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ACTIONS OF THE BOLSONARO GOVERNMENT TO DISMANTLE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICIES IN BRAZIL





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Actions of the Bolsonaro government to dismantle environmental policies in Brazil

The current Brazilian political and socioenvironmental scenario demonstrates the result of the dismantling carried out by the Bolsonaro Government, the constant against social and environmental agencies and entities, in addition to the speeches against the performance of civil servants and environmental standards. Since 2019, with the beginning of the current government, there has been an increase in the number and extent of forest fires, expansion of deforestation in the Amazon; an oil spill reached several parts of the Brazilian coast without the government being able to give a quick and competent response, making it impossible to discover those responsible for its origin; the attempt to incriminate and intimidate indigenous people, environmentalists and non-governmental organizations, in addition to intimidating and restricting the action of environmental officials, ending in a real and deliberate dismantling of public environmental institutions.

The servers of federal environmental agencies (MMA, IBAMA, ICMBio and SFB), despite suffering from institutional harassment and persecution, warn about the seriousness of the problems that, in turn, are reinforced by the lack of efficiency in management and the dismantling strategy. The destructuring and weakening of the environmental ministry (MMA) and its autarchies, such as the extinction of sectors and management charges left vacant for long periods in public agencies, contribute to the paralysis and deliberate inefficiency of its activities. In addition, the lack of technical criteria for the appointment of people, many without sufficient knowledge and without previous experience for management charges, with emphasis on the replacement of career servants by Armed Forces or military police officers (inexperienced, but obedient), demonstrate the intention of the weakening of the environmental area in the current management.

Another important complaint is the processing of an immense and unjustified proportion of ICMBio's administrative processes in a restricted or confidential nature, in many cases without any legal justification to support the measure, violating the principle of transparency in the public service, provided for in the access law. information (Law 12,527 / 2011).

Below, we list key points that demonstrate a narrative of destruction and the repeated disregard for the legal framework carried out by the Government of President Jair Bolsonaro and his Vice-President Hamilton Mourão, recently appointed President of the Council of the Amazon, and by the direct assistant in charge of the dismantling, the Minister of the Environment Ricardo Salles, already condemned in the first instance for crime against the public administration exactly due to disrespect to instruments of environmental management.

All of these social and environmental setbacks go against the basic principles of Environmental Law:

<https://www.conjur.com.br/2019-mai-25/ambiente-juridico-brasil-vedacao-retrocessos-ambientais>

<https://www.mpma.mp.br/arquivos/CAUMA/Proibicao%20de%20Retrocesso.pdf>

<https://www2.senado.leg.br/bdsf/handle/id/242559>



2018 ELECTION YEAR

March 2018:

- **03/14** - Jair Bolsonaro, then federal deputy for Rio de Janeiro (RJ), criticizes what he classifies as “excess” of environmental fines to rural producers and says that, if elected, he evaluates joining the Ministry of the Environment (MMA) Agriculture, Livestock and Supply (MAPA).

<https://www.oeco.org.br/blogs/salada-verde/bolsonaro-defende-a-fusao-dos-ministerios-da-agricultura-e-meio-ambiente/>

July 2018:

- **07/13** - At an event in Parauapebas (PA), the PSL presidential candidate, Jair Bolsonaro, promises to open indigenous lands and quilombos to mining, even allowing the sale of these areas.

<https://oglobo.globo.com/brasil/bolsonaro-promete-liberar-garimpo-em-terras-quilombolas-22884565>

September 2018:

- **09/03** - Jair Bolsonaro signals that, if elected, he can withdraw the Brazil Climate Agreement, since on his view agreement's premises affect national sovereignty. According to him: "What is at stake is national sovereignty, because there are 136 million hectares that we have lost interference with."

<https://oglobo.globo.com/economia/bolsonaro-diz-que-pode-retirar-brasil-do-acordo-de-paris-se-eleito-23034956>

- **09/30** - The candidate for the presidency of the PSL says that environmental policies and indigenous rights hinder development.

<https://www.oeco.org.br/reportagens/bolsonaro-defende-o-fim-do-ministerio-do-meio-ambiente/>

October 2018:

- **10/9** - Jair Bolsonaro says that, if elected, he intends to end what he called “Shiite environmental activism” and end the “indigenous land demarcation industry”. It also reaffirmed that it would merge the Ministries of Environment and Agriculture, and criticized ICMBio and Ibama officials on how they provided environmental fines, suggesting that he would change the legislation to protect those who commit crimes.

<https://www1.folha.uol.com.br/poder/2018/10/bolsonaro-diz-que-pretende-acabar-com-ativismo-ambiental-xiita-se-for-presidente.shtml>

November 2018:

- **05/11** - Elected as President of the Republic, Jair Bolsonaro states, in an interview with TV Bandeirantes, that as far as it depends on him, there will be no more demarcation of indigenous lands in Brazil.

<https://www1.folha.uol.com.br/poder/2018/11/no-que-depender-de-mim-nao-tem-mais-demarcacao-de-terra-indigena-diz-bolsonaro-a-tv.shtml>

December 2018:

- **01/12** - The president-elect criticizes environmental control and management bodies, claiming that they issue “fines left and right”. And he added, stating: “I will no longer admit Ibama to go out fining right and left, as well as ICMBio. This party will end”. Bolsonaro kept the same speech as when he was a parliamentarian.

<https://noticias.uol.com.br/ultimas-noticias/afp/2018/12/01/bolsonaro-critica-ibama-e-icmbio.htm>

- **10/12** - The future Minister of the Environment (MMA), Ricardo Salles criticizes the data gathered from the National Institute for Space Research (INPE). According to him, there is not enough data to talk about deforestation in Brazil: “The data is very generic, we do not know if deforestation is happening within conservation units, within indigenous lands, in private areas, in a higher percentage or less than the excess of the legal reserve”.

<https://www.oeco.org.br/noticias/futuro-ministro-do-meio-ambiente-diz-que-faltam-informacoes-sobre-desmatamento/>

- **12/13** - During live broadcast on social networks, Jair Bolsonaro stated that if the Paris agreement wouldn't change, Brazil would withdraw from the agreement. The then-elected president reinforces that the agreement can be harmful to national sovereignty and also criticizes the environmental policy, which, according to him, can hinder the country's development.

<https://ultimosegundo.ig.com.br/politica/2018-12-13/jair-bolsonaro-acordo-paris.html>

- **12/20** - Jair Bolsonaro gives up extinguishing the Ministry of the Environment (MMA), but appoints Ricardo Salles for the position of Minister. Salles is a ruralist politician, former legal director of the Brazilian Rural Society (SRB) and former secretary of



Environment in São Paulo. He was convicted of administrative impropriety for defrauding the Management Plan of the Várzea do Tietê Environmental Protection Area.

<https://veja.abril.com.br/videos/giro-veja/giro-veja-ministro-de-bolsonaro-e-condenado-e-perde-direitos-politicos/>



2019

BEGINNING OF THE GOVERNMENT OF JAIR BOLSONARO

January 2019:

- **01/01** - The Ministerial reform of the Bolsonaro Administration ([MPV 870/2019](#)) allows the dismantling and control by ruralists of environmental agencies, rights of indigenous and traditional populations. The Ministry of the Environment (MMA) is devoid of competences and loses the ability to formulate and conduct some fundamental policies for the historical (and logical) policies of the portfolio. The Secretariat for Climate Change and Forests is extinct, in addition, the SFB (Brazilian Forest Service) and CAR (Rural Environmental Registry) go to MAPA and the National Water Agency (ANA) goes to the Ministry of Regional Development (MDR). FUNAI leaves the Ministry of Justice and Public Security (MJSP) and goes to the Ministry of Women, Family and Human Rights. The competence to demarcate indigenous lands, however, goes to MAPA.

<https://www.socioambiental.org/pt-br/blog/blog-do-isa/a-anatomia-do-desmonte-das-politicas-socioambientais>

- **01/09** - Ibama cancels the environmental fine imposed on Jair Bolsonaro for irregular fishing in Angra dos Reis, Costa Verde, applied in 2012. The process had already been analyzed by Ibama's first and second judging bodies that had decided to maintain the fine.

<https://oglobo.globo.com/brasil/ibama-anula-multa-ambiental-aplicada-bolsonaro-por-pesca-irregular-23358764>

- **15/01** - The Ministry of the Environment (MMA) suspends agreements with non-governmental organizations for 90 days. In addition, the Minister determines the research of all transfers from the Climate Fund and the Amazon Fund. After the negative repercussions, however, Salles goes back and says that ongoing contracts would not be affected.

<https://sustentabilidade.estadao.com.br/noticias/geral,ministerio-do-meio-ambiente-suspende-convenios-com-ongs-por-90-dias,70002680642>

- **22/01** - The fact that Minister Ricardo Salles lied when mentioning in his curriculum he was a graduate of Yale University is made public. A true fact is that he provided services as a lawyer for agribusiness. In addition, two weeks before taking office he was condemned by the São Paulo court for Environmental Fraud, a fact that was no shame to the president of the republic.

<https://theintercept.com/2019/02/03/ricardo-salles-mineradoras/>

<https://piaui.folha.uol.com.br/o-ministro-que-fala-demais-e-sabe-de-menos>

February 2019:

- **02/28** - The Minister of the Environment dismisses 21 of the 27 regional superintendents of Ibama. The superintendents of Tocantins, Sergipe, Santa Catarina, Roraima, Rondônia, Rio Grande do Norte, Piauí, Pernambuco, Paraíba, Minas Gerais, Mato Grosso, Maranhão, Goiás, Espírito Santo, Federal District, Ceará, Bahia, Amazonas, Amapá were dismissed, Alagoas and Acre.

