

**NBS Brazil Alliance's Position on the News of Operation  
Greenwashing, which Investigates Irregular Sales of Carbon  
Credits by the Brazilian Federal Police**



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In light of the news about the Brazilian Federal Police's Greenwashing Operation, the NBS Brazil Alliance expresses its full support for the measures adopted by the authorities to prevent and combat irregularities.

Without prejudging those involved, who have the right to a full defense, the organizations that are part of the Alliance find themselves harmed by the bad practices observed in the complex land ecosystem, illegal logging, and the relationships between the public and private sectors in the Amazon.

Integrity is central to the voluntary carbon market, and we feel that it is necessary to clean up this sector to distinguish those who operate with honesty from those who neglect compliance standards, good practices, and national laws.

## **Context**

According to news published on the Brazilian government website, the Federal Police launched the Greenwashing Operation this Wednesday (June 5th), on World Environment Day, with the aim of dismantling a criminal organization suspected of selling around R\$180 million Brazilian reais in carbon credits from illegally invaded areas of the Union.

Five preventive arrest warrants and 76 search and seizure warrants are being served, issued by the 7th Federal Court of the Judiciary Section of Amazonas, in the states of Rondônia, Amazonas, Mato Grosso, Paraná, Ceará and São Paulo.

Federal police officers also are carrying out 108 precautionary measures other than imprisonment, eight suspensions from public service, four suspensions from professional registration with CREA and seven blockages from issuing Forestry Origin Documents (DOF's), as well as the kidnapping of R\$ 1.6 billion.

The operation has the support of the National Institute of Colonization and Agrarian Reform (INCRA), the Federal Revenue of Brazil (RFB), the National Civil Aviation Agency (ANAC), the Brazilian Institute of the Environment and Renewable Natural Resources (Ibama), academics and property registration professionals.

The investigation revealed a land fraud scheme that lasted more than a decade and was started in Lábrea, Amazonas, involving the duplication and forgery of property titles. These frauds resulted in the illegal appropriation of around 538 thousand hectares of public lands.

### **Aliança Brazil Nature-based Solutions**

**About us:** Founded in 2021, the Nature-based Solutions Brazil Alliance aims to promote and stimulate an agenda to combat deforestation and environmental degradation by strengthening nature-based solutions and the carbon credit market in Brazil. The institution unites project developers, non-governmental and integrity organizations and impact investors that together are responsible for more than 70% of the Brazilian nature-based solutions' credits issued since 2022 (Agriculture, Forestry and Other Land Use). The creation of guidelines and best practices to promote integrity in the sector is at the heart of the organization's work.