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## The Russas REDD Project in Brazil

The Russas Project helps protect and conserve tropical forests by economically incentivizing forest conservation. This type of project, known as a Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD) project, implements sustainable activities in and around privately owned property in the Brazilian state of Acre.

### Impact

Project development involves activities that will lower the pressure on land and forest resources by replacing income associated with deforestation. These project activities within the local communities include employment as forest rangers & project staff, providing agricultural training to increase productivity on current land, assisting with obtaining land tenure, and sharing carbon-related revenue.

### Environmental Considerations

Despite Acre's historically low deforestation rate and a high level of forest governance, the recent paving of two primary roads, BR-364 and BR-317, has sharply increased deforestation pressures. BR-364 provides year-round transportation to previously remote areas, increasing market access, property values, and immigration, which, in turn, has led to the destruction of primary forests and the conversion to cattle pastures and farmland.

### Social Implications

There are 20 communities on the project property, all of which live close to the Valparaíso River. This project's key activities were shaped through community consultations, focusing on understanding local land use patterns and identifying sustainable practices that offer benefits to residents.



### Quantitative Impact

#### GHG Reduction

- 120,147 tCO<sub>2</sub>e annually
- 1,201,474 tCO<sub>2</sub>e total

#### Total Project Area

41,976 hectares



#### Project Location

*Southern Bank of the Valparaíso River, Acre, Brazil*

#### Project Category

*REDD+ (Reduced Emissions from Deforestation and Degradation)*

#### Registry Link

<https://registry.verra.org/app/projectDetail/VCS/112>