<https://www1.folha.uol.com.br/ambiente/2019/02/ricardo-salles-exonera-21-dos-27-superintendentes-regionais-do-ibama.shtml>

<http://www.in.gov.br/leitura/jornal?data=28-02-2019&secao=do2>

March 2019:

- **03/04** - The Minister of Mining and Energy, Bento Albuquerque, announces in Canada that his plans to allow mining activities in indigenous lands and in border areas. At the event, the audience consisted of investors and mining executives. The action package aims to promote the expansion of mining in the country.

<https://valor.globo.com/empresas/noticia/2019/03/04/ministro-diz-que-governo-planeja-liberar-mineracao-em-terras-indigenas.ghtml>

- **03/13** - The Minister of the Environment establishes the “gag law” at Ibama and ICMBio, prohibiting the agencies from directly serving the press. Therefore, interviews and requests for information need to be referred to the MMA's press office.

<https://politica.estadao.com.br/noticias/geral,ministerio-do-meio-ambiente-impo-e-lei-da-mordaca-a-ibama-e-icmbio,70002753849>

<https://www.oeco.org.br/noticias/informacoes-sobre-ibama-e-icmbio-so-com-o-ministerio-do-meio-ambiente/>

- **03/28** - Head of the Air Operations Center of Ibama's Directorate and Environmental Protection, José Morelli, is exonerated. The server was responsible for an inspection action carried out on January 25, 2012 that charged Jair Bolsonaro for R\$ 10,000 for illegal fishing at the Tamoios ecological station (RJ).

<https://g1.globo.com/natureza/noticia/2019/03/29/ibama-exonera-servidor-que-multou-bolsonaro-por-pesca-irregular.ghtml>

April 2019:

- **10/04** - By order of the Ministry of the Environment (MMA) and contrary to the technical opinions of the environmental agencies, the President of Ibama authorizes the auction of oil blocks next to the Abrolhos National Marine Park (BA).

<https://conexoplaneta.com.br/blog/ibama-autoriza-leilao-para-exploracao-de-petroleo-proximo-ao-parque-nacional-de-abrolhos/>

- **11/04** - Decree 9759/2019 was published, which extinguishes and establishes new rules and limitations for public administration collegiate bodies. Extinction of the Brazilian Forum on Climate Change (FBMC), the National Plan for the Recovery of Native Vegetation (Planaveg) and its respective Commission (Conaveg), the National Biodiversity Commission (Conabio) and the National Forestry Commission (Conaflor).

<https://www.oeco.org.br/reportagens/revogaco-extingue-orgaos-colegiados-do-ministerio-do-meio-ambiente/>

- **12/04** - President Jair Bolsonaro publishes Decree 9760/2019 which provides for administrative infractions to the environment and establishes the federal administrative process for investigating these infractions, which rewards environmental offenders and criminals by creating extra bureaucracy in the federal administration allowing "conciliation" of fines. The text also creates the Environmental Conciliation Centers.

<http://www.observatoriodoclima.eco.br/bolsonaro-multa-zero/>

- **04/13** - In a meeting with ruralists from the Lagoa do Peixe National Park region (RS), Minister Ricardo Salles, who had not summoned or even invited Park officials to the event, publicly bravado, threatening (under audience applause) with the opening of a Disciplinary Administrative Process for the absence of the referred meeting, which took place on a Saturday. The episode resulted in the resignation of the then president of ICMBio, an attitude followed, days later by all the directors of the municipality.

<https://veja.abril.com.br/blog/radar/ministro-ameaca-servidores-do-icmbio-em-evento-com-ruralistas/>

- **04/14** - Bolsonaro disallows Ibama's operation in the Jamari National Forest, in Rondônia. Ibama agents burned the equipment used by the offenders in an operation against wood theft. It should be noted that the Brazilian environmental legislation ensures the destruction of equipment in situations where there is no way to remove the equipment from the crime scene. The president of the republic, however, affirmed that the current orientation is "do not burn anything".

<https://valor.globo.com/politica/noticia/2019/04/14/bolsonaro-desautoriza-operacao-do-ibama-em-rondonia.ghtml>

<https://oglobo.globo.com/brasil/a-pedido-de-bolsonaro-governo-vai-dificultar-destruicao-de-equipamentos-em-operacoes-do-ibama-23599046>

- **24/04** - Due to the internal crisis of the ICMBio board, with the resignation of ex-president Adalberto Eberhard, three directors of the agency resigned and the fourth director, Leandro Mello Frota, found out that he would be exonerated by the Minister's twitter . The President and the four new directors of ICMBio are military police officers from the State of São Paulo.

<https://oglobo.globo.com/sociedade/toda-diretoria-do-icmbio-substituida-por-policiais-militares-23618874>

- **25/04** - The Secretariat for Strategic Affairs of the General Secretariat of the Presidency of the Republic holds a meeting in Belém to present to entrepreneurs a draft of the so-called “Project Barão do Rio Branco”, which aims to occupy part of the Amazon. The initiative lists major infrastructure works and investments to leverage activities in the region, which includes areas among the most preserved in the biome.

<http://sistemafaepa.com.br/amazoniarural/2019/04/26/desenvolvimento-e-integracao-da-calha-norte-reune-governo-federal-e-autoridades-do-para/>

- **26/04** - Minister Ricardo Salles cuts 24% of Ibama's budget, leaving only R \$ 279.4 million. The Institute loses R\$ 89.9 million, which, in turn, will impact its inspection operations and other environmental management actions within its competences. A similar cut is expected to affect ICMBio.

<https://politica.estadao.com.br/noticias/geral,ministro-ricardo-salles-manda-cortar-24-do-orcamento-do-ibama,70002806082>

May 2019:

- **07/05** - Federal Government cuts R\$ 187 million from the Ministry of the Environment (MMA). ICMBio loses R\$ 45 million from the budget foreseen for 2019, destined to the creation, management and implementation of Federal Conservation Units, a reduction of 26%. The portfolio also loses 23% of its budget for discretionary expenses.

<https://www.oeco.org.br/noticias/governo-corta-r-187-milhoes-do-mma-saiba-como-o-corte-foi-dividido/>

05/08 - 8 former ministers of the Environment gather at the University of São Paulo (USP) to sign documents to affirm that “the socio-environmental governance of Brazil is being dismantled, in an affront to the Constitution”. Signed the document: Rubens Ricupero , Gustavo Krause, José Carlos Carvalho, Marina Silva, Carlos Minc, Izabella Teixeira, José Sarney Filho and Edson Duarte.

<https://g1.globo.com/natureza/noticia/2019/05/08/ex-ministros-do-meio-ambiente-se-reunem-para-discutir-politica-ambiental.ghtml>

- **05/10** - Minister Ricardo Salles states that he wants to review all Federal Conservation Units in the country and intends to change the National System of Conservation Units (SNUC). He went so far as to say that the conservation units “were made without technical criteria”.

<https://www.oeco.org.br/noticias/ricardo-salles-quer-rever-todas-as-unidades-de-conservacao-federais-do-pais-e-mudar-snuc/>

- **17/05** - Salles, at a press conference, said that he analyzed about 25% of the Amazon Fund contracts and found inconsistencies in 100% of NGO projects. However, he did not report on how the analysis was made. In addition, he stated that a meeting was held with the ambassadors of Norway and Germany and that they would have agreed to changes in the management of the Fund. "Everyone understands that changes are necessary". Then the embassies denied the minister.

<https://g1.globo.com/natureza/noticia/2019/05/17/ministro-do-meio-ambiente-diz-ter-analisado-14-dos-contratos-do-fundo-amazonia-e-verificado-inconsistencias.ghtml>

- **05/19** - After the Minister's statements on the Amazon Fund, the National Bank for Economic and Social Development (BNDES) temporarily removes the Director of the Department of the Environment, Daniela Baccas, responsible for the management of the Amazon Fund. However, no evidence of irregularity was found.

<https://www.oeco.org.br/noticias/apos-declaracoes-de-ricardo-salles-sobre-fundo-amazonia-bndes-afasta-diretora/>

- **05/23** - According to a report published by the Climate Observatory, the number of assessments by Ibama is the lowest in a decade. Fines fell by 34% compared to January to May 2018. In addition, ICMBio did not carry out any inspection operations in April.

<http://www.observatoriodoclima.eco.br/sob-bolsonaro-autuacoes-ibama-sao-menores-em-uma-decada/>

- **05/24** - Ibama releases a statement informing, in advance, that it will carry out operations against deforestation and mining in indigenous lands and Conservation Units, in southwest Pará (PA), a region where the Jamanxim National Forest is located.

<https://noticias.uol.com.br/ultimas-noticias/agencia-estado/2019/05/27/ibama-avisa-antecipadamente-onde-fara-operacoes-contra-desmatamento-na-amazonia.htm>

- **05/25** - The Federal Government is considering using the Amazon Fund, sustained by donations, mainly from Norway and Germany, which has around R\$ 3.4 billion, to pay compensation for land expropriations in protected areas, benefiting invaders. Minister Salles confirmed this intention and went so far as to affirm: "the fund's money would be used to regularize land tenure".

<https://g1.globo.com/politica/noticia/2019/05/25/governo-estuda-usar-fundo-amazonia-para-indenizar-desapropriacoes-de-terra.ghtml>

- **05/28** - President Jair Bolsonaro publishes Decree 9806/2019, which alters the composition and functioning of the National Environment Council (Conama). The number of members falls from 96 to 23, and the number of civil society seats decreased from 23 to 4, which will be chosen by lot. The number of government representatives has also been reduced.

