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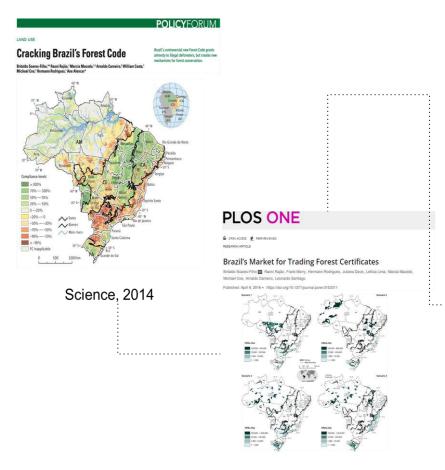








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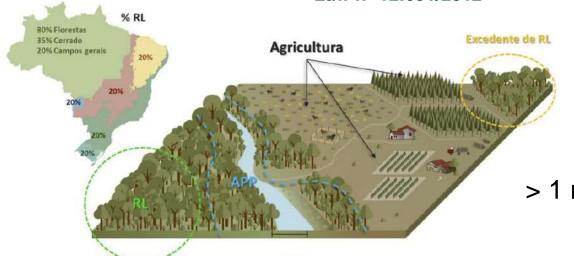
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### CAR: The online environmental registry

Forest Code Law nº 12.651/2012



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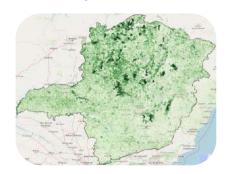
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# Automated Assessment of Forest Code Compliance

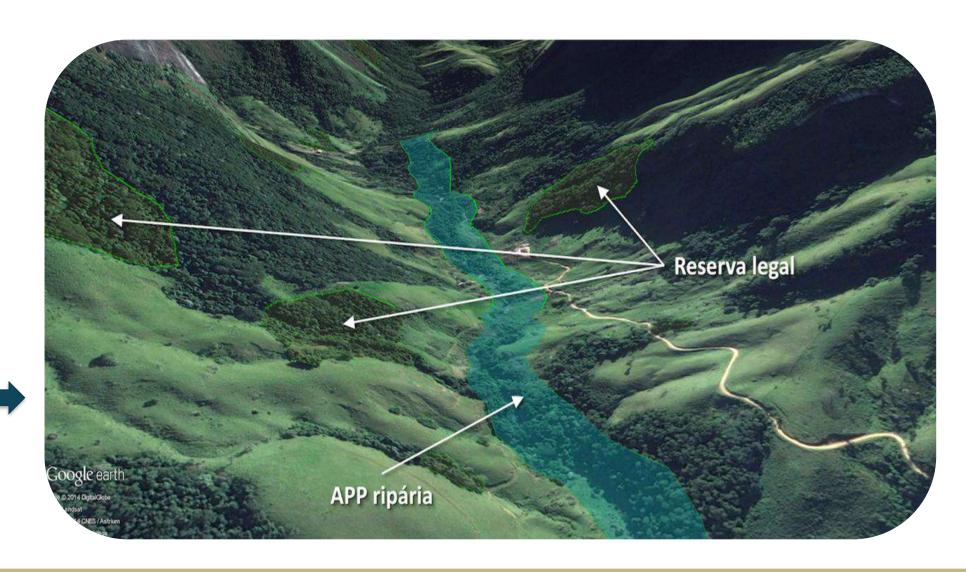
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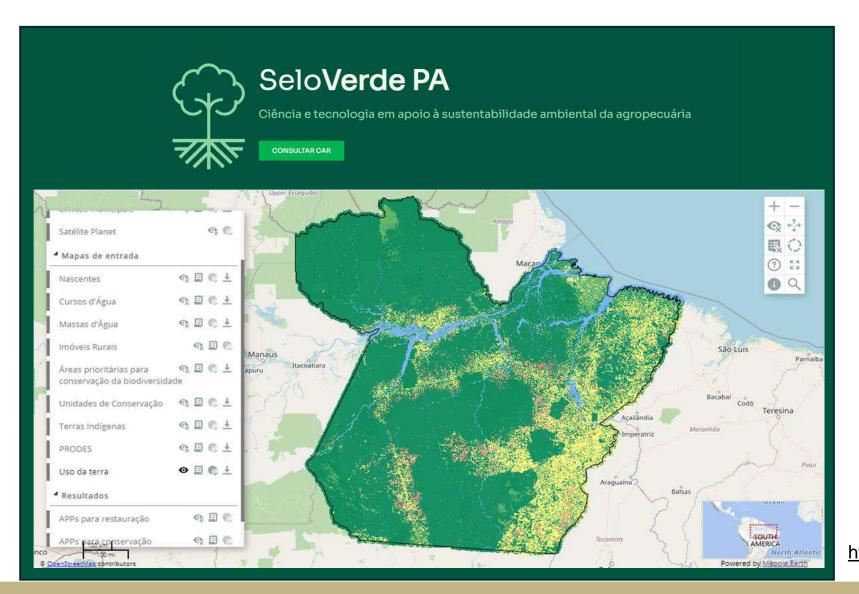




