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# Maintaining Carbon Stocks in Extractive Reserves in Brazilian Amazonia

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4 **ABSTRACT**

5 Extractive reserves in Amazonian forest maintain carbon in stocks out of the  
6 atmosphere, thereby avoiding greenhouse-gas emissions that provoke global warming.  
7 This and other environmental services, such as recycling water and maintaining  
8 biodiversity, provide major rationales for creating these reserves and for according  
9 them priority in government programs. The importance of reducing carbon emissions  
10 from deforestation has been the principal motivation for the international funding that  
11 has been key to creating and supporting extractive reserves, notably in the cases of  
12 Germany through the PPG7 program and Norway through the Amazon Fund.  
13 Estimating the amount of carbon in these reserves, and the losses that have occurred  
14 from deforestation, is essential as an input to decision making affecting current and the  
15 potential for future extractive reserves. By 2014, there were 47 federal extractive  
16 reserves in Brazil's Legal Amazonia region, of which 45 were in the Amazonian  
17 Tropical Forest Biome, and 26 extractive reserves belonged to states, all of which were  
18 in the Amazonia Biome. In this study we provide data for each of the 73 extractive  
19 reserves in Legal Amazonia, based on biomass information by forest type calculated  
20 from RadamBrasil survey data, and deforestation from PRODES monitoring by  
21 LANDSAT or equivalent satellites (30-m resolution). The stocks represent carbon in the  
22 "pre-modern" biomass, that is, the biomass present in approximately 1970, or before  
23 substantial logging activity in the region. The carbon losses reflect deforestation only,  
24 not degradation of forest by logging and/or fire. The total area of extractive reserves in  
25 Legal Amazonia amounted to 126,709 km<sup>2</sup>, of which 4301 km<sup>2</sup> (3.4%) had been cleared  
26 by 2014. Those extractive reserves had a remaining carbon stock in forest vegetation  
27 (above and below-ground) of 2.1 billion tons. The carbon lost to deforestation totaled  
28 74.9 million tons. Avoiding further carbon loss to both deforestation and degradation  
29 needs to be a high priority for the extractivists, as it is the value of the forest's  
30 environmental services that has the greatest potential for providing a means of support  
31 that is increasing in value and is inherently sustainable.

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33 **KEYWORDS:** Environmental services, Ecosystem services, Biomass, Deforestation,  
34 RESEX  
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36 **RESUMO**

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38 **Manutenção de Estoques de Carbono em Reservas Extrativistas na Amazônia**  
39 **Brasileira**

40 As reservas extrativistas na Amazônia mantêm carbono fora da atmosfera, evitando  
41 assim as emissões de gases de efeito estufa. Este e outros serviços ambientais, tais como  
42 a reciclagem de água e a manutenção da biodiversidade, fornecem importantes motivos  
43 para a criação dessas reservas e para a sua prioridade nos programas governamentais. A  
44 importância de reduzir as emissões de carbono do desmatamento tem sido a principal  
45 motivação para o financiamento internacional, que tem sido fundamental para criar e  
46 apoiar as reservas extrativistas, especialmente nos casos da Alemanha, através do  
47 programa PPG7, e da Noruega, através do Fundo Amazônia. Estimativas da quantidade  
48 de carbono e das perdas pelo desmatamento são essenciais como contribuição para a  
49 tomada de decisões que afetam as reservas extrativas atuais e as que possam ser criadas  
50 no futuro. Até 2014 havia 47 reservas extrativistas federais na Amazônia Legal, das  
51 quais 45 estavam no Bioma Amazônia, e havia 26 reservas extrativistas a nível estadual,  
52 todas no Bioma Amazônia. Fornecemos dados para cada uma das 73 reservas  
53 extrativistas na Amazônia Legal, com base em informações de biomassa por tipo de  
54 floresta calculadas a partir dos dados do Projeto RadamBrasil e desmatamento a partir  
55 do PRODES (imagens LANDSAT ou equivalente com resolução de 30 m). Os estoques  
56 representam o carbono "pré-moderno", isto é, na biomassa presente em  
57 aproximadamente 1970, ou seja, antes que substancial atividade madeireira afetasse a  
58 região. As perdas de carbono refletem apenas o desmatamento e não a degradação da  
59 floresta, como por exploração madeireira e fogo. As reservas extrativistas na Amazônia  
60 Legal totalizaram 126,709 km<sup>2</sup>, dos quais 4301 km<sup>2</sup> (3,4%) foram desmatadas até 2014.  
61 As reservas tinham um estoque de carbono restante na vegetação florestal (acima e  
62 abaixo do solo) de 2,1 bilhões de toneladas. O carbono perdido pelo desmatamento  
63 totalizou 74,9 milhões de toneladas. Evitar novas perdas, tanto pelo desmatamento  
64 quanto pela degradação, precisa ser uma alta prioridade para os extrativistas, pois é o  
65 valor dos serviços ambientais da floresta que tem o maior potencial para fornecer um  
66 meio de sustentação que está aumentando de valor e que é inherentemente sustentável.

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69 **PALAVRAS-CHAVE:** Serviços ambientais, Serviços ecossistêmicos, Biomassa,  
70 Desmatamento, RESEX

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## 72     1.     Introduction

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74         Amazon forests provide environmental services that are important for the world  
75 and especially for Brazil, which stands to lose the most if the forests and their services  
76 are destroyed. These services include avoiding global warming, recycling water and  
77 maintaining biodiversity (e.g., Fearnside, 1997; 2008). Here we treat the matter of forest  
78 carbon stocks, which is the environmental service that is the top priority for the  
79 international sources of funding that have created and supported extractive reserves and  
80 that can be expected to be key to future support. We present data on deforestation and  
81 carbon stocks in each of Brazilian Amazonia's extractive reserves and discuss how land  
82 use in these reserves is increasingly shifting from sustainable extraction of rubber and  
83 other non-timber forest products to expanding deforestation for cattle pasture.

84         Maintaining forest and carbon stocks in extractive reserves requires reversing this trend.  
85 This will require greater social control by communities in the extractive reserves. The  
86 potential value of carbon stocks as a rationale for international support of extractive  
87 reserves should add to the motives for extractivists to increase their control and  
88 effectively limit deforestation in the reserves.

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90         Creating protected areas is one of the most effective measures to ensure the  
91 maintenance of environmental services in tropical forests (Adeney *et al.*, 2009;  
92 Veríssimo *et al.*, 2011). In the Brazilian Amazon at least 2.2 million km<sup>2</sup> were delimited  
93 by 2014 as 718 protected areas, which include Conservation Units, Indigenous Lands  
94 and *Quilombola* Territories (Nogueira *et al.*, 2018a). "Conservation Units" encompass  
95 various kinds of areas for environmental protection as defined in Brazil's National  
96 System of Conservation Units, or "SNUC," and are divided into two groups: "integral  
97 protection" and "sustainable use" (Brazil, MMA, 2000). Extractive reserves are in the  
98 "sustainable use" category, which provides for the continued presence of the resident  
99 population and use of renewable natural resources such as forests in defined low-impact  
100 "sustainable" ways. "Indigenous Lands" are areas recognized as traditionally inhabited  
101 by indigenous people and are administered by the National Foundation for the Indian  
102 (FUNAI) under the Ministry of Justice, rather than by the Ministry of Environment.  
103 "*Quilombolas*" are the descendants of escaped African slaves who have maintained  
104 traditional communities and who have the same rights as indigenous peoples under  
105 Brazil's constitution.

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107         Historically, priority areas for the establishing conservation units have mainly  
108 been determined based on ecological criteria such as indicators of biodiversity (e.g.,  
109 "hotspots"), endemism, rarity, or threats to species (Fearnside, 2015). Areas protected  
110 under the presumption of reconciling conservation with the presence of traditional  
111 resident populations were generally established based on the demands of social groups,  
112 such as indigenous peoples, *ribeirinhos* (riverside dwellers), rubber tappers and other  
113 communities dependent on non-timber forest products or on traditional fisheries (e.g.,  
114 Sustainable Use Conservation Units, Indigenous Lands and *Quilombola* Territories).  
115 However, in all of these cases, despite the particularities and different justifications  
116 adopted for the creation of each type of protected area, global climate change adds  
117 carbon stock as one of the arguments for maintaining and creating protected areas in the  
118 Amazon (Nogueira *et al.*, 2018a).