<https://noticias.uol.com.br/meio-ambiente/ultimas-noticias/redacao/2019/05/29/bolsonaro-esvazia-conselho-ambiental-e-diminui-participacao-da-sociedade.htm>

June 2019:

- **06/03** - Minister Ricardo Salles says he wants to hire a private company to monitor deforestation in the Amazon. Folha de São Paulo showed, however, that the work done by public agencies was not fully used. Thus, the government's attempt to discredit the monitoring carried out by INPE, after the increase in fires and deforestation in the Amazon under the presidency of Bolsonaro, is evident.

<https://g1.globo.com/natureza/noticia/2019/06/03/ministro-quer-contratar-empresa-privada-para-monitorar-o-desmatamento-na-amazonia.ghtml>

- **06/11** - The Brazilian Government formalizes a proposal for changes in the management of the Amazon Fund. However, the governments of Germany and Norway, which are investing in the fund, have written a letter positioning themselves against the proposed changes. Among the proposals is the use of resources to pay for the expropriation of private areas in Conservation Units.

<https://oglobo.globo.com/sociedade/governo-bolsonaro-tenta-mudar-fundo-amazonia-mas-noruega-alemanha-dizem-nao-23731725>

- **06/13** - In an event together with Fiesp (São Paulo industrial federation) businessmen, Jair Bolsonaro celebrates the fall of inspection: "In the first two months of this year, we had a lower percentage of fines in the field, and they will continue to decrease" and he added praising Minister Salles: " He is the man who is in the right place; he is the man who is managing to marry the environment with production ".

<https://revistaforum.com.br/politica/bolsonaro-comemora-queda-de-fiscalizacao-pelo-ibama-especialista-ve-pulverizacao-do-estado-brasileiro/>

July 2019:

- **07/03** - Minister Ricardo Salles again criticizes the Amazon Fund and admits that it could be extinguished, if changes in the management of resources are not resolved. "We want the resources of the Amazon Fund to be aligned with the objectives that we understand are the most appropriate, together with others that are able to suggest also, and that we understand are better than those that have been presented so far. From 2012 to now, deforestation has grown. If this format was that efficient, it would have fallen" said Salles.

<https://revistagloborural.globo.com/Noticias/Sustentabilidade/noticia/2019/07/gover-no-admite-que-fundo-amazonia-pode-acabar.html>

- **07/04** - First attack on the protection of the Atlantic Forest: Publication of Normative Instruction (IN) IBAMA nº 20/2019, which amended IN IBAMA nº 9/2019, which regulates IBAMA's agreement to suppress vegetation in the Atlantic Forest . Among the changes, it was created the possibility of the offender to appeal directly to the Superintendent and the President (inserts Art. 14-A and 14-B) and the reduction of compensation for illegal deforestation, in the case of suppression that occurred without the consent of IBAMA (Art. 2nd).

<http://www.in.gov.br/web/dou/-/instrucao-normativa-n-20-de-4-de-julho-de-2019-189868638>

- **06/07** - Ibama's inspection reaches the Zoró indigenous land, in Rondônia, to prevent criminal actions by loggers and is received with violence. At the time, an agency tanker truck was set on fire and the operation had to be stopped.

<https://www1.folha.uol.com.br/ambiente/2019/07/acuado-por-madeireiros-ibama-aborta-operacao-em-rondonia.shtml>

- **19/07** - After attacks against the inspection of Ibama and the burning of a tanker truck, Minister Ricardo Salles visits loggers in Espigão d'Oeste in Boa Vista do Pacarana. On the occasion, Salles stated: “the good people who work in this country are represented here by all of you” and demonstrated openness to the demands of loggers: “What happens today in Brazil, unfortunately, is the result of years and years and years of a public policy of producing laws, rules, regulations that are not always related to the real world”.

<https://climainfo.org.br/2019/07/19/salles-visita-madeireiros-em-rondonia-apos-ataque-ao-ibama-na-regiao/>

- **19/07** - INPE publishes that the number of deforestation and degradation alerts increased by about 88% in relation to the same month of 2018. In the first half of the year, deforestation alerts in indigenous lands increased by 38% and in Conservation Units increased by 85%. President Jair Bolsonaro calls the Institute's data manipulated and insinuates that director Ricardo Galvão may be “in the service of an NGO”. “We understand the importance of the Amazon to the world, but the Amazon is ours. There will no longer be that kind of policy that was done in the past,” said Bolsonaro.

<https://www.oeco.org.br/blogs/salada-verde/bolsonaro-diz-que-diretor-do-inpe-pode-estar-a-servico-de-alguma-ong/>

- **07/24** - The National Health Surveillance Agency (Anvisa) publishes a new regulatory framework for the assessment of pesticide risks. Thus, pesticides considered to be highly toxic may be labeled as of moderate toxicity. The list of “extremely toxic” products has been reduced from 702 to 43.

<https://g1.globo.com/economia/agronegocios/noticia/2019/07/24/entenda-o-que-muda-na-classificacao-dos-agrotoxicos-pela-anvisa.shtml>

- **07/30** - According to a survey carried out by the Folha de São Paulo newspaper, Ibama fines for deforestation fall 23% in the first six months of the government and experts point to the president's "anti-Ibama" rhetoric and the weakening of inspection as the reasons.

<https://www1.folha.uol.com.br/ambiente/2019/07/sob-bolsonaro-multas-contradesmatamento-caem-23.shtml>

- **07/30** - Minister Ricardo Salles and the President of the Chico Mendes Institute for Biodiversity Conservation (ICMBio) sign Joint Ordinance 453/2019, which establishes the Commission for Planning, Coordination and Supervision of processes related to the concession of services, areas or facilities of federal conservation units for the exploration of visitation activities. In turn, the text limits the autonomy of ICMBio, where specialists, responsible for the management of Conservation Units work.

<https://www.oeco.org.br/blogs/salada-verde/governo-institui-grupo-para-coordenar-concessao-de-visitacao-em-parques/>

August 2019:

- **08/02** - INPE's director, physicist Ricardo Galvão, is exonerated from office by President Jair Bolsonaro, who criticized the data on monitoring deforestation in the Amazon. His place will be occupied by Aeronautics officer Darcton Policarpo Damião.

<https://revistagalileu.globo.com/Ciencia/noticia/2019/08/ricardo-galvao-e-exonerado-do-cargo-de-diretor-do-inpe.html>

- **07/08** - According to data from INPE, the Amazon area with deforestation alert rises 278% in June, compared to the same period in 2018. In 2018 the area was 596.6 km² and in 2019 it was 2,254.9 km².

<https://g1.globo.com/natureza/noticia/2019/08/07/area-com-alertas-de-desmatamento-na-amazonia-sobem-278percent-em-julho-comparado-ao-mesmo-mes-de-2018.ghtml>

- **07/08** - In a public hearing at the Chamber of Deputies, the Minister of the Environment defends a new economic model for the Amazon based on "national sovereignty" and considers that the Amazon fund is inexpressive in face of the needs of the region. "It (the fund) should only be analyzed and applied in the light of what matters to Brazil, even if it comes from a foreign donation. Because, if this is not the case, we would not be talking about donation, but about conditioned placement of resources, which, I think, is not the case. And, if it is, it may be the case of reflecting that we would not be interested in suffering international interference, even for the amount so insignificant given the need for such a large region ", said the Minister.

<https://www.camara.leg.br/noticias/567681-ministro-e-deputados-fazem-debate-acalorado-sobre-desmatamento-na-amazonia/>

- **08/14** - After Germany suspended investments to protect the Amazon due to the high rates of deforestation, Bolsonaro sends a message to Angela Merkel: “I even wanted to send a message to you, dear Angela Merkel, who suspended 80 million dollars to Amazon. Take that money and reforest Germany, okay? There is much more need there than here”. Germany froze 35 million euros, which is equivalent to R\$ 155 million, to finance protection projects in the Amazon.

<https://oglobo.globo.com/sociedade/pega-essa-grana-refloreste-alemanha-ta-ok-diz-bolsonaro-em-recado-angela-merkel-23877808>

- **10 to 15/08** - Encouraged by President Bolsonaro, farmers and land grabbers from the Novo Progresso region in southwestern Pará are holding the “day of fire” with the coordinated burning of pastures, invaded areas and deforestation. One of the organizers said: “We need to show the president that we want to work and the only way is to tear trees down. And to form and clean our pastures, we use fire”.

<https://www.bbc.com/portuguese/brasil-49453037>

<https://www.brasildefato.com.br/2019/08/15/estimulados-por-bolsonaro-fazendeiros-promovem-dia-do-fogo-na-amazonia/>

- **08/19** - The sky in the city of São Paulo darkens at 3 pm due to climatic conditions and smoke from burning in the Amazon region. Minister Ricardo Salles says that associating the phenomenon with burning is fake news.

<https://g1.globo.com/sp/sao-paulo/noticia/2019/08/19/dia-vira-noite-em-sao-paulo-com-chegada-de-frente-fria-nesta-segunda.ghtml>

- **19/08** - Burnings increased by 82% in relation to 2018. Data from Inpe indicate that the period from January to August 2019 was 71,497 outbreaks against only 39,195 in 2018. In relation to August 2018, the number tripled, leaving 10,421 to 30,901. The number is the highest in seven years.

<https://g1.globo.com/natureza/noticia/2019/08/19/queimadas-aumentam-82percent-em-relacao-ao-mesmo-periodo-de-2018.ghtml>

- **08/21** - President Jair Bolsonaro insinuates that NGOs may be responsible for burning in the Amazon, as it would be retaliation for cutting funds for organizations. In addition, he says that governors in the northern region are complicit with the situation. “Crime exists, and that we have to do our best so that this crime does not increase, but we take money from NGOs. Of the transfers from abroad, 40% went to NGOs. There is no more. We also ended the transfer of public money. So these people are missing the money. So, there may be, I am not affirming, criminal action by these “ongueiros” to exactly call attention to me, against the government of Brazil.”, Said Bolsonaro.