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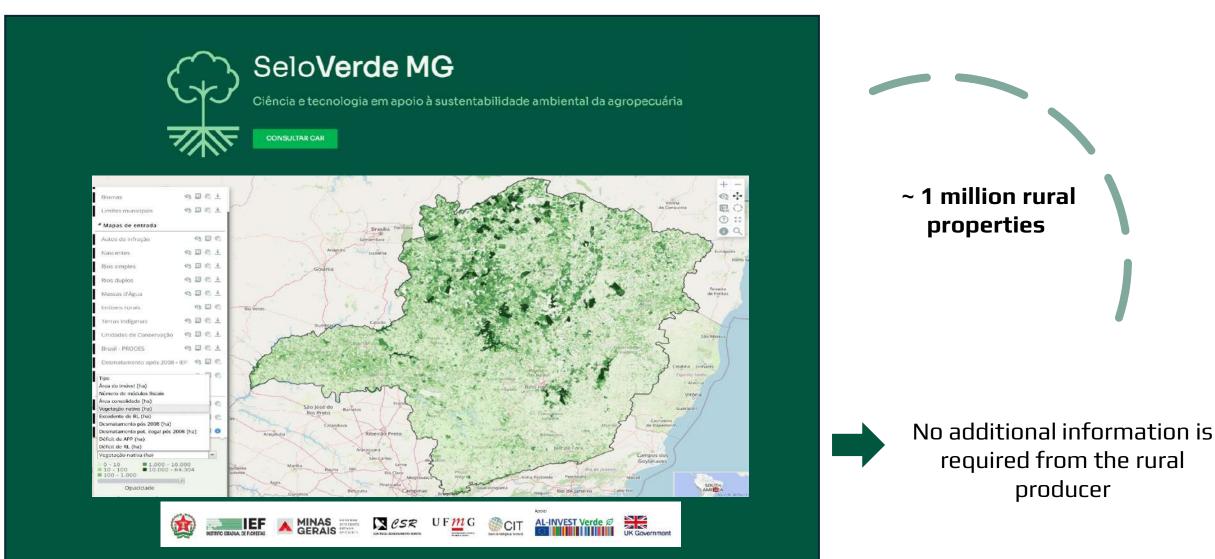
### SeloVerde-PA: soy and cattle chains in Pará/Brazil





