



Property			
Fazenda Barra Velha			
Correntina, Bahia		Cerrado biome	
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Area property (ha):	38,354	Coordinates property:	-45.08503, -13.26029
Cleared Area			
Coordinates clearance:		-45.12498, -13.27569	
1,574 hectares		period clearance:	Mar to Jun 2022
141 fires alerts			
Inside Forest Code's protected areas:	No	-	-
Type of vegetation:	Forested Savanna	Priority for Biodiversity Conservation:	Extremely high
Conservation area(s) (overlapping or bordering):		-	
Indigenous Territories (overlapping or bordering):		-	
<p>Before & After Imagery: limits of the property (blue) limits of the cleared area (red)</p> <p>March 2022</p>			
		June 2022	
			
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Environmental fines and embargoes			
Embargoes:	Yes (other links)	1 environmental embargo in 2012 at a linked property Fazenda Sassapão, in Formosa do Rio Preto (BA)	
Environmental fines:	Yes (other links)	5 environmental fines in linked properties in Formosa do Rio Preto (BA) and São Desidério (BA) between 2012 and 2018	BRL 1,9 million
Ownership and other linked properties			
Ownership:	Barra Velha Agropecuária		
Company group:	Grupo Mizote		
Linked properties:	Other 43 properties in Correntina (BA), São Desidério (BA), and Formosa do Rio Preto totalling at least 97,100 ha		
Supply chain links			
Main Commodities	Multiple		
Confirmed supply chain link, level of certainty, and soy trader/ beef processor	Yes	High	Bunge, Cofco
Companies' replies	The potential trading link with Louis Dreyfus was removed as they stated that "LDC did not receive soy, corn or cotton volumes from the group in question in Correntina, Bahia, in the 2020, 2021 or 2022 (year-to-date) harvests".		
Soy	Main exporters (municipality)	Bunge (40%), ALZ (10%), others (14%), [Domestic consumption 36%]	
	Warehouses (50 km radius)	22 warehouses, e.g., 2 owned by Agrícola Xingu and 1 by SLC Agrícola	
	Supply chain links & details:	Links to Bunge, Cofco and Louis Dreyfus, not clear if through soy or other crops trading (cotton, corn).	
Beef	Main traders (municipality)	JBS (100%)	
	Slaughterhouses (sourcing from the municipality)	18 different regional slaughterhouses sourced cattle from Correntina (BA) in 2020	
	Supply chain links & details:	-	
Other supply chain links and details:	Between 2014 and 2018, Paulo Mizote supplied cotton to numerous clients, including Bunge, LD commodities, Cofco, Toyoshima USA Inc, Plexus Cotton Limited, ICT Trading SA, and Paul Reinhart (based on export data)		

General comments

This case concerns ongoing deforestation on the property Barra Velha (Correntina - BA). Between 1 March 2018 and 14 April 2019, a total of 1,660 ha of native vegetation were cleared on Fazenda Barra Velha, owned by Grupo Mizote. Grupo Mizote produces, trades, and exports soy, corn, and cotton. It is one of the main cotton producers in West of Bahia state (1). Paulo Massayoshi Mizote is (co-owner) of at least seven companies in Bahia: Barra Velha Agropecuária, Mizote Company, Associação dos Produtores da Gleba Nova América, FMP Algodoeira do Oeste, Agropecuária e Armazéns Mizote, ABAPA - Associação Baiana dos Produtores de Algodão, and Cooperativa de Desenvolvimento do Agronegócio do Oeste da Bahia. He was the 1st Secretary of the Bahia Cotton Producers Association (Abapa) between 01/2019/2020 (2). In 2012, three members of the Mizote family – Paulo Massayoshi Mizote, Alysson Hideo Mizote and Eunice Matiko Ishida Mizote – were fined BRL 5.4 million for environmental infractions in Fazenda Sassapão, in Formosa do Rio Preto, having 2,262 ha embargoed by Ibama (3). Grupo Mizote is among the players in Correntina's water conflict and is listed in the Comissão Pastoral da Terra (CPT) report of agrarian conflicts over land, involving 240 families in 2016 and 2017 (4). In 2013, Correntina's citizens started a movement called “Fora Mizote” against a concession to deforest 24,600 hectares of native vegetation requested by Grupo Mizote in the same Fazenda Barra Velha (5). In 2018, representatives of local communities impacted by Mizote's plans interposed a process in Bahia's Court of Justice (6). Paulo Massayoshi Mizote and his wife Eunice Matiko Ishida Mizote are also involved in a land dispute in Formosa do Rio Preto (BA) with alleged land grabber José Valter Dias, who is accused of forging documents and bribing local judges to confiscate an area of 300,000 ha (7). Grupo Mizote plans to implement cocoa plantations in Barreiras (Bahia). In 2014, MetLife, one of the largest global providers of insurance, annuities, and employee benefit programs, with 90 million customers in over 60 countries, provided a loan of USD 30 million to Paulo Massayoshi Mizote (8). Grupo Mizote collects the 11th largest volume of water in Cerrado biome in Bahia among the companies linked to the Bahia Association of Farmers and Irrigators (Aiba) and Abapa. The company has an authorization to capture 76.3 million litres per day from the Rio Grande Basin, one of the main tributaries of the São Francisco River (9).

- (1) https://www.researchgate.net/publication/323299012_A_producao_no_Oeste_da_Bahia_controlada_por_estrangeiros_e_a_sua_vinculacaosubordinacao_ao_capital
- (2) <https://www.falabarreiras.com/sem-categoria/abapa-elege-nova-diretoria-para-o-bienio-2019-2020/>
- (3) <https://servicos.ibama.gov.br/ctf/publico/areasembargadas/ConsultaPublicaAreasEmbargadas.php>
- (4) <https://www.cptnacional.org.br/component/jdownloads/send/41-conflitos-no-campo-brasil-publicacao/14061-conflitos-no-campo-brasil-2016?Itemid=0>
- (5) https://www.asabrasil.org.br/noticias?artigo_id=3141
- (6) <https://www.jusbrasil.com.br/diarios/documentos/555707164/andamento-do-processo-n-8003344-0820188050000-agravo-de-instrumento-14-03-2018-do-tjba?ref=topic-lawsuit>
- (7) <https://www.legalnote.com.br/publicacao-diario-oficial/00248257120158050000/54712943/>
- (8) <https://www.agrimarketing.com/ss.php?id=87690>
- (9) <https://apublica.org/2021/12/os-privilegiados-com-a-agua-do-cerrado-baiano/>