



# Fazenda Marrecos

Location: Romaria, Minas Gerais

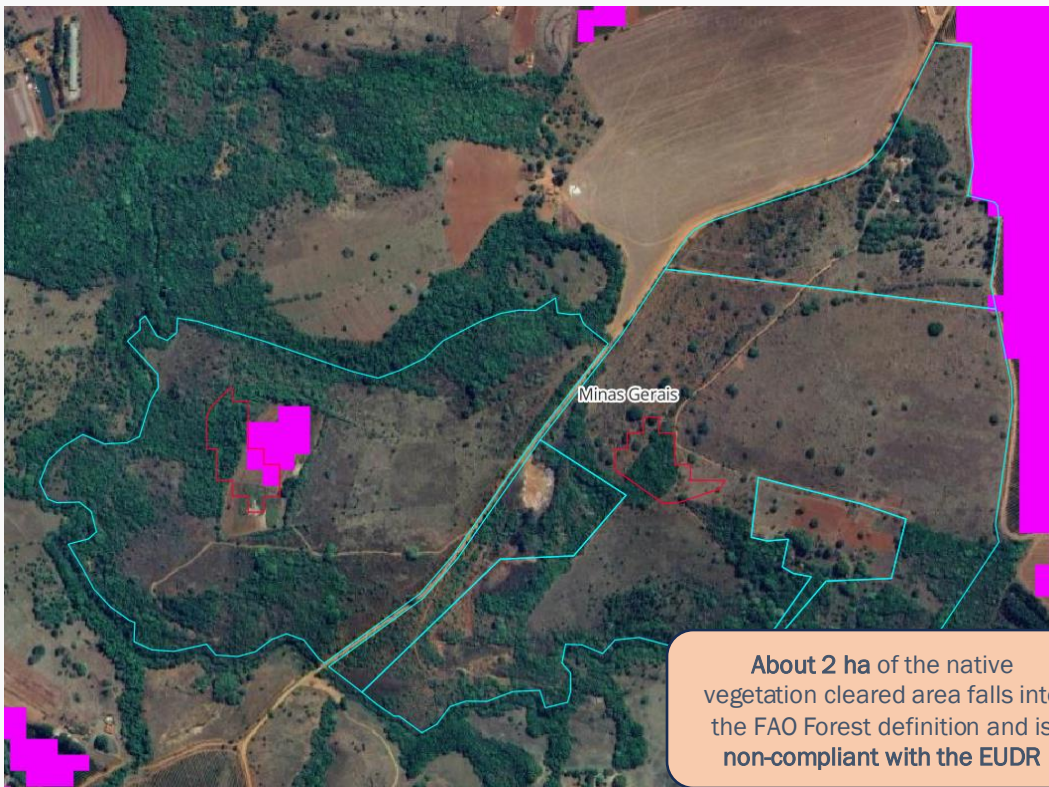
Biome: Cerrado

Area property (ha): 120

Coordinates property: -18.8996, -47.5916

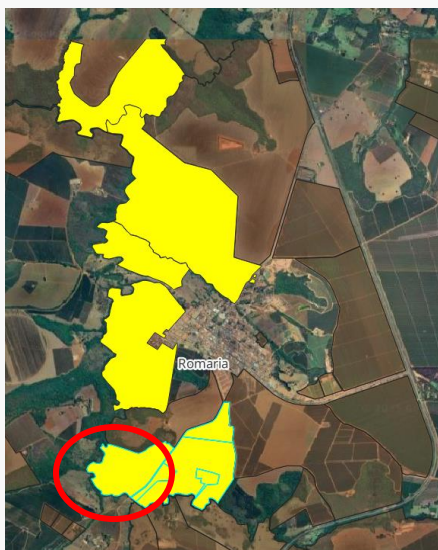
## Cleared Area

<b>3</b>	hectares	Period clearance: March to July 2024	Type of vegetation: Wooded savanna
<b>132</b>	tons of CO <sub>2</sub>		