<https://oglobo.globo.com/sociedade/bolsonaro-diz-que-ongs-podem-ser-responsaveis-por-queimadas-na-amazonia-23891984>

- **08/21** - The Federal Government, specifically Ibama, publishes a public notice to purchase a new monitoring system for Amazon. The objective is to prospect companies specialized in providing continuous monitoring services with satellite images. The estimate is to spend R\$ 7 million and the public notice, according to experts, is directed towards the company Planet.

<https://sustentabilidade.estadao.com.br/noticias/geral,ibama-publica-edital-para-comprar-novo-sistema-de-monitoramento-da-amazonia,70002977200>

- **08/22** - Bolsonaro establishes a “task force” to try to answer the great number of criticisms of the government's paralysis facing the situation in the Amazon. The president also accuses French president Emmanuel Macron of having a “colonialist” mentality, and attacks him personally.

<https://oglobo.globo.com/sociedade/bolsonaro-diz-que-macron-evoca-mentalidade-colonialista-ao-tratar-de-queimadas-no-brasil-23896876>

- **08/23** - President publishes Decree 9.985 / 2019, which authorizes the use of the Armed Forces for the Guarantee of Law and Order (GLO) for subsidiary actions in border areas, in indigenous lands, in federal conservation units and in other areas of the Legal Amazon. The objective is to fight fires in the Amazon region.

<https://noticias.uol.com.br/meio-ambiente/ultimas-noticias/bbc/2019/08/23/o-que-e-a-glo-que-bolsonaro-decretou-para-combater-queimadas-na-amazonia.htm>

- **08/24** - The attitude of the Brazilian Government enhances the repercussion of the crisis in the Amazon. Politicians, artists, academia and civil society express concern and criticize the president's management and manifestations. The president of France, Emmanuel Macron, said that fires in the Amazon generated an "international crisis" and asked the problem to be discussed at the G7 meeting. To him, Amazônia is a common concern and calls for mobilization between powers against deforestation.

<https://g1.globo.com/mundo/noticia/2019/08/24/para-macron-amazonia-e-bem-comum-e-pede-mobilizacao-de-potencias-contra-desmatamento.ghtml>

- **08/24** - Despite the crisis in the Amazon region, until the end of August the Special Inspection Group (GEF) of Ibama (elite of field agents) is not activated. The number of Ibama fines continues to fall. Considering the same period in 2018, the number of assessments by Ibama decreased by 29.4%.

<https://www.bbc.com/portuguese/brasil-49430376>

- **25/08** - The Federal Public Prosecutor's Office (MPF) in Itaituba (PA) sent an alert to Ibama three days before the “day of the fire” asking for reinforcement of inspection due to the information. However, the agency did not respond to the request and only responded four days later. Ibama's deputy executive manager, Roberto Victor Lacava e Silva, said that action was not possible due to the attacks and threats suffered by environmental agencies and the absence of the military police.

<https://revistagloborural.globo.com/Noticias/Politica/noticia/2019/08/governo-foi-alertado-pelo-ministerio-publico-tres-dias-antes-de-dia-do-fogo.html>

- **08/26** - Brazilian government rejects US \$ 20 million aid from the G7 for the Amazon. The Government would work on three fronts: accepting help from South Americans and Israel, launching a Working Group with the USA or adopting more “drastic” measures to mitigate the effects of the fires.

<https://oglobo.globo.com/sociedade/governo-brasileiro-decide-rejeitar-ajuda-de-us-20-milhoes-do-g7-para-amazonia-23906801>

- **08/27** - During a meeting with governors of the Amazon, President Jair Bolsonaro criticizes the demarcation of indigenous lands: “In large part, the money comes from outside Brazil, this comes at a price: demarcation of indigenous lands, APAs [protected areas] environmental], quilombolas, national parks, etc. This leads to a fate that we already know, Brazil's insolvency. We will have to face this issue anyway”.

<https://g1.globo.com/politica/noticia/2019/08/27/em-reuniao-com-governadores-para-tratar-de-amazonia-bolsonaro-critica-demarcacao-de-terras-indigenas.ghtml>

- **08/28** - Jair Bolsonaro signs Decree 9992/2019, which prohibits burning in the whole country for two months. “The text has three exceptions: the control of pests and diseases, duly authorized by environmental agencies; the practice of preventing and fighting fires; and the preparation of land for subsistence agriculture, in traditional and indigenous communities. Two days later, the decree was revised, allowing the use of fire in agriculture outside the Legal Amazon”.

<https://g1.globo.com/jornal-nacional/noticia/2019/08/29/bolsonaro-assina-decreto-que-proibe-queimadas-durante-periodo-de-seca.ghtml>

- **08/30** - The first oil stains are seen on beaches in Paraíba, according to Ibama. Pernambuco is also affected.

<https://sustentabilidade.estadao.com.br/noticias/geral,veja-perguntas-e-respostas-sobre-as-manchas-de-petroleo-nas-praias-do-nordeste,70003058511>

September 2019:

- **09/06** - The Federal Public Ministry (MPF) sent a series of thirteen recommendations, among which the Minister of the Environment, Ricardo Salles, refrains from giving public statements that, without proof, cause delegitimization of the work of the civil servants' body. Ibama and ICMBio on how to tackle deforestation.

http://climainfo.org.br/2019/09/06/mpf-ensina-mma-como-controlar-o-desmatamento/?utm_source=akna&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=06092018

- **09/07** - Public servants contest the MMA's accusation of fraud on the fleet of unused cars at ICMBio. The alleged audit was never made public.

<https://istoe.com.br/servidores-contestam-auditoria-do-mma-sobre-frota-de-autos-inutilizados-no-icmbio/>

- **09/09** - Colonel of the Military Police Evandro Cunha dos Santos is Appointed as the new regional superintendent of Ibama do Pará (PA). He says that Ibama will stop burning illegal mining machines. It should be noted that the conditions for the destruction of machinery used in environmental crimes were characterized from Decree 6,514 of 2008.

<https://www1.folha.uol.com.br/ambiente/2019/09/novo-chefe-diz-que-ibama-vai-parar-de-queimar-maquinas-de-garimpo-ilegal.shtml>

- **09/10** - ICMBio's Board of Directors removes the autonomy and discretion of inspection agents in the field, with the Circular Memorandum that establishes that the destruction and unusability of equipment used in environmental infractions depends on prior authorization by parts of the higher authorities.

<https://www.istoedinheiro.com.br/icmbio-tira-autonomia-de-fiscais-para-queima-de-maquinas-apreendidas/>

- **09/10** - From January to September 2nd, Inpe recorded more than 93.1 thousand fires in Brazil, an increase of 64% compared to the same period in 2018. Deforestation alerts in the Amazon also increased by 321% in August. In addition, Ibama fails to carry out 22% of the inspection actions planned until August 2019 at the Annual National Environmental Protection Plan (Pnapa).

<https://oglobo.globo.com/sociedade/ibama-corta-22-das-acoes-de-fiscalizacao-previstas-23937584>

- **09/11** - From January to September, the Federal Government applied only 7.5% of resources in policies to combat deforestation and associated crimes, such as land grabbing and violence against traditional communities. Organized crime gains even more strength and continues to act with greater freedom.

<https://sustentabilidade.estadao.com.br/blogs/ambiente-se/gastos-com-acoes-de-gestao-ambiental-do-pais-despencam/>

- **09/19** - 230 funds, which manage R\$ 65 trillion, ask Brazil to protect the Amazon and demand from the Federal Government effective measures to protect the Amazon and stop deforestation.

https://brasil.elpais.com/brasil/2019/09/18/economia/1568838133_361572.html

- **09/23** - Government is considering a proposal to regulate mining, installation of hydroelectric plants, oil and gas exploration in indigenous lands, even without authorization or agreement from the affected peoples.

<https://www1.folha.uol.com.br/mercado/2019/09/projeto-de-mineracao-do-governo-preve-tutela-sobre-indigenas.shtml>

<https://www.folhape.com.br/economia/economia/brasil/2019/09/24/NWS,117171,10>

[_1103,ECONOMIA,2373-PROJETO-MINERACAO-GOVERNO-PREVE-TUTELA-SOBRE-INDIGENAS.aspx](#)

- **09/24** - Invasions in indigenous lands, according to the Indigenous Missionary Council (Cimi), increased by 44% of the total attacks in relation to 2018. 160 invasions were recorded in 153 indigenous lands.

<https://www.otempo.com.br/maislidas/siga-em-tempo-real-a-coletiva-da-pf-sobre-a-fase-da-lava-jato-que-mira-lula-1.1249032/invasoes-a-terras-indigenas-disparam-sob-bolsonaro-aponta-braco-da-cnbb-1.2241031>

- **09/24** - In a speech at the UN, President Bolsonaro attacks political opponents, such as the indigenous leader Raoni Metuktire and the President of France, Emmanuel Macron. It also tries to minimize the concern on the increase in burning of the Amazon and insinuates that the blame would be on indigenous peoples. In addition, it reaffirms its position against land demarcation.

<https://www.bbc.com/portuguese/internacional-49808632>

- **09/25** - According to a survey by Ibope, dissatisfaction with the government's environmental area ranges from 45% to 55% of the population, between June and September.

