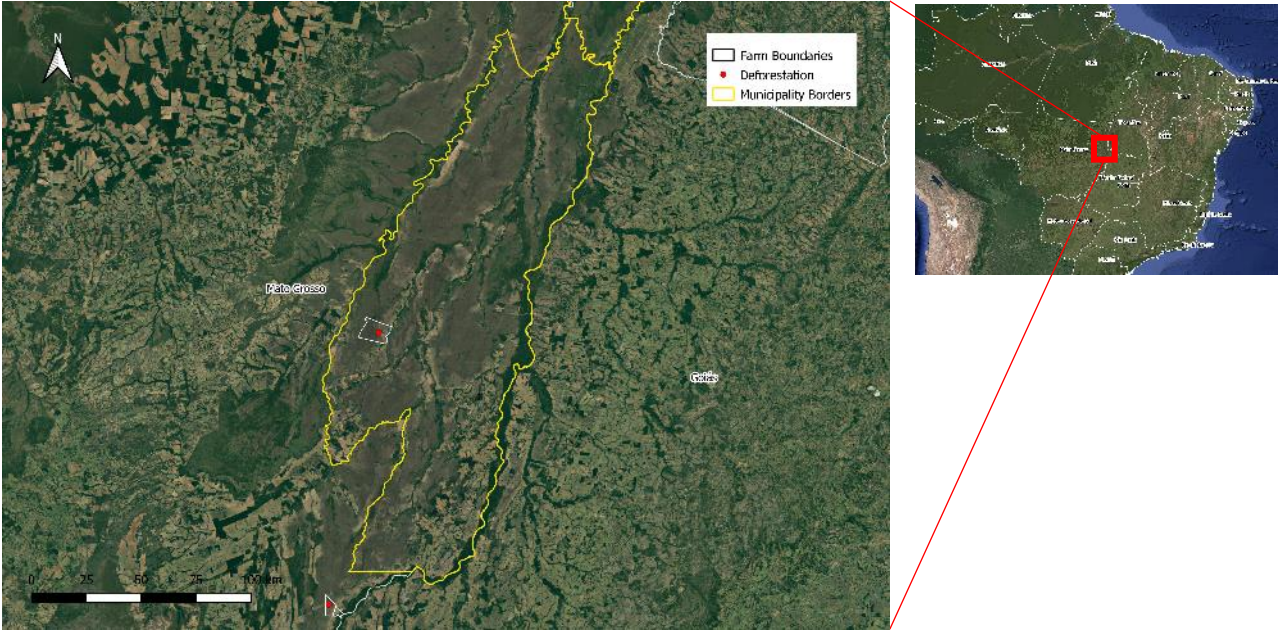
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In 2010, the Freire Lemos family was prosecuted by the State Public Prosecutors Office (MPE) in São Paulo for environmental degradation in their property Fazenda Santa Mônica, in Rosana.¹⁸ In 2011, Pedro Julião Freire Lemos was prosecuted by the Public Prosecutor Office (MPF) for suspicion of acquiring Fazenda São Rafael I and II, in Mato Grosso, with money linked to criminal activities.¹⁹ In 2016, the court concluded though that Pedro Julião Freire Lemos was not guilty in this case.

¹⁸ http://www.mpsp.mp.br/portal/page/portal/DO_Estado/2010/DO2511_2.htm

¹⁹ <http://apps.mpf.mp.br/aptusmpf/index2#/detalhe/92000000000010257055?modulo=0&sistema=portal>

5. Cocalinho (Mato Grosso)



The yellow polygon indicates the border of Cocalinho, while the white polygon indicates the border of Fazenda Lagoa da Serra.

5.1. Fazenda Lagoa da Serra

General information	
Farm name	Fazenda Lagoa da Serra
Farm area (ha) and coordinates	11,286 -51.506667842, -13.972295628
Municipality	Cocalinho
State and Biome	Mato Grosso Cerrado
Land clearance	
Period of land clearance	June 01 to September 08, 2019
Size (ha) and coordinates of clearance	293 -51.47973, -13.97080
Percentage of total area	3%
Inside Forest Code protected areas (Legal Reserves and APP)	No - -
Type of native vegetation cleared	Forested Savanna
Land	
Embargoed land (human rights and environmental issues)	No -
Environmental Fines	No - -
Natural Reserves	No -
Indigenous lands	No -
Ownership	
Registered landowner	Lagoa da Serra Agropecuária
Company group	Lagoa da Serra Agropecuária, owned by Jackeline Gomes Guerra and Vinicius Rodolfo Gomes Guerra
Other properties under same register or company name	No other properties found
Supply Chain	
Main Commodity	Beef
Confirmed supply chain relation	Yes
Soy supply chain details	There are 13 warehouses within a 60 km radius. Cargill owns one of these warehouses (capacity of 11,480 MT). In 2017, Gavillon was the only trader exporting soy from Cocalinho.
Beef supply chain details	Fazenda Lagoa da Serra supplied cattle to a JBS slaughterhouse in Barra do Garças and to a Marfrig slaughterhouse in Nova Xavantina, both in Mato Grosso.
Other supply chain details	-

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In 2018, the company Lagoa da Serra Agropecuária was embargoed by the Chico Mendes Institute for Biodiversity Conservation (ICMBio)²⁰ for building an airport inside the APA Meandros do Rio Araguaia in 2015 without previous authorization and environmental licensing^{21,22} from the Federal government.

²⁰ ICMBio is the governmental institute managing and monitoring the Federal Nature Conservation Areas.

²¹ www.icmbio.gov.br/portal/images/stories/areas_embargadas/Embargos_ICMBio.xlsx

²² www.icmbio.gov.br/portal/images/stories/DCOM_tabela_de_areas_embargadas_atualizacao_11_15.pdf

6. Formosa do Rio Preto (Bahia)



The yellow polygon indicates the border of Formosa do Rio Preto, while the white polygon indicates the border of Fazenda Agropecuária Albuquerque (Fazendas Gerais 1A, 1B, 2A, and X).

6.1. Fazenda Agropecuária Albuquerque (Fazendas Gerais 1A, 1B, 2A, and X)

General information	
Farm name	Fazenda Agropecuária Albuquerque (Fazendas Gerais 1A, 1B, 2A, and X)
Farm area (ha) and coordinates	19,640 -45.853440835, -10.613480921
Municipality	Formosa do Rio Preto
State and Biome	Bahia Cerrado
Land clearance	
Period of land clearance	June 5 to September 9, 2019
Size (ha) and coordinates of clearance	136 -45.84921, -10.68631
Percentage of total area	1%
Inside Forest Code protected areas (Legal Reserves and APP)	No - -
Type of native vegetation cleared	Wooded Savanna
Land	
Embargoed land (human rights and environmental issues)	No -
Environmental Fines	No - -
Natural Reserves	Yes APA do Rio Preto and Estação Ecológica Serra Geral do Tocantins
Indigenous lands	No -
Ownership	
Registered landowner	João Toledo de Albuquerque and Stelio Darci Cerqueira de Albuquerque
Company group	João Toledo de Albuquerque and Stelio Darci Cerqueira de Albuquerque are registered as producers of soy and other crops. Stelio Darci Cerqueira de Albuquerque also owns Gerais Beneficiadora de Algodão, registered in Formosa do Rio Preto.
Other properties under same register or company name	Fazenda Agropecuária Albuquerque is divided into four other properties: Fazenda Gerais 1A, 1B, 2A, and X. The Toledo de Albuquerque family does not own other properties in Bahia.
Supply Chain	
Main Commodity	Soy
Confirmed supply chain relation	Yes
Soy supply chain details	There are 21 warehouses within a 50 km radius owned by Bunge, ALZ Grãos (formerly Amaggi & LD Commodities), and Cargill, among others. These three are also the main traders of soy produced in Formosa do Rio Preto: Bunge (28%), ALZ Grãos (Amaggi & LD) (25%), and Cargill (6%). In 2017, Formosa do Rio Preto occupied the third position in soy production among all the Brazilian municipalities.
Beef supply chain details	-
Other supply chain details	-

