

SYNTHESIS REPORT

PROPOSALS FOR THE AMAZÔNIAS

AN INTEGRATED APPROACH



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An integrated approach to the development of the Amazon region.

Recognizing the interconnectedness of social, environmental, institutional and economic issues is crucial for driving positive transformations at the territorial level.

Aligning natural capital, social justice and economic development towards an improved quality of life.

Given the prevalent high levels of poverty in the region and the historical vulnerability of certain groups, the enhancement of the local population's and of the Indigenous and Traditional communities' quality of life should be placed at the center of every proposal designed for the region. In areas characterized by abundant natural capital and the pursuit of

social justice, like the Amazon region, a contemporary conception of development must be rooted in its core assets.

Connecting themes, sectors and people.

Consider the interconnections between themes and sectors related to the Amazonian development agenda as a foundational step in designing better policies. For decision-makers, this process is crucial for shaping impactful projects, as well as nurturing and guiding partnerships.

The Amazon region as a solution.

There is extensive recognition of the region's enduring structural and cross-cutting challenges over time, space, and landscape. However, it is crucial

to consider how the region itself offers solutions not only for its own development but also for national and global issues.

Brazil's relationship with contemporaneity involves the Amazon and the world.

Climate change and the structural transformations in global society in the 21st century, particularly those driven by technology, amplify the region's role in shaping a new development paradigm oriented to simultaneously conserve the forests, reduce social inequalities and foster sustainable growth. In this pivotal role, the Amazon becomes not solely a local concern but also a global priority, calling for innovative solutions that harmonize ecological preservation and human progress.

To push forward the Amazon development agenda

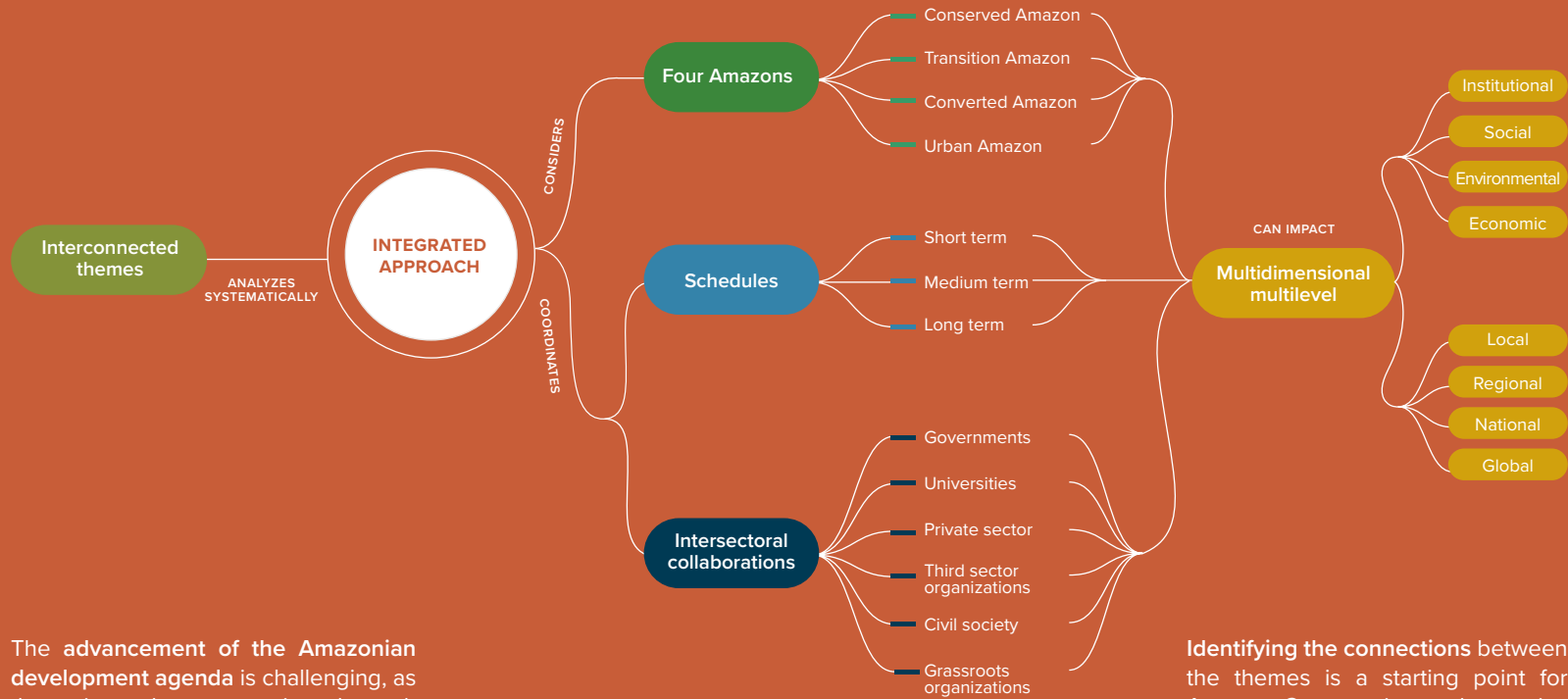
In the pursuit of sustainable development in the Amazon rainforest, adopting an integrated approach becomes not just a choice, but a necessity. This unique system is not a collection of isolated sectors but a complex region where ecological, social, and economic factors intertwine. By embracing an integrated approach, decision makers can holistically address these multifaceted issues that transcend administrative boundaries.

