# **Deforestation in the Amazon dropped 61% in January, says Inpe**

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***Deforestation*** in the ***Amazon*** in January this year fell 61% compared to the same period last year. There were 167 km² deforested, compared to 430 km² in 2022. There was also a drop compared to December 2022, which registered 229 km² felled.

The alerts were released this Friday (10) by Deter, a system from Inpe (National Institute for Space Research), which releases information to combat ***deforestation*** in real time. The number confirms the partial reductions in January and is the fourth lowest in the recent historical series of Deter, which began in 2015.

The indicators for January 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***.

Furthermore, Lula's government needs to face the scenario left by former president Jair Bolsonaro (PL) to fulfill the promises of zero ***deforestation*** and emissions reduction, reinforced in his inauguration speech and even before.

The actions, such as the government's first operations against ***deforestation*** and mining, have weight in the country's image and in the possibilities for resources to combat ***deforestation***. The United States, for example, is considering its first contribution to the ***Amazon*** Fund.

A possible announcement is expected during Lula's meeting with Joe Biden at the White House this Friday (10), said two US officials with direct knowledge of the matter.

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