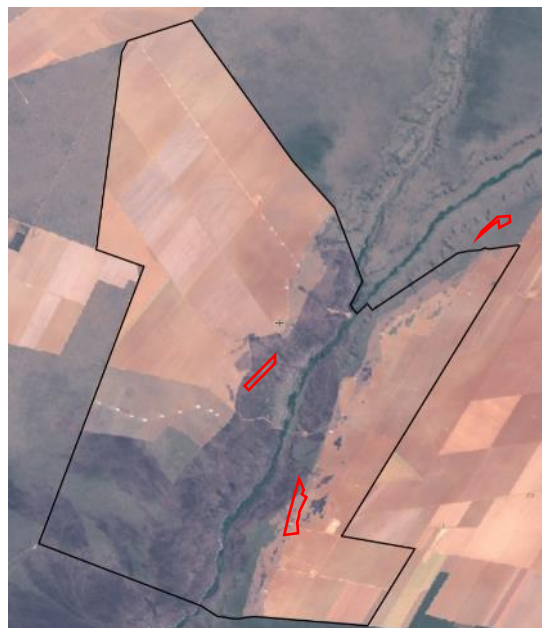
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The Toledo de Albuquerque family, from Alagoas state, has a track record of environmental fines. Stelio Darci Cerqueira de Albuquerque and Geny Borela Toledo de Albuquerque are parents of João, André, and Sérgio Toledo de Albuquerque. In 2018, João was convicted for environmental degradation (deforestation) in a Federal Conservation area.²³ In 2010, André was prosecuted by Ibama for land clearance using fire in Fazenda Sassafráz (Formosa do Rio Preto, Bahia).²⁴

In 2010, the family filed a lawsuit against Coaceral and BNDES over the control of Fazenda Sassafráz, totaling 34,260 hectares. According to the judicial process, the farm overlaps with two other properties – Fazenda Boa Vista and Fazenda São João – owned by the cotton producers Lamesa Laminação Industrial Ltda and Algoadeira Goyerê Indústria e Comércio Ltda. In 2016, the lawsuit returned to the Bahia State Justice Court because the Federal Court decided it wasn't within its jurisdiction, despite the evidence that BNDES auctioned the two farms.²⁵ This same farm, Fazenda Sassafráz, was listed by Sérgio as his property in the list of assets requested by the Electoral Court to run the elections of 2018 when he was elected as Federal Deputy (2019-2022) representing the Republican Party (PR).²⁶

The Toledo de Albuquerque family is also the largest owner of "Notary offices" (private service to register ownership and business) in Alagoas state, making them the main provider of these services in this state.^{27,28} João Toledo de Albuquerque is directly involved in 7 labor law infractions.²⁹

²³ <https://www.bnews.com.br/noticias/jusnews/justica/205410,fazendeiro-e-condenado-por-devastar-66-mil-hectares-em-area-protegida-no-oeste-baiano.html>

²⁴ <https://servicos.ibama.gov.br/ctf/publico/areasembargadas/ConsultaPublicaAreasEmbargadas.php>

²⁵ <https://www.jusbrasil.com.br/diarios/documentos/354777653/andamento-do-processo-n-0002222-2020104025101-27-06-2016-do-trf-2?ref=topic-lawsuit>

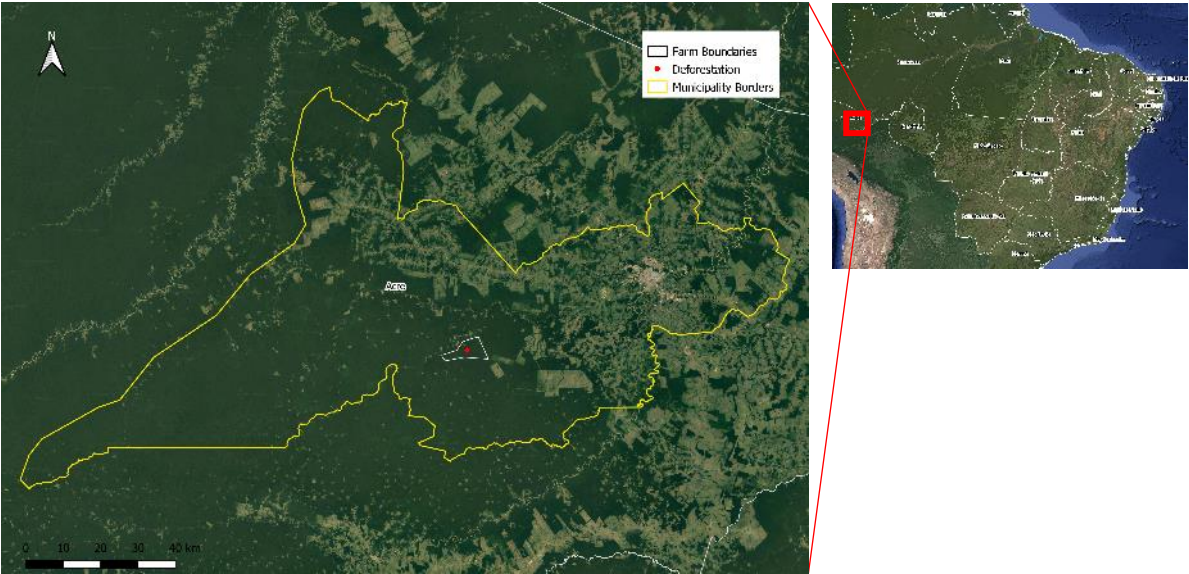
²⁶ <https://deolhonosruralistas.com.br/2019/05/12/mapa-das-terras-dos-parlamentares-mostra-que-congressistas-acumulam-fazendas-na-amazonia-e-no-matopiba/>

²⁷ <https://novoextra.com.br/noticias/alagoas/2019/04/45829-poucos-cartorios-faturam-milhoes-em-alagoas>

²⁸ <https://novoextra.com.br/sururu/2018/02/344-monopolio-dos-cartorios>

²⁹ Former Brazilian Ministry of Labor and Employment (currently merged with the Ministry of Economy)

7. Rio Branco (Acre)



The yellow polygon indicates the border of Rio Branco, while the white polygon indicates the border of Agropecuária Ranchão I.

7.1. Agropecuária Ranchão I

General information	
Farm name	Agropecuária Ranchão I
Farm area (ha) and coordinates	4,184 -68.270415273,-10.149080422
Municipality	Rio Branco
State and Biome	Acre Amazon
Land clearance	
Period of land clearance	July 01 to September 09, 2019
Size (ha) and coordinates of clearance	2,409 -68.27338, -10.14863
Percentage of total area	58%
Inside Forest Code protected areas (Legal Reserves and APP)	Yes 2,409 ha inside declared Legal Reserve and APP
Type of native vegetation cleared	Ombrophilous Open Forest
Land	
Embargoed land (human rights and environmental issues)	No -
Environmental Fines	No - -
Natural Reserves	No -
Indigenous lands	No -
Ownership	
Registered landowner	Mozar Marcondes Filho
Company group	Mozar Marcondes Filho is co-owner of Distribuidora de Bebidas Sorriso
Other properties under same register or company name	Mozar Marcondes Filho also owns Fazenda Agropecuária Sorriso in Rio Branco (AC) which may be the same farm as Agropecuária Ranchão I (but unconfirmed). In addition, he owns the nearby farm Fazenda Sao Francisco.
Supply Chain	
Main Commodity	Timber
Confirmed supply chain relation	No
Soy supply chain details	There is only one warehouse within a 50 km radius, owned by Companhia Nacional De Abastecimento Conab. Only 179 MT tons of soy was exported from the municipality in 2017, all by Cargill.
Beef supply chain details	-
Other supply chain details	-