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120        The various actors involved in creating extractive reserves have different  
121 motives and priorities. The extractivists themselves clearly have as a top priority  
122 securing their claim to the land against the threat of surrounding ranchers. Improving  
123 living standards and access to basic education and health services are also important  
124 priorities for extractivists. In arguing for extractive reserves, Chico Mendes always  
125 made clear that the environmental value of maintain the forest was also important to  
126 extractivists. Within the Brazilian government, individuals in the Ministry of  
127 Environment involved with extractive reserves vary in their priorities for creating these  
128 reserves. Reasons include the role of the reserves as a means of maintaining  
129 environmental values such as biodiversity, their role as examples of sustainability and in  
130 providing socioeconomic benefits to extractivists. These concerns are shared by other  
131 actors, such as environmental non-governmental organizations and academic scholars  
132 who study and write about extractive reserves. However, creating and maintaining  
133 Brazil's extractive reserves has always been heavily dependent on funding from  
134 international sources, and, as compared to other actors, the priorities of these funders are  
135 more focused on carbon and the role of Amazon forest in global climate change. The G7  
136 Pilot Program to Conserve the Brazilian Rain Forest (PPG7), which ran from 1992 to  
137 2008, was a critical funder in creating Brazil's current portfolio of extractive reserves,  
138 and climate was listed as a "global benefit" of the expected role of the extractive  
139 reserves component in reducing deforestation (World Bank, 1994). The World Bank's  
140 January 1992 Rain Forest Trust Resolution that established the PPG7 states that "The  
141 overall objective of the pilot program is to...reduce Brazilian rain forests' contribution  
142 to global carbon emissions..." (World Bank, 1992). This was clearly the highest  
143 priority for the country that contributed by far the most to the program: Germany. The  
144 issue of emissions was especially important in the five years prior to the December 1997  
145 Kyoto Protocol (Fearnside, 2001). Since Norway's donations to the Amazon Fund  
146 began in 2008, this source has become an important contributor to creating and  
147 maintaining Amazonian protected areas, including extractive reserves (GEF, 2018).  
148 Effectiveness in reducing emissions has been a key element in arguing for international  
149 support for Brazil's Amazon Region Protected Areas Program (ARPA), including  
150 extractive reserves (Soares-Filho, 2016; Soares-Filho *et al.*, 2010). For Norway, which  
151 donated 93% of the total received by the Amazon Fund by 2018, the criterion on which  
152 success is judged is reduction of Brazil's deforestation rate, which translates into  
153 reduced carbon emissions. In 2017, as stipulated in the agreement creating the Amazon  
154 Fund, the payment was reduced by half because the deforestation rate was on the rise  
155 (Rodrigues, 2017). The criterion is limited to the deforestation rate, not other indicators  
156 such as the living standards of forest dwellers or the sustainability of the population's  
157 economic activities. With Brazil's current draconian cutbacks of government funding  
158 for the environment, the Amazon Fund is essentially the only available source for  
159 financing measures to contain deforestation (Ortiz, 2018).

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161        The extraction of natural products for the subsistence of traditional resident  
162 populations in the Amazon is an activity as old as the existence of traditional  
163 populations (Arruda, 1999; Homma, 2003). The various traditional forms of forest  
164 product extraction (*e.g.*, collection of plant products, fishing and hunting) have been a  
165 centuries-old subsistence practice of traditional forest-dwelling populations. Like the  
166 traditional forms of extraction, the current extractive reserves are characterized mainly  
167 by low-technology extraction (Drummond, 1996). The definition by law of areas for  
168 extractivism does not ensure that other forms of use and production by the resident  
169 populations are not used within these areas, nor does it mean that extractive activities

170 are exclusive to these areas. In fact, extractive activities predominate in other categories  
 171 of sustainable use units (*e.g.*, National Forests, Sustainable Development Reserves,  
 172 Environmental Protection Areas) or other types of protected areas (*e.g.*, Indigenous  
 173 Lands and *Quilombola* Territories).

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175 Extractive reserves have allowed substantial areas of forest to be protected that  
 176 would be unlikely to be protected if conservation units were created through  
 177 expropriation, and resettlement and compensation of the residents. The extractive  
 178 reserve model avoids the social injustices inherent in such a process and maintains the  
 179 communities and the traditional culture of the extractivists (Fearnside, 1989). The long-  
 180 term effect of this depends on both deforestation being avoided and an avoidance of  
 181 degradation of the forest, as from logging and fire. Forest degradation can lower carbon  
 182 stocks in Amazonian forest and consequently lower their benefit for avoiding global  
 183 warming. Degradation is known to be taking place in some extractive reserves, and  
 184 quantification of its impact on carbon stocks is a high research priority. Unfortunately,  
 185 this forest maintenance has not always been as complete as expected, and processes in  
 186 course in the reserves suggest that deforestation and degradation are likely to increase in  
 187 the future in the absence of greater social control.

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189 In this text, we present data on carbon in extractive reserves in the Brazilian  
 190 Amazon, with new analyses from recent carbon estimates for all protected areas in  
 191 Amazonia (Nogueira *et al.*, 2018a). Here we use these refined analyses to update and  
 192 synthesize previous estimates of carbon stocks in Amazonian's extractive reserves  
 193 (Moutinho *et al.*, 2012). In doing so we use the definition of "extractive reserves" to be  
 194 those considered by the National System of Conservation Units (Brazil, MMA, 2000).

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## 196 2. **Methods**

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198 The Ministry of Environment (MMA) registry (Brazil, MMA, 2015) includes 47  
 199 federal extractive reserves in Legal Amazonia (of which 45 are in the Amazonia Biome)  
 200 and 26 state extractive reserves (Figure 1), all of which are in the Amazonia Biome.  
 201 Legal Amazonia is a 5 million km<sup>2</sup> administrative region, approximately ¾ of which is  
 202 or was formerly covered by Amazonian forest and the remainder was covered by  
 203 *Cerrado* savanna. The Amazonia Biome is virtually entirely contained within Legal  
 204 Amazonia and includes the portion originally covered by Amazonian forest, plus  
 205 enclaves of savanna within this area.

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207 [Figure 1 here]

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209 Vector maps of the extractive reserves were obtained from the Ministry of  
 210 Environment database (Brazil, MMA, 2015). Spatially referenced digital maps of the  
 211 each reserve were overlayed on vegetation and carbon maps, including cleared areas  
 212 mapped up 2014. Carbon estimates for each reserve were analyzed using ArcGIS®  
 213 software (ESRI, 2017). See Nogueira *et al.* (2018a) for more details on methods.

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215 Carbon stocks in each reserve were estimated using based on the biomass per  
 216 hectare in of each vegetation type in each reserve (Nogueira *et al.*, 2015; 2018a).  
 217 Estimates include biomass stocks above and below ground (*i.e.*, carbon storage in roots  
 218 but not soils) of the tree and non-tree components, both live and dead (necromass).  
 219 Biomass estimates were derived mainly from interactions between forest wood volume

220 data from the RadamBrasil surveys and wood-density data (Brazil, Projeto  
 221 RadamBrasil, 1973-1983; Nogueira *et al.*, 2007). Additional biomass data, especially  
 222 for forest types in southern Amazonia, were derived by applying allometric equations  
 223 (Nogueira *et al.*, 2008a; 2008b; 2015). Original areas of each vegetation type in each  
 224 reserve are estimated from the vegetation map of the Brazilian Institute of Geography  
 225 and Statistics (IBGE) at a scale of 1:250,000 (Brazil, IBGE, 2012; see Nogueira *et al.*,  
 226 2015; 2018a). Deforestation losses were determined from 2014 PRODES data (Brazil,  
 227 INPE, 2016). These data are freely available from the National Institute for Space  
 228 Research (INPE) at 60-m resolution, which is degraded from LANDSAT-TM (30-m  
 229 resolution) or equivalent satellite imagery. The lower limit for detection of deforestation  
 230 is 6.25 ha. Additional details on the carbon estimation methods can be found in  
 231 Nogueira *et al.* (2018a).

