Instituto Peabiru (October 2015)

Instituto Peabiru is a Civil Society Organization of Public Interest (OSCIP), headquartered for the past 18 years in Belém, Pará, Brazil. The organization’s purpose is to address the socio-economic and environmental issues related to the long-term sustainability of the Brazilian Amazon. We work alongside communities and local civil society organizations to increase the capacity of residents to exercise their citizenship to the fullest extent and enjoy the benefits of a sustainable economic model while promoting conservation in the Amazon. We facilitate processes of transformation within communities, civil society organizations and enterprises, and we strive to address exclusion and inequality.

Most of Instituto Peabiru’s work takes place in the estuary of the Brazilian Amazon with rural communities (family agriculture and traditional communities). These communities include ribeirinhos (river settlements), Quilombolas (afro-descendants) and indigenous communities. We emphasize women and youth in all of our work. In addition to the organization’s community based projects, Instituto Peabiru engages in local and national dialogues on sustainable development and the impact of business activities on communities in the Amazon.

Instituto Peabiru’s Area of Action

We work in four territories, as the map below illustrates: in the Amapá state; and in Pará – the Marajó region; The Salgado region (salty region), in the coastal area of Pará; and The Islands of Belém (Belém Ribeirinha).
Through its research activities, Instituto Peabiru addresses issues in rural technical assistance (for 2,000 families in 16 rural federal settlements), traditional fishing agreements (for 1,500 families in Marajó), managing wild bees (for 310 families in different areas of Pará and Amapá states), community-based ecotourism, environmental conservation, coastal ecosystem research, REDD+Bees, the impact of palm oil on family agriculture and the impact of rice plantations on the Amazon Estuary floodplains.

We also work with UNICEF in all 9 states of the Amazon region to assist 650 municipalities in using social indicators to monitor their public policies for youth and children.

With the Museu Paraense Emílio Goeldi, now commemorating its 150th anniversary, we have a long-term partnership in order to support the renovation of its Zoobotanical Park in Belem.
Funding sources during the last two years include private companies (Agropalma SA, Dow Corning, Imerys, Lojas Renner, Philips do Brasil, Suzano Papel e Celulose SA) public companies through bids (Brazilian Development Bank - BNDES, Petrobras); multilateral organizations (UNDP, UNICEF, UNESCO) and federal government agencies such as INCRA - the federal Land Reform Institute. We have partnerships with NGOs (IDEAAS, IEB and others) scientific and educational institutions such as the Goeldi Museum, Federal University of Pará, Federal University of Amapá and ISS/Erasmus University (Holland).

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