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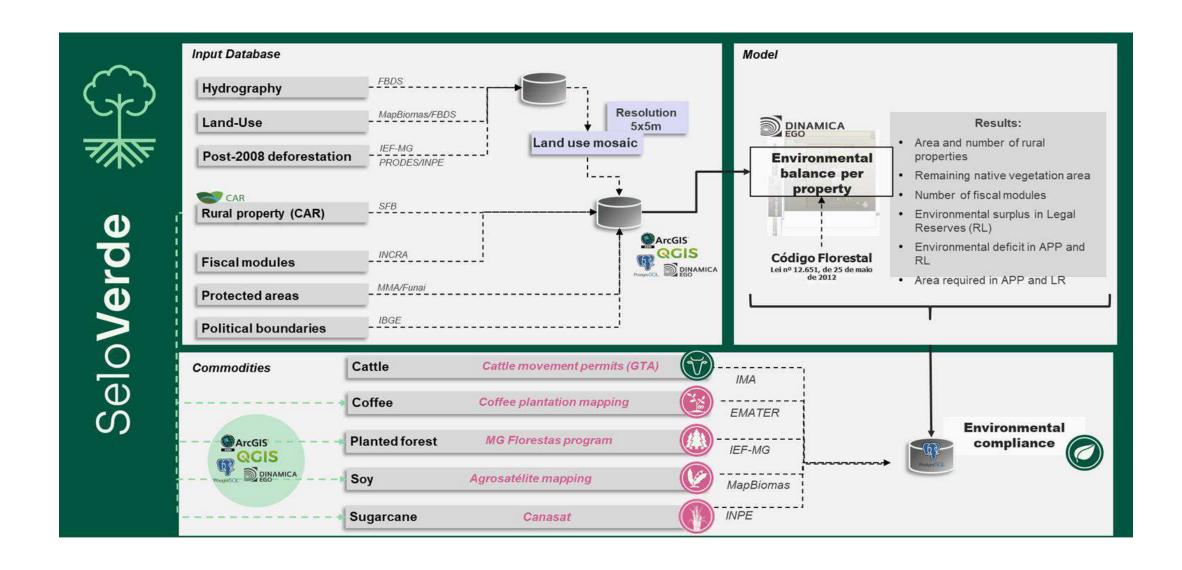
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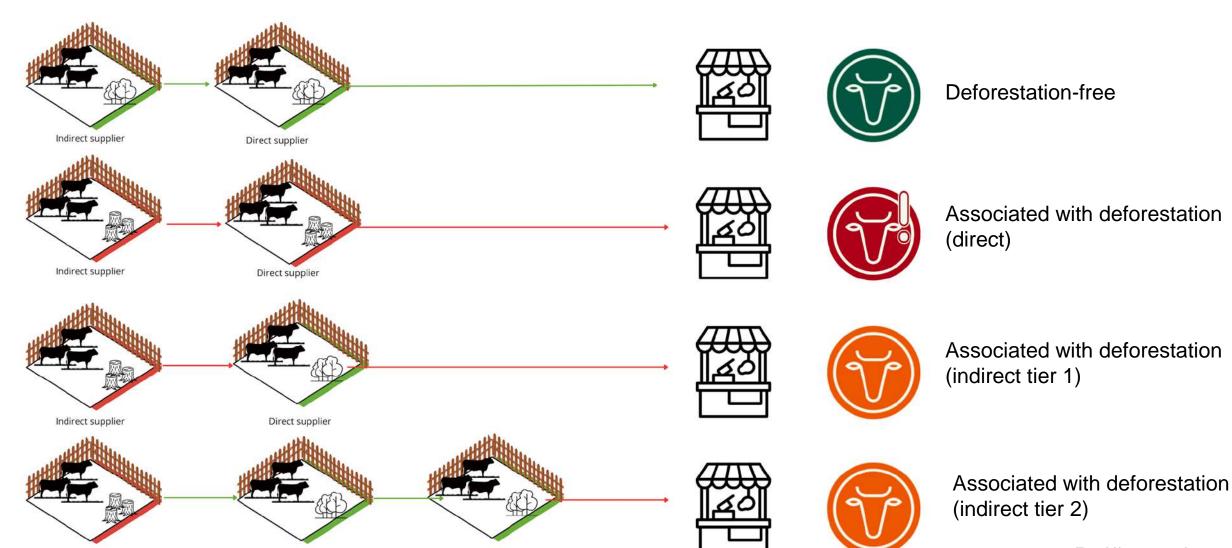
## Environmental compliance of agricultural commodities



