# **February forecast indicates record deforestation in the Amazon**

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SAO PAULO, 24 FEB (ANSA) - The Institute for Space Research (Inpe) released the partial data of ***deforestation*** alerts in the Legal ***Amazon*** in February and the numbers already show a record for the month since the beginning of the historical series, in 2015. According to the document released on Friday (24), there are 209km² of destroyed area until the 17th of February.

For comparison, the record for the second month of the year was 2022, when, during the 28 days, 199km² were deforested. The total figures for February will be released on March 3rd.

The alerts are produced by the Real-Time ***Deforestation*** Detection System (Deter), which includes daily data on devastation in areas larger than three hectares, and encompass the entire Legal ***Amazon***, a region that involves nine states (Acre, Amapá, Amazonas, Mato Grosso, Pará, Rondônia, Roraima, and Tocantins) and part of Maranhão.

Inpe's weekly report also indicates that the state that has deforested the most is Mato Grosso, with 129km², followed by Pará (34km²) and Amazonas (23km²).

The numbers released on Friday contrast with data from January, when ***deforestation*** alerts fell 61% compared to the same month last year (167 km²). (ANSA).

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