

# Generating More Income

For farmers to make the decision to preserve their forests, they need to generate sufficient income from them or compensate for the loss of income by increasing revenue from other sources. Iracambi is discovering ways that forests can be used to generate income and that cleared lands can become more productive. Options include:



**Medicinal Plants:** Iracambi researchers are identifying medicinal plants native to the forest and creating a methodology for growing, sustainably harvesting, and then processing, packaging and marketing the products.



**Water Conservation Credits:** Examining the potential for a system that would reward smallholders for conserving and generating water resources by preserving their forested land.



**Carbon Sequestration:** Researching the potential for smallholder participation in carbon credit schemes, analyzing market potential of "fuzzy carbon", and looking at methods of reforestation for carbon credits.



**Increased Cropland Productivity:** Researching methods to improve the fertility of fragile forest soil and otherwise increasing productivity. Examples include:

- introducing alternative crops,
- increasing protein in pastures by adding appropriate trees,
- interplanting nitrogen-fixing species with coffee, and
- evaluating the effects of native leguminous species



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