### Data and Methods



### Cattle traceability of direct and indirect suppliers



Direct supplier

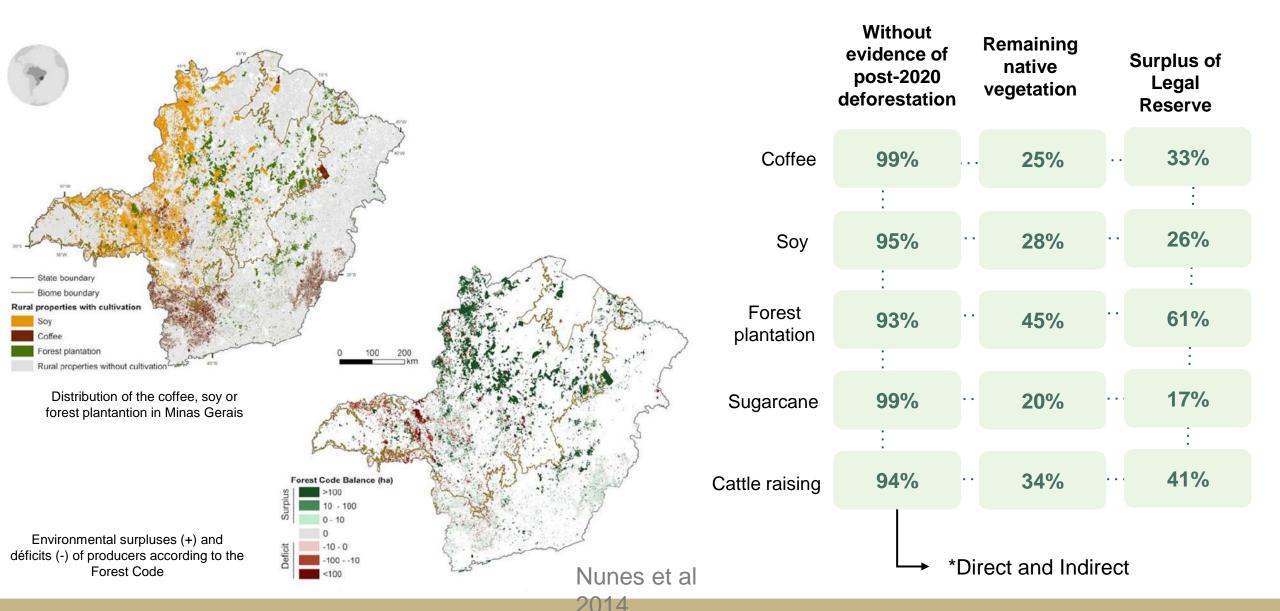
Indirect supplier

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## Compliance in Minas Gerais



### A science-based tool





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Traceability has consolidated as a market requirement to eliminate deforestation from agriculture supply chains, and as such has become pivotal for regulating the global trade1. Growing pressure for deforestation-free agriculture products has led to agreements by large companies to exclude deforesters from their supply chains (e.g., Cattle Agreements), commitments from China and the United States to ban imports linked to deforestation, regulations with this end in France and the United Kingdom, and more importantly, the due diligence rules approved in May of 2023 by the European Union (FII)2 to enforce the import of deforestation-free

The EU's due diligence mandates that seven agricultural commodities, namely cattle, cocoa, coffee, palm oil, rubber, soy, and wood be deforestation-free and that their production comply with the "relevant" legislation in the countries of origin. To this end, the regulation requires that companies trace the commodities back to their origin of production, at the same time proposing a benchmarking system to assign a level of deforestation risk to each sourcing country.

The EU's new regulation is expected to come into force in 2024. It may therefore impact the state of Minas Gerais, given that coffee is its major agricultural export. Were it a country, Minas Gerais would be the world's largest coffee producer and exporter. In 2022, the state contributed to 28.5 million out of 39.35 million sacs of coffee exported from Brazil. The National Supply Company (CONAB) estimates that Minas Gerais will produce

<sup>1</sup>Rajão R., et al. (2020) The rotten apples of Brazil's agribusiness. Science, 369 (6501): 246-248. https://environment.ec.europa.eu/topics/forests/deforestat ion/regulation-deforestation-free-products\_en

27.5 million sacs of coffee in 2023, which is approximately 50% of the entire national production, estimated at 55 million sacs.

Due to the relevance of the coffee production in Minas Gerais, it has become essential to evaluate the socioenvironmental compliance of coffee producers to the Brazilian Forest Code (FC) as well as with respect to deforestation. The FC is the country's primary legislation regulating environmental conservation on private lands3. In short, it establishes where native vegetation must be conserved or can be suppressed, also regulating the use of natural resources. The law defines two types of conservation areas: Areas of Permanent Preservation (APP) along rivers, water bodies and springs and on steep slopes and hilltops, and Legal Reserves (LR), a percentage of the rural property's area where native vegetation must be maintained. This percentage ranges from 80% in the Amazon to 20% in other biomes, such as those occurring in Minas Gerais, i.e., Cerrado, Atlantic Forest, and Caatinga. For non-compliant properties, the FC also determines the areas that must be restored. namely LR and APPs, as well as other illegally deforested areas.