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### 233 **3. Results**

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235 Extractive reserves in Legal Amazonia totaled 126,709 km<sup>2</sup>, of which 4301 km<sup>2</sup>  
 236 (3.4%) had been cleared by 2014. The area of each extractive reserve and deforestation  
 237 up to 2014 are presented in Table 1, while the original carbon stocks and the losses to  
 238 deforestation are presented in Table 2. The carbon lost to deforestation totaled 74.9  
 239 million tons. Carbon estimates (both stock and loss) are for the remaining vegetation in  
 240 2014 and for the original vegetation cleared through 2014, respectively. These estimates  
 241 do not consider post-clearing recovery by secondary vegetation. Table 3 summarizes the  
 242 data for remaining vegetation and cleared areas and for carbon stocks and losses for  
 243 federal extractive reserves, state extractive reserves, and for both types together.

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[Tables 1, 2 & 3 here]

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The original carbon density in tons per hectare (Mg ha<sup>-1</sup>) estimated before  
 248 clearing had occurred in the each extractive reserve is presented in Figure 2. The  
 249 reserves had a remaining carbon stock in forest vegetation of 2.1 billion tons, with  
 250 average carbon density per hectare estimated at 168 tons (Table 3). Average carbon  
 251 density is higher average in the federal than in the state extractive reserves.

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### **4. Discussion**

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#### *4.1. Carbon as a foundation for maintaining forest*

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Using the value of carbon stocks to maintain forests has multiple environmental  
 260 “co-benefits,” such as water cycling and biodiversity, as well as social benefits in  
 261 maintaining traditional communities and cultures (e.g., Stickler *et al.*, 2009). The  
 262 benefits to local communities, in addition to their own value, have the additional  
 263 importance in providing motivation for development of governance that is more  
 264 effective, cheaper and socially much more attractive than the predominant means of  
 265 controlling deforestation in the region through reliance on inspections and fines from  
 266 government agencies. However, it is essential that this local governance actually work,  
 267 as reflected in halting deforestation in the extractive reserves.

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269        The stocks of carbon documented here represent only the first step in the long  
 270 process of tapping the climatic value of the forest and transforming this value into a  
 271 system that both maintains the forest and provides support to the resident population.  
 272 We certainly do not have the answers to the many challenges involved in designing and  
 273 institutionalizing such a system. Some lessons can be gained from existing projects in  
 274 extractive reserves to pay for environmental services or to implant projects for Reducing  
 275 Emissions from Deforestation and Degradation (REDD+).

276        The state of Amazonas has a “*Bolsa Floresta*” (“Forest Stipend” or “Forest  
 277 Allowance”) program financed by the Amazon Fund to provide small monthly  
 278 payments to families in protected areas, including extractive reserves, plus considerably  
 279 more substantial contributions to community associations and for infrastructure such as  
 280 schools, solar panels and water tanks (e.g., Viana *et al.*, 2012; Bakkegaard & Wunder,  
 281 2014). The program does not have an explicit tie to carbon, but participating families  
 282 sign an agreement to limit their future clearing to the small annual amounts they have  
 283 been clearing in the past. However, a test of what happens when these agreements are  
 284 violated has yet to occur. The beneficiaries of the program clearly have increased  
 285 wellbeing as compared to those who live outside of protected areas, but the greatest  
 286 potential benefit of the program has not yet materialized, namely stimulating traditional  
 287 residents outside of protected areas to demand that government authorities create new  
 288 sustainable-use protected areas so that these people can also benefit. The most critical  
 289 location where this is needed is the vast area of public lands to the west of the Purus  
 290 River that is now at risk from road-building plans associated with the BR-319 (Manaus-  
 291 Porto Velho) Highway (Fearnside & Graça, 2006).

292        Another approach is REDD+, where avoided carbon emissions would be  
 293 accounted for and compensated, presumably from the voluntary market (although in the  
 294 future a REDD+ mechanism is expected under the UNFCCC). REDD is an extremely  
 295 controversial topic, both in Brazil and globally (Fearnside, 2012a). Carbon accounting  
 296 issues to assure that climate benefits are real include dealing with uncertainty in the  
 297 measurement of carbon stocks and their changes (Fearnside, 2000), the “baseline”  
 298 (reference scenario) used for attributing emissions reductions to a mitigation project  
 299 (i.e., “additionality”) (Yanai *et al.*, 2012; Vitel *et al.*, 2013), “leakage” (displacement of  
 300 deforestation to locations beyond a project’s boundaries) (Fearnside, 2009\_leakage) and  
 301 “permanence” (the time that carbon remains out of the atmosphere) (Fearnside *et al.*,  
 302 2000; Fearnside, 2002). These issues are substantial, but all have solutions (Fearnside,  
 303 2012b; Fearnside *et al.*, 2014). However, most opposition to REDD is not rooted in  
 304 theoretical issues regarding carbon accounting, but rather in political issues regarding  
 305 the distribution of financial and employment benefits (Fearnside, 2012a; 2013).

306        Extractive reserves have so far had a relatively minor presence among Brazil’s  
 307 REDD+ projects (e.g., Gomes, 2016). Two extractivist groups signed an anti-REDD  
 308 statement in 2011: Sindicato dos Trabalhadores/as Rurais de Xapuri in Acre and Resex  
 309 Renascer Tapajós-Arapiuns in Pará (Grupo Carta de Belém, 2011). One REDD+ project  
 310 that is underway is the Resex Rio Preto Jacundá REDD+ Project (Biofílica  
 311 Investimentos Ambientais AS, 2016). This follows the normal model for certified  
 312 private-sector projects in the voluntary carbon market, with calculations of avoided  
 313 emissions specific to the extractive reserve, in addition to claiming environmental and  
 314 social co-benefits. In Amapá the Cajari Carbon Project is a state government initiative  
 315 that also includes areas outside of the Cajari extractive reserve (IEF, 2018). The original

proposal had carbon added to it to make it eligible for funding under a Petrobrás program, but the benefits ascribed to it by the project's managers are essentially entirely in the realm of social and sustainability gains without measurable links to carbon emissions (Superti & Aubertin, 2015). In Acre the state government's Incentive System for Environmental Services (SISA) seeks to reduce the state's loss of environmental services, including carbon stocks, hydrological services and biodiversity. Like the project in Amapá, it provides infrastructure and government services that encourage non-destructive economic activities but does not make payments to stakeholders (Neves *et al.*, 2013). The Acre program includes extractive reserves among the many land categories in the state. The program has so far been funded by the Acre state government, but a memorandum of understanding with the US state of California foresees future financial flows on the basis of avoided carbon emissions (Palmer *et al.*, 2017). Forest degradation in Acre is substantially increasing the state's carbon emission as compared to what was planned under SISA, as in the case of forest fires during the 2015 drought that affected an area of forest larger than all of the deforestation in the state between 2004 and 2015 (da Silva *et al.*, 2018).

#### *4.2. Deforestation and degradation*

The 6.25 ha lower limit for deforestation detection by PRODES may bias our results for deforestation in the extractive reserves downward more than is the case for deforestation in other locations in Amazonia, such as settlement projects and areas dominated by large ranches. This is because the traditional clearings made in extractivist family collection areas ("colocações") are often smaller than this minimum area. In addition, clearings in *colocações* are scattered throughout the forest, unlike clearings in settlement projects, which are often contiguous with clearings by neighbors. Kalamandan *et al.* (2018) have recently shown the importance of small clearings, which are increasingly common throughout Brazilian Amazonia.

