# **Brazil: Government starts operations to prevent Amazon deforestation**

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The first tasks to combat ***deforestation*** in the Brazilian ***Amazon*** began this week, as one of the first measures of the recently inaugurated President of that country, Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, informed the Brazilian Institute for the Environment (Ibama).

"The dispatch of the teams to begin inspection operations began on January 16, 2023. The objective is not to compromise the success of these operations", said the agency, however, they did not specify the place where the tasks will begin.

Lula, who returned to power on January 1 for his third presidential term, promised to put an end to ***deforestation*** by 2030, in a context in which devastation in the ***Amazon*** broke records during the term of his predecessor, Jair Bolsonaro.

***Deforestation*** of the Brazilian rainforest shot up by an average of 75.5 percent annually during Bolsonaro's presidency, between 2019 and 2022, AFP news agency reported.

In his statements to GloboNews, Lula said he wants to organize a meeting with the Presidents of the ***Amazon*** countries: Ecuador, Colombia, Peru, Venezuela, Bolivia and French Guiana, in order to discuss a continental policy for the preservation of the rainforest.

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