# **Amazon: deforestation alerts show a drop in January**

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Four days before the closing of January 2023 data, the ***deforestation*** alert in the ***Amazon*** made by the Deter system indicates a drop in the historical series. The accumulated number of alerts in the Legal ***Amazon*** is 121 km2, the third lowest mark for the month so far in the historical series, which began in 2015. The figures are from the Institute for Space Research (Inpe). The Legal ***Amazon*** corresponds to 59% of the Brazilian territory and encompasses the area of eight states (Acre, Amapá, Amazonas, Mato Grosso, Pará, Rondônia, Roraima and Tocantins).

The alerts are made by Deter, which produces daily signals of changes in forest cover for areas larger than three hectares, both for fully deforested areas and for those in the process of forest degradation (by logging, mining, burning and others). The data may change until the completion of the data analysis by Inpe, which usually reviews the influence of factors such as cloud cover on the measurement of the rates. So far, at 121 km² - an area the size of the city of Niterói -, the rate this year was only above the 2017 and 2021 marks, when the index reached 58 and 83 km², respectively.

The Minister for the Environment and Climate Change, Marina Silva, criticized the environmental policy of recent years and stressed the new government's commitment to zero ***deforestation*** in the biome, one of President Lula's campaign promises. Despite this one-time drop, ***deforestation*** in the ***Amazon*** grew by 59.5% during the four years of former president Jair Bolsonaro's (PL) administration, the highest percentage increase in a presidential term since satellite measurements began in 1988. **COMMENTSThe**comments below do not represent the opinion of the newspaper Diario de Pernambuco; the responsibility lies with the author of the message.

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