The biomass data used in this study are derived from RadamBrasil forest survey data transformed to biomass based on allometric equations, wood density and other information derived by Nogueira *et al.* (2008a; 2015; 2018a). Various other estimates of Amazon forest biomass exist, but they rely on much more limited ground-truth data than the almost 3000 1-ha RadamBrasil plots (see review in Fearnside, 2018). The same dataset used here for forest biomass is being used in Brazil's 3<sup>rd</sup> National Communication to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (see Bustamante *et al.*, 2018).

Amazon forest biomass varies considerably across the region as a result of a complex interaction among factors such as soil chemical and physical properties, climate and disturbance history, including cutting and/or enrichment by pre-columbian human populations (Heckenberger *et al.*, 2003, 2007; Malhi *et al.*, 2004, 2015; Quesada *et al.*, 2011; 2012). Forest biomass is generally highest in central Amazonia, for example near Manaus, and lowest in areas close to the *cerrado* (central Brazilian savanna) (Nogueira *et al.*, 2015). Soils have a general gradient from high fertility areas near the Andes in the west to lower fertility to the east, while rainfall has a gradient from high precipitation and absence of a dry season in the northwestern area near Colombia, to low precipitation and long dry seasons in the southeastern portion of the region (Malhi *et al.*, 2004; 2006). More fertile soil is both associated with tree species with less-dense wood and causes trees to grow faster, thereby producing less-dense

369 wood even within the same species (Nogueira *et al.*, 2007). Another factor reducing  
 370 biomass on more-fertile soils is trees being shorter for any given diameter (Nogueira *et*  
 371 *al.*, 2008b). Forests in western Amazonia have lower stature, reducing biomass  
 372 (Feldpausch *et al.*, 2012). Trees grow faster near the Andes with high soil fertility, but  
 373 they also have higher mortality; this results in faster turnover and not higher biomass  
 374 (Phillips *et al.*, 2004). Forests in portions of Amazonia with long dry seasons have  
 375 lower biomass not because of lower productivity, but rather because trees in these areas  
 376 have higher mortality and shorter lifespans (Malhi *et al.*, 2015). Non-forest vegetation  
 377 can result either from climate, for example areas with an excessively long dry season  
 378 (Hutyra *et al.*, 2005; Salazar *et al.*, 2007), or from very unfavorable soils such as white  
 379 sand or hardpan (e.g., Lisboa, 1975). The pre-modern biomass in extractive reserves  
 380 reflects the biomass in the places where they are located, but they are not evenly  
 381 distributed across the region (Figure 1). Average pre-modern biomass carbon stock in  
 382 extractive reserves of all types was  $168 \text{ Mg C ha}^{-1}$  in 2014 (Table 3), while the average  
 383 in Brazil's Legal Amazon region was  $148.8 \pm 32.5 \text{ Mg C ha}^{-1}$  and  $164.0 \pm 36.0 \text{ t Mg C}$   
 384  $\text{ha}^{-1}$  in the country's Amazonia Biome (Nogueira *et al.*, 2015).

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386 Moutinho *et al.* (2012, p. 134) have calculated a biomass carbon stock (above +  
 387 below ground) for all Brazil's extractive reserves that had been established by 2008;  
 388 values for each reserve are not presented, but total values are given by jurisdiction  
 389 category that are equivalent to average stocks of 144.2 tons per hectare ( $\text{Mg C ha}^{-1}$ ) in  
 390 federal reserves,  $142.2 \text{ Mg C ha}^{-1}$  in state reserves and  $143.7 \text{ Mg C ha}^{-1}$  considering both  
 391 types together. Our estimates are 174 tons per hectare in federal reserves (20.7%  
 392 higher),  $135 \text{ Mg C ha}^{-1}$  in state reserves (5.0% lower) and  $168 \text{ Mg C ha}^{-1}$  in both types  
 393 together (16.9% higher) (Table 3). Moutinho *et al.* (2012, p. 82) used above-ground  
 394 forest carbon stocks based on the map by Saatchi *et al.* (2007) and added 20% to these  
 395 values to represent below-ground carbon based on (Houghton *et al.*, 2000; 2001). The  
 396 Saatchi *et al.* (2007) map was based on ground-truth information on primary forests in  
 397 Brazil at only 53 distinct locations, and almost half of these had a sample areas either <  
 398 1 ha or of unknown area (See Fearnside, 2018). The forest biomass values used in  
 399 present study are based on the RadamBrasil measurements of trees in 2317 plots, each 1  
 400 ha in area (Nogueira *et al.*, 2015).

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402 The biomass and carbon values in Tables 1 and 2 are for "pre-modern" forests,  
 403 that is, forests at the time of the RadamBrasil surveys (mainly in the 1960s and early  
 404 1970s). The RadamBrasil surveys were done in a period when very little damage had  
 405 been done to the forest by logging. Forest fires had also been much less frequent than in  
 406 recent decades. Logging preferentially removes large trees, thus lowering forest biomass  
 407 (Sist & Ferreira, 2007; Mazzei *et al.*, 2010). Even when done with "reduced impact,"  
 408 logging operations can also kill many trees that are not harvested (Sist *et al.*, 2014). The  
 409 disturbance from logging substantially increases the vulnerability of Amazon forests to  
 410 fire (Uhl & Buschbacher, 1985; Cochrane *et al.*, 1999; Nepstad *et al.*, 1999). This can  
 411 kill more trees (Barlow *et al.*, 2003; Vasconcelos *et al.*, 2013) and initiate a positive  
 412 feedback process of successive fires and mortality events (Nepstad *et al.*, 2001; Barlow  
 413 & Peres, 2006; Berenguer *et al.*, 2014). In Acre and neighboring areas, fires also  
 414 stimulate invasion by bamboo, further reducing forest biomass and carbon stocks (Silva  
 415 *et al.*, 2017).

416

417 Quantification of degradation losses in extractive reserves is lacking, as is also  
 418 the case for most areas in Amazonia. Understory fires affected at least  $2500 \text{ km}^2$  in the

419 state of Acre during the 2005 drought (Brown *et al.*, 2006). In the Chico Mendes  
 420 Extractive reserve fire caused the number of dead stems to be much greater in burned  
 421 plots than in unburned plots studied by Barlow and coworkers (2012), but the lack of  
 422 plots from before the fire prevented statistically significant quantification of biomass  
 423 losses. Amazonian forest has very high natural variation in biomass between plots over  
 424 short distances (Nascimento & Laurance, 2002; Fearnside, 2018). The droughts of the  
 425 type that occurred in 2005 (Marengo *et al.*, 2008; Zeng *et al.*, 2008; Phillips *et al.*,  
 426 2009) and again in 2010 (Lewis *et al.*, 2011; Marengo *et al.*, 2011) are expected to  
 427 increase dramatically in the coming decades under projected global warming (Cox *et  
 428 al.*, 2008).

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430 There is a tendency to view emissions from logging as directly human-induced  
 431 but forest fire as a natural source. However, almost no fires are “natural.” Not only are  
 432 virtually all Amazonian fires caused by a human ignition source, a large proportion of  
 433 them have their origin in forests that have been made susceptible to fire by logging. Fire  
 434 represents a significant threat to projects intended to reward climate benefits through  
 435 Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Degradation (REDD+) (Aragão &  
 436 Shimabukuro, 2010; Silva *et al.*, 2013).

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438 The carbon loss values presented in Tables 2 and 3 represent gross values and do  
 439 not include reabsorption of some carbon by the deforested landscape, including  
 440 secondary forest. Calculations exist for this uptake for Brazilian Amazonia as a whole,  
 441 but not specifically for extractive reserves. Secondary forests grow much more slowly if  
 442 they are from degraded cattle pasture than if they are agricultural fallows (Fearnside &  
 443 Guimarães, 1996; Wandelli & Fearnside, 2015). To the extent that extractivists are  
 444 expanding cattle pastures, as in the case of the Chico Mendes Extractive Reserve in  
 445 Acre, this slower rate of carbon uptake by secondary forest will predominate, as it does  
 446 in most of Brazilian Amazonia.

