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## The Bacardi Lecture Series *Envisioning a Sustainable Tropics*

# 25 Years of Conservation & Development in Brazil: IPE's research experiences and integrated programs

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### Summary

During the last 25 years, a team of researchers from IPÊ (Institute for Ecological Research) implemented a long term conservation model that has been adapted to five regions in Brazil. This presentation will show How and the reasons why the model was created and the results of its implementation. The complex realities in Brazil led the team to diversify what had been conceptualized at first so that biodiversity research projects were enriched with conservation and development actions in the field, and in some cases with the use of research findings to influence policies. In addition, I will describe some of the fund raising efforts that made possible for IPE's to scale up its activities and ultimately helped the team to reach its envisioned goals.



### Bio

Claudio Padua received his MS (1987) and PhD degree (1992) from UF. He then went back to Brazil and together with his wife and professional partner, Suzana Padua, founded INGO called IPÊ. The Institute activities are numerous and include courses for students and professionals; Professional Master's in Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Development ; a MBA in Social-Environmental Business; research on endangered species; environmental education; restoration of degraded areas; policy advocacy for conservation; partnerships with the private sector to improve social and environmental responsibilities; and projects that encourage sustainable alternatives for income generation of communities living near protected areas. Their work has received many awards, such as the Henry Ford Award for Conservation and in 2002, he and Suzana were selected by Time Magazine as one of the planet's "Conservation Heroes". Claudio received in 2008 UF's Distinguished Alumni Award.

**March 12 @ 10:40 am**  
**Grinter Hall, Room 376**

Light refreshments to follow the Lecture