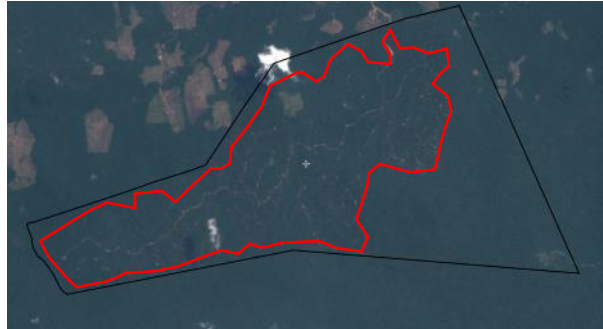
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Mozar Marcondes Filho is owner of Distribuidora De Bebidas Sorriso, a wholesale company of beer, draft beer and soda.³⁰ Mozar also owns Fazenda Agropecuária Sorriso in Rio Branco, a farm that recently appeared in the slave labor list.³¹ In 2014, Mozar had to pay BRL 500,000 in fines for slave labor on this same farm.³²

Moreover, according to Comissão Pastoral da Terra (CPT), Mozar was recently involved in a conflict (August 2019) with threats and direct violence against young peasants in São Bernardo Seringal area.³³ In 2012, he also allegedly threatened members of CPT of Acre State.³⁴

A blog from 2011 shows that Mozar was given the logging management of the São Bernardo region and that he handed over concession rights to the logging company Triunfo, which destroyed native vegetation in non-authorized areas.³⁵

Mozar Marcondes Filho also owns Fazenda Sao Francisco (nearby the farm under alert) which has three embargoes on it from 2015.³⁶

³⁰ <https://www.cnpjconsultas.com/empresa/distribuidora-de-bebidas-sorriso-ltda/84308816000177>

³¹ <https://folhadoacre.com.br/geral/fazendeiros-do-acre-aparecem-na-lista-suja-do-trabalho-escravo-38-trabalhadores-sao-resgatados/>

³² <http://www.altinomachado.com.br/2014/03/justica-condena-pecuarista-do-acre.html>

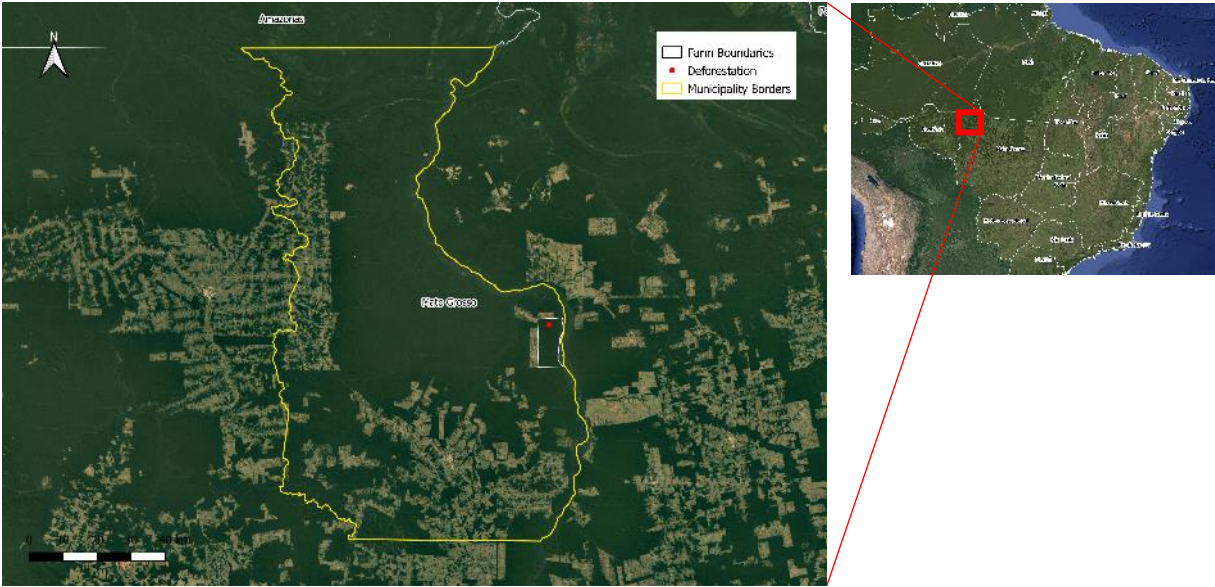
³³ <https://www.cptnacional.org.br/publicacoes/noticias/conflitos-no-campo/4839-no-seringal-sao-bernardo-ac-policiais-agridem-e-ameacam-jovens-trabalhadores-por-horas>

³⁴ <http://www.ihu.unisinos.br/172-noticias/noticias-2012/513001-cpt-e-cimi-do-acre-denunciam-violencia-e-ameacas-contra-seus-integrantes>

³⁵ <https://oestadoacre.com/blog/2011/10/05/ambiente-empresa-triunfo-pode-perder-autorizacao-para-exploracao-de-madeira/>

³⁶ <http://www.car.gov.br/#/consultar/AC-1200401-230F0980331442FCA98C9AF4F5857FD0>

8. Cotriguaçu (Mato Grosso)



The yellow polygon indicates the border of Cotriguaçu, while the white polygon indicates the border of Fazenda Rancho Cabocla.

8.1. Fazenda Rancho Cabocla

General information	
Farm name	Fazenda Rancho Cabocla
Farm area (ha) and coordinates	9,662 -58.299452947, -9.5906121437
Municipality	Cotriguaçu
State and Biome	Mato Grosso Amazon
Land clearance	
Period of land clearance	Jul 09 to September 08, 2019
Size (ha) and coordinates of clearance	2,063 -58.27776, -9.53235
Percentage of total area	21%
Inside Forest Code protected areas (Legal Reserves and APP)	Yes 2,063 ha inside declared Legal Reserve and APP
Type of native vegetation cleared	Ombrophilous Dense Forest
Land	
Embargoed land (human rights and environmental issues)	No -
Environmental Fines	No - -
Natural Reserves	No -
Indigenous lands	No -
Ownership	
Registered landowner	Artemio Richter
Company group	Madeiraira Richter Ltda (M R Madeiras)
Other properties under same register or company name	Artemio Richter owns two other farms in Cotriguaçu, Mato Grosso: Fazenda Sao Lucas (2,895 ha) and Fazenda Cachimbeiro Grande (2,301 ha)
Supply Chain	
Main Commodity	Multiple
Confirmed supply chain relation	Yes
Soy supply chain details	There is only one warehouse around 60 km from the farm, owned by Engagro Armazens Gerais Ltda. There are no records on soy traded in this municipality
Beef supply chain details	Numerous slaughterhouses source from this municipality, including Vale Grande, JBS, and Marfrig. Artemio Richter owns four other cattle farms in Cotriguaçu, Mato Grosso: Fazenda Rancho Fundo, Sítio Familia Ritter, Fazenda São Lucas I, and Fazenda Cachimbeiro Grande. Direct supply chain links exist between the two latter farms and a slaughterhouse of JBS in Juína, Mato Grosso. There are also records of cattle moving from Artemio's farms to Frigorífico RS Ltda (Juína). There seems to be no animal transit data on the farm Fazenda Rancho Cabocla (the farm under alert).
Other supply chain details	Artemio supplies timber from Fazenda Rancho da Cabocla to the company Madeiraira Richter Ltda. Several retail companies source from Madeiraira Richter, including Hipermade, Moveis Arnil, and Léo Madeiras. The latter is one of Brazil's largest retail chains in this segment. Their timber products are also sold by the French company Leroy Merlin's local operations.

