



# Tietê Forests Project

Mid-Year Impact Report  
January - June 2025



**Tietê Watershed,**  
**State of São Paulo, Brazil**  
Wildlife Corridors



Timeline:  
**2020 - 2029**



Main implementing partner:  
**Auren Energia**



Targeted ecosystem:  
**Atlantic Forest**  
Biodiversity hotspot:  
**Atlantic Forest**

The project is entering its fifth year, undergoing a strategic restructuring and planning phase to ensure its long-term continuity. Restoration activities continue as planned, alongside our ongoing work with farmers in the rural settlements.



# Activity update



## Improving forest governance and stewardship

- **A formal community governance and communication program** is being developed in partnership with Auren to address the root causes of ongoing human disturbances such as fire, cattle invasion and fence theft.
- **Workshops** were delivered by Weforest and COPROCAM to engage with settlement farmers to clarify the project's restoration actions and their legal context. Participants are now actively engaging their neighbors in the promotion of the project.
- **A partnership assessment** with COPROCAM was conducted to evaluate results and define the primary challenges remaining.



## Restoring and conserving at-risk forests

- **An additional 26 hectares** underwent full planting in this period, bringing the total area under restoration to 400 hectares.
- **Monitoring results** indicate strong ecological development across all sites, which are outperforming projections. Sites aged 1-3 years already show over 50% forest cover, approximately 300 established trees per hectare (with a trunk circumference of over 15 cm), and an average of 1,200 ind/ha of regenerating native species.



### Case study

Mapping the way forward with Coprocam. In a collaborative workshop, we evaluated our partnership's strengths and challenges, setting a clear action plan to enhance our impact in the settlements for the coming year.



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Building the future, together. Farmers, Coprocam and Weforest reflected on the project results, celebrating successes like thriving agroforests and shared learning, while planning for new challenges and opportunities ahead, uniting the group around a common vision for the settlement's future.



### Introducing forest-friendly livelihoods and behaviors

- **A new participant** has adopted agroforestry, diversifying their production on 0.5 hectares by combining fruit trees with a mix of subsistence crops such as corn, cassava, pumpkin, squash, and zucchini.
- **A cohort of eleven farmers** is now actively producing within the Agroforestry System (AFS), generating over ten types of vegetables for commercial sales to public institutions and local markets, household consumption, and community sharing.
- **Two community workdays** were held, with the ongoing support of a technical consultant, focusing on essential fruit tree pruning for yield optimization and the renovation of vegetable production beds.
- **A collaborative project review workshop** engaged farmers in providing critical feedback on successes, shortcomings, and strategic priorities for the future.





## Case study





WeForest's Global Programs Director, Olivier Standaert, visits Mrs. Marinalva's thriving agroforestry system in the Dandara Rural Settlement, implemented in 2022. A moment of shared learning with farmers and the local team.

## >> Looking forward

Activities for July - December 2025 include:

- Restructuring the strategy and engaging in dialogues with current and potential partners to scale the project and adopt a comprehensive Forest and Landscape Restoration (FLR) approach.
- Carrying out a third-party vegetation assessment to monitor restoration progress, enabling a robust trajectory analysis and identifying necessary adaptive management actions.
- Conducting a third-party socioeconomic analysis to evaluate the progression of AFS production with the farmers and assess the current market landscape, quantifying key results and providing strategic guidance for future development.
- An additional 108 hectares of riparian sites will be restored during the 2025/2026 planting season. Implementation will begin in October 2025, with planting activities scheduled for completion by March 2026.

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