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448 In addition to its role in storing carbon, Amazon forest has also been acting as a  
 449 carbon sink. In the 1990s this sink was believed to be very large, but correction of  
 450 technical problems with early CO<sub>2</sub> flux measurements made from towers has resulted in  
 451 much lower estimates for the magnitude of this sink (e.g., Araújo *et al.*, 2002).  
 452 Monitoring of tree diameters in permanent plots has shown a basin-wide average  
 453 uptake, although the magnitude varies among sites with the greatest increases near the  
 454 Andes (Phillips *et al.*, 2009a; Lewis *et al.*, 2004). Estimates vary depending on methods  
 455 (Grace, 2016). The sink is reversed under drought conditions (Phillips *et al.*, 2009b;  
 456 Gatti *et al.*, 2014), and severe droughts are expected to increase markedly with climate  
 457 change (Cox *et al.*, 2008; Latif *et al.*, 2015). There has been a decreasing trend in recent  
 458 years: based on monitoring of 321 plots (mean plot area = 1.2 ha), the average  
 459 magnitude of the Amazon forest sink has decreased from approximately 1.5 MgC ha<sup>-1</sup>  
 460 year<sup>-1</sup> in 1985 to 0.25 MgC ha<sup>-1</sup> year<sup>-1</sup> in 2011 (Brienen *et al.*, 2015).

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#### 462 4.2. Challenges to controlling carbon loss

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464 Protected areas represent a bulwark against climate change, and the need to  
 465 avoid greenhouse-gas emissions is likely to be an increasingly important factor in  
 466 decisions on creating and supporting these areas, including extractive reserves  
 467 (Nogueira *et al.*, 2018b). The effectiveness of protected areas in maintaining their

468 carbon stocks will be critical in determining the allocation of resources in global and  
469 national efforts to fight climate change.

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471 Logging is a delicate issue in extractive reserves because, unlike extraction of  
472 non-forest timber products like rubber and Brazilnuts, logging is not inherently  
473 sustainable unless strict limits on harvest intensity can be guaranteed to be respected  
474 over the course of many human generations. This requires social controls that are strong  
475 enough to not be relaxed or abandoned when the forest's timber stocks are drawn down  
476 to a pre-established limit, and when both population increase and the continued rise in  
477 the individual residents' desire for material consumption translate into pressure to  
478 change or evade the forest management regulations (Fearnside, 2003).

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480 An example of the problem of maintaining the previous patterns of non-  
481 destructive behavior that have characterized extractivists for over a century is shown by  
482 expanding areas of cattle pasture in the Chico Mendes extractive reserve in Acre  
483 (Salisbury & Schmink, 2007; Vadajunec *et al.*, 2009). Deforestation has increased, and a  
484 contingent of residents in the reserve has, in fact, become ranchers rather than  
485 extractivists (*e.g.*, Salomon, 2008; Carranca, 2014). By 2014 a total of 480.4 km<sup>2</sup> of  
486 deforestation had occurred in this reserve (5.2% of the original forest area) (Table 1),  
487 much of it in the last few years.

488

489 The reason that extractive reserves are created and receive priority in  
490 government services as compared to unprotected areas in the interior of Brazilian  
491 Amazonia is because of the environmental services. The reason is not the fact that  
492 people in extractive reserves have a right to services such as education and health care:  
493 although extractive populations have a right to these services, so too do populations  
494 outside of protected areas, and the sad fact is that, in practice, having these rights does  
495 not mean that the government will provide them in a timely fashion. The same amount  
496 of money spent could provide, for example, schools and health centers for many more  
497 people in one of the country's urban *favelas* than in remote areas in the Amazon forest.  
498 The residents of extractive reserves are providing a service by maintaining the forest,  
499 and it is important that they realize that this is the reason for the benefits they receive.

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501 Rubber extraction itself is no longer lucrative enough by itself to make  
502 extractive reserves economically viable without some form of subsidy (Jaramillo-  
503 Giraldo *et al.*, 2017). This means that extractivists must continually demonstrate that  
504 they have social controls sufficient to avoid loss of environmental services in order to  
505 justify funds from sources that are motivated to invest in maintaining environmental  
506 services. It is a basic precept of any program for payment for environmental services  
507 that the recipients must have control over the land in question (Wunder *et al.*, 2009).  
508 Normally this refers to land ownership, as through a land title, but in the case of an  
509 extractive reserve it would apply an adequate level of control by the extractivist  
510 community organization over the activities that take place in the reserve (*e.g.*, Global  
511 Compass, 2014). If individual families are free to become cattle ranchers and expand  
512 their clearings at will, the basis for transforming the climatic value of the forest's carbon  
513 stocks into a means of support for the extractivist population is undermined. While a  
514 variety of opinions exists on compensating the climate benefits of maintaining tropical  
515 forests, this compensation is likely to become an increasingly high priority if the  
516 countries of the world are serious about containing global warming (Fearnside, 2012a).

517 Maintaining the carbon stocks documented in this study is the most visible of the  
 518 environmental services upon which the future of these extractivist populations depends.  
 519

520 **5. Conclusions**

521 Extractive reserves in the Brazilian Amazonia contain substantial amounts of carbon.  
 522 These reserves are not immune to deforestation and to forest degradation, and  
 523 maintaining their carbon stocks and associated climate benefits requires active defense.  
 524 This indicates the need for a level of social control within the extractivist communities  
 525 that is sufficient to prevent deforestation and forest degradation in the reserves.  
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## 1154 Figure legends

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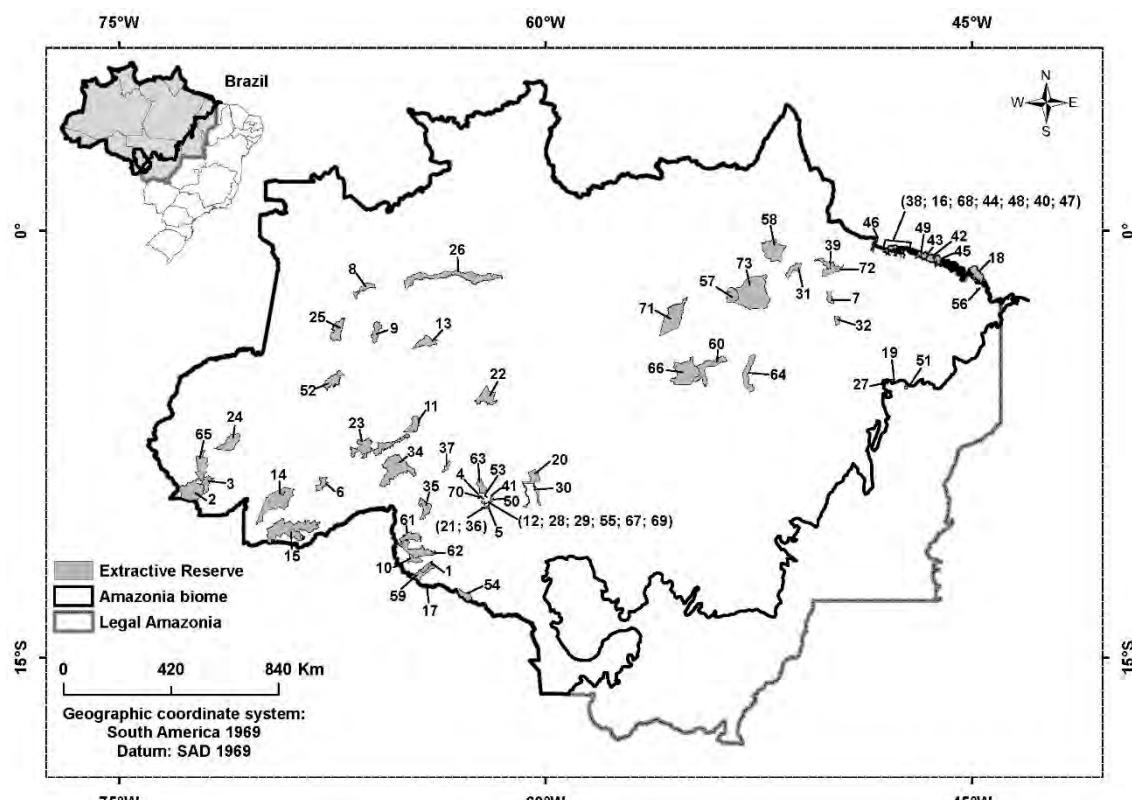


