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01 Affection, resilience and strenght in search for social-environmental justice



The year of 2024 became known as the hottest on record, with an average temperature exceeding 1.6°C above pre-industrial levels. The brazilian climate was marked by worsening climate emergencies, such as the floods that devastated the estate of Rio Grande do Sul and severe droughts in the Amazon, destroying more than 11 million hectares of forest. On the international stage, far-right movements have gained power, negatively impacting the entire philanthropic ecosystem and the allocation of resources to civil society organizations.

At the United Nations Climate Conference (COP 29), the agreement didn't even come close to the necessary $1.3 trillion annually by 2035, which should be paid by the richest countries to the economically poorest. Of the 2% of global philanthropy resources dedicated to climate-related initiatives—a study by the Climate Policy Initiative (2022)—the percentage directed to social justice philanthropy serving communities is practically zero. However, local climate solutions have gained more attention than ever on the discourse of tackling climate change.

From community commotion surrounding the victims in Rio Grande do Sul to volunteering to put out the flames in the Amazon rainforest, territories were the protagonists in tackling the climate problems that impacted the world in 2024.

Despite the challenging scenario, 2024 was a year of positive impacts for FunBEA, which continued to strengthen its position as an independent fund and investing in institutional development. It was a year of supporting leaderships and collectives on the front lines of education and climate justice, and supporting the production of knowledge to understand how collectives and movements across Brazil are developing institutionally.

Above it all, 2024 was a year of bonding and affection. Of seeing organizations in the supported territories growing stronger and weaving a network of collaboration. Learning communities, collaborative educational interventions, cultural events, leadership development, and collectives rising together for shared agendas in public, political, and power spaces, remaining strong, even in the face of so much external pressure.

This is the best impact picture FunBEA can demonstrate for 2024: more resilient and stronger people and communities in pursuit of socio-environmental justice!



02 FunBEA 2024: denunciation and announcement in (r)existence



The more the multiple socio-environmental crises and emergencies worsen, the more important—and, at the same time, challenging—the mission of mobilizing financial and non-financial resources for environmental protection and social and climate justice becomes. Therefore, if we had to choose one word to represent FunBEA's achievements over these two years, during which we had the joy and honor of serving as president of its Deliberative Council, it would be (r)existence. This term, coined by anthropologist Eduardo Viveiros de Castro, reminds us that every fight for societal transformation is counter-hegemonic.

It is, therefore, a matter of resistance: of denouncing predatory economic practices and the advance of individualism, violence, and exploitation that threaten brazilian territories, its people, and communities in the urban, rural, and forest peripheries. On the other hand, it is also a matter of existing, of recognizing the pluriverse and the possible (and necessary) well-being. Throughout Brazil, there are other ways of producing, consuming, living, and coexisting among humans and with so-called nature, and these need to be announced, supported, and enhanced.

Thaís Brianezi and Luiz Ferraro - president and vice-president of FunBEA's Deliberative Council in 2023 and 2024 management

03 Method: FunBEA is a multi-territorial fund!

Step 1:
Definition of the territory to be supported

Step 2:
Structuring a Territorial Circle

Step 3:
Mapping and diagnosis

Step 4:
Accessible and unbureaucratic public call

Step 5:
Selection of grassroots organizations

Step 6:
Direct Support (financial) and Indirect Support (training and technical)

Step 7:
Connecting territorial agendas

Step 8:
New resource mobilization

Step 9:
Autonomy in the territory



04 FunBEA in numbers



APOIO TOTAL 2024:
+ R$ 1,7 MILHÕES
sendo,

+ R$ 900 MIL — Apoio para organizações, movimentos e coletivos socioambientais

+ 800 MIO — Apoio para programas e políticas públicas de Educação Ambiental

Population reached

70.855

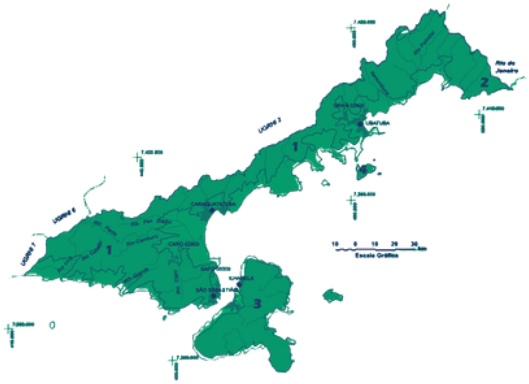
Direct population: **3.217**
Indirect population: **67.638**