The Amazon Concertation adopts an integrated approach to comprehend the interconnections between various themes. By acknowledging the interdependence of these themes, technical experts can assess how inputs in one domain can yield outputs in others. This recognition enables decision-makers to make well-informed decisions that prevent unintended negative consequences, favoring solutions that account for the diversity of Amazonian landscapes. It also underscores the significance of coordinating sectors and agendas to maximize positive impacts across social, environmental, economic, and institutional dimensions at local, regional, national, and global scales.

Integrated Approach

It consists of a strategy that supports the analysis, planning, and management of the Amazonian development agenda and has the potential to systematically analyze interconnected topics.

It is an approach capable of considering the diversity of Amazonian landscapes and coordinating sectors and schedules to maximize positive impacts across different dimensions of development and at different geographical scales.



The advancement of the Amazonian development agenda is challenging, as the topics and sectors are interdependent, requiring strategies that take these connections into account.

Identifying the connections between the themes is a starting point for Amazon Concertation to harmonize different development perspectives and to push partnerships.

Integrated approaches are supporting academia and technical experts in tackling complex crises worldwide. Frameworks like the Water-Energy-Food (WEF) Nexus and the United Nations' 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development emphasize the interdependencies among various aspects of society and nature. Such approaches also resonate in local scales with agroecology, where ecological, social and political considerations merge to form a sustainable agricultural paradigm.

Avoiding trade-offs and reinforcing synergistic outcomes is central for integrated development in the Amazon. Acknowledging that safeguarding biodiversity can simultaneously benefit local communities, and that sustainable economic growth can harmonize with environmental conservation and improved living conditions, drives governments and communities to seek solutions that bridge seemingly divergent interests.

