The Atlantic Forest provides a huge range of fundamental ecosystem services for the Brazilian society, the most important of which are:

1. **Habitat protection for animal and plant species**
2. **Climate regulation**
3. **Provision of water for the human population, industry, and agriculture**
4. **Production of wood, fiber, fruit, oils, etc.**
5. **Maintenance of slopes and attenuation of floods**
6. **Landscape of magnificent scenic beauty for activities in contact with nature**

Other project partners include the Chico Mendes Institute for Biodiversity Conservation (ICMBio), the State Forest Restoration Pact (PAF) for the Atlantic Forest Biodiversity Conservation Network (Mosaics), Environmental groups, state and municipality-level agencies, and the Councils of selected Mosaics of Protected Areas, also participating in the project. It awaits the approval of their respective environmental agencies. Environmental groups exist with the Atlantic Forest Biodiversity Conservation Network (Mosaics), the locally organized civil society, as well as companies and research institutions involved with relevant topics of the project.
Project Biodiversity and Climate Change in the Atlantic Forest seeks to promote biodiversity conservation and restoration of original forest cover in selected networks (mosaics) of protected areas in the Atlantic Forest, in order to contribute to climate change mitigation and adaptation.

The project’s approach

The project adopts the approach of Ecosystem-based Adaptation (EbA) to climate change, developed and adapted within the framework of the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD). This approach entails the use of biodiversity and ecosystem services as part of an overall strategy to help people adapt to the adverse effects of climate change and to promote natural carbon sequestration for the mitigation of greenhouse gases.

Territorial Focus

The project focuses on three networks (mosaics) of protected areas. These regions represent important areas for the implementation of climate change mitigation and adaptation measures in the Atlantic Forest, incorporating climate and ecosystem-related aspects into land management processes.

Multi-level operation and the project’s impacts

The project operates on all governance levels, from local to international. It works through a large network of actors from the public and private sectors, research institutes, and civil society organizations. At different levels, the project provides policy advice and capacity building, develops best practices and quality standards and promotes their dissemination and leverage of learned lessons.

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