<https://politica.estadao.com.br/noticias/geral,metade-da-populacao-desaprova-a-maneira-de-bolsonaro-governar,70003024935>

- **09/26** - Oil stains on the coast have reached 779 locations in the Northeast and Southeast since the end of August. The substance is crude oil and affects the lives of marine animals and coastal cities. The Minister and the government seem to ignore the existence of the National Contingency Plan for Oil Pollution Incidents in Waters under National Jurisdiction (PNC).

<https://g1.globo.com/natureza/noticia/2019/09/26/manchas-de-oleo-no-nordeste-o-que-se-sabe-sobre-o-problema.ghtml>

- **09/28** - In the first month of Armed Forces action in the Amazon to combat fires, the number of fires decreases, but the number of seized assets and infraction notices also decreases compared to the same period last year. Deforestation increases.

<https://sustentabilidade.estadao.com.br/noticias/geral,com-exercito-ha-um-mes-na-amazonia-queimada-diminui-e-desmate-aumenta,70003028453>

- **09/29** - In a document, Ibama states that the military commanders involved in the Environmental Law and Order Guarantee (GLO) mission have refused, three times, to support operations to combat illegal mining. The argument is based on the assessment that the actions could result in the destruction of the offenders' equipment.

<https://oglobo.globo.com/sociedade/fiscais-do-ibama-acusam-exercito-de-nao-cooperar-em-aco-es-contra-garimpos-ilegais-23983838>

- **09/30** - Proposed Multiannual Plan 2020-2023 sent by the government to Congress consolidates the dismantling of environmental policies and bodies. Environment ministry policies, such as climate change, biodiversity conservation, urban environmental quality keep less than 2% of the budget.

<https://valor.globo.com/opiniao/coluna/onde-esta-o-meio-ambiente-no-plano-plurianual.ghtml>

<https://climainfo.org.br/2019/10/04/politica-ambiental-desaparece-no-plano-plurianual-2020-2023/>

October 2019:

- **10/17** - IBAMA and Instituto Chico Mendes suspend the Teleworking program, without any justification or dialogue with civil servants, damaging strategic areas, such as inspection, land tenure regularization, licensing and preparation of management plans.

<http://www.ascemanacional.org.br/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Nota-P%C3%BAblica-sobre-o-teletrabalho-ibama-e-ICMBio-1.pdf>

- **10/18** - The Federal Government publishes Provisional Measure ([MPV 910/2019](#)), which creates the so-called “great Salles fund”. According to the text, the Minister would have the power to negotiate discounts for R\$ 39 billion in environmental fines, also defining where to apply the resources.

<https://sustentabilidade.estadao.com.br/noticias/geral,medida-provisoria-transforma-conversao-de-multas-ambientais-em-pagamento-com-desconto,70003055274>

- **10/22** - After 41 days after the beginning of oil stains on the Northeastern coast, the Federal Government activates the National Contingency Plan for Oil Pollution Incidents, which should be triggered immediately in situations like this.

<https://sustentabilidade.estadao.com.br/noticias/geral,salles-so-formalizou-plano-41-dias-apos-manchas-aparecerem-no-nordeste,70003059406>

- **10/24** - Minister Ricardo Salles insinuates that a non-governmental organization Greenpeace could have spilled the oil in the sea.

<https://oglobo.globo.com/sociedade/salles-insinua-que-greenpeace-pode-ter-derramado-oleo-mas-volta-atras-24039726>

November 2019:

- **11/03** - After criticism from the Government, the reformulation of INPE begins. During a press conference, the Institute's interim director, Darcton Policarpo Damião, presented his restructuring proposal that includes important changes in coordinations that have a leading role, such as the deforestation monitoring sector in the Amazon.

<https://www.oeco.org.br/reportagens/reformulacao-do-inpe-tem-inicio-apos-sofrer-criticas-do-governo/>

- **11/04** - Up to November 04, 2019, more than 4.5 thousand tons of oil mixed with sand from the northeastern coast were collected. According to Piauí magazine, it would be possible to fill 27,000 barrels of oil.

https://piaui.folha.uol.com.br/sobre-o-oleo-derramado/?utm_source=akna&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=5112019

- **11/05** - Hex Technologies Geospatial Company, which discovered oil on the coast and sent information about the leak to the Federal Police, maintains a contract with Ibama, however it has not been activated. According to the executive, the contract is on demand with the Institute and would need to be demanded by him.

<https://sustentabilidade.estadao.com.br/noticias/geral,empresa-que-descobriu-oleo-mantem-contrato-com-ibama-mas-nao-foi-acionada,70003076837>

- **11/05** - In a technical note from Ibama, the Institute states that there are no conditions to find spots on the seas using optical satellite images to pinpoint the exact location of the spots. The document does not mention the private report that bases the suspicion of the Federal Police against a Greek ship.

<https://g1.globo.com/natureza/desastre-ambiental-petroleo-praias/noticia/2019/11/05/parecer-do-ibama-diz-que-satelites-nao-tem-condicoes-de-apontrar-manchas-de-oleo-no-oceano.ghtml>

- **11/05** - According to Ibama and a survey by Poder 360 news portal, from January to September 2019, 8909 assessments were issued by the Institute. Compared to the same period in 2018, the drop was 22%.

<https://www.poder360.com.br/brasil/ibama-tem-menor-numero-de-autuacoes-ambientais-em-duas-decadas/>

- **11/11** - In September 2019, the number of fines by Ibama fell by 26% compared to 2018. In the same period, deforestation in the Amazon increased 80%, according to data from the Amazon Deforestation Alert System (SAD).

<https://piaui.folha.uol.com.br/ibama-multa-cada-vez-menos/>

- **11/13** - Oil stains reach 527 locations, according to Ibama. According to the institute, 68% of the municipalities on the northeastern coast have been affected since the disaster began in August.

<https://g1.globo.com/natureza/desastre-ambiental-petroleo-praias/noticia/2019/11/13/manchas-de-oleo-no-litoral-atingem-mais-de-500-locais-no-nordeste-e-sudeste.ghtml>

- **11/18** - According to INPE data, deforestation in the Amazon rose 29.5% between August 1, 2018 and July 31, 2019, reaching 9,762 km². The rate was around 1,500 km² above the trend of increased deforestation observed since 2012. The data follows directly the strategy adopted by the Bolsonaro government, of environmental

dismantling, speech against environmental management and inspection bodies, and project shelving.

<https://sustentabilidade.estadao.com.br/noticias/geral,taxa-de-desmatamento-da-amazonia-sobe-29-5-no-ano-e-chega-perto-de-10-mil-km,70003093599>
<http://www.observatoriodoclima.eco.br/alta-no-desmate-coroa-desmonte-ambiental-de-bolsonaro-e-salles/>

- **11/18** - The Ministry of the Environment (MMA) loses 17% of its analysts, thus, from 476 servers in the portfolio in 2018, the number dropped to 395. The data were obtained by BBC News Brasil via the Access to Information Law (LAI).

<https://www.bbc.com/portuguese/brasil-50412828>

- **11/21** - Ibama eases rules to inspect and fine sawmills that buy illegal wood that has been traded based on fraudulent forest documents (DOFs).

https://oglobo.globo.com/sociedade/ibama-flexibiliza-normas-para-multar-serrarias-que-compram-madeira-ilegal-1-24092813?utm_source=Whatsapp&utm_medium=Social&utm_campaign=compartilhar

- **11/23** - Fragments of oil are found on the northern coast of the state of Rio de Janeiro (RJ). According to data, the oil reached more than 700 locations.

<https://sustentabilidade.estadao.com.br/noticias/geral,oleo-chega-ao-litoral-norte-do-rio-de-janeiro-informa-marinha,70003099857>

- **11/26** - Without proof or transparency, four volunteer fire brigade members from Alter do Chão, in Pará (PA), are arrested and NGO Projeto Saúde e Alegria has documents and equipment seized.

<https://sustentabilidade.estadao.com.br/noticias/geral,policia-do-pa-prende-brigadistas-sob-suspeita-de-ligacao-com-queimadas-em-alter-do-chao,70003103180>

- **11/28** - Human Rights Advocacy Collective (CADHu) and the Arns Commission denounce President Jair Bolsonaro to the International Criminal Court for crimes against humanity and for inciting the genocide of the indigenous people.

<https://noticias.uol.com.br/politica/ultimas-noticias/2019/11/28/bolsonaro-e-denunciado-a-tribunal-internacional-por-ataques-contraindios.htm>

- **11/29** - Bolsonaro advises that no one should donate money to NGOs and accuses actor Leonardo DiCaprio without proof of paying to set the Amazon on fire. "Now, Leonardo DiCaprio is a nice guy, right? Giving money to set fire to the Amazon," said the president.

<https://sustentabilidade.estadao.com.br/noticias/geral,bolsonaro-acusa-leonardo-dicaprio-de-pagar-para-tacar-fogo-na-amazonia,70003107321>

December 2019:

- **12/02** - Brazil is denounced at the UN for the “alarming dismantling of the protection system” and negligence in relation to environmental tragedies.

<https://noticias.uol.com.br/colunas/jamil-chade/2019/12/02/deputados-denunciam-brasil-na-onu-por-desmantelamento-de-politica-ambiental.htm>

- **12/04** - Minister Ricardo Salles meets with environmental violators and suspends inspection at the Chico Mendes Extractive Reserve. Salles met with the men who threatened to kill a public servant to discuss the future of the extractive reserve and complain about the alleged brutality of ICMBio agents. In 2019 alone, deforestation in the conservation unit increased by 203%.

https://www1.folha.uol.com.br/ambiente/2019/12/apos-se-reunir-com-infratores-ambientais-salles-suspende-fiscalizacao-na-reserva-chico-mendes.shtml?utm_source=twitter&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=twfolha%3Floggedpaywall&origin=folha

- **12/10** - The Executive issues the Provisional Measure ([MPV 910/2019](#)), which regularizes land grabbing in Brazil and rewards environmental criminals.

