

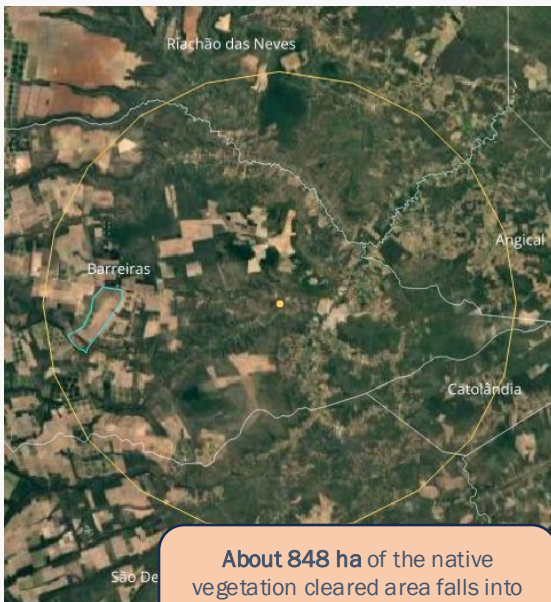


# Fazenda Santa Cruz VIII

Location: Barreiras, Bahia  
 Area property (ha): 6,284

Biome: Cerrado (Brazil)  
 Coordinates property: -45.43772, -12.14622

Cleared Area			
4,783	hectares	Period clearance: Jan - April 2022 & Dec 2022 - April 2023	Type of vegetation: Savanna Park/ Wooded Savanna
239,038	tons of CO <sub>2</sub>		

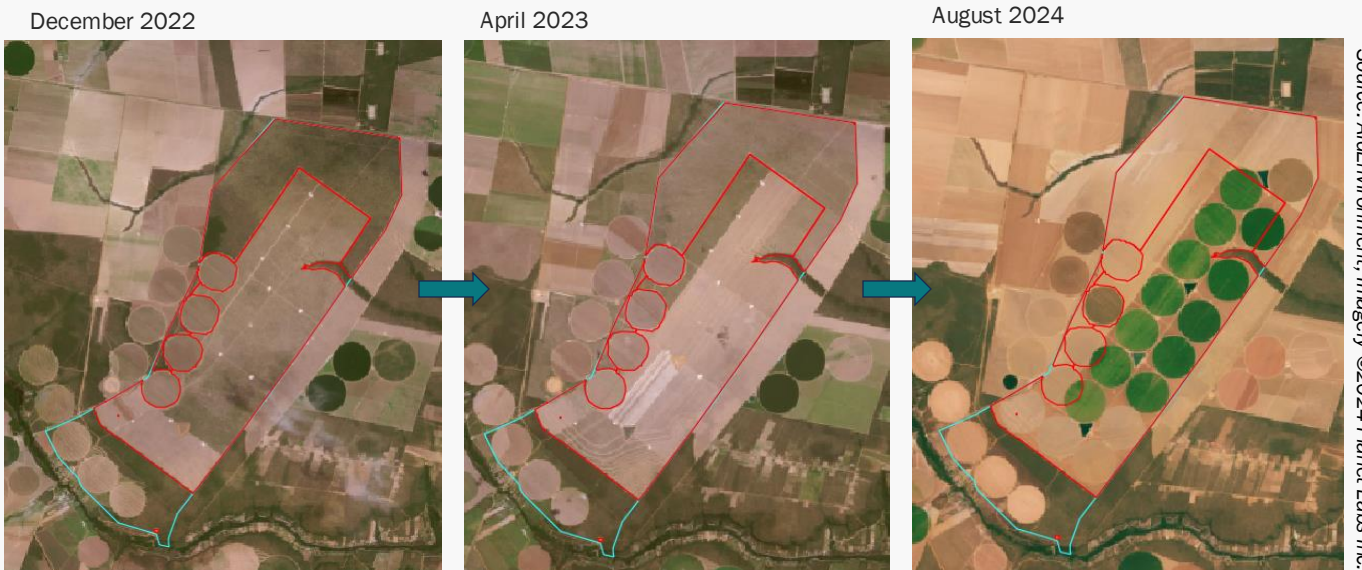


About 848 ha of the native vegetation cleared area falls into the FAO Forest definition and is non-compliant with the EUDR



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**Imagery:** Limits of the property (blue) limits of the cleared area (red). Pictures on the top right demonstrate the first clearing event between January and April 2022, when 3,130 ha were cleared on Fazenda Santa Cruz VIII in Barreiras (Bahia). The map on the top left shows how the farm is located within a 50-km radius around Cargill's silo (yellow dot) in Barreiras.



