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## ***Integrated community development and forest valorization: A case of sustainable forest use in the Brazilian Amazon***

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**Content:** Tropical forests are important sources of environmental services that contribute to human well-being. Nonetheless, most tropical forest systems are continuously pressured by excessive deforestation and forest degradation. One way to regulate forest exploitation is Sustainable Forest Management, a global biodiversity conservation strategy that promotes simultaneously the sustainable use of forests and rural development, and further, could mitigate climate change. However, forest management is difficult to put into practice, specifically for government agencies involved in monitoring because of a series of barriers as budget constraints. In such contexts, local organizations have emerged as critical leaders in the various stages of forest management planning and development, chiefly in community-managed forests. During my master's degree at Federal University of Pará, Brazil, I explored how partnership contributes to forest management promotion and thus community development in the Brazilian Amazon. I will present this research and how it applies to a multi-partner governance initiative developing in the National Forest of the Tapajós where a community-based cooperative has been recognized for its success. Thus far, this cooperative demonstrates a case for coupled conservation and development goals. It has generated local jobs and almost two million dollars per year, and it has linked rural forest dwellers with fundamental services like education and healthcare.

**Biography:** Ana Luiza is a PhD student at the School of Forest Resources and Conservation (SFRC) advised by Dr. Karen Kainer. Ana holds a master's degree in Natural Resources Management and Local Development in Amazon and has an extensive professional experience with community-based forest management in the tropics. When she was working in a socioenvironmental NGO, Ana helped create the Marajó Community Forest Management Work Group, Pará, involving five organizations and three sustainable use forests, facilitating this group from 2014-2016. Now she is studying governance processes in multi-partner strategies to promote community-based timber management in co-managed forests.

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