

The Brazil-Italy Co-operation Programme on Biodiversity (*Programa Biodiversidade Brasi-Itália, PBBi*) is a bilateral cooperation initiative aimed at the conservation and sustainable use of plant genetic resources of Brazilian native species of interest for food, agricultural and industrial purposes. Scientific and organizational emphasis have been put on *in-situ/on-farm* approaches and participatory research and development (R&D) together with



Kayabi farmer shows his future harvest of sweet potatoes varieties

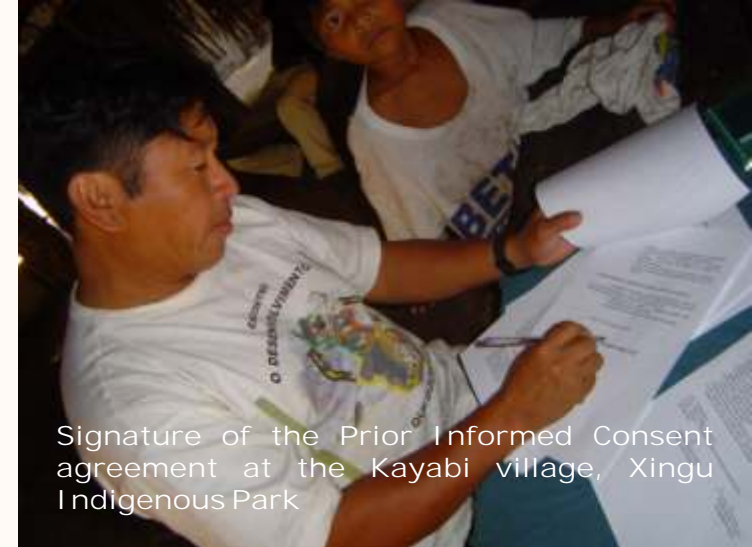
the beneficiary communities: rural settlements of the agrarian reform, traditional and indigenous communities.

Three ecosystems have been selected: Amazons, Cerrado (Brazilian Savannah) and Caatinga (semi-arid North-east).

An oriented process of grass root consultation has taken place (*phase I*) through a number of local and national workshops aimed at identifying local and national priorities and needs, as well as local partners.

The Programme is now at the stage of *phase II*, being articulated in four local sub-projects and a transversal bi-national project:

- Project 1 (*Araripe*): Sustainable Utilization of biodiversity by communities in the Araripe eco-region;
- Project 2 (*Cazumbá-Iracema*): Cazumbá-Iracema Extractive Reserve: a model of conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity by traditional communities in Amazonian environment;
- Project 3 (*Krahô-Xingu*): Ethnobiology and conservation of agrobiodiversity for the promotion of food security and sustainable



Signature of the Prior Informed Consent agreement at the Kayabi village, Xingu Indigenous Park

development of communities in the Xingu Indigenous Park (Mato Grosso) and Krahô Indigenous Territory (Tocantins);

- Project 4 (*Montes Claros*): Sustainable management of agrobiodiversity in Cerrado and Caatinga environments;
- Project 5 (*Cross-sectional*): Cross-sectoral actions for the four local projects.

All projects accommodate activities of R&D, training, communication and awareness.

The Programme is implemented by EMBRAPA (www.embrapa.br) and IBAMA (www.ibama.gov.br) on the Brazilian side, IAO (www.iao.florence.it) on the Italian side.

The Programme has developed a web portal (www.pbbi.org.br) where detailed information in Portuguese is available and downloadable, posting an outline in English at: www.pbbi.org.br/site/documentos/default.php

The Programme adopted a policy and legislation document (available in Portuguese, English and Spanish on the web site at: www.pbbi.org.br/site/documentos/default.php)

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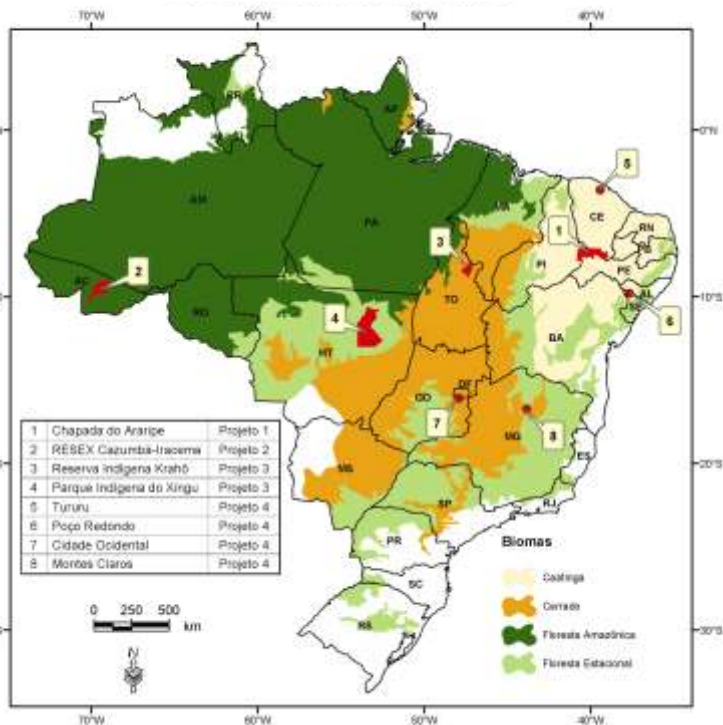


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 Location of Operational Areas



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