

The Amazon Biome is one of the most important and biodiverse regions on the planet, playing a crucial role in regulating the global climate, maintaining hydrological cycles, and conserving an immense variety of species.

Several challenges threaten the conservation of this Biome. *Land grabbing*, or the illegal occupation of land, is one of the main issues affecting the Amazon, bringing severe consequences for the environment and local communities. The illegal occupation of public lands is often accompanied by the falsification of documents to simulate legal ownership of the area. This crime is associated with illegal deforestation, the predatory exploitation of natural resources, and violence against Indigenous Peoples and traditional communities.

Recently, several operations conducted by the Federal Police and IBAMA have been carried out in the Amazon region to curb land grabbing, illegal land occupation, deforestation, and the predatory exploitation of natural resources. However, challenges persist due to the vast territorial extension of the Amazon and the complexity of land conflicts.

Given this scenario, LIFE Institute announces that, as a precautionary measure, it will "temporarily" suspend new certification processes in the Amazon Biome to define specific criteria for certifications within this Biome. Soon, LIFE will issue and forward to Certification Bodies a reference document regarding LIFE certification in the Amazon Biome, after which new certification audits will be authorized.

This measure reflects LIFE Institute's commitment to the rigor of its Certification System and its accredited Certification Bodies. Therefore, until the new procedure is published and communicated, we request that no LIFE certification processes be initiated in the Amazon Biome from this date onward.

We appreciate the understanding and support of all partners in this important initiative to preserve the environmental and social integrity of the Amazon.

Sincerely,