

# OSTROM WORKSHOP RESEARCH SERIES

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“Environmental Management Decision-Making Processes among Large-Scale Landowners in Mato Grosso, Brazil”



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Since the strengthening of environmental policies in 2004, deforestation rates in the Brazilian Amazon have dropped by 70 percent. Although many regional-scale studies conclude that such results would not have been achieved in the absence of public policies, which policy mechanisms are responsible for landowners' behavioral change remain unclear. Furthermore, large-scale landowners are believed to have been the first to dramatically reduce their contribution to deforestation, but remain one of the most understudied in the region. This PhD Dissertation project combines in-depth semi-structured interviews and GIS analysis to examine the decision-making process of large-scale soybean producers with respect to the adoption of conservation practices in Mato Grosso. The goal is to understand which public policies have influenced their behavioral change in recent years, how they worked, and to identify other factors—such as changes in personal values—that might also have contributed to this change.



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