



Mission: "To make the conservation of the forest more attractive than its destruction"

Iracambi

Iracambi Atlantic Rainforest Research and Conservation Center

What is Iracambi?

Iracambi is a research center, an NGO and a working forest farm located in the Atlantic Forest of Brazil. Established in 1989, Iracambi has developed as a place where researchers, professionals and volunteers from around the world come together to seek creative solutions to complex issues in conservation, sustainable development and human rights. Here at Iracambi we are committed to saving the Atlantic Forest as well as improving the lives of the people in it, while serving as a front line resource for both the international and the local communities.

Where are we located?

Situated in one of the world's most globally important biodiversity hotspots, the context for Iracambi's work is conservation of the Atlantic Forest. This forest once covered an area of over 1 million square kilometers, stretching from Rio Grande do Norte to Rio Grande do Sul. Since the arrival of the Portuguese in 1500 the forest has been carelessly and systematically exploited and destroyed for Brazil wood, sugar, gold, iron, aluminum, coffee plantations and human settlement – including the city of São Paulo with its population of 17,000,000. Today, in the state of Minas Gerais where Iracambi is located, small producers depend heavily on coffee and dairy cattle, and only 3% of the original forest remains.



What are the main goals of Iracambi?

Iracambi is committed to restoring the forest and improving the livelihoods of local people. Through our applied research projects and programs our goal is to combine biodiversity conservation with sustainable land management. We work with farmers to improve the viability of small-scale agriculture, restore forests, and develop income-generating activities as an alternative to deforestation.

What are our current research priorities and projects?

Supported by our NGO Amigos de Iracambi, researchers and volunteers from around the world work together with our staff and the community on the following research priorities and projects:

Current Projects:

- Iracambi Medicinal Plants
- Environmental Education
- Land Use/GIS
- Water Monitoring
- Community Mining Strategy

Research Priorities:

- Sustainable Farming Systems
- Land Use Planning
- Forest Restoration
- Community Development
- Income Generating Alternatives

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