# Assessing Protected Areas Management Effectiveness in Brazil:

# Progress, challenges and opportunities

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#### ME Evaluations in Brazil

- In Brazil, different methods of management effectiveness evaluation have been developed and applied in the last 10 years.
- ◆ 1998: WWF and The Brazilian Institute of Environment and Renewable Natural Resources (IBAMA), assessed 86 federal protected areas for indirect use (IUCN I and II) in different regions of the country.
- Analysed the degree of vulnerability and implementation of the Brazilian protected areas and concluded that 43% of the areas assessed were at extremely or high risk of human interference.
- Results used with great effect in the approval of the Brazilian National System on Protected Areas (Law 9985/00 - SNUC).







### 1998



Methodology Number of Assessments

WWF 1999 86

Total 1998: 86 Assessments

### 2003



Methodology Number of Assessments

#### WWF 1999

Parks in Peril	6
Parks Profile	5
Padovan	12
Scenery Matrix	63
Tracking tool	12

Total 2003: 98 Assessments

### 2007



Methodology Number of Assessments

\/\/\F 1999

Parks in Peril

Parks Profile

Padovan

Scenery Matrix 27

Tracking tool 101

RAPPAM 278

Total: 406 Assessments

## 1999 - 2007



Methodology	Number of Assessment
WWF 1999	86
Parks in Peril	8
Parks Profile	5
Padovan	12
Scenery Matrix	90
Tracking tool	111
RAPPAM	278

Total: 590 Assessments

**375 Protected Areas Assessed** 

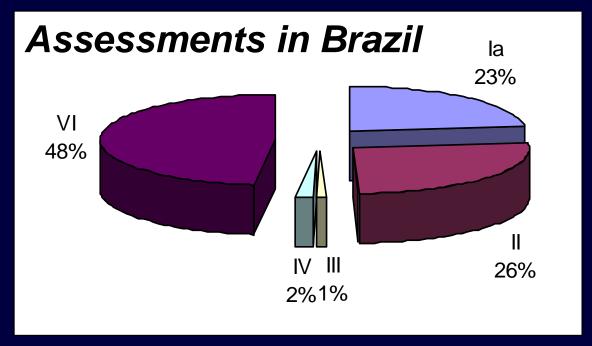
### Progress towards the 30% target

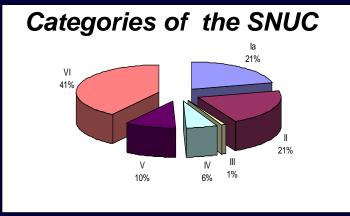


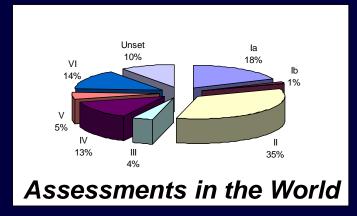
4.2.2 Implement
management effectiveness
evaluations of at least 30
percent of each Party's
protected areas by 2010 and
of national protected area
systems and, as appropriate,
ecological networks

