# **Deforestation in the Amazon sets a record and reaches 321.97 km² in February**

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The National Institute for Space Research (INPE) updated on Friday (10) the data of ***deforestation*** alerts in the Legal ***Amazon*** in February, confirming the perspective of a record for the month since the beginning of the historical series. The number went from 290.75 km² between the 1st and 24th of last month to 321.97 km² in the month's consolidated data.

The area with ***deforestation*** alerts grew 62.06% in February, compared to the same month last year, when 198.67 km² were recorded. In the year-to-date, the Legal ***Amazon*** accumulates an area of 489 km², "second largest area deforested in these two months since 2016, the beginning of the historical series - the record occurred in the same period last year (629 km²)," says the Ministry of Environment.

The states that registered the most ***deforestation*** alerts in February were Mato Grosso (168.83 km²), Pará (46.46 km²) and Amazonas (46.37 km²). Earlier this week, the ministry decreed an environmental emergency situation for forest fire risk for several regions of the country between April 2023 and February 2024.

In mid-February, when the first data for the month came out, the vice-president Geraldo Alckmin (PSB) stated that it was necessary to analyze what had happened for this jump in the number of alerts. The President of the Republic has not yet made any statement about Inpe's update.

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