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## OVERVIEW

**Project Sites:** Protected and productive landscapes in 9 Brazilian Amazon States (Acre, Amapá, Amazonas, Maranhão, Mato Grosso, Pará, Rondônia, Roraima and Tocantins)

**GEF grant:** \$60 million **Cofinancing:** \$374 million

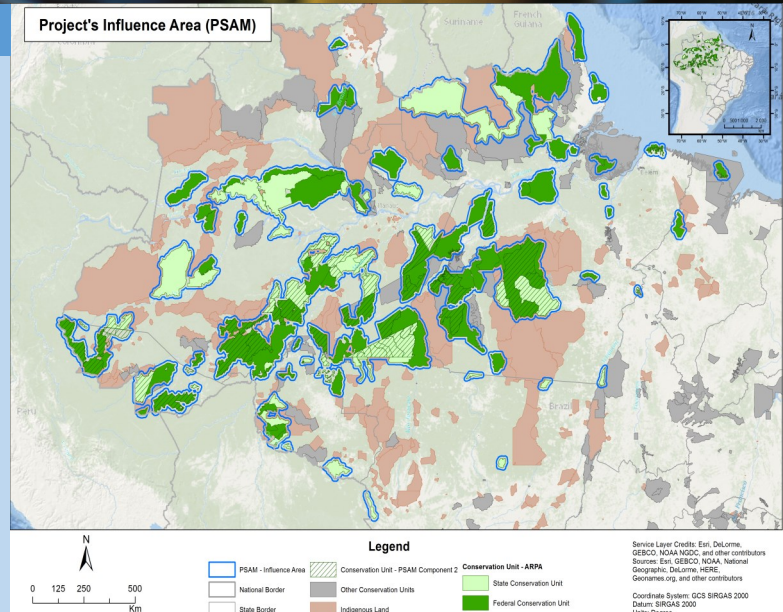
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## CONTEXT

The Amazon biome ranges over nine countries. It represents the planet's largest continuous tropical rainforest and possibly harbors the world's greatest biological diversity. With 60 percent located in northern Brazil, the Brazilian Amazon, it contains approximately 70 billion tons of carbon and influences regional and global climates. The region is inhabited by 22 million people, including at least 200,000 indigenous peoples from 200 ethnic groups. Such communities are economically and culturally dependent on the region's natural resources. The conservation of the Amazon with its cultural and biological diversity, and the protection of the ecological balance that allows climate regulation, are vital to Brazil and the planet.

Over the past two decades, government policies towards conservation and sustainable development in the region have significantly reduced deforestation, achieved in large part through expanding the protected area (PA) system, improving PA management, strengthening local community participation, and engaging with State governments. Despite these achievements, deforestation and degradation continue to threaten the region. Building on past experience, the project will address these threats by supporting implementation of the environment policy and legislative framework, aiming to maintain and further expand efforts to protect and restore the Amazon, and to promote adoption of sustainable production systems.

## PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The project aims to expand the area under legal protection and improve management of Protected Areas, and increase the area under restoration and sustainable management in the Brazilian Amazon. Expected outcomes for the project relate to:

- Creation of new protected areas
- Increase in protected areas management effectiveness
- Restoration and reforestation of strategic areas (including natural regeneration)
- Promotion of Sustainable Forest Management Plans