26% of the PA system assessed

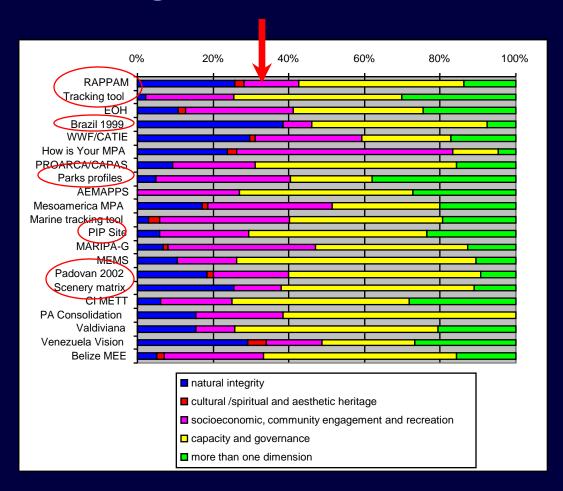
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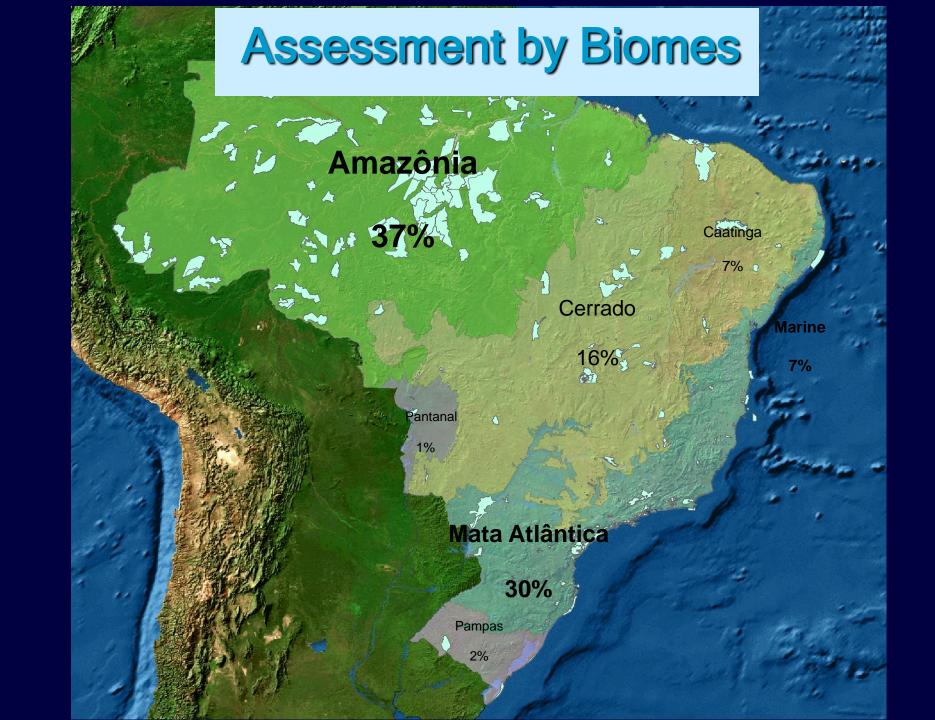






### **Management Dimensions**





#### Main findings - Threats

**Brazil** 1999

**RAPPAM 2007** 

Development conflicts with the area

Urban expansion

Insularization

Invasive species

Land use conflicts

External influence

Commercial use of natural resources

Human impact

Internal alterations

Hunting

#### Main findings - Management

**Brazil** 1999

**RAPPAM 2007** 

Management plan

Management evaluation and planning

Insufficient staff

Human resources

Incompatibility of land use

Research and monitoring

Insufficient funding

Financial resources

Inadequate demarcation

Infrastructure

#### Overall result

WWF 1999: concluded that 43% of the areas assessed were at extremely or high risk of human interference.

RAPPAM 2007: Of the 246 Protected Areas assessed; 32 (13%) had a high effectiveness; 89 (36%) medium effectiveness; and 125 (51%) low effectiveness.

# Dec. 5.758/2006 National Strategic Plan on Protected Areas

Goal (6.2): Evaluate and promote the effectiveness, efficiency and efficacy of the National System.

Specific objectives:

- a) To establish mechanisms and institutional arrangements for the monitoring and evaluation of ME;
- b) Adopt an adequate management (based on the ecosystem approach) based on the results of the monitori9ng and evaluation of ME

#### Strategies:

- a) To implement ME assessments, in a representative number of protected areas;
- b) To collaborate with other countries and organizations interested in conservation and biological diversity for the development, testing, assessment and promotion of norms and best practices for monitoring protected areas;
- c) To identify indicators and establish protocols for monitoring how the objectives of the protected areas are being met;
- d) To monitor the effects of the establishment and implementation of the protected areas on indigenous peoples, *quilombolas* and local communities, proposing measures for mitigate those effects,