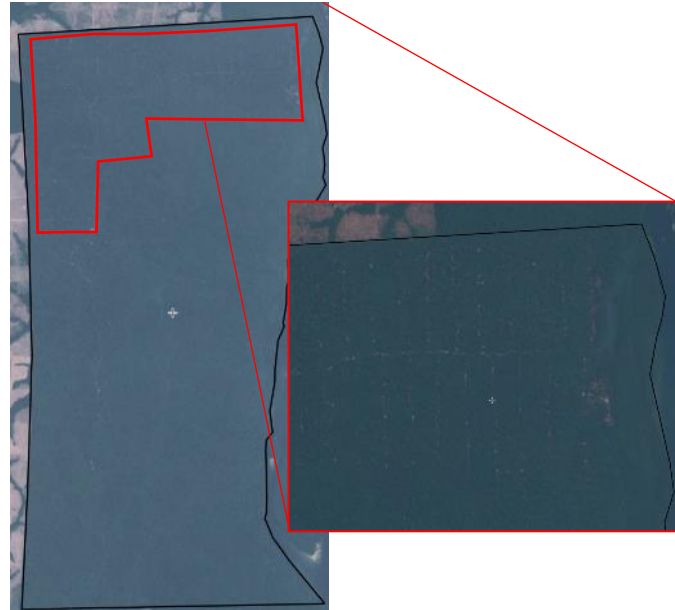
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Artemio Richter is one of the main figures in the Union of Logging Industries of Norwest of Mato Grosso (SIMNO - Sindicato das Indústrias Madeireiras do Noroeste de Mato Grosso). He was the vice president of the organization from 2005 to 2008,³⁷ and he is currently the representative of SIMNO in Cotriguaçu.³⁸ Artemio Richter owns the sawmill company Madeireira Richter Ltda (M R Madeiras)³⁹ and supplied timber to one of Brazil's largest retail chains, Léo Madeiras.⁴⁰

In addition, the Richter family manages an extensive network of cattle properties in Mato Grosso. Next to Fazenda Rancho Cabocla, Artemio Richter owns four other cattle farms in Cotriguaçu, Mato Grosso: Fazenda Rancho Fundo, Sítio Família Ritter, Fazenda São Lucas I, and Fazenda Cachimbeiro Grande. Direct supply chain links exist between the two latter farms and a slaughterhouse of JBS in Juína, Mato Grosso.⁴¹

³⁷ https://www.al.mt.gov.br/storage/webdisco/docs_administrativos/doc_3246.pdf

³⁸ https://issuu.com/cristianeoliveira41/docs/simno_30_anos_-_leiaute

³⁹ <https://www.cnpj.world/empresa/madeira-richter-ltda/cw4J8icDs>

⁴⁰ <https://www.leomadeiras.com.br/>

⁴¹ Animal Transit Data.

9. Feliz Natal (Mato Grosso)



The yellow polygon indicates the border of Feliz Natal, while the white polygon indicates the border of Fazenda São Paulo, San Fernandes and Santo André (Fazenda Maçaranduba).

9.1. Fazenda São Paulo, San Fernandes and Santo André (Fazenda Maçaranduba)

General information	
Farm name	Fazenda São Paulo, San Fernandes, and Santo André (Fazenda Maçaranduba)
Farm area (ha) and coordinates	11,096 -54.967402148, -12.260746995
Municipality	Feliz Natal
State and Biome	Mato Grosso Amazon
Land clearance	
Period of land clearance	June 06 to September 19, 2019
Size (ha) and coordinates of clearance	1,447 -54.93477, -12.22085
Percentage of total area	13%
Inside Forest Code protected areas (Legal Reserves and APP)	Yes 760 ha inside declared Legal Reserve and APP
Type of native vegetation cleared	Semidecidual Seasonal Forest
Land	
Embargoed land (human rights and environmental issues)	No -
Environmental Fines	No - -
Natural Reserves	No -
Indigenous lands	No -
Ownership	
Registered landowner	Luciante Participações, Ricardo Publio de Oliveira, Rfo Participações, and Carlos Eduardo Biziak
Company group	Agropecuária São Francisco, Agropecuária Sol Nascente, Jaú Agronegócios and Caraguá Agronegócios
Other properties under same register or company name	Ricardo Publio owns four other properties in Mato Grosso: Fazenda Amparo, in Feliz Natal; Fazenda Guariba, in Aripuanã; Fazenda Santo Antônio, in Juara; and Fazenda Camargo, in Nortelândia. Agropecuária São Francisco operates in three farms in Mato Grosso: Fazenda Santa Mônica, in Juara; Fazenda Cachimbo, in Aripuanã; and Fazenda Gleba 23 de Setembro (Lotes 1, 2 e 3, together with Agropecuária Sol Nascente and Agropecuária 30 de Dezembro), in Feliz Natal. Jaú Agronegócios appears as the main owner of Fazenda São Gabriel, in Feliz Natal. Agropecuária Luciante (Luciante Participações) has properties in Aripuanã in Mato Grosso.
Supply Chain	
Main Commodity	Unknown
Confirmed supply chain relation	No
Soy supply chain details	There are 63 warehouses within a 50 km radius of the property. COFCO owns two warehouses (total capacity of 130,000 MT) and Glencore owns one (total capacity of 34,000 MT). In 2017, Caramuru, a Brazilian soy trader, exported 96% of the soy produced in Feliz Natal.
Beef supply chain details	Ricardo Publio is owner of Frigoari, a slaughter company in Ariquemes, Rondônia State.
Other supply chain details	-

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A conglomerate of investor-led agribusiness companies owns Fazenda São Paulo, Fazenda San Fernando, and Fazenda Santo André (formerly Gleba Maçaranduba). Ricardo Publio de Oliveira owns 62 different companies, some of which are linked to these agribusiness companies in São Paulo, Rondônia, Mato Grosso and Mato Grosso do Sul.

In 2010, one of the farms owned by Agropecuária 30 de Dezembro (owned by Luciante Participações, Ricardo Publio de Oliveira, Rfo Participações, and Carlos Eduardo Biziak) in Feliz Natal was embargoed for illegal deforestation, with a new case filed in 2016.⁴² The accusation was dismissed by the General Attorney of Mato Grosso.⁴³

Agropecuária São Francisco and Agropecuária Sol Nascente had operation licenses for the farms São Paulo and Santo André cancelled by Mato Grosso state in 2017. In 2019, a new company belonging to Rfo Participações (Caraguá Agronegócios) obtained the operation license for these two farms.

Another relevant name linked to these agribusiness companies is Natalino Bertin⁴⁴, arrested in 2018 for money laundering.⁴⁵ Natalino signed an agreement with the Mato Grosso State government in 2014 to protect and maintain the Legal Reserve areas of Fazenda Maçaranduba.⁴⁶

⁴² <https://servicos.ibama.gov.br/ctf/publico/areasembargadas/ConsultaPublicaAreasEmbargadas.php>

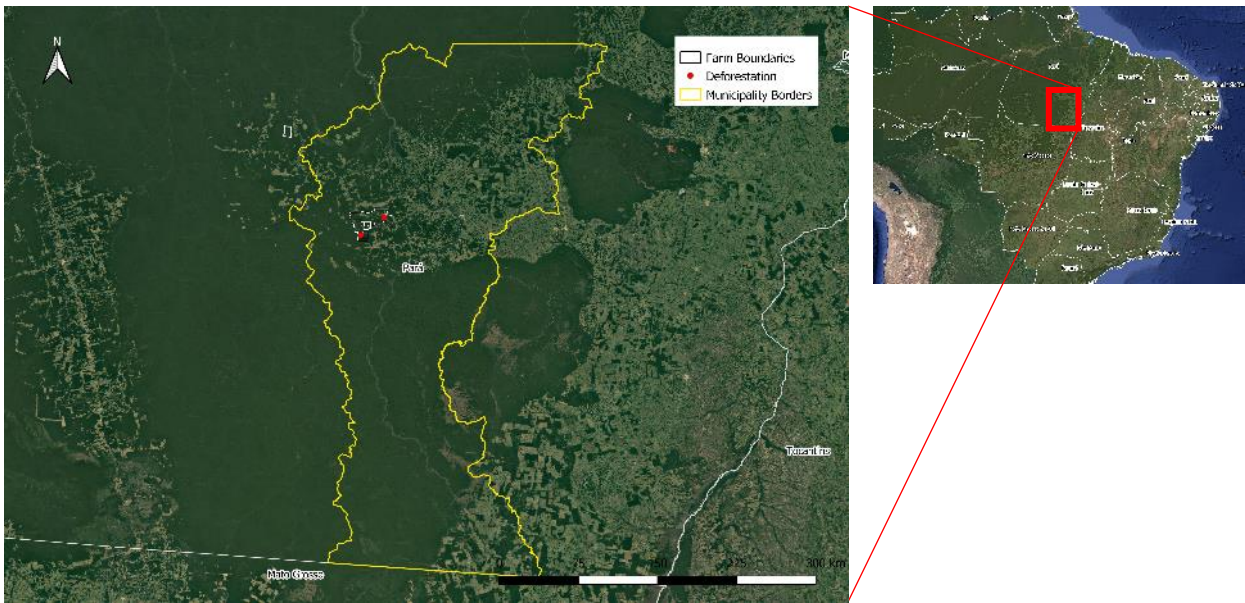
⁴³ www.mpf.mp.br/atuacao-tematica/ccr4/dados-da-atuacao/manifestacoes-do-colegiado/atas-ordinarias/ano-2017/ATA516SO.pdf