<https://www.oeco.org.br/reportagens/mp-da-regularizacao-fundiaria-anistia-grilagem-de-terras-publicas-ate-2018/>

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February 2020:

- **02/06** - The Federal Executive sends the Bill 191/2020 to the Chamber of Deputies, which releases mining and other activities with a high environmental impact on indigenous lands.

<https://www1.folha.uol.com.br/mercado/2020/02/bolsonaro-assina-projeto-que-autoriza-garimpo-em-terras-indigenas.shtml>

<https://www.camara.leg.br/noticias/634893-projeto-do-governo-viabiliza-exploracao-de-minerios-em-terras-indigenas/>

- **02/11** - Bolsonaro publishes Decree 10239/2020, which provides for the National Council of the Amazon. The text removes the MMA Council and transfers it to the vice-presidency of the republic, in addition, the new composition has a strong presence of military personnel and leaves out governors, Ibama, ICMBio, Funai and civil society.

<https://www.poder360.com.br/governo/governo-lanca-conselho-da-amazonia-em-cerimonia-no-planalto/>

https://www.correiobraziliense.com.br/app/noticia/politica/2020/02/11/interna_politica,827359/conselho-da-amazonia-legal-nao-inclui-governadores-e-sociedade-civil.shtml

- **02/12** - The President of the Republic publishes Decree [Decreto 10234/2020](#), which approves the Regimental Structure and the Demonstrative Framework of the Positions in Commission and of the Trust Functions of the Chico Mendes Institute for Biodiversity Conservation (ICMBio), reshuffles positions in commission and trust functions and transforms commissioned positions. Of the posts related to the environmental area, 48 were transferred to the economic area and, in contrast, 19 professionals from the economy will start working at the Institute. Another fundamental change was the reduction of eleven regional coordinations (CR) to just 5 "regional administrations" (GR), one per region of the country.

http://www.ascemanacional.org.br/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/ASCEMA-aciona-o-MPF_.pdf

- **02/20** - Publication of Decree No. 10,252, which approves INCRA's new Regulatory Structure. The new structure absorbs the competences of Fundação Cultural Palmares, including acting as an intervening body in the scope of environmental licensing, when responding to quilombola communities.

<http://www.in.gov.br/web/dou/-/decreto-n-10.252-de-20-de-fevereiro-de-2020-244585036>

March 2020:

- **03/04** - The president of Ibama releases the export of native wood, contrary to the report signed by five career technicians of the agency. The decision does away with the need for the environmental inspection body to authorize the export of wood cargo taken from the country's forest. Since November, the government has been evaluating the exportation of native wood exports. In February, the IBAMA Superintendent in Pará had already "regularized" five cargoes of wood exported irregularly to the United States, Belgium and Denmark, issuing retroactive licenses, which is not provided for by law. "There are a number of considerations made on both sides; we are analyzing it technically," said the Minister in November 2019.

<https://theintercept.com/2020/03/04/ibama-salles-exportacao-madeira-nativa/>
<https://valor.globo.com/brasil/noticia/2019/11/27/salles-governo-avalia-se-liberar-exportacao-de-madeira-nativa-pode-estimular-desmате.ghtml>

<https://theintercept.com/2020/02/26/aliado-salles-exportacao-irregular-madeira/>

April 2020:

- **04/06** - The Minister of the Environment signs on April 6, implementing the opinion of the Federal Attorney General's Office that recognizes APPs (Permanent Preservation Areas) deforested and occupied by July 2008 as consolidated areas. Therefore, amnesty Atlantic forest.

<https://www1.folha.uol.com.br/ambiente/2020/04/salles-anistia-desmatadores-da-mata-atlantica-em-meio-a-pandemia-de-covid-19.shtml>

- **04/08** - According to data from INPE, warnings of deforestation in the Amazon grew by 63.75% in April. This year, alerts were issued for 405.6 km².

<https://g1.globo.com/natureza/noticia/2020/05/08/alertas-de-desmatamento-na-amazonia-crescem-em-abril-mostram-dados-do-inpe.ghtml>

- **04/10** - Minister Ricardo Salles exonerates the General Coordinator for monitoring the use of biodiversity and foreign trade at IBAMA, André Sócrates de Almeida Teixeira. According to sources, the exoneration was a retaliation against the server for being contrary to the exclusion of rules that prevented the export of illegal timber.

<https://congressoemfoco.uol.com.br/meio-ambiente/salles-demite-analista-que-se-opos-a-exportacao-ilegal-de-madeira/>

- **04/14** - Salles exonerates Ibama's Environmental Protection Director, Olivaldi Azevedo. The exoneration occurs two days after a Rede Globo program broadcasting a report on an inspection operation in indigenous lands in southern Pará, to combat illegal mining and prevent transmission of Covid-19 to indigenous people.

<https://www.oeco.org.br/noticias/diretor-de-protecao-ambiental-do-ibama-e-exonerado/>

- **04/17** - The government installs the Amazon Council with 19 soldiers, 4 delegates from the Federal Police and no representatives from Ibama, ICMBio or Funai.

<https://noticias.uol.com.br/colunas/rubens-valente/2020/04/18/conselho-amazonia-mourao.htm>

- **04/22** - The president of FUNAI publishes Normative Instruction 9/2020, which regulates the application, analysis and issuance of the Limit Recognition Declaration in relation to private properties. Thus, it authorizes the certification of private lands within unapproved indigenous lands.

<https://g1.globo.com/natureza/noticia/2020/04/27/funai-edita-medida-que-permite-ocupacao-e-venda-de-terras-indigenas-sem-homologacao.ghtml>

<https://veja.abril.com.br/blog/matheus-leitao/nova-norma-da-funai-diminui-protecao-a-terras-indigenas-nao-homologadas/>

- **04/30** - The Federal Government exonerates two heads of inspection from Ibama after an operation against illegal miners and loggers in the Amazon. Renê Luiz de Oliveira, general coordinator of environmental inspection, and Hugo Ferreira Loss, coordinator of inspection operations, are career servants of the Institute who served in office for 4 different presidential terms.

<https://oglobo.globo.com/brasil/governo-exonera-chefes-de-fiscalizacao-do-ibama-apos-operacoes-contragarimpeiros-1-24403219>

May 2020:

- **05/06** - An Ibama inspection server is attacked with a bottle on the head in Uruará (PA). The inspector led an operation by the Institute against illegal loggers who worked on the Cachoeira Seca indigenous land of the Arara people in the southeast of the state.

<https://www.oeco.org.br/noticias/fiscal-do-ibama-e-agredido-com-uma-garrafa-no-para/>

- **05/07** - President Bolsonaro publishes [Decreto 10342/2020](#), which authorizes the use of the Armed Forces in the Guarantee of Law and Order and in subsidiary actions in the border strip, in indigenous lands, in the federal units of environmental conservation and in other federal areas in the States of the Legal Amazon. In addition, the text subordinates environmental agencies to the Ministry of Defense.

<https://g1.globo.com/natureza/noticia/2020/05/07/bolsonaro-autoriza-envio-de-tropas-das-forcas-armadas-para-combater-focos-de-incendio-na-amazonia-legal.ghtml>

https://www.em.com.br/app/noticia/nacional/2020/05/07/interna_nacional,1145194/decreto-autoriza-emprego-das-forcas-armadas-no-combate-a-desmatamento.shtml

- **05/13** - President Jair Bolsonaro publishes [Decreto 10347/2020](#), which transfers the competences for the concession of public forests from MMA to MAPA. The text does



not explain the reasons for the changes, which, according to environmentalists, are unconstitutional and may represent a conflict of interest harmful to ecosystems.

<https://oglobo.globo.com/sociedade/bolsonaro-transfere-concessao-de-florestas-publicas-para-ministerio-da-agricultura-24427684>

- **05/14** - Provisional Measure (MPV) 910/2019 returns to the agenda of the National Congress (CN) as Bill of Law [\(PL\) 2633/2020](#). The negotiation remains: the Executive intends to increase the number of fiscal modules by 15 and establish the time frame in 2018. Environmentalists argue that the matter should not be discussed while the pandemic state caused by Covid-19 lasts.

<https://climainfo.org.br/2020/05/19/projeto-de-lei-recicla-mp-910-e-carrega-varios-de-seus-problemas/>

<https://www.oeco.org.br/noticias/mp-910-e-abandonada-pela-camara-e-assunto-voltara-como-projeto-de-lei/>

- **05/20** - During the first mission of Operation Verde Brasil 2 in Mato Grosso, 97 agents were mobilized, ignoring the priority targets indicated by Ibama and carrying out inspections without punishment or notices.

<https://www1.folha.uol.com.br/ambiente/2020/05/exercito-ignora-ibama-mobiliza-97-agentes-e-faz-vistoria-sem-punicao.shtml>

- **05/22** - The Minister of the Supreme Federal Court (STF), Celso de Mello, authorizes the publication of the video of the inter ministerial meeting of 04/22. During the meeting, Minister Ricardo Salles says: "So for that we need to make an effort here while we are in this moment of tranquility in terms of press coverage, because all we talk about is covid and let the cattle pass through (push through further deregulation) and changing all the rules and simplifying norms. "In addition, he states that his Ministry is the most difficult to pass any infralegal change, because" 'all we do is stick to the Judiciary, the next day ".