Municipalities reached



328

in the states of **SP, RJ, MG and PA**

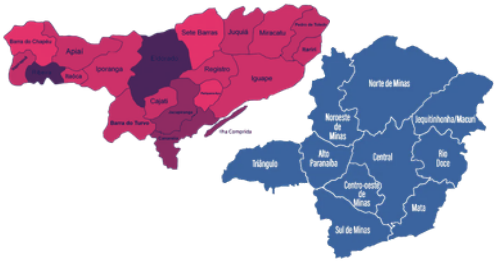


North Coast of São Paulo

Organizations with direct support: **31**
Benefited communities: **186**
Training hours: **220 horas**
Leaders directly supported: **7**
Participants in direct actions: **3210**
Indirect population positively impacted: **55.739 pessoas**

The collectives supported with financial resources include:

- 3 caiçara collectives
- 2 quilombola collectives
- 3 indigineous collectives
- 3 cultural and environmental collectives
- 1 black women collectives
- 2 capoeira and environment collectives
- 2 young collectives
- 1 political network
- 1 agroecology
- 1 network for monitoring and evaluating public policies on environmental education



Ribeira's Valley and Minas Gerais

Organizations with indirect support: **299**
Participants in direct actions: **2057**
Training hours, mentorships and technical advice: **389 horas**
Indirect population positively impacted: **11.899**

Through this capillarity, FunBEA identifies a **direct public made up of different profiles**, including researchers, teachers, students, local leaders, socio-environmental activists and public administrators, rural producers, artists, cultural producers, teachers, popular educators, technical-level professionals, and graduates from different fields.

Communication



Profiles reached on social media

458.758

Main featured vehicles:

LE MONDE diplomatique BRASIL

FOLHA

ALMA PRETA

ESTADÃO

NINJA

People impacted by publications in these vehicles

+ THAN 11 MILLION

05 Public Calls



5.1 How much is the reparation, restoration and regeneration of São Paulo's North Coast worth?

2024 was marked as an year of reparation, restoration and regeneration in this important territory, which still has intact Atlantic Forest in Brazil. After February 2023, when the coast of São Paulo was impacted by a climate event—the heaviest rainfall ever recorded in Brazil, which left deaths, chaos, and devastation—many communities came together in pursuit of climate justice.

FunBEA, as a decentralized resource fund, understood the need to mobilize resources for movements operating in the most affected neighborhoods, and continued to provide financial and training support in the region.

"The region received more than R$50 million in emergency donations, in addition to federal funds for housing and civil defense. However, after the emergency, it is necessary to invest in the adaptation of a fragile territory, whose population is undergoing a recognition of their rights and belonging to the land.". Semíramis Biasoli - FunBEA General Secretary

The regenerative approach brings a holistic alternative capable of integrating human development with ecological and territorial development, acting on the following scales: i) personal, ii) collective and organizational, and iii) ecosystemic, in which not only humans, but also social and cultural structures are an indivisible part of ecosystems (WAHL, P. 19) and aims to discover how human and natural systems can work together to strengthen and empower each other.



Mentoriship with Amovila.

The Movement Union of Those Affected and the Association of Residents of Vila Sahy (Amovila), received R$30,000 and R$50,000, respectively, in addition to five months of individual mentorship and collective learning communities.

In addition to supporting the movements, community leaderships also received R$ 12,500 each, with six months of mentorship to strengthen their activities in the territory.

