# **Deforestation in the Amazon has 3rd highest mark for the month of December, and the worst of the Bolsonaro administration**

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The ***Amazon*** forest lost 218.41 km² of vegetation in December last year, the last under the management of former President Jair Bolsonaro (PL), in another record of his government. The data are from Deter, a system from Inpe (National Institute for Space Research), which issues alerts to combat ***deforestation*** in real time.

The record is Bolsonaro's highest mark for the month of December, compared with the same previous periods. If considered the historical series, starting in 2015, it is the third, behind 2017, which recorded 287.51 km², and 2015, which had 266.29 km².

The numbers are still to be updated by Inpe, since the information published this Friday (6) goes up to December 30th of last year.

In her inauguration speech last Wednesday (4), the Minister of the Environment, Marina Silva, announced the creation of a special secretariat exclusively focused on controlling and combating ***deforestation***.

It was during her first term at the Ministry, in the first mandate of President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva (PT), that the fight against ***deforestation***, with the PPCDAm, reached an 83% reduction in the ***deforestation*** rate between 2004 and 2012.

***Deforestation*** is monitored in two ways by Inpe. Besides Deter, whose full name is Real-Time ***Deforestation*** Detection System, which publishes information monthly, the data from Prodes (Project for Monitoring ***Deforestation*** in the Legal ***Amazon*** by Satellite) are released twice a year - the first is an estimate.

While the Deter was created to enable faster enforcement actions and combat environmental crimes, the Prodes is the ***deforestation*** data itself, monitored by satellite and with greater precision.

Nevertheless, the Deter can help indicate trends of growth, fall or maintenance of ***deforestation*** in the ***Amazon***.

Bolsonaro's administration has also accumulated records in Prodes. For the fourth consecutive year, ***deforestation*** in the ***Amazon***, in one year, exceeded 10 thousand km². The program's data, released in November last year, show that 11,568 km² of forest were cut down from August 2021 to July 2022.

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