



## **ABIOVE NEWSLETTER ON SOY SUSTAINABILITY**

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### **WORKSHOP ON ENVIRONMENTAL LICENSING AND LAND REGULARIZATION IN THE LEGAL AMAZON**

The Office of the Minister and Chief of Staff to the President, the Ministry of the Environment, INCRA and MI together with EMBRAPA, and the Soy Workgroup – GTS, organized a Workshop on Environmental Licensing and Land Regularization in the Legal Amazon, which was held in Brasilia on October 30, and 31, 2007.

The objective of the meeting was to prepare a work agenda between Public Administration, Productive Sector and Civil Society, to expedite the environmental and land regularization of the agricultural activities in the Legal Amazon.

Present at the event were among others the representatives of the Ministry of the Environment, Public Prosecutor's Office, INCRA, Secretariats of the Environment and Land Institutes of the States that form the Legal Amazon, Associations, Environmental and Social NGOs, and Banks.

The presentations were based on understanding the importance of environmental licensing and land regularization of rural properties, under the perspective of how the states are dealing with these matters, and the existing demand for updated environmental information on the status of soil occupation and use, existing illegal deforestation in the Amazon Biome, as well as the application of the Forest Code.

The president of ABIOVE Carlo Lovatelli attended the opening of the event. Fabio Trigueirinho, secretary of ABIOVE presented the actions that are being performed in the GTS, detailing the Soy Moratorium Mapping and Monitoring, which will be performed using satellite images of INPE-DETER and SAD-IMAZON. The company Globalsat will verify if soy was planted in the deforested areas after the Moratorium was announced (please see ABIOVE's presentation on the website [www.abiove.com.br](http://www.abiove.com.br))

The Soy Moratorium is an initiative of the private sector through ABIOVE and in partnership with the Organized Civil Society (Articulação Soja Brasil, CI-Brasil Greenpeace, IPAM, TNC, and WWF), and can positively contribute encouraging the implementation of the Rural Property Environmental Licensing System-SLAPR in the states, which among other needs aims at identifying, monitoring and controlling deforestation (focus of the Moratorium).

In the presentations of the Environmental State Bodies, it was noted that practically all government states are facing difficulties with the required regularizations, either of a technical nature (capacity building), financial (acquiring goods) or logistics (obtaining supplementary information from other bodies), however actions are being defined and implemented to improve the system.

Two workgroups were organized that discussed the recommendations to coordinate the public, private and civil segments regarding the appropriateness, technification and how to speed up implementing the licensing and environmental regularization systems in the states.

In general context, a greater effort was noted from the segments involved for the developed actions with the purpose of regulating the issues of activity and agricultural occupation in the Legal Amazon, so that they occur with more synergy to obtain satisfactory results.