# **Amazon deforestation drops in January, according to partial data from Inpe**

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The ***Amazon*** lost 99 km² of forest in January of this year, according to data from Deter, an alert system from Inpe (National Institute for Space Research), published on Friday (27). Updated to the 20th, the numbers should still increase by the end of the month, but are well below the 430 km² recorded in January last year, under former president Jair Bolsonaro (PL).

The number so far is the third lowest in the recent historical series of Deter (***Deforestation*** Detection System in Real Time), which began in 2015. It is above 2017, which recorded 58.2 km², and 2021, with 82.8 km² of forest cut down.

The indicators are the first in the government of Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva (PT), which has Marina Silva (Rede) who returned to the command of the Environment portfolio 15 years after her first passage and in a much more complex context for the fight against ***deforestation***.

With weakened enforcement in recent years, criminal organizations have increased gold mining on indigenous lands, land grabbing and illegal timber schemes.

Still, the Lula government needs to face this scenario in order to fulfill the promises of zero ***deforestation*** and emissions reduction, reinforced in his inauguration speech and even before.

In November of last year, the then president-elect went to COP27, the UN (United Nations) climate conference held in Egypt, and signaled that his government would be different from Bolsonaro's, marked by friction with the international community and with foreign sources of funds, such as the ***Amazon*** Fund.

The first operations against ***deforestation*** in the ***Amazon*** started last week, when Ibama agents led raids against ***deforestation*** in Acre, Pará and Roraima.

On January 16, Funai (National Foundation of Indigenous Peoples) revoked the normative instruction that made logging on indigenous lands more flexible, allowing non-indigenous people to participate in the management.

The government is also counting on donations from the ***Amazon*** Fund, reactivated on January 1st of this year, to resume inspection. On January 18, Marina Silva said at the World Economic Forum in Davos that the fund's donor base can be expanded to reinforce the fight against environmental crimes.

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