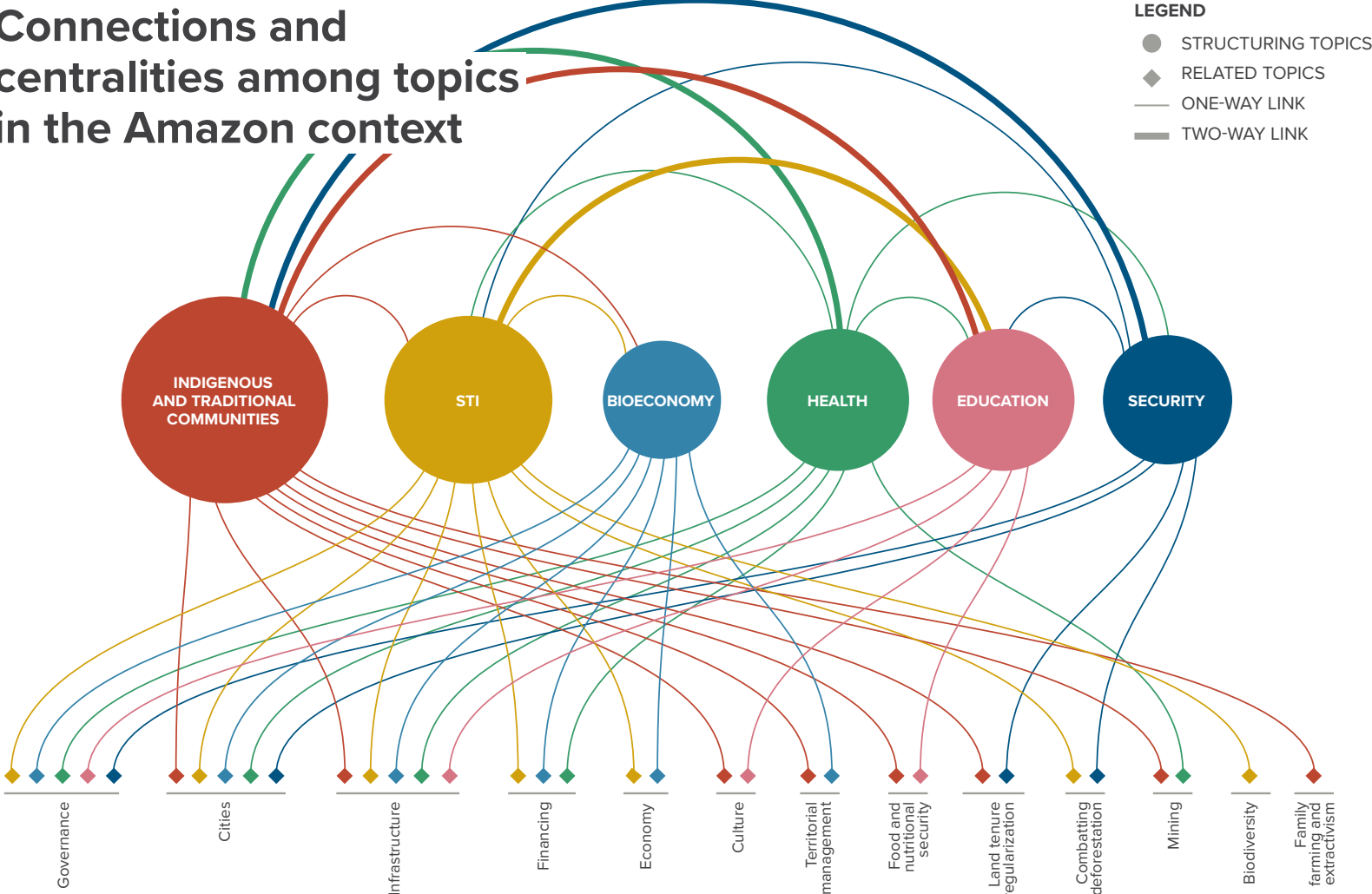
Connections

As presented in the last report from Amazonian Concertation "*Proposals for the Amazonias: an integrated approach*", Health, Education, Security, Bioeconomy, Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) and Indigenous and Traditional Communities in Amazonian territories are highly interconnected topics.

In the intricate Amazonian context, an integrated approach is not just advantageous, but essential. By interweaving lessons from crises, transcending the constraints of sectoral approaches, and embracing global models of interconnectedness, the Amazon Concertation can foster institutional capacity building and provide guidance for navigating this distinctive ecosystem with a sustainable and inclusive perspective.

Figure 1. Integrated approach premises.