⁴⁴ www.sociosbrasil.com/nome/natalino-bertin

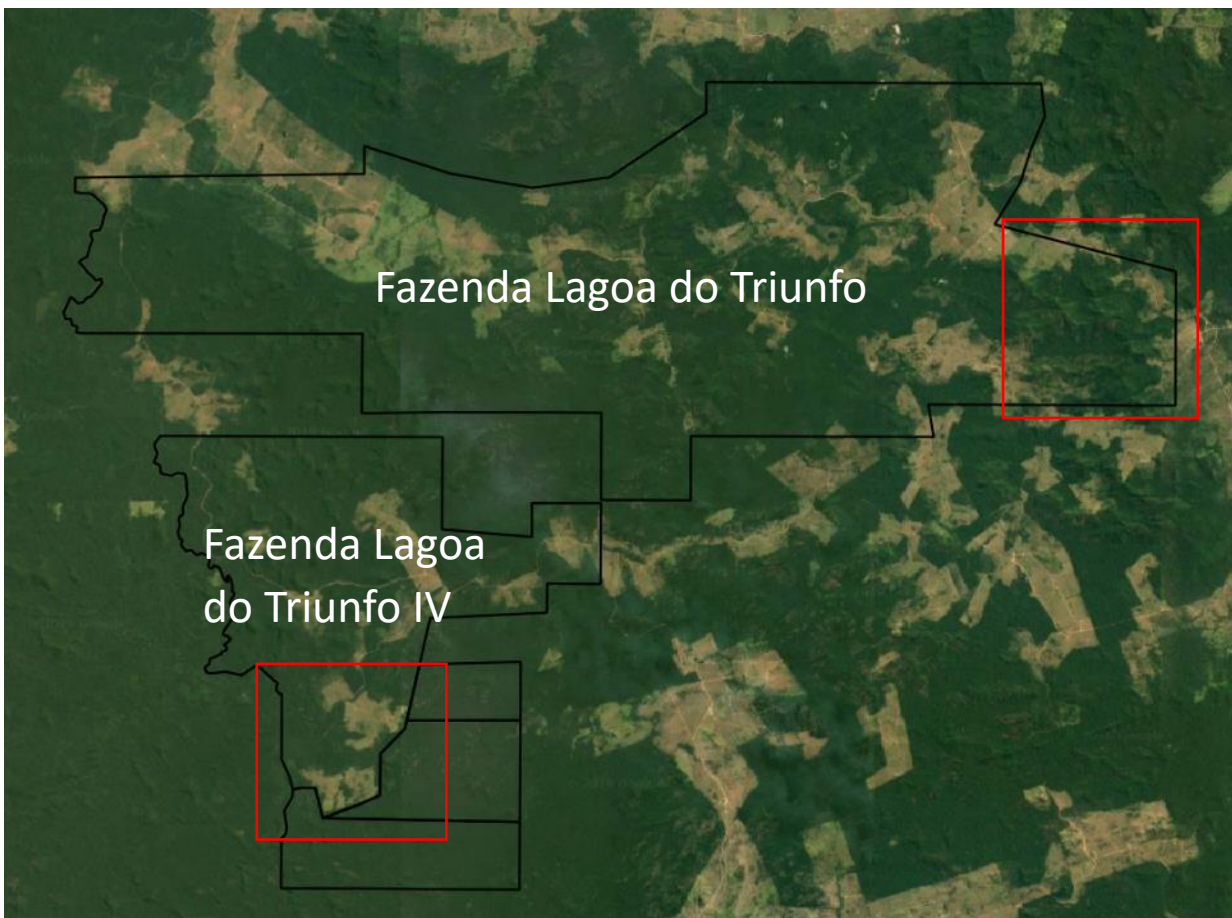
⁴⁵ <https://www.istoedinheiro.com.br/lava-jato-manda-prender-empresario-natalino-bertin/>

⁴⁶ <https://www.jusbrasil.com.br/diarios/77102152/doemt-23-09-2014-pg-18>

10. São Félix do Xingu (Pará)



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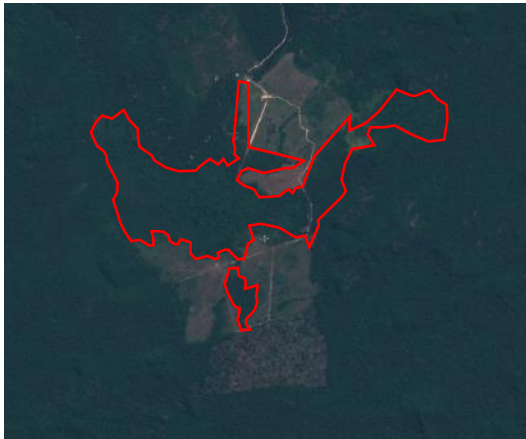


10.1. Fazendas Lagoa do Triunfo I, III e IV – Parte Remanescente

General information	
Farm name	Fazendas Lagoa do Triunfo I, III, IV - Parte Remanescente
Farm area (ha) and coordinates	56,731 -52.739104845, -6.6468261942
Municipality	São Félix do Xingu
State and Biome	Pará Amazon
Land clearance	
Period of land clearance	June 28 to September 21, 2019
Size (ha) and coordinates of clearance	1,355 -52.85549, -6.80671
Percentage of total area	2%
Inside Forest Code protected areas (Legal Reserves and APP)	Yes 774 ha inside declared Legal Reserve and APP
Type of native vegetation cleared	Ombrophilous Dense Forest
Land	
Embargoed land (human rights and environmental issues)	No -
Environmental Fines	No - -
Natural Reserves	Yes APA Triunfo do Xingu
Indigenous lands	No -
Ownership	
Registered landowner	Agropecuária Santa Barbara Xinguara, Raimundo Nonato Nogueira da Costa, and Eldorado do Xingu
Company group	Agropecuária Santa Barbara Xinguara (AgroSB)/Opportunity Fund
Other properties under same register or company name	Farms Lagoa do Triunfo I, II, III, IV, V, and VI, totalling an estimated 145,000 ha
Supply Chain	
Main Commodity	Multiple
Confirmed supply chain relation	Yes
Soy supply chain details	There are no records on soy traded in this municipality, nor any warehouses.
Beef supply chain details	Numerous slaughterhouses source cattle from this municipality, including JBS, Marfrig, and Minerva.
Other supply chain details	-

