

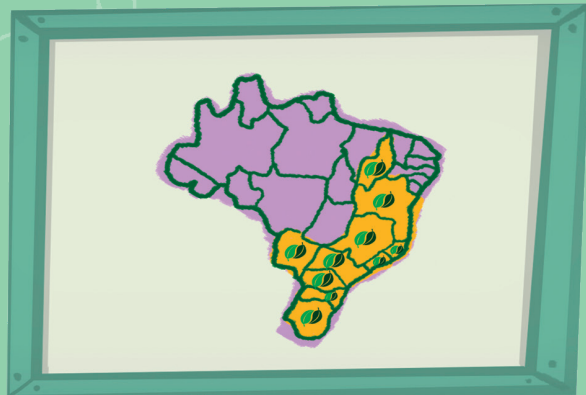
THE BRAZILIAN FORESTS DIALOGUE

CREATING SOLUTIONS, WRITING A NEW HISTORY!

WHAT IS DIÁLOGO FLORESTAL

An initiative that brings together organizations, companies, environmentalists and residents to implement a new way of dialoguing. The objective is to execute common sustainable actions between sectors that are historically antagonistic in the country: the forestry based industries and civil societies organizations.

It's creation, in 2005, was inspired in model of The Forests Dialogue (TFD), an international initiative that, 15 years now, organizes international forums about key questions for the planted forests, protection and sustainable use of native forests and threatened ecosystems restoration, and also quality of life in communities inserted inside the territories they work.



Present in ten Brazilian States, working from forums and work groups focused on cooperation, problem solving and opportunities consolidation.

IT IS THROUGH DIALOGUE THAT WE UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER

When the Diálogo Florestal was created, the atmosphere was tense between environmentalist and the wood pulp industry, and it seemed there was no solution for the deadlocks.

There were many reasons for misunderstanding. In less than 20 years the preserved Atlantic Forest had been occupied by livestock, followed by the mono-cultivation of pine and eucalyptus affecting the everyday life of people and creating tensions in the communities and urban centers near the plantations. It was necessary to find a formula where everyone could inhabit the same land.

BUT HOW? DIALOGUE!

Creating a space for dialogue in a transparent manner, with clear rules, without exclusions and explaining any issues. Always remembering that everybody at the table, before being representatives of organizations, they are people with values that deserve to be respected.

HOW DOES THE DIALOGUE WORK IN PRACTICE

The Diálogo Florestal works on identifying common agendas between the participants to promote effective actions, seeking environmental conservancy and restoration and creation of tangible benefits, not just for the participants of the Diálogo but for the entire society.

To get to the agreements there were several meetings, forums and many publications to discuss the issues related to forestry and environment.

The big issues are always solved through **agreements**, decided in consensus, after discussions where all participants are heard and contemplated.

REALLOCATION OF FOREST PLANTATIONS

One of the agreements was the removal of forest plantations from urban areas. The proximity brought shade and interfered with the TV and mobile signals, among other problems.

In place of forest plantations, vegetable gardens and agroforestry systems emerged, and they brought better food security and increased the resident's income.

The landscape remodeling also resulted in more biodiversity with the formation of ecological corridors, the preservation of water supplies, and minimizing the effects of climate change.

Other agreements removed the forest plantations from the sides of roads, from beaches and rural communities, having the same beneficial effects.

THE BARGES ROUTE

Another important agreement, that shows worry in different interests, was the route for the barges that transport wood pulp from the south of Bahia to northern Espírito Santo.

The route removed 384 trucks, for each journey, from the BR 101, decreasing pollution and the risks from the road.

But it started to have an affect on local fishing and the fisherman communities. That is why an adaptation that deviated from the fishing areas had to be made. On the other hand, the new route overlapped with the home of humpback whales and marine animals.

Therefore, so nobody would be harmed, and in a consensus, the route was moved a little further from the coast.

SHARED FUTURE

The secret to success was the discovery that behind the companies and organizations, there are people who share common dreams and stories. Live together in the same territory presupposes working together to implement sustainable landscapes.

Not all conflicts have been resolved yet. But the formula of innovation based on dialogue has created bonds of friendship and commitment which impact positively on the environment and generates well-being for people.



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