

### Governance

...the process and institutional architecture (structure) of decision-making that operates in the space between private and state domains. (G. Barnes)

### Mato Grosso, Brazil

- Located in the Brazilian Central west (the third largest by area).
  - This area is an interface between Sabana and Southern Amazon forest bio. Agribusiness represents 50.5% of the state GDP (IMEA, 2015).
  - Mato Grosso and Para states
    - 70% of total deforestation (1999-2008)
    - 2013 deforestation rates increased by 50% when compared with 2012 rates (INPE, 2015)
- Leading states for decentralization of forest management



### Sustainable Municipalities Program

In 2013 in a collective effort, civil society organizations, local stakeholders and local municipalities launched the "Sustainable Municipalities Program".

General Objectives / Components:

- Strengthening municipal environmental management
- Environmental and land regularization
- Promotion of productive chains (focus on family agriculture)



Agreement Letter

Initial step to join the program. This document has the commitments and program goals.

Planning Goals

This document should integrate specific actions that contributes to achieve the program's goals.

Monitoring Platform

Used as an online monitoring and evaluation tool

### Methodology

Review of literature

- Information provided by the government and public institutions;
- Information provided by No Governmental Organizations;
- Information provided by International Organizations.

Semi-structured interviews (n= 35)

- Government officials
- Stakeholder representatives
- Experts

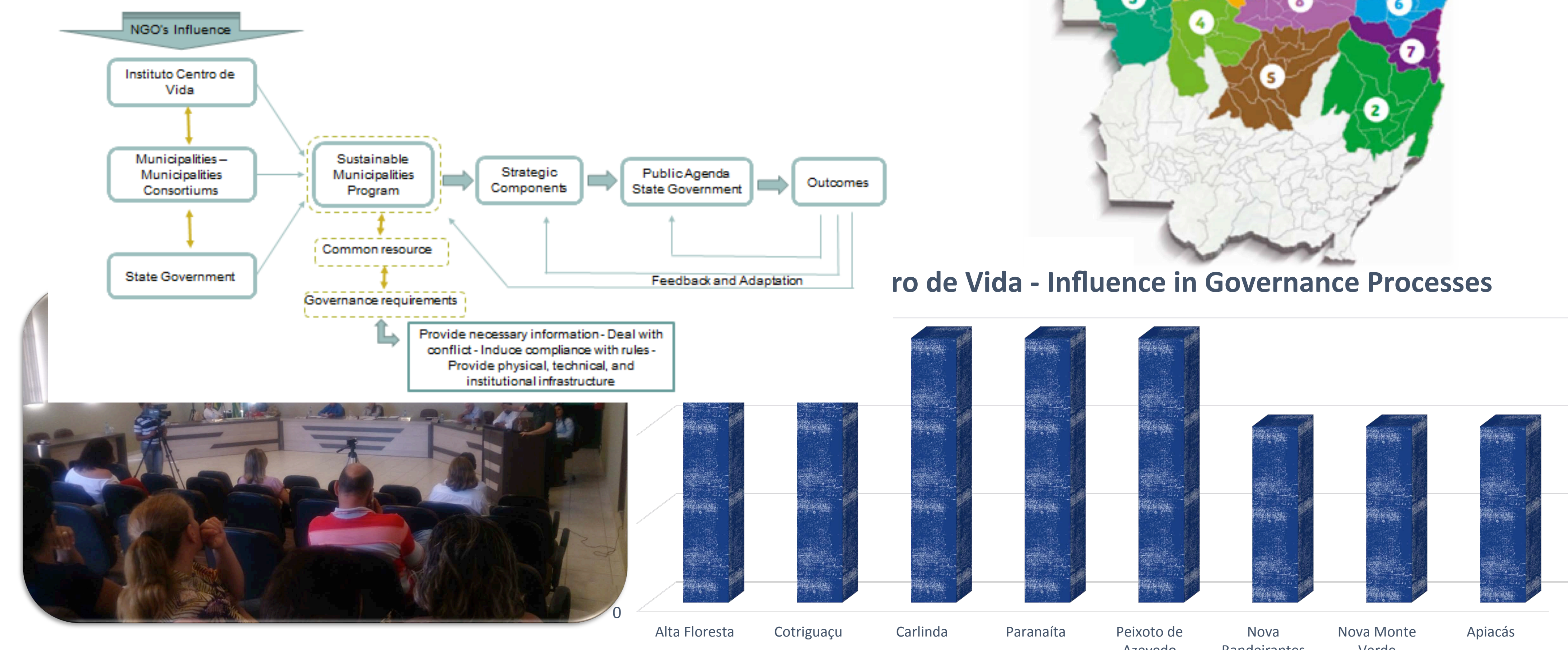
Participatory Observations



Municipalities in north of Mato Grosso, Brazil



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### Initial Findings

- The Sustainable Municipalities Program (SMP) currently is in a initial stage
- Municipalities were mobilized by the idea that state government were going to fund these initiatives.
- The SMP has influence municipal governments to structure their environmental agencies.
- Preliminary interview interpretation indicated that ICV have a strong influence in environmental governance processes in the region.



- The SMP is mainly associate as an ICV initiative by state, municipal governments and others NGOs.
- The SMP is conceived as a negotiation instrument between municipalities, state government and NGOs.
- SMP is conceived as a complementary program of the Production Conservation and Inclusion program.

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