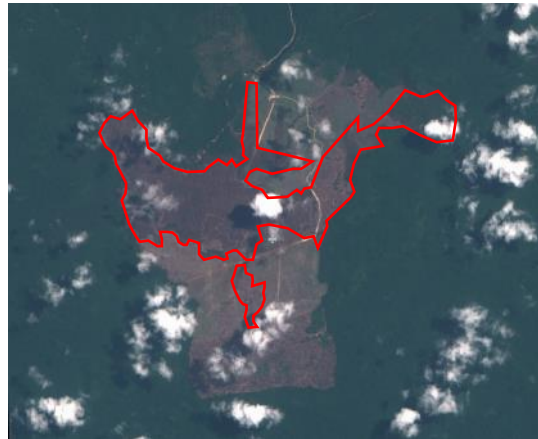
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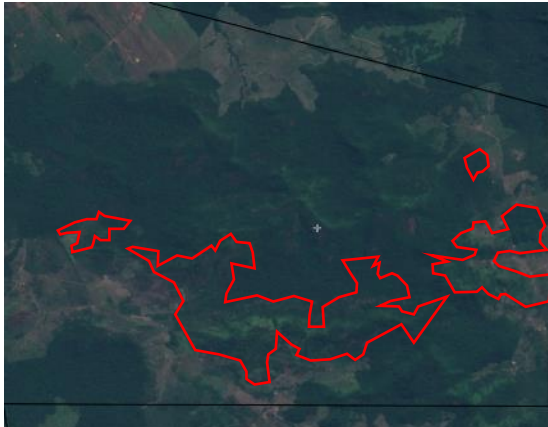
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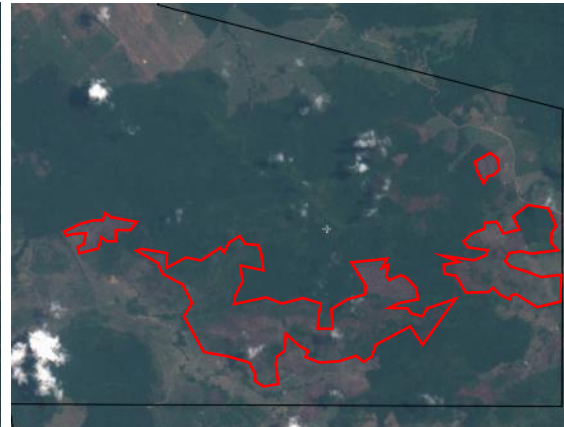
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Agropecuária Santa Barbara Xinguara (AgroSB) was allegedly the number one deforester in Brazil in 2017. The company is the (co-) owner of all six Fazendas Lagoa do Triunfo farms I, II, III, IV, V, VI^{47,48} totalling 145,000 ha.⁴⁹ The other registered owner of the deforested property, Eldorado Do Xingu S/A Agri. Past. Industrial Ltda, also has a connection to AgroSB through its president.⁵⁰

There has been continuous deforestation and fire on the Lagoa do Triunfo farms. For instance, on August 17, 2019, NASA detected fires on Fazenda Lagoa do Triunfo IV in the same area that lost 273 ha of native vegetation between July and August 2019.⁵¹

AgroSB Group is owned by Opportunity Fund, which is managed by the internationally known banker Daniel Valente Dantas. He has a track record of offenses, mainly related to money laundering and tax evasion. For instance, in 2008 he was arrested for attempting to bribe public

⁴⁷ <http://car.semas.pa.gov.br>

⁴⁸ <https://agrosb.com.br>

⁴⁹ <https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2019/jul/02/revealed-amazon-deforestation-driven-global-greed-meat-brazil>

⁵⁰ <https://www.cnpj.world/empresa/eldorado-do-xingu-sa-agricola-pastoril-e-industrial/05001813000110>

⁵¹ Rapid Response Special Fires Report September 2019

servants.⁵² In 2009, the Brazilian Justice Department confiscated the whole agribusiness complex owned by Dantas, which included 27 farms totalling 500,000 hectares and 453,000 cows, because they were used for money laundering operations run by Opportunity Bank.⁵³

AgroSB is accused of participation in the assassination of the landless worker Welbert Cabral Costa, in 2013, at Fazenda Vale do Triunfo, in São Felix do Xingu (PA).⁵⁴ In 2018, the company was accused of delaying the construction of energy lines.⁵⁵

In 2011, Fazenda Lagoa do Triunfo had 2,336 hectares blocked for illegal deforestation (the same farm received millions of dollars in fines in 2010 and 2013). Apart from Fazenda Lagoa do Triunfo, AgroSB owns 19 other cattle farms in Pará.⁵⁶ Allegedly, AgroSB raised cattle on embargoed areas in Fazenda Lagoa do Triunfo and sold them to JBS. While JBS stated in 2017 that it blocked all farms related to AgroSB from selling livestock to JBS,⁵⁷ indirectly cattle from the group of AgroSB farms still supplied large meatpackers. For instance, cattle from embargoed areas was transferred for fattening to Fazenda Espírito Santo, which supplies JBS, Minerva, Frigol, Marfrig and Frigorífico Valêncio. For JBS (to Redenção municipality in Pará), and Frigol (to Água Azul Do Norte municipality in Pará), this was still the case for cattle transfer data up to July 23, 2019.⁵⁸ Aside from cattle production, AgroSB is active in soy and corn production.⁵⁹

⁵² <https://www.correio24horas.com.br/noticia/nid/daniel-dantas-e-lider-de-organizacao-criminosa-diz-policia-federal>

⁵³ <https://www.gazetadopovo.com.br/vida-publica/justica-sequestra-fazendas-de-daniel-dantas-bqqy0cnyqfiysx9fknmb6wbbi>

⁵⁴ <https://reporterbrasil.org.br/2013/08/onde-esta-welbert/>

⁵⁵ https://www.jornaldocomercio.com/ conteudo/2018/05/cadernos/jc_logistica/627154-novo-linhao-travanas-fazendas-do-banqueiro-daniel-dantas.html

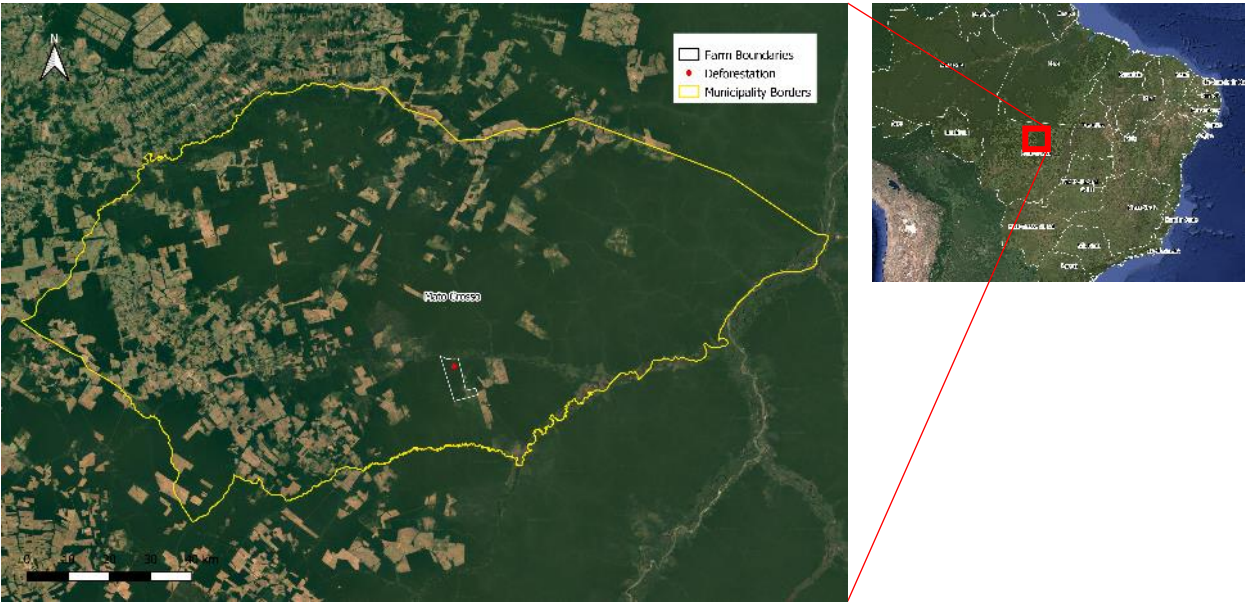
⁵⁶ Animal Transit Data.