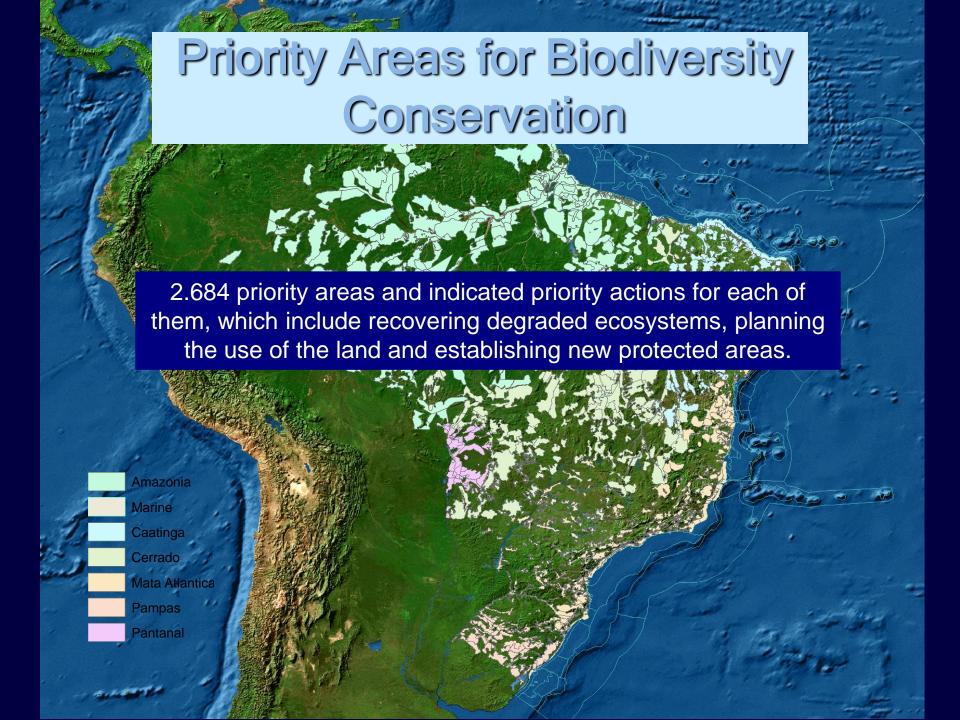
#### Addressing the financial gaps and needs

Study to adreess financial needs to implementation and management of the national system

Brazilian system requires new structural investments in the order of US\$700 millions, and projected annual expenses of about US\$450 millions, the majority of it (US\$313 millions) to be spend with staffing.

#### Environment compensation scheme (Law 9985/00)

Fine paid by enterprises that cause significant and non-mitigating impacts. It corresponds to at least 0,5% of the total value of the enterprise cost, and must be applied in the implementation of management of protected areas.



# Conclusion Progress, challenges, opportunities

- •Different methodologies have been applied in Brazil, 3 of them, developed in the country.
- •Nearly 600 assessments in less than 10 years, about 400 in the last 4 years.
- •This has generated a rich source of information, identifying major threats and trends in management.
- Protected areas of the 6 IUCN categories have been assessed.
- •However, only recently a systematic assessment has been undertaken.
- •In addition, highly threatened biomes, poorly represented, have also been poorly assessed.
- •Although significant progress has been made on the implementation of ME evaluations, the situation in Brazil is still not satisfactory. 50% of the Federal protected areas still have low management effectiveness levels.

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- •Development of policies and strategies to support the effective management of the protected areas.
- •Analysis of financial needs for the implementation and management of the national system, as a first step for the development a financial plan for the long-term sustainability of the protected areas system.
- •Development of mechanisms for in country generation of revenues.
- •Analysis of conservation gaps for the identification of priority areas for the creation of new PA areas and priority actions for ensuring their long-term sustainability.