<https://g1.globo.com/politica/noticia/2020/05/22/ministro-do-meio-ambiente-defende-passar-a-boiada-e-mudar-regramento-e-simplificar-normas.ghtml>

- **05/22** - Still at the meeting whose video was released by order of the Minister of the Supreme Court Celso de Mello, the Minister of Economy, Paulo Guedes, classifies public servants in Brazil as "the enemy", by boasting of the suspension, for two years, of the salary readjustments of all public servants (except a few ...): "Everyone is thinking that, so distracted, they hugged us, they rolled with us. We already put the grenade in the enemy's pocket - two years without salary increase, "said Minister Paulo Guedes at the ministerial meeting on April 22.

<https://g1.globo.com/politica/noticia/2020/05/22/suspensao-de-reajuste-de-servidores-e-granada-no-bolso-do-inimigo-diz-guedes-em-reuniao.ghtml>

- **05/26** - Submission to the environmental body of OFÍCIO CONJUNTO / INCRA / FCP / Nº 01/2020, which informs about the transfer of the environmental licensing agenda with quilombola communities from Fundação Cultural Palmares to INCRA (as provided in Decree nº 10.252 / 2020, which approves the new regulatory structure of INCRA). There are approximately 600 licensing processes on the date of the Official Letter.

<http://www.palmares.gov.br/?p=56389>

- **05/28** - The Vice President of the Republic, Hamilton Mourão, removes Salles from the presidency of the Amazon Fund and indicates that he will assume the position. The move would be a strategy for new international support for the fund.

<https://www1.folha.uol.com.br/ambiente/2020/05/mourao-tira-salles-do-fundo-amazonia-mas-imagem-negativa-e-obstaculo-para-volta-do-fundo.shtml>

June 2020:

- **04/06** - The Ministry of the Environment (MMA) published [despacho 19258/2020-MMA](#), which approves technical note 603/2020-MMA and revokes order 4410/2020. The text opened loopholes for non-compliance with the rules of the Atlantic Forest Law by canceling debts and fines from producers who disregarded the legislation when occupying areas of environmental preservation. After pressure from civil society, the Government revoked the order and called the STF (supreme court), through a Direct Action of Unconstitutionality, to decide whether the rules of the Forest Code apply to the Atlantic Forest.

<https://oglobo.globo.com/sociedade/salles-revoga-medida-que-regularizava-invasoes-na-mata-atlantica-24461984>

<https://www.terra.com.br/noticias/ciencia/sustentabilidade/por-mata-atlantica-governo-aciona-stf-apos-revogar-despacho,169ad2776be5dd8e704c66d0535e333d74egs17c.html>

- **06/05** - On Environment Day, civil servants of environmental specialists made a protest against President Jair Bolsonaro and Minister Ricardo Salles.

<https://congressoemfoco.uol.com.br/meio-ambiente/no-dia-do-meio-ambiente-servidores-do-ibama-protestam-contrabolsonaro-e-salles/>

- **06/10** - President Jair Bolsonaro signs [Decreto 10394/2020](#), which extends the use of the Armed Forces in the Guarantee of Law and Order (GLO) in the border strip, in indigenous lands, in federal units of environmental conservation and in other federal areas in the States of the Legal Amazon until July 10, 2020.

- **06/12** - The Ministry of the Environment drafted a decree, not yet published, which reduces the protection of the Atlantic Forest and facilitates the release of environmental licenses for the construction of projects, such as hotels and condominiums, in the most deforested biome in the country.

<https://noticias.uol.com.br/meio-ambiente/ultimas-noticias/reporter-brasil/2020/06/12/decreto-que-reduz-protacao-da-mata-atlantica-espera-assinatura-de-bolsonaro.htm>

- **06/17** - The Commander-General of the Military Police (PM) of Rondônia, Colonel Alexandre Luís de Freitas Almeida, suspended the Police's participation in environmental inspection operations carried out by Ibama and ICMBio. The commander is against the burning of machinery used in environmental crimes, guaranteed by law, and stated that the participation of police officers leads to an “exposure of military police garrisons to unnecessary risks”, and that this comes from “using fuel without due care for the incineration of other people's goods”.

<https://www.oeco.org.br/blogs/salada-verde/policia-militar-de-rondonia-suspende-participacao-em-operacoes-contradesmatamento/>

<https://saude.estadao.com.br/noticias/geral,comando-da-pm-em-rondonia-suspende-apoio-em-operacoes-do-icmbio-e-ibama,70003336533>

- **06/18** - Ibama and MMA continue to omit information about areas embargoed by environmental crimes. According to a report by Estadão, "The data that, by law, must be disclosed with total transparency by the government, as it is crucial information for granting financial credit and commercialization of agricultural products, has been off the air since October last year".

<https://sustentabilidade.estadao.com.br/noticias/geral,ibama-e-mma-descumprem-lei-e-omitem-dados-sobre-areas-embargadas-por-crime-ambiental,70003337382>

- **06/19** - According to a report by Folha de São Paulo, Ibama failed to provide information on assessments, fines and apprehensions made against deforestation workers in the Amazon region, since the disclosure would be a responsibility of the vice-presidency of the Republic.

<https://www1.folha.uol.com.br/colunas/painel/2020/06/ibama-deixa-de-fornecer-dados-sobre-multas-contradesmatadores-na-amazonia.shtml>

- **06/22** - President Jair Bolsonaro countered the criticisms about the environmental policies adopted by his government: “Our image is not very good out there due to misinformation” and went so far as to affirm that the country man “lost its fear” of receiving agents' environmental issues.

https://www.correiobraziliense.com.br/app/noticia/politica/2020/06/22/interna_politica,865861/nossa-imagem-nao-esta-muito-boa-ai-fora-por-desinformacao-bolsonaro.shtml



- **06/23** - International investors send an open letter to Brazilian embassies in the United States, Japan, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, United Kingdom, France and the Netherlands. The letter, signed by 29 international investment funds, shows concern about the increase in deforestation in Brazil and criticizes Minister Ricardo Salles' statements.

<https://g1.globo.com/jornal-nacional/noticia/2020/06/23/investidores-internacionais-manifestam-a-embaxadas-do-brasil-preocupacao-com-desmatamento.ghtml>

- **06/23** - Most employees report that the “gag law” has been in effect since Ricardo Salles took over the ministry. Employees live in a climate of persecution and threats, whether veiled or not.

<http://amazonia.org.br/2020/06/as-taticas-do-governo-brasileiro-para-sucatear-orgaos-de-protecao-ambiental/>

- **06/25** - Association denounces that Ibama denies aid to the fiscal officer that felt symptoms of Covid-19 during operation in the AM. The Brazilian Institute of the Environment and Renewable Natural Resources (Ibama) was denounced by the National Association of Environmental Servers (ASCEMA) for having denied assistance to a inspector who worked in the operation of Guarantee of Law and Order (GLO) in the municipality of Apuí, after experiencing symptoms of the new coronavirus. According to the association, Ibama left the inspector in a hotel, without structure or hospital care.

<https://g1.globo.com/am/amazonas/noticia/2020/06/25/associacao-denuncia-que-ibama-negou-socorro-a-fiscal-que-sentiu-sintomas-da-covid-19-durante-operacao-no-am.ghtml>

- **06/29** - The Minister of the Superior Federal Court (STF), Luís Roberto Barroso, called a public hearing for members of the government, environmental protection entities and specialists to discuss the environment scenario in Brazil. In the document, Barroso points out: “The damage caused to the environment compromises biodiversity, fauna and flora, which represent enormous economic potential and a differential for the country. They undermine Brazil's credibility internationally, impairing its ability to raise funds to fight deforestation and reduce greenhouse gases.” The hearings are scheduled to take place in September 2020.

<https://congressoemfoco.uol.com.br/judiciario/barroso-convoca-audiencia-para-discutir-omissao-do-governo-na-area-ambiental/>

<https://www1.folha.uol.com.br/colunas/monicabergamo/2020/06/barroso-diz-que-politica-ambiental-mina-o-brasil-no-exterior-e-convoca-audiencia.shtml>

- **06/29** - Minister Ricardo Salles appointed Glauco José Côrte Filho as superintendent of Ibama in Santa Catarina. Glauco has no professional experience or direct connection with the environmental area.



<https://sustentabilidade.estadao.com.br/noticias/geral,salles-nomeia-executivo-sem-experiencia-ambiental-para-chefiar-ibama-em-sc,70003349526>

July 2020:

- **07/03** - The Comptroller General of the Union (CGU) published a technical note defending that the disclosure, on the part of public servants, “of opinion about conflicts or internal matters, or of critical manifestations to the organ to which it belongs” in their networks social behaviors are subject to disciplinary investigation. Thus, one more attempt to institute the “gag law” among civil servants.

http://www.ascemanacional.org.br/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/ASCEMA_Nota_Publica_Lei_da_Mordaca_CGU.pdf

<https://congressoemfoco.uol.com.br/governo/servidor-que-criticar-orgao-em-que-atua-nas-redes-sociais-deve-ser-punido-diz-cgu/>

- **06/07** - The Federal Public Prosecutor's Office (MPF) filed an administrative misconduct lawsuit against the Minister of State for the Environment, Ricardo Salles, accused of intentionally disrupting environmental protection policies. “For MPF, Ricardo Salles promoted the disruption of environmental policies and the emptying of legal precepts to favor interests that have no relation to the purpose of the portfolio he occupies.”

<http://www.mpf.mp.br/df/sala-de-imprensa/noticias-df/mpf-pede-afastamento-de-ricardo-salles-do-ministerio-do-meio-ambiente-por-improbidade-administrativa>

<https://epocanegocios.globo.com/Brasil/noticia/2020/07/mpf-pede-afastamento-de-ricardo-salles-do-cargo-de-ministro-do-meio-ambiente.html>

- **07/07** - The Armed Forces abandoned actions against deforestation in Pará (Uruará), leaving agents from Ibama, the Federal Police and the National Force without the necessary support to continue the work, in the midst of Operation Verde Brasil 2.