⁵⁷ <https://reporterbrasil.org.br/2017/06/respostas-da-jbs/>

⁵⁸ Animal Transit Data.

⁵⁹ <https://agrosb.com.br>

11. Marcelândia (Mato Grosso)



The yellow polygon indicates the border of Marcelândia, while the white polygon indicates the border of Fazenda Santa Paula.

11.1. Fazenda Santa Paula

General information	
Farm name	Fazenda Santa Paula
Farm area (ha) and coordinates	4,398 -53.924791258, -11.097959875
Municipality	Marcelândia
State and Biome	Mato Grosso Amazon
Land clearance	
Period of land clearance	June 28 to September 19, 2019
Size (ha) and coordinates of clearance	969 -53.93692, -11.07145
Percentage of total area	22%
Inside Forest Code protected areas (Legal Reserves and APP)	Yes 969 ha inside declared Legal Reserve and APP
Type of native vegetation cleared	Semidecidual Seasonal Forest
Land	
Embargoed land (human rights and environmental issues)	No -
Environmental Fines	No -
Natural Reserves	No -
Indigenous lands	No -
Ownership	
Registered landowner	Gazziero Armazéns Gerais (owned by Valdecir Gazziero and Aparecida Pires da Silva)
Company group	Valdecir Gazziero is linked to the following companies: Madeireira e Transportadora Gazziero (owned by Gazziero Armazéns Gerais), Gazziero & Gazziero, Alto Posto Marcelândia (also called Valdecir Gazziero & Cia), and Auto Posto Madeira
Other properties under same register or company name	Gazziero Armazéns Gerais owns another farm in Mato Grosso (not possible to confirm on the map): Fazenda Gazziero Morada do Sol (10 ha), in Sinop. Valdecir Gazziero also owns four other farms in Mato Grosso (also not possible to confirm on the map): Lote 90-A (60 ha), in Sinop; Lote 245 (2,067 ha), in Marcelândia; Fazenda Nossa Senhora de Fátima (484 ha), in Marcelândia; and Sítio São Matheus (48 ha), in Marcelândia.
Supply Chain	
Main Commodity	Multiple
Confirmed supply chain relation	Yes
Soy supply chain details	Valdecir Gazziero sold soy to COFCO International and corn to Bertuol Industria De Fertilizantes Ltda in 2019. There is only one warehouse within a 50 km radius, owned by Scheffer Armazens Gerais Ltda. Around 75 km from the farm are warehouses owned by COFCO International Brasil S.A, Uniao Armazens Gerais, and Caage Armazens Gerais Eireli. A total of 164,419 MT of soy was exported from the municipality in 2017 by COFCO (35%), Cargill (31%), and the rest was for domestic consumption (34%).
Beef supply chain details	Numerous slaughterhouses source from this municipality, including Vale Grande, JBS, Marfrig, Frigorífico Redentor. Valdecir Gazziero supplied 439 animals from Fazenda São Matheus (Marcelândia, Mato Grosso) to five farm/plants, destined for fattening (48) and reproduction (391). Da Silva seems to have supplied two animals from farm Sítio Renascer (Nova Lacerda, Mato Grosso) to Sítio Boa Vista.
Other supply chain details	Indústria e Comércio de Madeiras Gazziero Ltda, owned by Valdecir, sold timber to several companies in the South of Brazil in 2018.

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Valdecir Gazziero, co-owner of Gazziero Armazéns Gerais, is involved in soy, logging, and beef. He has a recent embargo (March 2019) on his property in União do Sul (S 11°23'37,28" E W 53°54'58,63), and several environmental fines linked to his Fazenda Gazziero in Marcelândia (MT).⁶⁰ This latter farm is only a few kilometers away from the deforested farm under alert.⁶¹ From Fazenda Gazziero, Valdecir has sold soy to COFCO International and corn to Bertuol Industria De Fertilizantes Ltda in 2019.⁶²

Valdecir Gazziero is linked to several cases of corruption and environmental infractions. In 2008, his company Madeireira Gazziero Ltda was accused by the public prosecutors of Mato Grosso for environmental crimes.⁶³ Also, in Fernandópolis (SP), he was accused of environmental infractions.⁶⁴ Moreover, he is the owner of a chain of petrol stations in Mato Grosso and was denounced in 2013 as part of a corruption case led by the former mayor of Sinop municipality, Juarez Costa (MDB).⁶⁵ In April 2014, he signed a conduct adjustment term to repair environmental damages caused by his logging activities in Fazenda Rio Arraia in the municipality of Cláudia (MT).⁶⁶ Earlier, in 2009, Valdecir was arrested with 20 other people accused of operating a fraud scheme to legalize wood extracted from unauthorized areas.⁶⁷

⁶⁰ <https://servicos.ibama.gov.br/ctf/publico/areasembargadas/ConsultaPublicaAreasEmbargadas.php>

⁶¹ <https://monitoramento.sema.mt.gov.br/simcar/tecnico.app/publico/car>

⁶² Undisclosed source

⁶³ <http://www.radaroficial.com.br/d/5149406076600320>

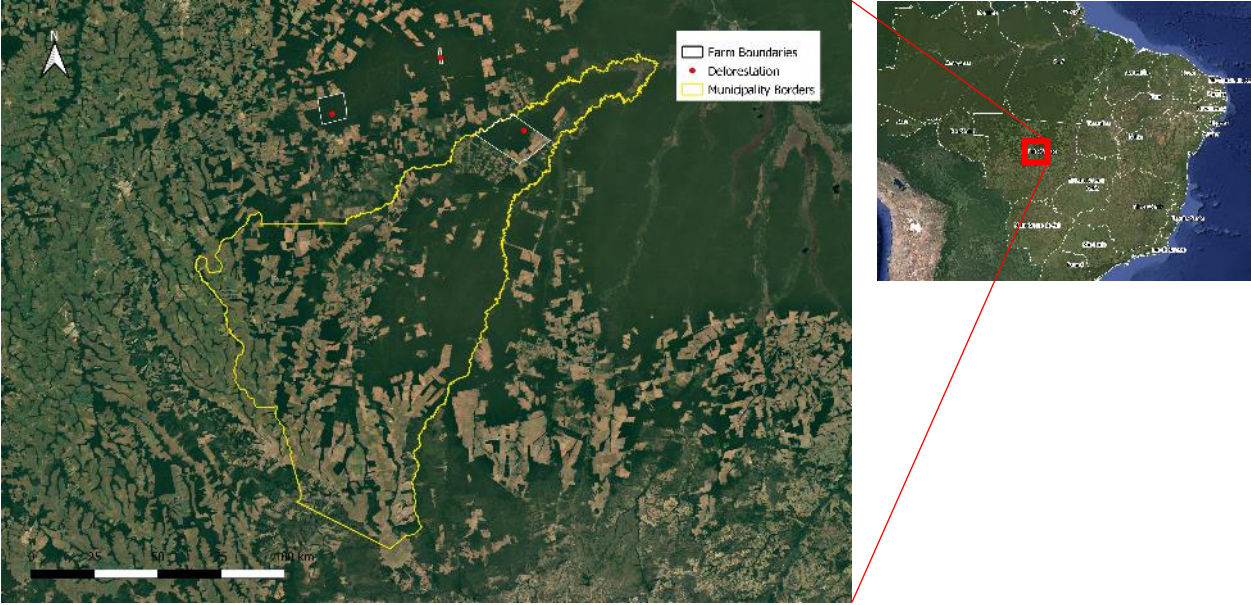
⁶⁴ <https://www.jusbrasil.com.br/processos/30559299/processo-n-0001285-2420158260189-do-tj-sp>

⁶⁵ <http://www.pautaextra.com.br/politica/id-281534/prefeito-de-sinop-sera-investigado-por-enriquecimento-ilicito>

⁶⁶ <https://www.mpmt.mp.br/transparencia/includes/simprec-download.php?reg=1670519>

⁶⁷ <https://www.sonoticias.com.br/geral/nortao-pedido-afastamento-de-delegado-e-promotor-de-investigacao>

12. Nova Ubitatã (Mato Grosso)



The yellow polygon indicates the border of Nova Ubitatã, while the white polygon indicates the border of Fazenda Paraíso.