There are around one million private properties in Minas Gerais registered on the Rural Environmental Registry (CAR) - the national webbased database of rural properties. Because the CAR is a self-reported system, there is still a need to validate its information. To do so, it is necessary to develop technological solutions capable of integrating the massive CAR dataset with detailed land-use mapping to automatically analyze the

<sup>3</sup> Brazil. Federal law nº 12.727 (October 17, 2012). Available at: <www.planalto.gov.br/ccivil 03/ Ato2011-2014/2012/Lei/L12727.htm>





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The new regulation - scheduled to come into operation in December 2024 - strongly impacts the state of Minas Gerais, recognized for being the world's largest coffee producer (and exporter), not to mention its vast soy crops and forest plantations. In 2023, the state produced 29 million processed bags of coffee and 8.3 million tons

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(Mton) of soybeans, accounting for 53% and 5% of the national output, respectively. Regarding forest plantations, the state yielded 6.3 Mton of charcoal and other products (84% of Brazilian production). and 24.6 million cubic meters of charcoal and other wood products (9% of the national output). In 2023, 12.3 million bags of coffee, 142.1 thousand tons of soybeans (including soy bran and other derivatives), and 404.5 thousand tons of forestry products (cellulose, paper, rubber, wood, and other derivatives) were exported to the EU. totaling business around US\$ 2.7 billion (coffee), US\$ 81.1 million (soy) and US\$ 218.1 million (forest

Given this regulatory context, it is essential to evaluate the socio-environmental compliance of agricultural producers in Minas Gerais, especially concerning deforestation and compliance with the Brazilian Forest Code (FC). The FC is the country's primary legislation regulating environmental conservation on private lands4. In short, it establishes where native vegetation must be conserved or can be suppressed upon authorization, also regulating the use of natural resources. The law defines two types of conservation areas: i) Areas of Permanent Preservation (APP) along rivers, water bodies and springs and on steep slopes and hilltops, and ii) Legal Reserves (LR), a percentage of the rural property's area where native vegetation must be maintained. This percentage ranges from 80% in the Amazon to 20% in other biomes, such as those occurring in MG, i.e., Cerrado, Atlantic Forest, and Caatinga. For non-compliant properties, the FC also determines the areas that must be restored by

<sup>5</sup>Data provided by SEAPA (Secretaria de Estado de Agricultura, Pecuária e Abastecimento de Minas Gerais). <sup>4</sup>Brazil. Federal law nº 12,727 (October 17, 2012). Available at: swww.planalto.gov.br/ccivil\_03/\_Ato2011-2014/2012/Lei/L12727.htm>.

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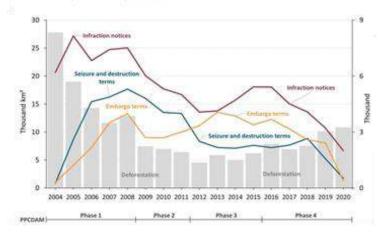
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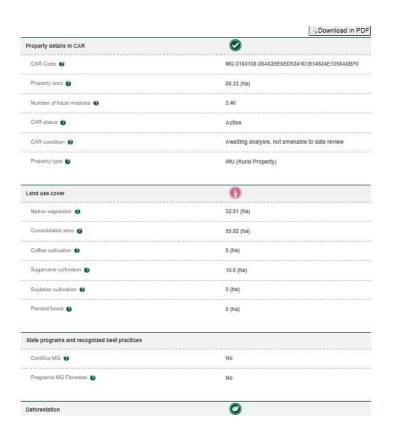
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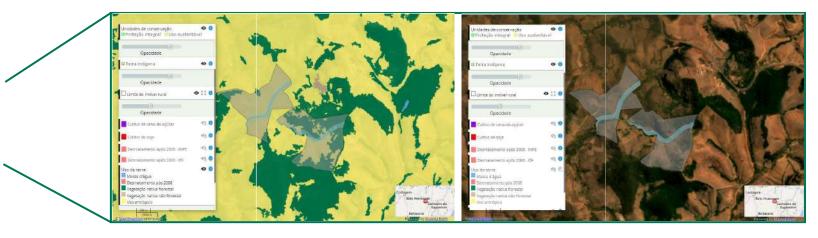
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# SeloVerde-MG: a public system covering all properties