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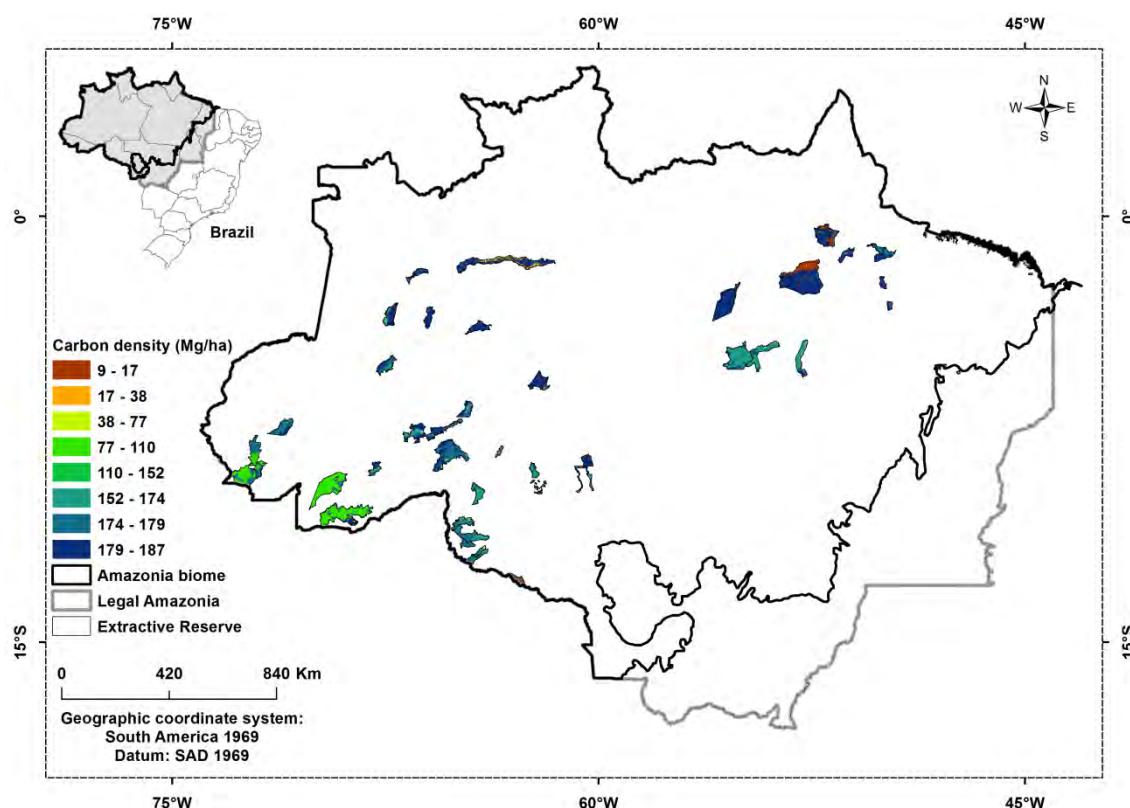


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**Table 1.**Cumulative clearing of vegetation by 2014 for each extractive reserve analyzed in the present study in Brazil's Legal Amazonia and Amazonia biome regions.

No (see Fig. 1).	Name of Protected Area	Administrative level (federal or state) and protection category (integral protection or sustainable use) *	Initial total area**	Area covered by vegetation in 2014	Cumulative clearing of vegetation by 2014	Area mapped as deforested including overlapping watercourses***
						(in km <sup>2</sup> )
1	Reserva Extrativista do Rio Cautário	FSU	751.26	741.39	9.87	-
2	Reserva Extrativista Alto Juruá	FSU	5,378.07	5,222.58	155.49	0.218
3	Reserva Extrativista Alto Tarauacá	FSU	1,509.23	1,473.13	36.09	0.027
4	Reserva Extrativista Angelim	SSU	83.84	76.26	7.59	-
5	Reserva Extrativista Aquariquara	SSU	192.76	176.83	15.94	-
6	Reserva Extrativista Arapixi	FSU	1,337.08	1,310.56	26.52	1.965
7	Reserva Extrativista Arióca Pruanã	FSU	838.17	742.89	95.28	0.153
8	Reserva Extrativista Auatí-Paraná	FSU	1,469.49	1,452.89	16.60	0.106
9	Reserva Extrativista Baixo Juruá	FSU	1,780.39	1,754.02	26.37	0.691
10	Reserva Extrativista Barreiro das Antas	FSU	1,061.11	1,060.51	0.60	-
11	Reserva Extrativista Canutama	SSU	1,979.53	1,968.50	11.03	0.638
12	Reserva Extrativista Castanheira	SSU	96.61	92.12	4.49	-
13	Reserva Extrativista Catuá-Ipixuna	SSU	2,123.23	1,991.02	132.21	10.689
14	Reserva Extrativista Cazumbá-Iracema	FSU	7,553.46	7,471.24	82.22	-
15	Reserva Extrativista Chico Mendes	FSU	9,312.72	8,832.33	480.39	-
16	Reserva Extrativista Chocoaré-Mato Grosso	FSU	27.83	27.53	0.30	0.069
17	Reserva Extrativista Curralinho	SSU	16.62	15.75	0.87	-
18	Reserva Extrativista de Cururupu	FSU	1,572.35	1,350.71	221.64	35.255

19	Reserva Extrativista do Ciriáco	FSU	81.07	23.82	57.25	-
20	Reserva Extrativista do Guariba	SSU	1,480.84	1,479.70	1.14	0.003
21	Reserva Extrativista do Itaúba	SSU	16.04	15.47	0.58	-
22	Reserva Extrativista do Lago do Capanã Grande	FSU	3,043.07	2,998.64	44.43	1.001
23	Reserva Extrativista do Médio Purus	FSU	6,042.32	5,998.46	43.85	0.308
24	Reserva Extrativista do Rio Gregório	SSU	3,069.96	3,046.80	23.16	0.026
25	Reserva Extrativista do Rio Jutaí	FSU	2,755.13	2,735.89	19.24	0.338
26	Reserva Extrativista do Rio Unini	FSU	8,496.85	8,482.17	14.68	2.410
27	Reserva Extrativista Extremo Norte do Tocantins	FSU	90.70	5.23	85.47	-
28	Reserva Extrativista Freijó	SSU	6.29	5.39	0.89	-
29	Reserva Extrativista Garrote	SSU	8.66	8.48	0.18	-
30	Reserva Extrativista Guariba-Roosevelt	SSU	1,376.78	1,303.82	72.95	4.434
31	Reserva Extrativista Gurupá-Melgaço	FSU	1,454.16	1,430.78	23.38	0.332
32	Reserva Extrativista Ipaú-Anilzinho	FSU	558.34	375.79	182.55	0.367
33	Reserva Extrativista Ipê	SSU	8.19	6.58	1.62	-
34	Reserva Extrativista Ituxí	FSU	7,763.23	7,746.32	16.91	0.811
35	Reserva Extrativista Jaci-Paraná	SSU	2,003.20	1,373.32	629.88	-
36	Reserva Extrativista Jatobá	SSU	13.39	9.76	3.63	-
37	Reserva Extrativista Lago do Cuniã	FSU	506.04	503.95	2.08	0.061
38	Reserva Extrativista Mãe Grande de Curuçá	FSU	335.96	326.71	9.25	0.462
39	Reserva Extrativista Mapuá	FSU	937.47	908.35	29.12	1.061
40	Reserva Extrativista Maracanã	FSU	291.12	286.14	4.98	0.493
41	Reserva Extrativista Maracatiara	SSU	86.60	75.63	10.97	-
42	Reserva Extrativista Marinha Araí-Peroba	FSU	600.97	553.38	47.59	3.741
43	Reserva Extrativista Marinha Cae-Tétaperaçu	FSU	408.05	379.75	28.30	1.908
44	Reserva Extrativista Marinha Cuinarana	FSU	110.36	100.58	9.79	0.173
45	Reserva Extrativista Marinha de Gurupi-Piriá	FSU	693.81	621.86	71.95	10.445
46	Reserva Extrativista Marinha de Soure	FSU	295.79	287.37	8.42	0.258

