

The Envira Amazonia Project

Location: Acre, Brazil

Vintage: 2013-2014 (1st issuance)

Standard: Verified Carbon Standard (VCS), CCB (Climate, Community, Biodiversity)

Project Awards: Triple Gold Distinction

Validator: Environmental Services Inc.

Validation Date: May 2015

Carbon Project Type: REDD+ Forestry (Reduced emissions from deforestation and degradation)



Project Overview

The Envira Amazonia Project is a community-based project providing protection of tropical rainforest and biodiversity in the state of Acre, Brazil.

The Envira Amazonia Project project will preserve over 494,000 acres of a rare and highly endangered tropical rainforest eco-system while simultaneously providing this rural forest community with a new school and major educational programs, a new health clinic, land title, and direct payments for forest conservation.

The project area is facing extensive deforestation pressures as a result of cattle ranching and subsistence agriculture in the Project zone. The Envira Amazonia Project will mitigate deforestation and preserve the Project's rich biodiversity while simultaneously generating sustainable economic and educational opportunities for this local rainforest community.

The Envira Amazonia Project is a model for successfully utilizing carbon credit revenues as the best approach to preserving these extraordinary forest eco-systems. The project is developed to the highest standards including the Verified Carbon Standard (VCS) and Climate, Community, Biodiversity Standard (CCB) with "Triple Gold Distinction" for its climate change mitigation, biodiversity, and community net positive benefits.



Project Location

The Envira Amazonia Project is located within the Brazilian State of Acre, entirely within the Amazonian Basin, alongside the Envira River and near the city of Feijo.

The Envira Amazonia Project area totals approximately 494,000 acres of pristine tropical rainforest and is considered one of the world's most biologically diverse regions.

Protecting Biodiversity

Regional studies in the Southwestern Amazon, particularly near the Envira River in Acre, have demonstrated some of the highest levels of biodiversity in the world.

There is an estimated one to two million animal species in the Amazon including howler monkeys, freshwater dolphins, and scarlet macaws; while also being home to 30,000 endemic plants.



If the Envira project area were converted to cattle pasture, these threatened animal and plant species would likely disappear from the Project area due to a substantial reduction in habitat.

With nearly 1/3 of all known species and the largest network of freshwater contained in the Amazon Rainforest – the Envira Amazonia Project aims to protect these remaining forests and associated biodiversity by permanently preventing threats of infra-structure development projects (e.g., road construction and paving) cattle ranches, slash-and-burn agriculture, and commercial agriculture to the Project area.



Community Benefits

Community development is an essential component of the success of the Envira Amazonia Project. The Project will generate sustainable economic opportunities for members of the local community including:

1. New School and Educational Programs for Local Forest Children
2. New Health and Dental Clinics
3. Sustainable Agriculture Courses and Programs (Acai, Medicinal Plants)
4. Community Projects and Local Jobs
5. Obtain Land Rights / Delineate Permanent Family Areas

Validation and Verification

The project has been validated and the carbon emissions reductions have been verified to the Verified Carbon Standard (VCS). The project has also been developed to the Climate, Community and Biodiversity Standard Future year emissions reductions will also be verified to the VCS and CCB standards.