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**Imagery:** Pictures on the bottom demonstrate the second clearing event since the EUDR cut-off date: between December 2022 and April 2023, when another 1,653 ha were cleared on Fazenda Santa Cruz VIII. The August 2024 image on the bottom right clearly shows agricultural expansion on the previously cleared land.

## Fazenda Santa Cruz VIII



## Ownership &amp; Business relationship

## Owners:

Indústria de Derivados da Mandioca Santa Cruz (Everli Ricardo da Cruz Rodrigues Carvalho, Nelson Ricardo da Cruz, Gelson Ricardo da Cruz)

## Company responses

**Cargill:** Cargill states to do business with three of the identified soy farms of six soy case studies shared with Cargill in November 2024, including Fazenda Santa Cruz VIII. Cargill (6 December 2024): “We investigated the farms we do conduct business with; no irregularities were found on two of them and the third one remains under investigation”. Cargill does not further specify.

## Environmental sanctions

## Embargoes:

No

Indústria de Derivados da Mandioca Santa Cruz received an embargo from Sema-MT due to the illegal deforestation of 371 ha in a farm located in Porto dos Gaúchos, MT, but the embargo was recently lifted (8).

## Environmental fines:

No

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## Case description

In 2022, Cargill responded to alleged connections with Fazenda Santa Cruz VIII in an AidEnvironment Realtime Deforestation Monitoring (RDM) report (1) that they have “negotiations with one of the cases included in the [RDM June 2022] report”, “which is not on any of the embargo lists”. A 2023 list of Cargill suppliers in Barreiras municipality in Bahia state (2) indicates this farm, indeed, became a soy-supplying farm of Cargill in 2023. This is relevant information since, apart from the total clearing of 4,783 hectares in the farm since the EUDR cut-off date (30 December 2020), of which 848 ha may be classified as forest under the EUDR definition of forest, there might also be a legality issue at play linked to the owner of the cleared farm. The owner of Fazenda Santa Cruz VIII, the company “Indústria de Derivados da Mandioca Santa Cruz”, is involved in a land dispute with the “Associação dos Acampados da Gleba Boa Sorte”, representing a group of 200 families who revendicate the land tenure rights over a public area named “Gleba Boa Sorte” close by Cuiabá (MT) (3). The families have been living in the area since 2005 and are requesting the state government of Mato Grosso the landownership through the establishment of a rural settlement. In 2020, the company requested the ownership of the area to the Court of Justice (4), through which the company claims to own an area of 1,426 ha (5). A linked property in the same municipality, Fazenda Mata do Puba (Barreiras - BA), had authorisation for the clearance of 670 ha in 2018 - valid for 2 years (6). Deforestation in Fazendas Santa Cruz IV, V e VI was recently authorized (7), however, this would still represent noncompliance with the EUDR.

(1) RDM report June 2022 (updated in July 2022). Online: [https://aidenvironment.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Annex\\_3\\_LIFE\\_RDM\\_Report\\_3\\_June2022\\_UPDATED\\_July22.pdf](https://aidenvironment.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Annex_3_LIFE_RDM_Report_3_June2022_UPDATED_July22.pdf)

(2) Undisclosed source.

(3) <https://pagina12.com.br/cotidiano/2020/09/14/5445-por-que-uma-empresa-da-bahia-obteve-liminar-na-justica-para-despejar-200-familias-na-zona-rural-de-cuiaba>

(4) <https://www.rdnews.com.br/judiciario/conteudos/133708>

(5) <https://sistemadje.tjmt.jus.br/publicacoes/10633-2019%20C8%20Comarcas%20-%20Entr%C3%A2ncia%20Especial%20-%20Cuiab%C3%A1.pdf>

(6) <http://www.prefeitura.barreiras.mttransparente.com.br/admin/data/ATOOFICIAL270618061230.pdf>

(7) INEMA document, 21 October 2024.

(8) <https://geoportals.sema.mt.gov.br/>