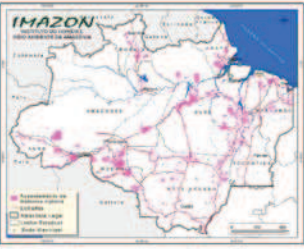
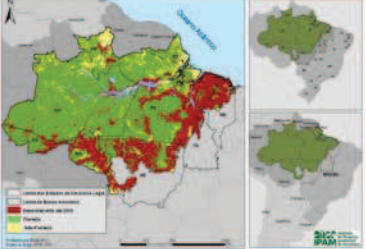



# Farmers' decision concerning the rainforest in land reform settlements in the Brazilian Amazon: To deforest or not to deforest, that is the question!





**Research Area**



**Claims**

Main factors influencing livelihood strategies:

Household composition (consumer-producer ratio, age, sex)

Quantity and quality of rainforest on allotment (size 20-50 hectares)

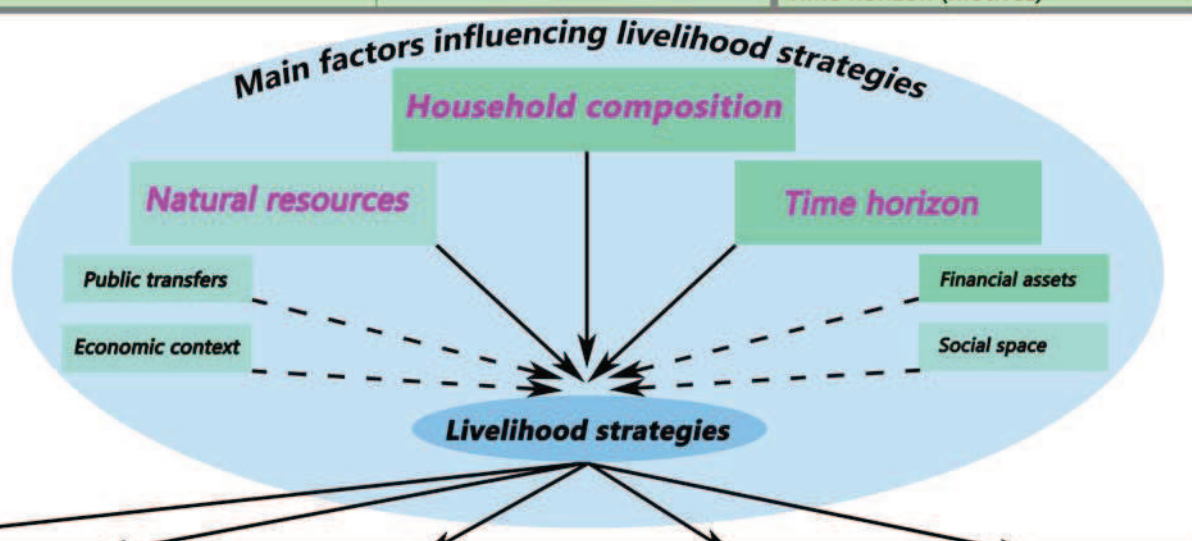
Time horizon (motives)






**Material and Methods**

In-depth interviews in 2005-2007 in São João do Araguaia in southeast Pará (SE-PA) in 4 settlements of land reform

Identification of main factors influencing livelihood strategies (livelihood framework)

Correlation of settlers time horizons (motives) and amount of deforested rainforest



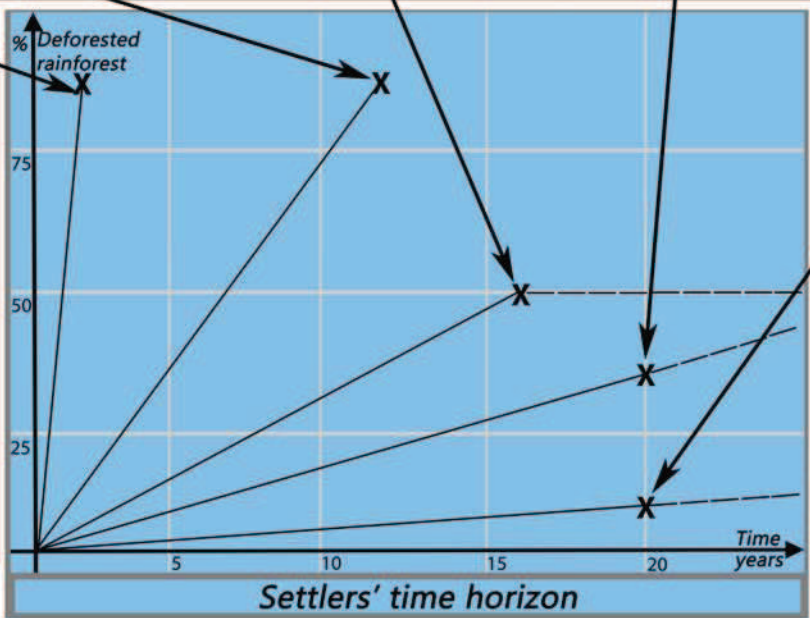
				
logging timber burning charcoal	raising cattle without pasture management	raising cattle with pasture management	slash-and-burn cultivation	growing fruit off-farm activities
vulnerable people	soldiers of fortune vulnerable people	ranchers free riders	vulnerable people	non target group multi income households

**Discussion**

Soldiers of fortune, free riders and vulnerable people are the biggest destroyers of tropical rainforest in land reform settlements.

Non-target groups (wage earners, urban retirees, urban employees) destroy less.

Is it wise to toss vulnerable people into the Amazon and to create a false open access scenario?



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