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Financial inclusion or developmental exclusion? The carbon credit payment to forest inhabitants in Brazilian Amazon

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Project Description

This doctoral dissertation research aims to study the potentials of carbon credit payment as an emergent top-down international financial mechanism claimed to mitigate global climate change and to reduce rural poverty in developing countries. It intends to investigate the pilot project of REDD (Reduced Emissions through Deforestation and Degradation) in Juma Forest Reserve in the State of Amazonas, Brazil. This proposed study is to explore the potentials of the carbon credit payment mechanism in global financial inclusion of this poorest population, as well as in environmental political restriction to local development, in Brazil.

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