<https://sustentabilidade.estadao.com.br/noticias/geral,exercito-paralisa-operacao-contr-desmatamento-no-para-e-deixa-fiscais-do-ibama-sem-apoio,70003356994>

- **07/09** - President Jair Bolsonaro signed [Decreto 10421/2020](#), which extends the use of the Armed Forces in the Guarantee of Law and Order (GLO) in the border strip, in indigenous lands, in federal conservation units and in other areas in the states of the Legal Amazon until November 6, 2020.
- **07/11** - Hamilton Mourão, vice president of the Republic and president of the National Council for the Legal Amazon, admitted that the operation to combat deforestation in the Amazon region “started late” and could have negative results.

<https://economia.estadao.com.br/noticias/geral,governo-comecou-tarde-combate-ao-desmatamento-na-amazonia-diz-mourao,70003360587>

- **07/12** - Sanctions imposed by Ibama fall 60% in one year, and experts warn of an environmental blackout.

<https://www1.folha.uol.com.br/ambiente/2020/07/sancoes-impostas-pelo-ibama-caem-60-em-um-ano-e-especialistas-alertam-para-apagao-ambiental.shtml>

- **07/13** - Inpe's Earth Observation general coordinator, Lúbia Vinhas, was exonerated from her post after the release of data showing a record in deforestation alerts in June 2020, reaching 1,034.4 km² of area under alert deforestation. The Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation, Marcos Pontes, affirmed that the exoneration is not related to the numbers of deforestation and that the reason was to relocate Lúbia to another position.

<https://g1.globo.com/politica/noticia/2020/07/13/apos-recorde-de-alerta-de-desmatamentos-na-amazonia-governo-exonera-coordenadora-do-inpe.ghtml>

- **07/13** - MMA server Marcelo Grossi is removed from the position of secretary of the Ethics Committee of the Ministry of the Environment. Grossi was dismissed after sending a complaint against Minister Ricardo Salles to the Comptroller General of the Union (CGU), the Presidency's Ethics Committee (CEP) and the Federal Audit Court (TCU), for emptying the Ministry's Ethics Committee.

<https://politica.estadao.com.br/noticias/geral,salles-destitui-secretario-de-comissao-que-o-denunciou-a-cgu,70003364919>

- **07/14** - During a debate session held in the Federal Senate (SF), Vice President Hamilton Mourão stated that he intends to send a proposal to the National Congress to separate the funds from the Amazon Fund from the rest of the Budget, so that they do not suffer fiscal restrictions.

<https://www12.senado.leg.br/noticias/materias/2020/07/14/mourao-aponta-dificuldades-para-preservacao-da-amazonia>

- **07/15** - After recognizing the lag in the staff of federal environmental agencies, Vice President Hamilton Mourão stated that he has been working to recover the operations of entities such as Ibama, ICMBio, Funai and Incra, however, he did not specify the way this “strengthening” will be carried out, after all, public tenders are suspended until the end of 2021.

<https://agenciabrasil.ebc.com.br/radioagencia-nacional/acervo/meio-ambiente/audio/2020-07/em-reuniao-com-ministros-mourao-sinaliza-possibilidade-de-concursos-para/>

- **07/15** - The Minister of Agriculture, Livestock and Supply, Tereza Cristina, stated that the Brazilian Government will start the land regularization of occupations (up to 4 fiscal modules) in the Amazon region, which are in an irregular situation, through systems and distance survey. "Land regularization, up to four modules, can be done in a sensorial way, so we already have how to start this regularization, we are just choosing where to start [...]", said the Minister.

<https://economia.estadao.com.br/noticias/geral,tereza-cristina-confirma-plano-de-regularizacao-fundiaria-a-distancia-na-amazonia,70003365161>

- **07/15** - President Jair Bolsonaro published [Decreto 10424/2020](#), which determines the suspension of permission to use fire in the national territory, for a period of one hundred and twenty days.
- **07/17** - The Executive Branch sends the National Congress Bill (PLN) 17/2020 to Parliament, which proposes, within the scope of the Ministry of Defense, resources for Operation Verde Brasil 2 in the Legal Amazon, in addition to other measures. The text directs 410 million reais for the continuity of the Armed Forces' actions in the Legal Amazon. Experts point out that one month of GLO is equivalent to the entire Ibama inspection budget for one year or to pay the salaries of 1,000 new inspectors.

<https://oglobo.globo.com/sociedade/governo-quer-mais-410-milhoes-para-acao-das-forcas-armadas-na-amazonia-24537358>

<https://brasil.elpais.com/brasil/2020-05-26/exercito-vai-gastar-em-um-mes-de-acao-na-amazonia-o-orcamento-anual-do-ibama-para-fiscalizacao.html>

- **07/28** - Ibama's board requests the opening of an investigation against civil servants who removed invaders from indigenous lands in the region of Pará. The operations took place in April and May 2020. ASCEMA Nacional classifies the investigation as a retaliation against Ibama civil servants who carried out their jobs.

<https://www1.folha.uol.com.br/ambiente/2020/07/ibama-pede-investigacao-contra-agentes-que-atuaram-para-expulsar-familias-de-terras-indigenas.shtml>

August 2020

- **08/02** - According to data from Inpe, fires in the Amazon increased 28% in July compared to the same period in 2019.

<https://g1.globo.com/natureza/amazonia/noticia/2020/08/02/incendios-na-amazonia-aumentaram-28percent-em-julho-em-comparacao-ao-ano-passado-mostram-dados-do-inpe.ghtml>

- **08/04** - The Investment Partnership Program Council (CPPI) of the Ministry of Economy publishes [Resolução CPPI 126/2020](#), which recommends the creation and qualification

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of the Support Policy for the Environmental Licensing of Investment Projects for the Production of Minerals Strategic. The objective is to combine actions between agencies to accelerate the environmental licensing of mineral production projects considered “strategic” for the country's development. In addition, the resolution also suggests the establishment of the Interministerial Committee for Analysis of Strategic Mineral Projects (CTAPME), which in turn, does not have the participation of the Minister of the Environment (MMA) or another environmental agency. To be valid, President Jair Bolsonaro needs to endorse the proposal.

<https://www.oeco.org.br/blogs/salada-verde/guedes-quer-facilitar-licenciamento-ambiental-de-projetos-de-mineracao/>

- **08/04** - Minister Ricardo Salles intends to circumvent the goal of reducing environmental devastation. In the document obtained by Estadão, the team proposes to ignore the objective of reducing deforestation and illegal fires by 90% across the country, as provided for in the Pluriannual Plan (PPA).

<https://sustentabilidade.estadao.com.br/noticias/geral,salles-quer-mudar-a-meta-oficial-de-preservacao-ambiental-da-amazonia,70003386376>

- **08/07** - According to data from the National Institute for Space Research (Inpe), deforestation in the Amazon grew 34% from August 2019 to July 2020 compared to the same period last year. Interestingly, when looking only at the July 2020 data, there was a 27% drop in deforestation compared to July 2019.

<https://www1.folha.uol.com.br/ambiente/2020/08/desmatamento-na-amazonia-cresceu-33-entre-2019-e-2020.shtml>

- **08/07** - [Decreto 10447/2020](#) was published, which provides for the qualification of the conservation units Parque Nacional de Brasília (DF) and São Joaquim National Park (SC) within the scope of the Presidency's Investment Partnerships Program (PPI) of the Republic and its inclusion in the National Privatization Program. ASCEMA Nacional questions the inclusion of the management of Conservation Units in the Decree.

<http://www.ascemanacional.org.br/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Concesso%CC%83es-ICMBio-.pdf>

- **08/12** - The National Congress (CN) approves, in a remote joint session, the National Congress Bill ([PLN 17/2020](#)), which directs R \$ 410 million to the Ministry of Defense for the continuation of Operation Brasil Verde 2.

- **08/12** - [Decreto 10455/2020](#) was published, which changes the Regulatory structure of the Ministry of the Environment (MMA). The text was built without the participation of the folder servers. Among the changes are: the creation of a secretariat to take care of the Federal Conversation Units, removing the duties of ICMBio, the federal agency responsible for the management of these UCs, in addition to the recreation of a



secretariat focused on climate issues and the creation of others with the highlight to the Amazon.

<http://www.ascemanacional.org.br/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Nota-estrutura-MMA-2020.pdf>

<https://www.oeco.org.br/reportagens/ministerio-do-meio-ambiente-passa-por-nova-reestruturacao-entenda-o-que-mudou/>

<https://g1.globo.com/natureza/noticia/2020/08/12/depois-de-pressoes-ministerio-do-meio-ambiente-muda-estrutura.ghtml>

- **08/12** - [Resolução 494/2020](#) signed by Ricardo Salles, Minister of the Environment and President of Conama, was published, which establishes the possibility of a remote hearing in cases of environmental licensing during the period of the pandemic caused by Covid-19.

<https://www.oeco.org.br/blogs/salada-verde/processo-de-licenciamento-ambiental-podera-ter-audiencia-virtual-resolve-salles/>

- **08/28** - Minister Ricardo Salles announces the halt of all operations that inspect and combat deforestation and fires, revealing that the budget dispute between the Armed Forces and MMA reaches the top echelon of the government.

<https://www1.folha.uol.com.br/ambiente/2020/08/em-vale-tudo-do-teto-de-gastos-amazonia-se-torna-de-novo-refem.shtml>

- **08/30** - Report on smuggling of mercury to illegal mining in the Amazon.

<https://globoplay.globo.com/v/8817815/programa/>

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