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SUMMARY

The burning and the deforestation of the Brazilian Amazon forest has gotten worse in the last years. Surely the pressure on land has increased, but it still happens mostly on public or undesignated land. This has been traditionally the main way to grab land, speculate and simultaneously, in the long run, the way to prove ownership by its occupation. The absence of mapping, registration and land ownership regulation in Brazil and particularly in the Amazon plays an important role in its deforestation. Quite a big portion of the Amazon region has unclear ownership rights, and there is where most of the deforestation happens.

This article firstly discusses the main drivers of the Brazilian Amazonian deforestations and will evidences that clear landholders rights diminishes deforestation. To obtain clear ownership rights an effort to map and cadaster land possession plays a very important role. Successful experiences of participatory ownership rights clarification in Brazil and Colombia, using a Fit for Purpose methodology, will be showed next for this purpose. This methodology as clarifies the small landholders and other traditional population rights, with their participation, will make possible to uncover the illegal occupation and so reduce the potential deforestation on undesignated public land.

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