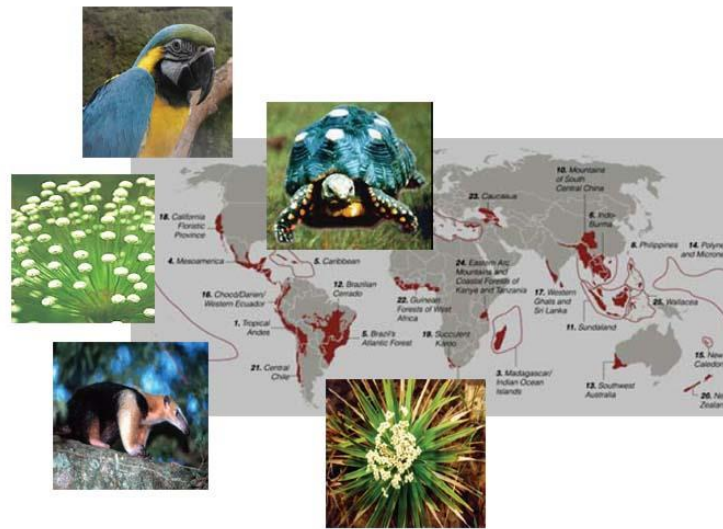


Resume Araguaia Biodiversity Conservation Corridor – Ecológica Institute



Sponsor: Conservation International with USAID Funding

Location: Araguaia River region, Cantão State Park region, West - Tocantins State

Period: 2003 – ongoing

Description of the project: The Bananal Island region, between the states of Tocantins and Mato Grosso is one of the most important areas for endemic species in the Cerrado, the Brazilian Savannah. It has the largest flood plain within that environment. Due to the natural dynamic of cycles of flooding and drought and due to the high population and agricultural pressure, the regional biodiversity is under considerable threat. The project aims the establishment of a corridor for biodiversity in Bananal Island, in the State of Tocantins – Brazil. The following activities were mad in partnership with the Conservation International: mapping activities of the dynamic of the land occupation around Bananal Island; inventories of the local biodiversity with emphasis in endemic and endangered species; dialogue with state and federal agencies to assist in the implementation of conservation units and creation of local structure to support the sustainable development of the local communities, focusing in the dissemination of the social carbon concept and implement projects the show to local communities how to obtain benefits from activities for reducing carbon emissions in the atmosphere. This kind of activity already have been implemented and refined in five municipalities in Bananal Island : Pium, Cristalândia, Caseara, Lagoa da Confusão and Dueré, and all of them based on the social carbon methodology.