47	Reserva Extrativista Marinha Mestre Lucindo	FSU	250.57	241.01	9.56	0.183
48	Reserva Extrativista Marinha Mocapajuba	FSU	202.95	187.37	15.58	0.432
49	Reserva Extrativista Marinha Tracuateua	FSU	274.84	265.67	9.17	0.053
50	Reserva Extrativista Massaranduba	SSU	61.75	56.29	5.46	-
51	Reserva Extrativista Mata Grande	FSU	114.32	8.09	106.22	-
52	Reserva Extrativista Médio Juruá	FSU	2,515.87	2,491.43	24.44	0.275
53	Reserva Extrativista Mogno	SSU	24.13	23.19	0.94	-
54	Reserva Extrativista Pedras Negras	SSU	1,264.74	1,262.81	1.92	0.026
55	Reserva Extrativista do Piquiá	SSU	12.79	11.44	1.35	-
56	Reserva Extrativista Quilombo do Frechal	FSU	93.38	-	-	-
57	Reserva Extrativista Renascer	FSU	2,096.64	1,949.22	147.42	0.072
58	Reserva Extrativista Rio Cajari	FSU	5,324.00	5,205.95	118.05	0.114
59	Reserva Extrativista Rio Cautário	SSU	1,509.77	1,458.02	51.76	0.118
60	Reserva Extrativista Rio Iriri	FSU	3,989.88	3,914.17	75.71	1.807
61	Reserva Extrativista Rio Ouro Preto	FSU	2,046.32	1,856.73	189.59	-
62	Reserva Extrativista Rio Pacaás Novos	SSU	3,504.43	3,483.40	21.04	-
63	Reserva Extrativista Rio Preto-Jacundá	SSU	1,197.67	1,123.02	74.66	0.262
64	Reserva Extrativista Rio Xingu	FSU	3,030.01	2,992.11	37.90	3.303
65	Reserva Extrativista Riozinho da Liberdade	FSU	3,249.03	3,195.23	53.80	-
66	Reserva Extrativista Riozinho do Anfrísio	FSU	7,360.83	7,324.97	35.86	0.114
67	Reserva Extrativista Roxinho	SSU	10.39	9.45	0.94	-
68	Reserva Extrativista São João da Ponta	FSU	34.09	32.53	1.57	0.059
69	Reserva Extrativista Seringueira	SSU	4.76	4.31	0.45	-
70	Reserva Extrativista Sucupira	SSU	28.18	27.10	1.08	-
71	Reserva Extrativista Tapajós Arapiuns	FSU	6,742.07	6,226.19	515.88	4.500
72	Reserva Extrativista Terra Grande Pracuúba	FSU	1,948.64	1,891.63	57.01	0.732
73	Reserva Extrativista Verde Para Sempre	FSU	12,893.12	12,502.10	391.01	3.707

\* FSU = Federal Sustainable-Use conservation unit, SSU = State Sustainable Use conservation unit.

\*\* Total area in each Extractive Reserve was calculated from vector map available from Brazil, MMA (2015). For some reserves the total area calculated from the vector maps may differ from the total area given in other official documents.

\*\*\* The estimates of carbon loss and the stock in the remaining vegetation in 2014 may, in certain reserves areas, be affected by the overlapping of classes (*e.g.*, watercourses, forest, non-forest and deforestation), which differ between the carbon map (Nogueira *et al.*, 2015) and the maps of the Project for Monitoring Deforestation in Amazonia (PRODES) and the Project for Monitoring Deforestation of the Brazilian Biomes by Satellite (PMDBBS) (Brazil, IBAMA 2015; Brazil, INPE 2016).

**Table 2.** Carbon estimates in extractive reserves analyzed in the present study in Brazil's Legal Amazonia and Amazonia Biome regions.

No. No (see Fig. 1).	Conservation unit name (from Brazil, MMA, 2015)	Administrative level (federal or state) and protection category (integral protection or sustainable use)*	Total area (km <sup>2</sup> )**	Remaining carbon stock in 2014***	Carbon loss by 2014***	Mean remaining carbon per hectare in 2014	Mean carbon loss per hectare
In tons of carbon (Mg C)							
1	Reserva Extrativista Alto Juruá	FSU	5,378.07	66,908,282.39	2,141,349.71	128.11	137.71
2	Reserva Extrativista Alto Tarauacá	FSU	1,509.23	21,702,762.84	605,196.66	147.32	167.67
3	Reserva Extrativista Angelim	SSU	83.84	1,243,246.47	124,596.56	163.04	164.21
4	Reserva Extrativista Aquariquara	SSU	192.76	3,092,121.51	271,966.79	174.87	170.66
5	Reserva Extrativista Arapixi	FSU	1,337.08	23,082,733.04	427,684.81	176.13	161.26
6	Reserva Extrativista Arióca Pruanã	FSU	838.17	13,327,812.99	1,704,869.02	179.41	178.93
7	Reserva Extrativista Auati-Paraná	FSU	1,469.49	26,020,305.79	298,928.93	179.09	180.10
8	Reserva Extrativista Baixo Juruá	FSU	1,780.39	31,860,965.08	441,805.57	181.65	167.52
9	Reserva Extrativista Barreiro das Antas	FSU	1,061.11	17,940,786.12	10,469.34	169.17	174.68
10	Reserva Extrativista Canutama	SSU	1,979.53	33,518,352.57	185,156.61	170.27	167.82
11	Reserva Extrativista Castanheira	SSU	96.61	1,501,989.16	73,855.26	163.04	164.46

12	Reserva Extrativista Catuá-Ipixuna	SSU	2,123.23	36,518,136.66	2,250,566.84	183.41	170.23
13	Reserva Extrativista Cazumbá-Iracema	FSU	7,553.46	81,960,423.68	1,037,123.80	109.70	126.14
14	Reserva Extrativista Chico Mendes	FSU	9,312.72	103,274,116.79	6,492,564.96	116.93	135.15
15	Reserva Extrativista Chocoaré-Mato Grosso	FSU	27.83	300,129.52	3,911.72	109.00	132.24
16	Reserva Extrativista Curralinho	SSU	16.62	253,333.48	12,410.76	160.85	142.02
17	Reserva Extrativista de Cururupu	FSU	1,572.35	5,830,764.79	2,410,374.22	43.17	108.75
18	Reserva Extrativista do Ciriáco	FSU	81.07	356,954.46	871,643.15	149.88	152.25
19	Reserva Extrativista do Guariba	SSU	1,480.84	27,360,330.39	20,985.73	184.91	183.97
20	Reserva Extrativista do Itaúba	SSU	16.04	252,093.24	9,477.60	163.00	163.98
21	Reserva Extrativista do Lago do Capanã Grande	FSU	3,043.07	52,820,587.02	702,257.75	176.15	158.05
22	Reserva Extrativista do Médio Purus	FSU	6,042.32	10,529,7471.09	774,240.15	175.54	176.55
23	Reserva Extrativista do Rio Cautário	FSU	751.26	1,1226,638.19	123,392.35	151.43	125.04
24	Reserva Extrativista do Rio Gregório	SSU	3,069.96	53,994,332.52	402,518.08	177.22	173.78
25	Reserva Extrativista do Rio Jutaí	FSU	2,755.13	48,217,575.21	260,006.11	176.24	135.17