12.1. Fazenda Paraíso

General information	
Farm name	Fazenda Paraíso
Farm area (ha) and coordinates	29,657 -54.30301402, -12.371272761
Municipality	Nova Ubiratã
State and Biome	Mato Grosso Amazon
Land clearance	
Period of land clearance	July 13 to September 01, 2019
Size (ha) and coordinates of clearance	602 -54.27056, -12.33563
Percentage of total area	2%
Inside Forest Code protected areas (Legal Reserves and APP)	Yes 190 ha inside declared Legal Reserve and APP
Type of native vegetation cleared	Semidecidual Seasonal Forest
Land	
Embargoed land (human rights and environmental issues)	Yes Destruction of native vegetation
Environmental Fines	Yes Six environmental fines in 2008 and 2009, totalling over BRL 30 million
Natural Reserves	No -
Indigenous lands	No -
Ownership	
Registered landowner	Ana Cristina Freitas Rust
Company group	No group company identified
Other properties under same register or company name	Ana Cristina Freitas Rust also owns two other farms in Mato Grosso: Fazenda Ronuro (7,793 ha) in Nova Ubiratã, and Fazenda São Jorge (4,659 ha) in Pedra Preta.
Supply Chain	
Main Commodity	Soy
Confirmed supply chain relation	Yes
Soy supply chain details	Total soy traded in this municipality in 2017 is 1,087,340 MT, with Glencore (27%), COFCO (21%), O Telhar (17%), ADM (12%), domestic consumption (12%), and others (11%) as its main traders.
Beef supply chain details	Numerous slaughterhouses source from this municipality, including Marfrig (Paranatinga), JBS (Colider, Diamantino), Vale Grande (Matupá), and Frigosul (Varzea Grande). Ana Cristina Freitas Rust owns four cattle farms: Fazenda Paraíso (farm under alert) in Nova Ubiratã, Mato Grosso; Fazenda Serrinha in Rondonópolis, Mato Grosso; and Fazenda São Jorge and Fazenda Santa Maria do Jurigue in Pedra Preta, Mato Grosso. From Fazenda Paraíso animals were sent to slaughter to Vale Grande Indústria e Comércio de Alimentos in Matupá, Mato Grosso and to Agra Agroindustrial Alimentos S/A (Varzea Grande). There are numerous registers of cattle movements from Fazenda Paraíso to other farms (to Santa Maria do Jurigue and to Serrinha) and then to the market.
Other supply chain details	Fazenda Paraíso I supplied timber to Ind Com De Madeiras Canario Ltda Epp in June 2019. Companies supplied by this sawmill in 2018 include several timber industries in the south of Brazil (undisclosed sources).

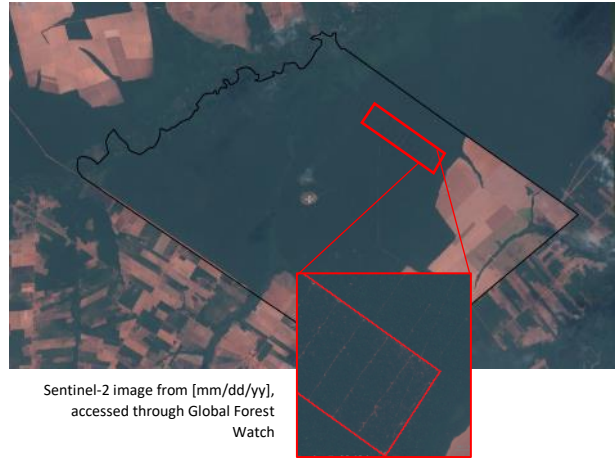
Alert Imagery

Jul 13, 2019



Sentinel-2 image from [07/13/19], accessed through Global Forest Watch

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Ana Cristina Freitas Rust did not register the farm under alert in the (self-declared) CAR database. Because of that, buyers who use the CAR as a source for due diligence on environmental infractions may miss the current embargo in the farm. IBAMA and the Ministério Público Federal (MPF) are prosecuting Ana Cristina Freitas Rust for environmental infractions in the farm since 2017.^{68,69} Soy and corn have been sent from the deforested and embargoed farm under alert to ADM do Brasil in 2018/2019 and corn to AGF Brasil S/A in 2018.⁷⁰

While the principle economic activity in the farm is soy production,⁷¹ Fazenda Paraíso also has cattle operations. Between July 2018 and February 2019, animals were sent to slaughter to Vale Grande Ind E Com Alim S/A in Matupá (MT). This company has a high-risk profile for sourcing deforestation-related beef according to a 2017 Amazon study.⁷² In 2013, MPF informed Banco Nacional para o Desenvolvimento Econômico e Social (BNDES) about Fazenda Paraíso and owner Ana Cristina Freitas Rust as an IBAMA embargoed producer who was found selling cattle to a suspicious Vale Grande slaughterhouse.⁷³ Ana Cristina Freitas Rust seems to have a web of cattle properties and potentially uses them to send cattle from one point to another to cover the problems related to Fazenda Paraíso.

⁶⁸ <https://www.escavador.com/processos/74283004/processo-0000157-7020174013602-do-trf1-secao-judiciaria-do-mato-grosso>

⁶⁹ https://edj.trf1.jus.br/edj/bitstream/handle/123/13227/Caderno_JUD_MT_2018-07-02_X_119.pdf

⁷⁰ Undisclosed source.

⁷¹ <https://empresasdobrasil.com.br/ana-cristina-freitas-rust-667269>

⁷² <https://imazon.org.br/en/publicacoes/will-meat-packing-plants-help-halt-deforestation-in-the-amazon/>

⁷³ http://www.mpf.mp.br/mt/sala-de-imprensa/pecuaria-sustentavel/Recomendacao_BNDES_Pecuaria%20Sus

Glossary

Deforestation and land clearance - Any land use change already classified as loss of native vegetation by deforestation alert systems

Agrarian conflicts - Include conflicts on land tenure, for natural resources (water, forests), slave labor, other crimes, and human right issues

Embargoed areas - Areas where any kind of activity is suspended or not authorized by the Federal Environmental Agency (IBAMA) due to environmental degradation or irregularity

Environmental fines - List of environmental infractions that resulted in fines addressed to the owner of the property where the crimes were found

Forest Code protected areas - Areas defined by the Brazilian Forest Code that have mandatory conservation status in private properties. *Legal Reserves* [80% (Amazonia biome), 35% (Cerrado biome inside Legal Amazon), 20% other areas] and *Permanent Preservation Areas (APP)* linked to water and soil conservation (close to river bases, wetlands, slopes, and high hills). The Legal Reserve and APP areas considered in this report are those self-declared within the Environmental Register System “Cadastro Ambiental Rural – CAR”. In some cases, the CAR was also used to find information on ownership because even if it is a self-declared document, sometimes, it provides the most recent information on the probable ownership of a property.

Illegal deforestation - Any deforestation event happening without an authorization of the state or federal environmental agency or those that are inside a Legal Reserve or a Permanent Preservation Area (APP)

Natural Reserves - Officially recognized Natural Reserves areas according to the National System of Natural Reserves (SNUC – Sistema Nacional de Unidades de Conservação). The SNUC determines who administrates the area - federal, state or local government, or private owner -, and how the natural resources may be used by whom in each of the natural reserves' categories.

Indigenous lands - Lands under FUNAI (Nacional Foundation for Indigenous People) administration defined as a heritage right of local Indigenous populations where any activity not linked to these groups are not allowed

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