

Field Trip Objectives

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Below is a list of key issues that we hope can guide your thinking through our field trip and help you link the field trip observations with the latter discussions in Capao Bonito. It is not an exhaustive list and is only meant to be reference for you to develop more focused questions that can benefit our broader discussion later on Food, Fuel, Fiber and Forests.

Land Use (food, fuel, fiber and forest) Changes

- What is the land use history in the area/region?
- What are the current land uses in the area/region?
- How is the land use changing in the area/region? What are the reasons driven the changes?

Management of land uses

- What are the different land management models and at which scales?
- How do different land uses (food, fuel, fiber, forest) interact with each other and the essential ecosystem services, such as freshwater, in different land management models? What are the competing uses? What are the complementary uses? What are the resource efficient uses? What land-use factors are contributing to loss of ecosystem values and what factors preserve or enhance ecosystem values?

Land Use Decisions

- What are the policies regulating land uses in the region?
- How do the land owners/managers make their decision on how they want to manage the land?
- What information (systems) is needed to make land-use decisions in a resource-constrained world?

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