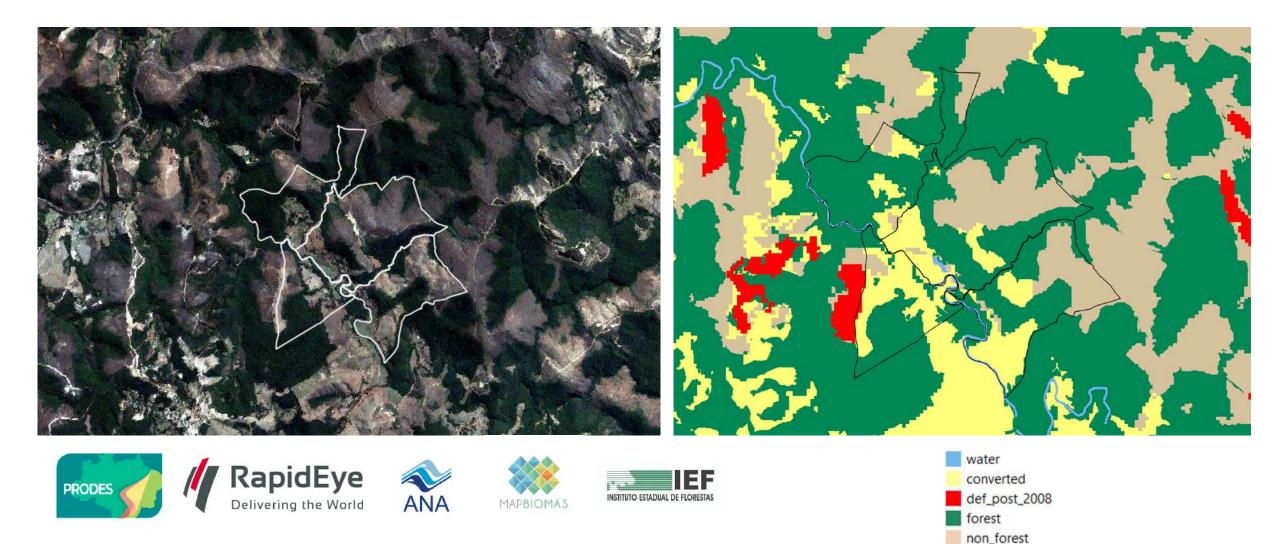


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- Transparency and traceability for all suppliers in Minas Gerais



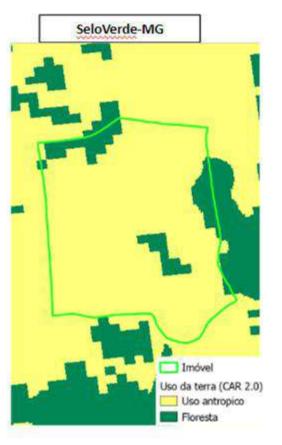
## High-Resolution mapping for Minas Gerais