Connections and centralities among topics in the Amazon context



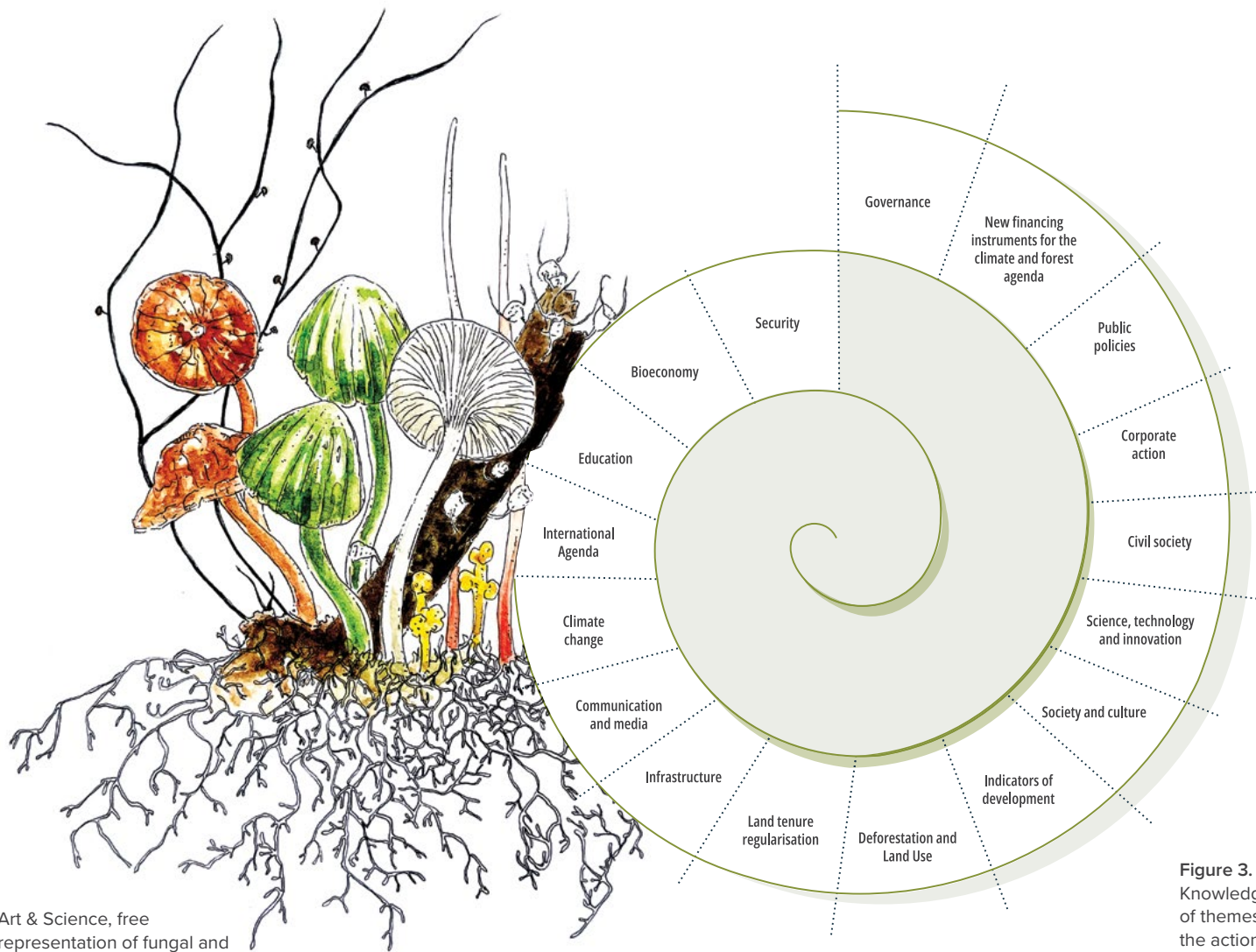
Amazon Concertation

The Amazon Concertation consolidates a space for reflection and proposition regarding our aspirations for the Amazon. It does so by fostering exchanges between different perspectives, bringing together more than 600 representatives from diverse groups, catalyzing resources for structural initiatives and projects, and informing society about the issues at hand. Since its foundation in 2020, the network has been striving to navigate the complexity of this region, which is unique on the planet, strategically vital for Brazil, and essential for the world's climate balance.

Spiral of knowledge

The recognition of all forms and natures of knowledge about and for Amazonia is at the heart of the initiative. With the objective of identifying opportunities for the advancement of this knowledge and, especially, to make it available as subsidies for the formulation of proposals and concrete actions for the region, we have continuously exercised approaches oriented from 17 thematic axes. The spiral dynamics reflects and reveals the necessary movement of expansion and deepening the concrete actions taken by the network.

Figure 2. Network of connections among structuring themes of the Amazonian development agenda.



Art & Science, free representation of fungal and mycelial morphologies.

Figure 3. Spiral of Knowledge. Dynamic set of themes that mobilize the action of the Amazon Concertation.

Pillars

Development

Understanding development visions capable of curbing environmental degradation while reconciling natural capital and social justice.

Governance

Collaboration and engagement with political forces at the federal, subnational and local levels.

Culture

A crucial and cross-cutting dimension for bridging technical and sensitive aspects of the landscapes.

Business

Businesses as key players in the development of the Amazon.