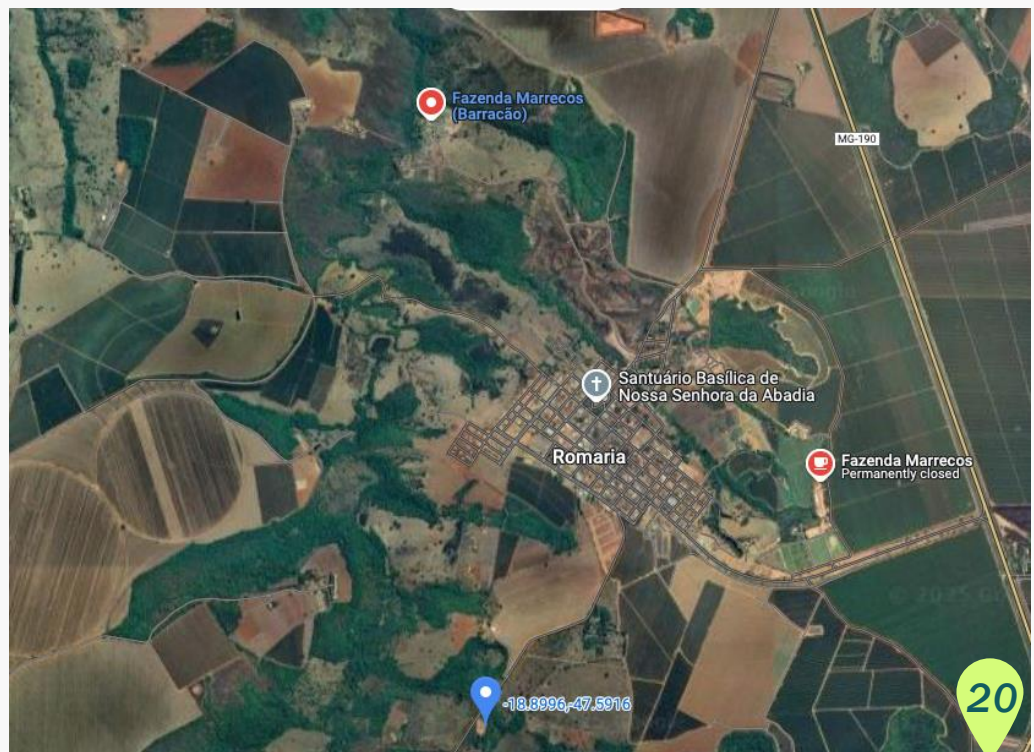


**Figure: Fazenda Marrecos** (marked with blue line). In purple the coffee area (MapBiomias, 2023), in red the deforested area. Part of the cleared area overlaps with the coffee production area. Source: AidEnvironment.

**Photo: Google Earth screenshot around Fazenda Marrecos, highlighting ownership similarities.** The blue pin is the location of the deforested farm, but in the north and northeast of this property, other farms with similar names (Fazenda Marrecos) exist. It is unclear if they also have similar ownership.



**Map above: In yellow all farms dubbed Fazenda Marrecos.** In the red circle the farm with clearance. All farms are in Romaria in Minas Gerais and might have similar or different ownership. In red the cleared farm.



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## Ownership &amp; Business relationship

**Owner (based on CAR numbers):**

MG-3156403-69B7634AE8234BB3A19AB781C362EE2D (João Nunes De Souza)

MG-3156403-C0C47B44239E4FE48090F7131BCFAB1D (Marcelo José De Oliveira)

MG-3156403-C786291046C54D8CBF2DEBB19F306C5E (Frederico Donisete Lima Da Silva)

**Company response:**

JDE Peet's: In response to these six (February 2025) coffee cases shared with JDE Peet's in March 2025, the company responded that "since the plots in question have undergone deforestation that precludes any possibility of coffee harvesting before 2026, these cases could not be linked to JDE Peet's operations". In turn, AidEnvironment pointed the fact that any clearing of forest after the EUDR cut-off date may involve future risks for coffee companies if coffee beans of the cleared plots would enter the European market from January 2026. Moreover, JDE indicated that "one of the cases you label as deforested actually relates to restoration of coffee plants" but does not further clarify which case this concerns.

## Environmental sanctions

**Embargoes:** No Not in 2024

**Environmental fines:** No -

## Case description

Fazenda Marrecos cleared three hectares of wooded savanna in Romaria municipality in Minas Gerais, between March and July 2024. About two hectares of these would be noncompliant with the EUDR, since it represents forest under the FAO definition of forest (1). The cleared part of the farm is in the coffee producing area according to MapBiomias vegetation maps (2023) (2).

This case highlights some of the challenges with identification of ownership. At least 3-5 properties with the name Fazenda Marrecos exist in the near surroundings of the cleared farm (see image previous page), and they show different ownership possibilities. Names that are associated with Fazenda Marrecos in this area include Antonio Gomes de Souza (3), Joao Nunes de Souza, and Baltazar Batista (4), but based on this, it remains unclear if the cleared farm in this case is part of the same ownership.

Moreover, there are three Rural Environmental Registry (CAR) declared registrations that overlap with the cleared property (see CAR numbers above). These CARs are registered in the names of Frederico Donisete Lima Da Silva, Marcelo José De Oliveira and João Nunes De Souza. In the Selo Verde programme it is possible to validate environmental and social violations linked to CAR declarations. Based on the three CAR numbers, two of the CAR properties show overlap with deforestation areas according to the Selo Verde monitoring system, those linked to the declared property areas of João Nunes De Souza and Frederico Donisete Lima Da Silva (5). Little is stated about the type of crops/plantations grown, but one of the three CARs seem to produce "plantation forest". Coffee is not mentioned, although Mapbiomas has validated coffee production in the farm. In the Sel Verde programme, ownership names are not provided.

(1) EU Forest Observatory map, online: <https://forest-observatory.ec.europa.eu/forest>

(2) <https://plataforma.brasil.mapbiomas.org/> (latest map 2023)

(3) <https://revistas.fucamp.edu.br/index.php/getec/article/view/2573/1605>, viewed in February 2025

(4) Based on Brazilian cadaster data SIGEF and SNCI

(5) <https://seloverde.meioambiente.mg.gov.br/en/consult-car/>