

Deforestation of the Amazon grows 94% during Bolsonaro's administration



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Brasilia, December 27 (RHC)-- Deforestation in the Amazon during the government of outgoing Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro, which began in 2019 and will conclude on January 1st, increased by 94 percent, compared to years prior to his administration, according to a study.

The Socio-Environmental Institute assured in its annual report that Bolsonaro's administration "meant the greatest environmental setback of the century, with a 94 percent increase in deforestation compared to years prior to his administration."

According to data from the non-governmental organization (NGO), the main cause of the abrupt increase is directly related to the dismantling of environmental management bodies. In addition, the stoppage in the demarcation of indigenous lands and the surrender of large territorial extensions to transnational companies also played a role.

The study reported a deforestation rate of 157 percent in indigenous territories, as part of the Bolsonaro administration's promotion of environmental illegality on ancestral territories. It added that the balance of deforestation in Protected Areas in the Bolsonaro administration "has a disastrous balance."

"Data from Prodes show that these areas are under intense pressure and that the increase in forest degradation on indigenous lands has reached 157 percent."

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