Institutional

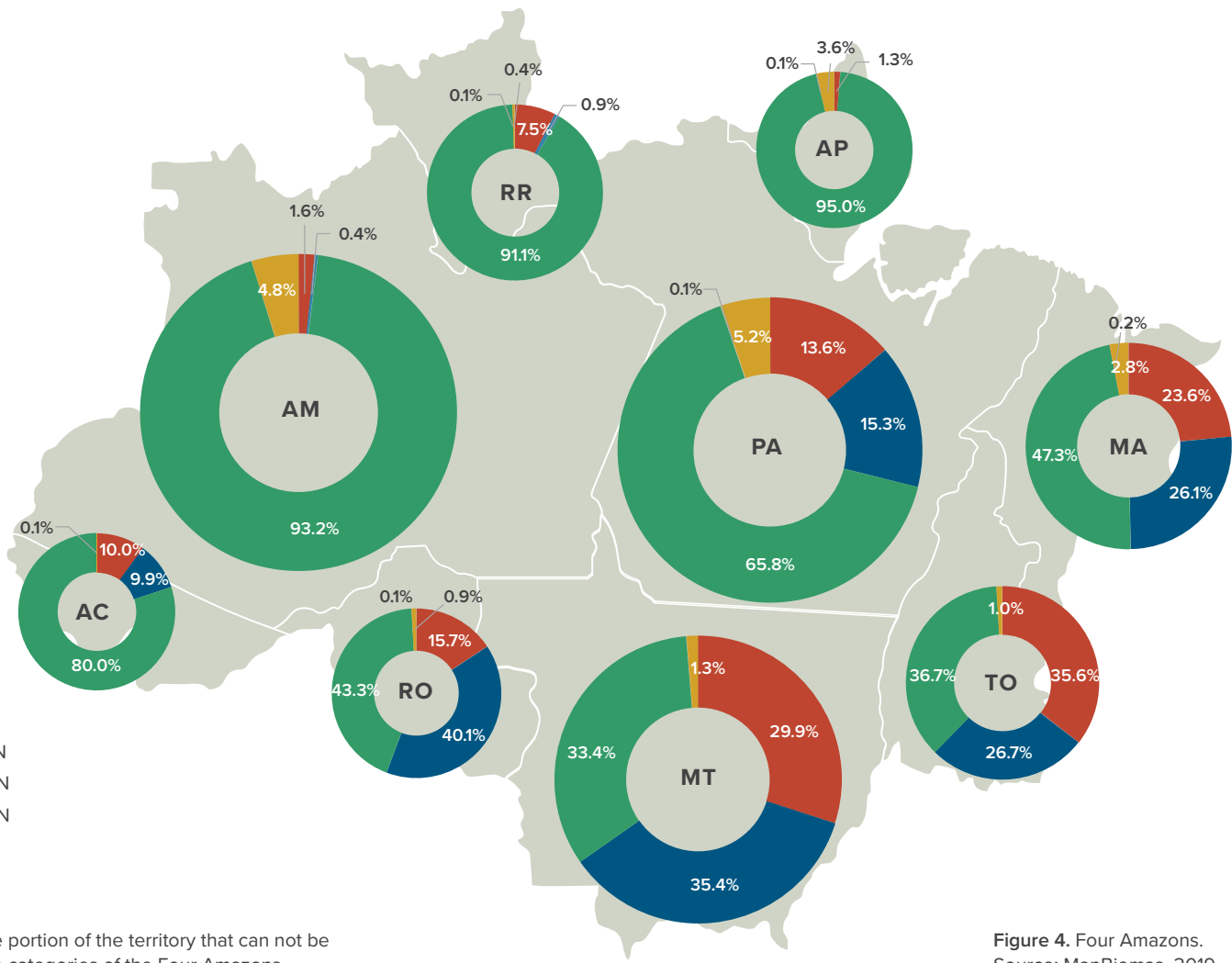
Strengthening the institutional capacities of both state and non-state public organizations.

Four Amazons to embrace the region's diversity

The Legal Amazon occupies 60% of Brazilian territory, encompasses nine states and accommodates nearly 30 million people. The Amazonians include indigenous peoples, quilombolas (descendants of Afro-Brazilian slaves), traditional communities, peasants, large rural landowners, residents of small urban areas to large cities, loggers, and gold miners. Not only does it host a myriad of plant biomes, such as forest, flooded areas, as well as savannas and grasslands.

From the Concertation's standpoint, the Amazon region unfolds into at least four distinct territories, encompassing highly conserved forested areas, urban zones, transitional areas facing deforestation pressure, and regions already altered by human activity.

The conserved Amazon occurs especially in the western portion of the biome. Direct access via roads is precarious and there is a greater extent of protected areas, such as Protected areas and Indigenous Territories. The Transition Amazon occurs in the central-east, where the forest is under pressure from land use changes due to the expansion of agriculture and livestock. There is also the Converted Amazon, marked by intensive production of agricultural, energy, and mineral commodities; and the Urban Amazon or the Cities that overlaps the others and accounts for approximately 70% of the nearly 30 million inhabitants of the region.



Note: "Other" refers to the portion of the territory that can not be classified under any of the categories of the Four Amazons.

Figure 4. Four Amazons. Source: MapBiomass, 2019.



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