# Reference mappings and future challenges (coffee)

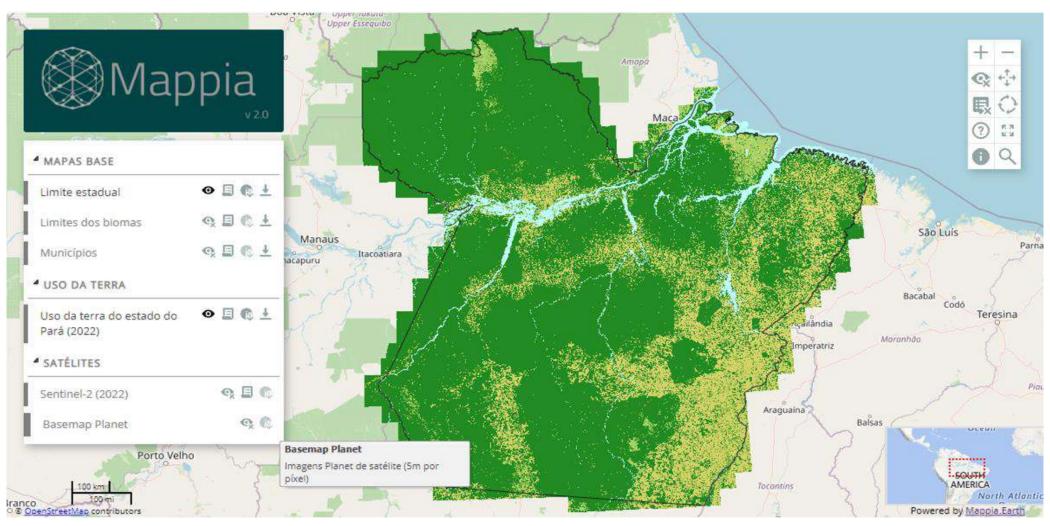






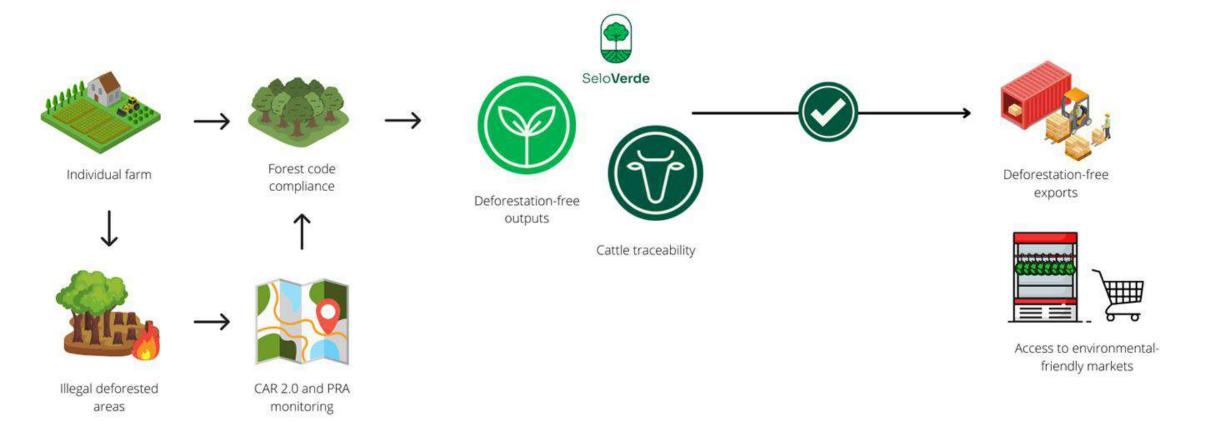


## High-resolution mapping for Pará state (5m)

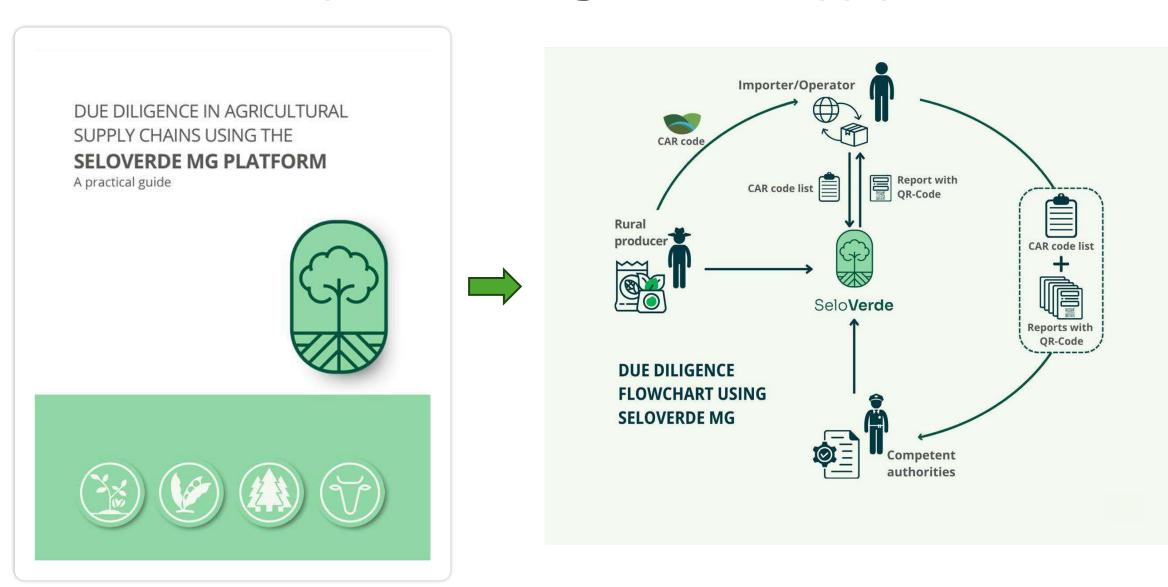


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## SeloVerde helping to attest deforestation-free farms and legality



### Verifiable compliance throughout the supply chain



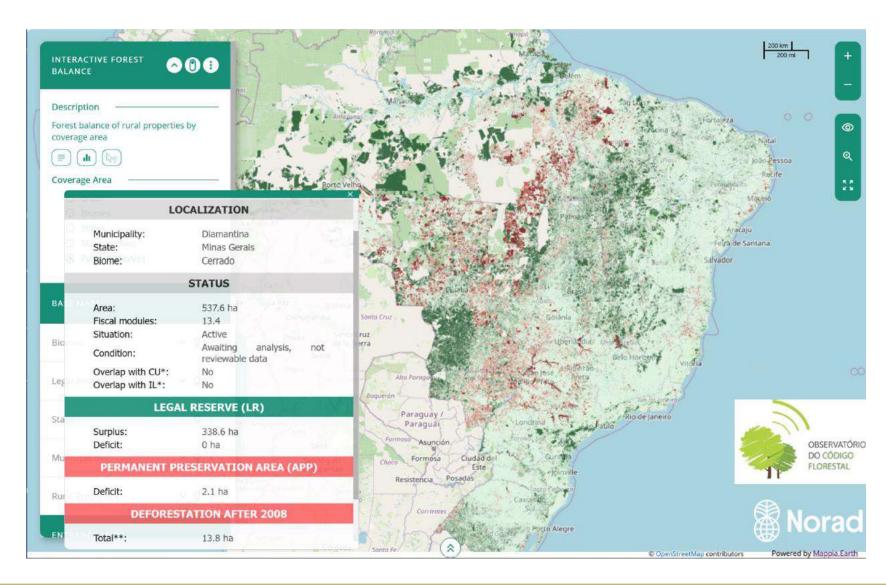
