

Private Protected Areas Network in Pantanal

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Pantanal

- World's largest continuous wetland on the planet (210.000 km²), located in Brazil (70%), Bolivia (20%) and Paraguay (10%).

Who are the partners?



Goals

Create and implement Private Protected Areas in the Mato Grosso do Sul state, mainly in the Pantanal
Build economic sustainability for private protected areas.

Inform and advise about private protected areas

Results:

Since 2003, CI & REPAMS partnership has achieved:

- 29 Private Protected Areas (PPA) are associated members of REPAMS (71% of all private reserves), covering 91.500 ha
- 17 PPA are supported by grants to improve fire management, protection or build management plans.
- 4 PPA created and other 6 under analysis.

Lesson Learned 1

- Legal process for the creation of PPA could be longer than three years. If the landowners are not prepared for these, they could give up during the process.
 - Information is a key point in these initiative.
 - CI & REPAMS are working close to the state and the federal environmental agency to reduce process time (capacity building).

Lesson Learned 2

- Financial incentives, even small ones, are quite useful to engage land owners.
 - CI & REPAMS are working with more small grants

Lesson Learned 3

- Concerning the legislation, a PPA sets many restrictions for land use for good,
 - It is fundamental a good eligibility criteria .

Lesson Learned 4

- Brazilian environmental and land tenure laws are quite complex and they do change constantly.
 - REPAMS is working as an informal consultant regarding environmental law, not just about PPA. This work allows REPAMS to increase influence and find opportunities for new reserves.

Future Plans

- All private protected areas members of REPAMS in 2 yrs
- More investments in management & sustainability
- More people qualified