26	Reserva Extrativista do Rio Unini	FSU	8,496.85	12,3929,412.47	160,485.31	146.11	109.32
27	Reserva Extrativista Extremo Norte do Tocantins	FSU	90.70	40,550.28	1,495,622.94	77.55	174.98
28	Reserva Extrativista Freijó	SSU	6.29	88,121.11	14,619.82	163.37	164.04
29	Reserva Extrativista Garrote	SSU	8.66	140951.33	2954.67	166.21	165.16
30	Reserva Extrativista Guariba-Roosevelt	SSU	1,376.78	20,414,313.68	1,137,847.42	156.57	155.97
31	Reserva Extrativista Gurupá-Melgaço	FSU	1,454.16	25,824,283.63	417,166.42	180.49	178.40
32	Reserva Extrativista Ipaú-Anilzinho	FSU	558.34	6,720,226.33	3,296,893.84	178.83	180.60
33	Reserva Extrativista Ipê	SSU	8.19	107,224.94	264,55.61	163.00	163.65
34	Reserva Extrativista Ituxí	FSU	7,763.23	135,952,750.18	284,113.13	175.51	168.02
35	Reserva Extrativista Jaci-Paraná	SSU	2,003.20	22,451,152.12	10,269,651.72	163.48	163.04
36	Reserva Extrativista Jatobá	SSU	13.39	160,663.53	60,273.70	164.56	166.26
37	Reserva Extrativista Lago do Cuniã	FSU	506.04	6,986,437.54	27,952.55	138.63	134.25
38	Reserva Extrativista Mãe Grande de Curuçá	FSU	335.96	2,255,473.75	111,633.38	69.04	120.72
39	Reserva Extrativista Mapuá	FSU	937.47	15,809,893.73	496,800.61	174.05	170.62

40	Reserva Extrativista Maracanã	FSU	291.12	2,127,369.63	68,453.46	74.35	137.43
41	Reserva Extrativista Maracatíara	SSU	86.60	1,286,028.43	182,697.00	170.05	166.49
42	Reserva Extrativista Marinha Araí-Peroba	FSU	600.97	4,002,430.87	637,049.29	72.33	133.87
43	Reserva Extrativista Marinha Cae-Tétaperaçu	FSU	408.05	2846214.82	336005.31	74.95	118.71
44	Reserva Extrativista Marinha Cuinarana	FSU	110.36	1,172,922.68	159,676.46	116.62	163.17
45	Reserva Extrativista Marinha de Gurupi-Piriá	FSU	693.81	4,239,732.86	783,714.68	68.18	108.93
46	Reserva Extrativista Marinha de Soure	FSU	295.79	1,721,784.17	110,254.96	59.91	131.00
47	Reserva Extrativista Marinha Mestre Lucindo	FSU	250.57	1,859,552.18	121,455.12	77.16	127.09
48	Reserva Extrativista Marinha Mocapajuba	FSU	202.95	1,685,593.15	240,203.98	89.96	154.20
49	Reserva Extrativista Marinha Tracuateua	FSU	274.84	2,232,085.10	127,398.44	84.02	138.90
50	Reserva Extrativista Massaranduba	SSU	61.75	917,409.72	88,927.47	162.98	162.99
51	Reserva Extrativista Mata Grande	FSU	114.32	121225.44	1591330.06	149.81	149.81
52	Reserva Extrativista Médio Juruá	FSU	2,515.87	44,135,068.05	424,826.37	177.15	173.83
53	Reserva Extrativista Mogno	SSU	24.13	378,342.46	15,288.81	163.12	163.28

54	Reserva Extrativista Pedras Negras	SSU	1,264.74	1,2718,751.49	31,791.33	100.72	165.19
55	Reserva Extrativista do Piquiá	SSU	12.79	211,272.68	24,743.53	184.76	183.22
56	Reserva Extrativista Quilombo do Frechal <sup>(2)</sup>	FSU	93.38	1,419,198.73	-	-	-
57	Reserva Extrativista Renascer	FSU	2,096.64	31,854,327.45	23,80740.11	163.42	161.50
58	Reserva Extrativista Rio Cajari	FSU	5,324.00	75,332,338.93	2,136,443.45	144.70	180.98
59	Reserva Extrativista Rio Cautário	SSU	1,509.77	21,841,639.46	814,979.93	149.80	157.47
60	Reserva Extrativista Rio Iriri	FSU	3,989.88	61,143,694.56	1,226,100.70	156.21	161.94
61	Reserva Extrativista Rio Ouro Preto	FSU	2,046.32	29,755,917.86	3,161,176.32	160.26	166.74
62	Reserva Extrativista Rio Pacaás Novos	SSU	3,504.43	59,191,089.96	367,549.19	169.92	174.72
63	Reserva Extrativista Rio Preto-Jacundá	SSU	1,197.67	1,8595,789.83	1,264,426.95	165.59	169.36
64	Reserva Extrativista Rio Xingu	FSU	3,030.01	45,019,486.22	595,846.46	150.46	157.22
65	Reserva Extrativista Riozinho da Liberdade	FSU	3,249.03	46,813,193.54	924,148.32	146.51	171.77
66	Reserva Extrativista Riozinho do Anfrísio	FSU	7,360.83	122,380,199.93	613,672.46	167.07	171.14
67	Reserva Extrativista Roxinho	SSU	10.39	154,125.76	15,322.54	163.07	163.28

68	Reserva Extrativista São João da Ponta	FSU	34.09	426,031.84	25,696.86	130.97	164.19
69	Reserva Extrativista Seringueira	SSU	4.76	70,297.69	7,364.03	163.19	164.52
70	Reserva Extrativista Sucupira	SSU	28.18	441,690.93	17,863.84	162.99	164.84
71	Reserva Extrativista Tapajós Arapiuns	FSU	6,742.07	115,546,785.37	8,859,338.94	185.58	171.73
72	Reserva Extrativista Terra Grande Pracuúba	FSU	1,948.64	34,156,598.13	1,044,412.24	180.57	183.19
73	Reserva Extrativista Verde Para Sempre	FSU	12,893.12	178,775,725.20	6,993,238.69	143.00	178.85

\* IL = Indigenous land, MT = Maroon territory, FSP = Federal Strictly Protected conservation unit, FSU = Federal Sustainable-Use conservation unit, SSP = State Strictly Protected conservation unit, SSU = State Sustainable Use conservation unit, MSP = Municipal Strictly Protected conservation unit, MSU = Municipal Sustainable Use conservation unit.

\*\* Total area in each conservation unit was calculated from vector maps from Brazil, MMA (2015). Total areas calculated from the vector maps for some conservation units may differ from the areas given in official documents.

\*\*\* The estimates of carbon loss and the stock in the remaining vegetation in 2014 may, in certain reserves areas, can be affected by the overlapping of classes (e.g., hydrography, forest, non-forest and deforestation), which differ between the carbon map (Nogueira *et al.*, 2015) and the maps of the Project for Monitoring Deforestation in Amazonia (PRODES) and the Project for Monitoring Deforestation of the Brazilian Biomes by Satellite (PMDDBS) (Brazil, IBAMA 2015; Brazil, INPE 2016).

(1) In these reserves it was not possible to calculate the amount of carbon stored.

(2) Carbon values refer to original carbon stocks without any carbon loss due to clearing. In these reserves a total loss of original vegetation cover may have occurred.

**Table 3.** Remaining areas covered by original vegetation and deforested areas, together with their respective carbon stocks and losses, in extractive reserves in Brazil's Legal Amazonia region.

Administrative level	No of reserves	Initial total area*	Area covered by vegetation in 2014	Cumulative clearing of vegetation by 2014	Area mapped as deforested including overlapping watercourses*	Remaining carbon stock in 2014	Carbon loss by 2014	Mean remaining carbon per hectare in forest in 2014	Mean carbon loss per hectare deforested
In square kilometers (km <sup>2</sup> )									
Federal	47	106,528	103,210	3,224	89	1,794,744,514	57,956,751	174	179.8
State	26	20,181	19,104	1,077	16	258,573,101	16,895,210	135	156.9
Federal + State	73	126,709	122,314	4,301	105	2,053,317,615	74,851,961	168	174.0

\* See notes in Table 2.