### Online demonstration



Plataforma SeloVerde-MG:

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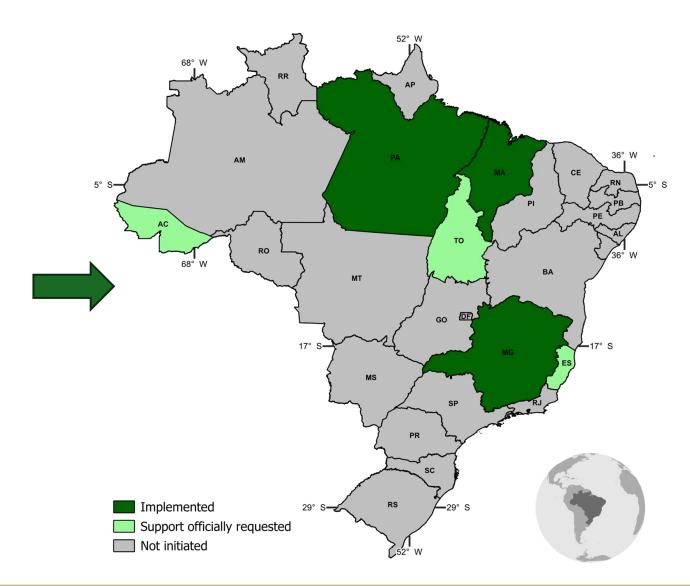
## Farm-level analysis already available throughout Brazil



## And we are expanding and tailoring to other States...



Official data



## Thank you for your attention

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