In 2024, the Union of Those Affected held four rounds of dialogues involving popular educators and different professionals on topics such as human rights, women's rights, healthy eating, and land regularization in communities in the region, such as Areião, Vila Progresso, and Baleia Verde.



Women's Meeting held by Amovila

By Amovila, the resource was used in three areas:

- Financial stabilization of the institution;
- Campaign to increase membership, called “Unite to Build”, which included community events and the redesign of the kids' soccer course (one of the most popular activities among residents).



Mission Denunciation. Union of Those Affected. Photo Ed Davies

- Campaign to prevent and combat sexual violence against children and adolescents in partnership with Amomar (Child and Adolescent Prevention and Protection Network) created by Amovila within the Vila Sahy community.

The support also boosted Amovila's community communication process and strengthened income-generating activities, such as crafts and crochet courses.



Leadership on the front lines for restoration, regeneration, and reparation of the territory!

Nega Rose, as she is known in the region, is a former resident of the Rocinha Favela in Rio de Janeiro and has lived in Vila Sahy for over 30 years. She has always been a reference in the region as an herbalist, and after the tragedy, she visited the affected neighborhoods daily, talking to residents to find out what they needed. She was instrumental in the emergence and strengthening of the Union of Those Affected as a collective.



"Me and a few other residents founded the Union of Those Affected, a movement that seeks to strengthen families who have been affected by the climate tragedy on the North Coast. We seek to give voice to the population within their own territory, to strengthen ourselves democratically and socially.". Nega Rose

Mestre Val is a capoeira practitioner and community leader in Vila Sahy, and is also a member of Amovila. He coordinates a social project that uses capoeira to empower citizens to participate in the construction of public policies in their territory.



"A community leader plays a fundamental role in the management of a community; their presence and actions can significantly impact the development and growth of the entire territory." Mestre Val.

Territorial Circle



To support the territory devastated by the tragedy, participatory governance work was initiated with local actors, community philanthropy, and a *donation circle*. FunBEA brought together members of ERRD/LN - Education Network for Disaster Risk Reduction on the North Coast of São Paulo (composed by 22 institutions), as well as the Coastal Conservation Institute (ICC); the collective Union of Those Affected; the Florestry Foundation; the Procomum Institute (a partner operating in Baixada Santista), and local community leadership to form the **"LN Territorial Circle."**

This group established principles for action through the agenda for restoration, reparation, and regeneration of the region and was fundamental to the process of mapping socio-environmental initiatives throughout the region.

It was through this Circle that FunBEA brought in a new funding partner, the organization Generating Falcons, which operated in the territory during the emergency throughout 2023, mobilizing more than R$50 million to assist victims. After the emergency period, it was transferred R$1,898,624.71 to FunBEA to guarantee decentralization for socio-environmental movements and organizations through public calls in 2024 and 2025.
It was through this resource that FunBEA launched in 2024 the **Public Call 2024 for Justice and Climate Education**.

5.2 Justice and Climate Education:

Aiming to contribute to the climate action agenda in Brazil, in june 2024, FunBEA launches a public call to strengthen the work of socio-environmental collectives and movements on the North Coast of São Paulo, covering the four municipalities (São Sebastião, Ilhabela, Caraguatatuba and Ubatuba).

"We are focusing on the climate agenda in order to mobilize and move resources from an agenda that belongs to large government entities and international organizations. And to ensure that resources reach the grassroots, in the territories where people are actually working hard, where they live.". Semíramis Biasoli - FunBEA's General Secretary

The call was not intended to support specific projects, but rather the institutional development of collectives and movements, so that, once strengthened internally, they can network and develop action plans for climate adaptation, education, and justice in their territories.

Public Call audience:

Collectives and socio-environmental movements from the four municipalities of the North Coast of São Paulo and community leaders with proven activity on the south coast of São Sebastião, the area most affected by the 2023 disaster.

