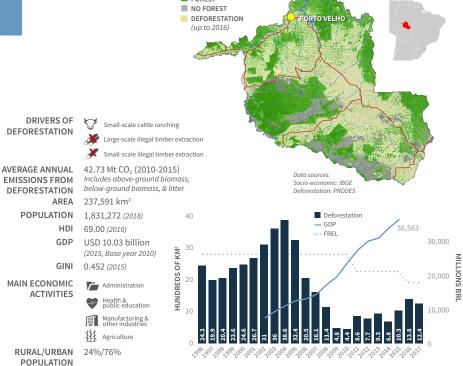
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LOW-EMISSION RURAL DEVELOPMENT (LED-R) AT A GLANCE

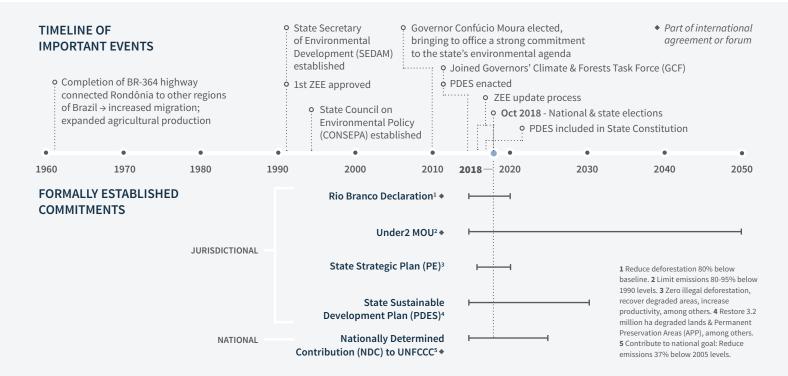
- 1st state to revise Ecological-Economic Zoning (ZEE) to align with Brazil's new Forest Code
- High interest in expanding & protecting state Conservation Units (UC), spearheaded by current administration
- State environmental policies generally prioritize social & biodiversity impacts over emission reduction
- Land use for soy production (main crop contributing to land use change) has steadily increased in previously degraded areas (over 20x since 2000)
- State Sustainable Development Plan (PDES) developed with representatives of all state government agencies ensuring participation & alignment of all sectors



SPOTLIGHT ON INNOVATION

Brazil's 2012 Forest Code (FC), enforced in states using tools including the Rural Environmental Registry (CAR) and ZEE systems, among others, aims to protect native vegetation in rural settlements and promote sustainable development nationwide. Each state must update its ZEE in compliance with the FC, and doing so will strengthen state-level land use regulations. Rôndonia is a pioneer in updating its statewide ZEE to align with the FC using a multi-stakeholder approach through workshops held in seven of the state's municipalities, which are considered to be micro-regions of the state, and a public hearing. Rôndonia's ZEE revision creates 11 new UC (covering 600,000 ha), exemplifying a dedication to conservation efforts (however, this number is not yet final). In Rôndonia, the ZEE

serves as guidance for every state-level development policy, including the PDES, and works in synergy with the PDES to contribute to aligning potentially conflicting sectors within the state government. For example, prior to approval, the state requires that sectoral budgets comply with PDES, which refers to the ZEE for zoning and protection requirements. This system ensures minimal conflicts arise between, for example, agriculture and environmental sectors. Since issues related to sectoral alignment have been a barrier to Rôndonia's continued development and implementation of LED-R policies – as is the case of the PGSA – these requirements target specific challenges relevant in the state, and bode well for the secure continuity of LED-R programs going forward.





1 Secretary of Finance (SEFIN). 2 SEDAM. 3 National Development Bank (BNDES)/Amazon Fund. 4 Transitional Occupational Group of SEDAM. 5 Main project activities of PDSEAI (ending 2018) will continue with financial support from Global Environmental Facility (GEF), through the multi-scale Amazon Sustainable Landscapes Program. 6 Bank of the Amazon (BASA), Northern Constitutional Financing Fund (FNO). 7 State Technical Assistance & Rural Extension Company (EMATER). 8 Brazilian Agricultural Research Organization (EMBRAPA). 9 SEDAM, SEFIN, SEPOG, SEAE, SEAGRI & other state agencies. 10 Ministry of National Integration.

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CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES

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- Low levels of education & cultural factors (e.g. slash-and-burn & resistance to change practices) → low understanding of benefits of reducing deforestation
- Conflicting priorities within state government has delayed policy implementation (e.g. PGSA)
- Insufficient resources for enforcing environmental policies
- Producers & private sector not adequately engaged in state environmental agenda
- Increased investment in technology needed to foster change in agricultural sector

OPPORTUNITIES

- State-level implementation of ABC program will increase government engagement with cattle producers & producers' access to credit for implementing sustainable practices
- Approval & implementation of ZEE update will support improved land use management & enforcement, & development of PES systems
- Improved implementation of existing policies & programs viable dependent on election results

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