

YESA PROJECT PROFILE: Sustainable Forestry in Acre, Brazil

Month/Year Started: August 1989

Month/Year Finished: October 1989

Client: Canadian International Development Agency

Locations

BRAZIL

Description

YESA was part of a multidisciplinary mission team sent to the Amazonian state of Acre (Brazil) to design a \$ 5-M five-year project on Sustainable Forestry Development. The project called for providing institutional support to a state-financed technology research and development institute as well as to the rubber tappers' union, the rubber tappers having been identified as the technology users.

YESA was responsible for assessing and integrating the training and technology needs of women in the design and implementation of alternative and sustainable forestry development and management.

YESA argued for a community development approach to the project. Also, YESA proposed the use of popular education techniques in the environmental education component of the program in order to transcend the barriers of culture, language, and illiteracy.