The selection process sought to be inclusive and democratic, aiming to encompass the sociobiodiversity of the territory, which is why:

- Registration took place via form and also through the possibility of sending a video presentation;
- There was no requirement for projects, but rather a presentation of the leadership or collective and its relationship with the territory;
- Two virtual forums and in-person visits to communities were held to answer questions.



SELECTED FOR SUPPORT

The total amount of direct support from the 2024 Public Call was:

R$ 870.000,00

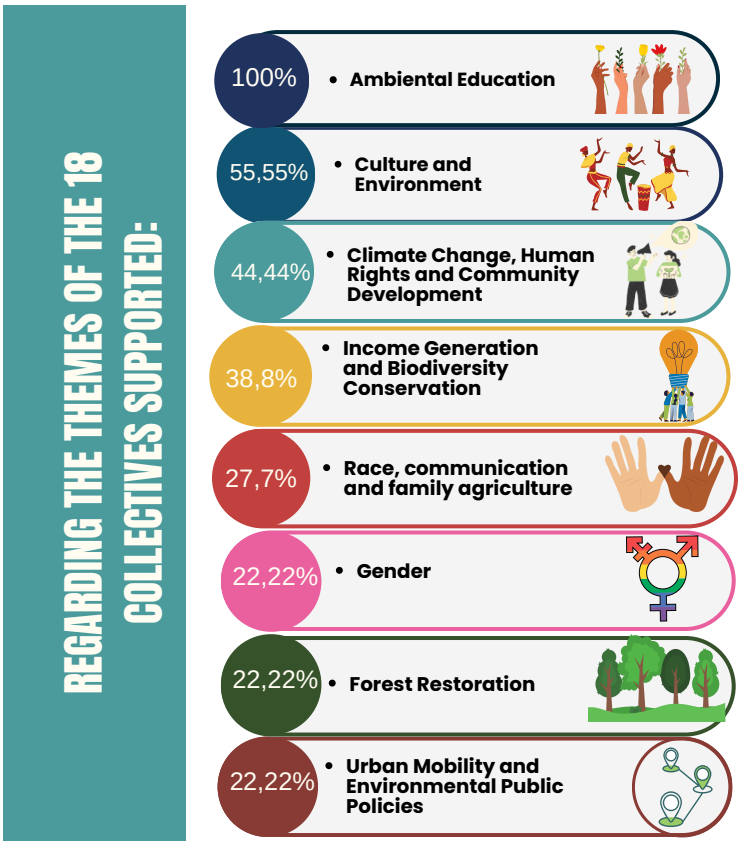
In total, 12 informal movements were selected and received R$30,000.00 (thirty thousand reais) in support, six formal organizations (with CNPJ - tax ID numbers) received R$50,000.00 (fifty thousand reais), and five community leaderships received R$18,000.00 each.

"For effective political transformation, the most fundamental thing is to strengthen civil society actors and fewer defined projects, as is the case in most calls for proposals for support."
Domingos Armani, specialist in Institutional Development of CSOs

The socio-environmental movements and organizations supported by FunBEA represent the sociobiodiversity of the Atlantic Forest, as demonstrated in neighborhood associations, social movements, caiçara collectives, traditional quilombola communities, indigenous territories, educator collectives, culture and environment collectives, black women's collectives, agroecology networks, among others. **Approximately 1,200 people are directly supported**, including students, community leaderships, activists, artists, cultural producers, teachers, popular educators, technical professionals, and graduate professionals from different fields. The majority are young people, women, caiçaras, indigenous people, and quilombolas, of which:



- 11 collectives are formed mostly by women
- 2 have equal representation of men and women
- 4 did not inform



Incidency

In addition to a strong territorial presence covering approximately 136 communities, the collectives supported by the call for proposals engage in political incidency by participating in various committees related to the territory's public policies, including:

- Culture Council of Caraguatatuba;
- Environmental Council of the Juqueriquerê Municipal Park Commission;
- COMAM, support group for the Municipal Solid Waste Plan;
- Nudecs (civil defense);
- Municipal Council of Traditional Communities;
- Quilombola Municipal Council;
- Municipal Health Council;
- Guarani Yvyrupa Comission (CGY);
- Support Group for the Municipal Solid Waste Plan of São Sebastião;

