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**BRAZIL RELEASES NEW DATA SHOWING 28% FALL IN DEFORESTATION IN PROTECTED
AMAZON AREAS**

NEW FINANCIAL COOPERATION AGREEMENTS ANNOUNCED BETWEEN BRAZIL, GERMANY, UK

14 November, 2017. The Government of Brazil today released new data showing a 28% fall in deforestation in Federal Conservation Areas in the Amazon region from August 2016 to July 2017.

Deforestation in the Amazon Protected Areas in this period reached its second lowest level since 1997 (second only to 2011), according to the new data from the Legal Amazon Deforestation Satellite Monitoring Programme (Prodes).

“The Bonn Climate Conference is a time for the world to turn ambitions into practical actions, and this new data shows Brazil is taking very practical and effective actions,” Brazil’s Minister of the Environment Sarney Filho said today.

“It’s very encouraging to see the impact of Brazil’s innovative monitoring technology and increased inspections in this new data, as well as the results that are possible when governments and civil society work together,” Minister Sarney said. “Brazil is lowering deforestation while also building a green economy in the Amazon – this is sustainable development in action”.

The data was released as important new financial cooperation agreements were announced this morning at COP23, through which:

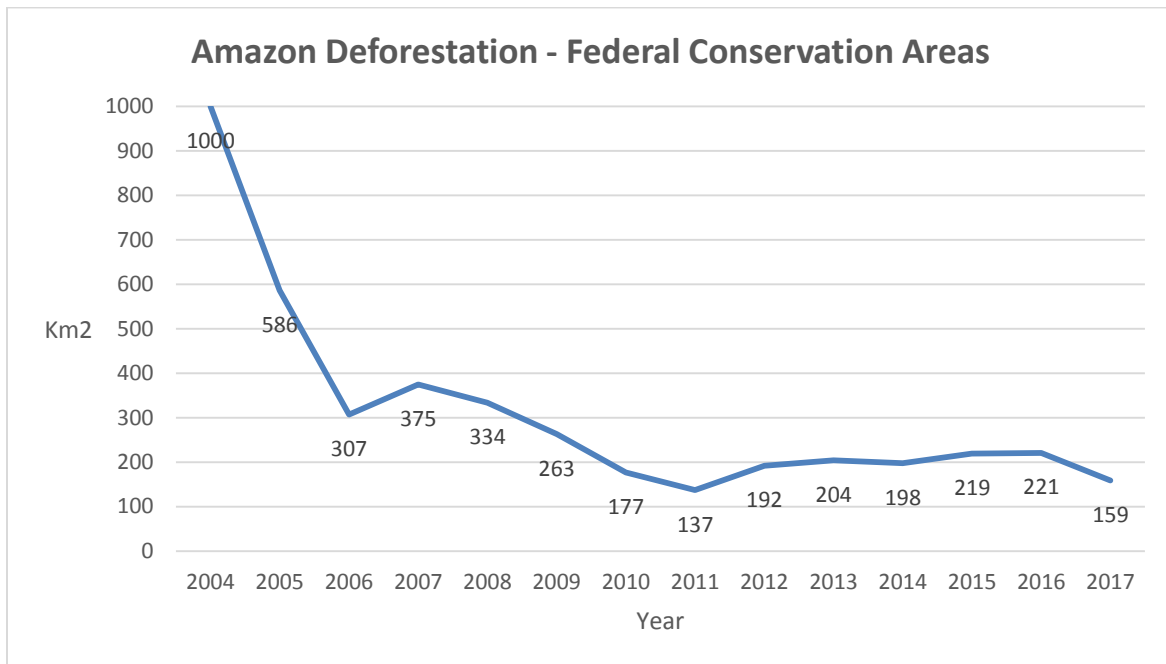
- The United Kingdom will provide GBP 62 million, consisting of:
 - GBP 43 million for results-based payments to the Brazilian states of Mato Grosso and Acre for Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD+) initiatives
 - GBP 19 million for the Partnerships for Forests Program for Brazil, Colombia, Peru
- Germany will provide EUR 60.9 million, consisting of:
 - EUR 33.9 million to the Amazon Fund
 - EUR 17 million to the state of Mato Grosso and EUR 10 million to the state of Acre for REDD+ initiatives

“Protecting the world’s vital forest biomes cannot be achieved by one nation alone, so we warmly welcome these new agreements. It is a model of how to build bridges between nations – exactly what is needed in Bonn if the world is to combat climate change,” Minister Sarney said.

The new deforestation data can be accessed here: <http://www.icmbio.gov.br/portal/> , and is summarized in the below table. At today’s event, Minister Sarney noted:

- Today’s data is on top of the release in October of other data showing deforestation across the Amazon region fell 16% in the 12 months to August 2017.

- Overall, deforestation in the Amazon is 76% lower than in 2004, when Brazil initiated its Action Plan for Prevention and Combat of Deforestation in the Legal Amazon.
- Brazil's planned 2018 budget for environmental monitoring has been increased.
- The reductions in deforestation have been achieved through the collaboration of the Brazilian Institute of Environment and Renewable Natural Resources, the Chico Mendes Institute for Biodiversity Conservation (both linked to the Ministry of the Environment) and Brazilian law enforcement authorities.



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