

Sustainable Forest Management and Biodiversity Conservation

Company	CENIBRA
Area	Minas Gerais, Brazil
Collaboration partners	NGO and the State Forestry Institute of Minas Gerais
Website	MUTUM PROJECT
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Activity summary

An area of 560 ha within the 'Macedonia Farm', a particularly high biodiverse area of CENIBRA's conservation forest, has been recognized by the State as a Private Natural Heritage Reserve (RPPN*). Here remains the valuable ecosystem of the Atlantic Forest (Mata Atlântica), which has also been identified as an area of high conservation value in forest certification and is managed to avoid negative impacts on biodiversity.

Since 1990, CENIBRA has been supporting NGOs specializing in the breeding of endangered bird species, including the Mutum (Red-billed Curassow), which is a threatened species endemic to the Atlantic Forest, for the purpose of reintroduction into the wild (Mutum Project). This has resulted in the release of a total of 480 birds of seven species at Macedonia Farm, as well as the birth of 342 more chicks in the wild from the released birds, increasing the population. Currently, a partnership has been established with the State Forestry Institute to expand the bird release area, not only in the company's forests but also in a state park adjacent to the company's areas. In 2023, another 10 pairs of Mutum were released near Rio Doce State Park, bringing the bird back to the park's species list after being extinct in the region for over 50 years.



Mutum-do-sudeste (Red-billed Curassow)
inhabiting the 'Macedonia Farm'