- São Paulo North Coast Watersheds Committee;
- National Coordination of Traditional Caiçara Communities
- São Sebastião Municipal Council for Culture;
- Caraguatatuba Municipal Council for Culture;
- Municipal Council of Traditional Communities of Ilhabela;
- Advisory Board of Ilhabela State Park;
- Caraguatatuba Master Plan Working Group;
- School Feeding Council and Master Plan of Caraguatatuba;
- Council of Traditional Communities;
- State Council of Indigenous People (CEPISP);
- ATY MIRIM Indigenous Council (Museum of Indigenous Cultures).

Furthermore, 2 of our supported groups operate in a network: RAPECCA and Island Movement (formed by 19 collectives) and another 5 are part of other networks:

- Mangrove Network of São Paulo's North Coast;
- North Coast Environment Network, Nhandereko Network (Community-Based Tourism);
- Education Network for Risk and Disaster Reduction;
- Traditional Communities Forum.

Learning Community







The Learning Community (LC) was a space for listening, exchanging ideas, and establishing links and partnerships with FunBEA and among those receiving support. Approximately 40 hours were distributed across virtual and in-person meetings held between september and december 2024.

The meetings addressed topics related to institutional strengthening of organizations, including issues related to identity, partnerships, governance, resource mobilization, and communication. At least one representative from each collective attended the meetings, which were attended by **more than 80 people**.

In-person meetings took place on a rotating basis in the spaces of the supported collectives, promoting exchange, knowledge of the territories, and strengthening the local economy. These events took place at the Escambau cultural center, in the Caçandoca Quilombo, and in the Aldeia Renascer Indigenous Land.

"For me, exchanging experiences with other collectives is providing a great learning opportunity, as I had never left the quilombo to participate in meetings with other communities." Adriana Vieira - President of the Association of the Community of Remnants of Quilombo Sertão do Itamambuca



The action plans were developed throughout this collective process, accompanied by individual mentorship for each group. The aim was to build a comprehensive, systemic, and complex view of each beneficiary, whether a leader or a collective, based on empathetic and sensitive listening, considering their processes in a unique and territorialized way.

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Mentorships

A group of three mentors individually accompanied each beneficiary during the development of their plans. **There were more than 180 hours of mentorship, respecting the needs and dynamics of the beneficiaries, including visits to the communities.**

"Mentorship processes are important for the institutional empowering of these territorial organizations, so that they can continue their work, find new ways to seek resources and strengthen their struggles." Semíramis Biasoli - FunBEA's General Secretary.

Visits to the territory allowed to:

- strengthen relationships between those supported and FunBEA;
- approach what was being conducted in the LC with the collectives that were unable to attend all virtual meetings due to difficulties related to internet access;
- check the understanding of Institutional Development (ID) and, if necessary, create a translation of it;
- check whether the dialogues, reflections, and lessons learned during LC meetings were being shared among collective members;
- strengthen the ID Action Plan as a pedagogical, political, and planning tool;
- to broaden the collectives' perspective on the possibilities for using resources.

Individual, in-person monitoring is an important strategy, as communities, beyond the challenges of the online world, are vibrant and dynamic, and very much based on oral tradition. Finally, this process made it possible to identify, along the communities, their greatest gaps and demands, their territorial issues and conflicts, the impacts and consequences of environmental racism, climate change, and other vulnerabilities that make support to strengthen their fights even more important.



