

JOINT CSOs OPEN LETTER TO THE IFC

To: all 25 IFC Directors

Subject: **Request to cancel Agronorte project**

May 11, 2026

Dear IFC Directors,

We, the undersigned organizations, collectives, social movements, researchers, and activists, express our deep concern regarding the loan of [US\\$20 million offer from IFC to Agronorte Group](#) intended to finance the acquisition of an animal feed factory in Três Corações, Minas Gerais, Brazil. Although the unit is located in Minas Gerais, its socio-environmental impacts extend beyond the state's borders, since the company's production chain operates in critical regions such as the Amazon and Cerrado, historically affected by the expansion of agribusiness.

Gilmar Gonçalves Carvalho, owner of Agronorte and several other businesses in the sector, is the target of accusations related to land and socio-environmental conflicts. For more than ten years, he has been accused of deforesting areas claimed by the Apinajé Indigenous people, including deforestation in embargoed areas and operating charcoal production facilities without a license or prior consultation. These issues were formally denounced in the Apinajé People's Manifesto, which reaffirms the resistance of the affected communities.

The loan will finance the production of soy-based animal feed, increasing pressure for the expansion of this crop and, consequently, deforestation and human rights violations, such as those affecting the Apinajé people. The IFC itself acknowledged that Agronorte lacks systematic processes for managing socio-environmental issues or ensuring the traceability of its supply chain. This lack of compliance with minimum sustainability standards may violate the IFC's Performance Standards.

Funding a company involved in land conflicts and accused of illegal deforestation is not aligned with IFC policies, nor with the objectives of the Paris Agreement or the Global Framework for Biodiversity. Furthermore, monoculture grain farming brings immense social and environmental impacts, from land conflicts to poisoning, and does not contribute to the IFC's mission of eradicating hunger. This project will produce animal feed, which is mostly exported instead of supporting local production of healthy food.

This investment is unsustainable: it supports a company with a history of land conflicts and allegations of illegal deforestation, lacking basic socio-environmental commitments, and promotes an industry whose impacts are felt and denounced by indigenous peoples and traditional communities.

Therefore, we strongly request the cancellation of this proposal.

Yours sincerely,

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Accountability Counsel
Act For Farmed Animals

Amazon Watch
Animal Friends Jogja
Animal Interseccional
Animal Rights Center Japan
Animalianza
APSERJ - Associação Profissional dos Sociólogos do Estado do Rio de Janeiro
Articulação dos Povos Indígenas do Brasil - APIB
Asia Indigenous Peoples Network on Extractive Industries and Energy (AIPNEE)
Associação de Defesa dos Direitos Humanos e Meio Ambiente na Amazônia
Associação dos Taboqueanos extrativista ribeirinho do araguaia
Association For Promotion Sustainable development
Bank for Nature
Bank Information Center
Biofuelwatch
Blue Dalian
Bryant Research
CDMX Anima Save
Centro de Direitos Humanos Dom Máximo Biennès
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Cita conselho indígena Tapajós Arapiuns
Coletivo Indígena Mura de Porto Velho
Colombia Sin Espectáculos con Animales
Comissão Pastoral da Terra -Pará
Comitê de Bacias Macaé e das Ostras
Comitê Defensor da Vida Amazonica na bacia do Rio Madeira
Community Empowerment and Social Justice Network
Comunidade Indígena Pacajaí
Comunidade Payá Kuruaya/ Território Tavaquara
Comunidade Quilombola Extrativista Pedral Curral Velho
Conselho Indigenista Missionário/Cimi
Conselho Nacional de Povos e Comunidades Tradicionais
Cosmopolíticas
Debt Justice Norway
Direct Action Everywhere
Eurogroup for Animals
FEDAMCO
Forum Ökologie & Papier
Forum Socioambiental da Zona Oeste
Friends of the Earth US
Fundación Derecho y Defensa Animal
Fundación Econexión Ecuador
Fundación Justicia Interspecie
Generación Vegana
Global Forest Coalition
Global Justice Ecology Project
Green REV Institute
Greyton Farm Animal Sanctuary
GT Infraestrutura e Justiça Socioambiental
Idec - Instituto de Defesa de Consumidores
Institute for Future Food Systems
Instituto de Estudos Socioeconômicos (Inesc)

Instituto Madeira Vivo
Instituto Nacional de Ciência e Tecnologia (INCT) "Para superar a monotonia do sistema agroalimentar"
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Movimento pela soberania popular na Mineração - MAM
Movimento Tapajós Vivo
Movimento Xingu Vivo para Sempre
Movimiento Abolicionista por la Liberación Animal
Movimiento Animalista Nacional Ecuador
Mupan - Mulheres em Ação no Pantanal
Naturaleza Animal
North Carolina Animal Advocates United (NCAAU)
Oyu Tolgoi Watch
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Pastoral Socioambiental - Arquidiocese de Santarém
People for Animals Public Policy Foundation
Plant Futures
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Protección Animal Ecuador
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Proyecto Universitario Animales y Praxis
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Resistencia Natural REN - Por una cultura de Liberación Animal
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Safe Food Federation
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Size of Wales
Sociedade Vegetariana Brasileira - SVB
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Stop Financing Factory Farming
Terra de Direitos
The European Institute for Animal Law & Policy

The Humane League

The Oakland Institute

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