# **Fines for deforestation in the Amazon increase 219% in the 1st quarter**

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The number of fines for ***deforestation*** and other infractions in the ***Amazon*** region, in the first quarter of 2023, increased 219%, if compared to the average for the same period of the years 2019 to 2022. The data are from the Brazilian Institute of Environment and Renewable Natural Resources (Ibama).

Added to the fines are the seizures of goods and products related to environmental violations, which rose 133%, and the number of embargoes of properties, which grew 93% in the same period. Ibama points out that these measures decapitalize the violators and prevent them from obtaining bank loans, besides restricting the trade of illegal products.

If only the operations carried out against the invaders of the Yanomami indigenous territory, located in the states of Amazonas and Roraima, are observed, from February 6 to date, Ibama has destroyed 285 miners' camps, eight aircrafts, 23 boats, three tractors, and 124 engines. Also seized were 21 thousand liters of fuel, 22 tons of cassiterite ore, 5 kg of mercury, among other logistical support equipment for illegal mining.

Throughout Brazil, the institute's environmental fines increased 78% from January to March this year, in relation to the same period of the previous four years.

Ibama justifies that the increases in fines, seizures of goods and products, and embargoes of properties occurred due to the resumption of the powers of the environmental agency of the federal government and the command of the environmental area to combat ***deforestation***. **COMMENTSThe**comments below do not represent the opinion of the newspaper Diario de Pernambuco; the responsibility lies with the author of the message.

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