Visit to Renascer Village

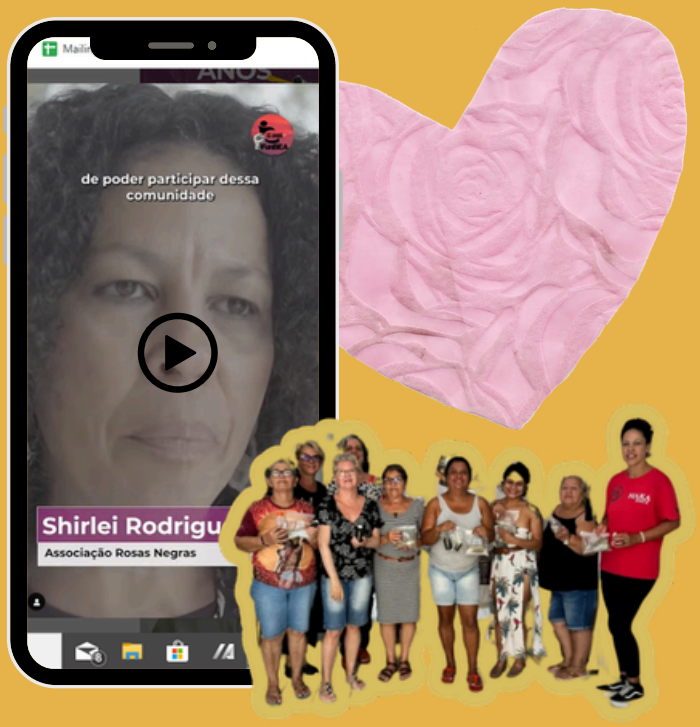


In-Person Learning Community Meeting

Local solutions happen in the territory!

Learn about the organizations that have received support and are transforming the North Coast of São Paulo.

IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SÃO SEBASTIÃO:



1. Black Roses Association
"Uniting black women for greater visibility!"



Since 2022, the Black Roses Association has been working with black women who promote anti-racist actions, and cultural, educational and psychosocial projects in their territory.

Today, the group is composed of 28 women and serves approximately 80 black women in five vulnerable communities in the region.

In its action plan for using FunBEA support, the movement is investing in its communication area by hiring young women. It is also developing racial literacy through lectures and training sessions with women from the communities, including facilitating Libras (Brazilian Sign Language). The group aims to strengthen its entrepreneurial work with women from peripheral areas, in addition to establishing a community garden in the central region of São Sebastião.

2. São Sebastião, Ilhabela and Caraguatatuba Caiçara Collective
"We are a fearless movement that fights for the rights of traditional Caiçara people!"

Since 2017, the movement has been working to defend human rights and the rights of traditional people and communities on the North Coast of São Paulo.

Promotes territorial coordination based on the values of socio-environmental justice, cooperation, collectivism, and ecologically balanced coexistence with coastal ecosystems.

Currently, the collective is made up of 70 members and in the last year, it managed to mobilize around 1000 people directly, working in 22 communities.

In the action plan for the support received by FunBEA, they will invest in its structuring and intend to

promote community parties, popular assemblies, and visits to caiçara communities; promote a store with local products to generate income; build caiçara septic tanks; and carry out actions to strengthen the self-demarcation of caiçara territories, with the construction of a caiçara ranch.



Photo: Social Media São Sebastião, Ilhabela and Caraguatatuba Caiçara Collective

3. Ka'aguy Poty Flor da Mata Guarani Collective

"Rescuing culture and traditional ways of life to protect the forest and tackle climate change on the planet."

The Collective is part of the Guarani Rio Silveiras Indigenous Village, led by Chief Adolfo Timóteo Werá Mirim, and its main objective is to work on initiatives to revive traditional planting methods, cultivating indigenous agroforestry areas and strengthening the community's food sovereignty and security. **Currently, the collective has 20 members, and its actions reach about 900 people living in the village.**

In the action plan for the support received from FunBEA, the collective will rescue traditional Guarani seeds and cultivation; revive traditional management and planting of native species with sociocultural importance; promote exchanges with other villages for raising native bees and exchanging seeds and creating nurseries; strengthen Guarani cultural celebrations and festivities; promote income generation from agroforestry; strengthen Guarani handicrafts with discussion groups and exchanges among women; and promote workshops and training for indigenous youth.







