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Brazilians who live in a situation of extreme poverty.





The Programme of Support to the Environmental Conservation was established by Law 12.512, 14 Oct 2011, and has the following objectives:

- I promote the conservation of ecosystems, through sustainable family farming production;
- II promote citizenship, better life conditions and increase the income of people living in extreme poverty;
- III promote the participation of the beneficiaries in environmental, social, educational, technical and professional trainings.



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Administration



Administrative Committee

Ministry of the Environment (MMA)

the Chief of Staff of the Presidency of the Republic (CC/PR), the Ministry of Social Development and Fight against Hunger (MDS), the Ministry of Agrarian Development (MDA), the Ministry of Planning, Budget and Management (MPOG) and the Ministry of Finance (MF)

Administration of the Areas Covered by the Program

- Chico Mendes Institute for the Conservation of Biodiversity (ICMBio)
- National Institute of Colonization and Agricultural Reform (INCRA)
- Federal Heritage Department (SPU/MP)

Program Monitoring

- The Management and Operations Centre for the Amazon Protection System (Censipam)
- Brazilian Institute of the Environment and Renewable Natural Resources (Ibama)

Financial Management

Caixa Econômica Federal Bank



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