Ka'aguy Poty Flor da Mata Guarani Collective, Rio Silveiras Village. Photo: Adolfo Timóteo

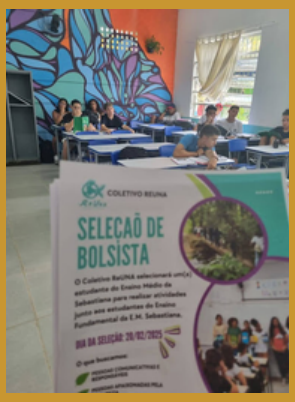
4. Reuna Collective

"Creating a community network through the training of young leaderships, integrating body, territory and nature."

This educational collective works with waste management and environmental education in schools and neighborhoods in São Sebastião, especially those that were most affected by the climate tragedy of 2023.

Currently, the collective has 20 members and its actions reach around 400 people from five communities.

With the support received from FunBEA, they intend to encourage and train new youth leaderships, strengthening the political protagonism of children, adolescents, and young people. To this end, it will provide scholarships and support to students to enable the remuneration of professionals involved who work on a voluntary basis. They are also investing in their communication, with the production of a mini-documentary.





Registrations for young apprentice selection process. On the right, a representative of the collective with the trash bin purchased to promote proper waste management in the neighborhood.

5. Escambau Culture

"Shaping artistic production, creative experimentation, meeting places, and community connections as paths toward a fair and supportive society."

Escambau Culture collective emerged in 2019 as the only independent cultural space in the region.

It promotes and disseminates culture through artistic production, creative experimentation, and community connection, welcoming and supporting local artists, strengthening the community and the creative economy.

The collective currently has seven members and serves an audience of approximately 1,500 people annually.

Through the support of the public call, they intend to formalize a cultural association and strengthen the physical space, bringing in new artists, artisans, and cultural producers. They are also preparing a program with literacy and climate education for 2025.



Mebers of Escambau Culture. Photo: Escambau Culture.

It was created to encourage learning about the environment and regional capoeira.

The initiative is aimed at children and young people in situation of socio-environmental vulnerability living in the Maned Wolf community. **It currently has four members and its initiatives reach approximately 550 people.**

With the support received from FunBEA, they intend to set up a community commission to deal with issues of interest to the community, aiming to increase participation in municipal councils, especially the council for children and adolescents. They will also develop strategic communication and marketing actions, based on the training of three young people, and will hold events to mobilize resources and people, in addition to building a meliponary.

6. Capoeira Maned Wolf Institute

“Through capoeira, we want to promote human development and environmental awareness through the social inclusion of vulnerable children and young people.”

Capoeira Maned Wolf Institute promotes the integration between culture, education and nature.



7. United Movement of Araçá Bay
"Preserving the mangrove and tackling climate change!"

The movement was created to protect the Araçá and Coleiro mangroves, where several environmental crimes have been committed by companies involved in oil exploration in São Sebastião. They developed a nature-based technology and are now able to replant mangroves in the region, in addition to constantly monitoring the area to prevent further degradation.

In 2024, the movement, together with other social actors in the region, overturned a municipal bill that sought to remove residents and create a tourist and urbanization spot on the waterfront.

Currently, the movement has 5 members, but its actions benefit around 4,315 people from the communities surrounding Araçá.

With the support of FunBEA, they will purchase a boat for community monitoring services in Araçá Bay and invest in stimulating tourism and planting seedlings in the mangroves, in order to restore them.

In addition, with this resource, they have strengthened partnerships, especially with schools, encouraging teachers to include the importance of mangroves in their classes. They are also developing the movement's communication and ongoing efforts monitoring and reporting environmental crimes in the region, such as constant oil spills.



Araçá's Bay. Photos Bianca Almeida



IN THE MUNICIPALTY OF UBATUBA:

8. Association of Remnants of the Quilombo Sertão de Itamambuca
"Rescuing quilombola culture and strengthening it through learning."

The collective works to rescue the quilombola identity, through actions to reclaim traditional farmland, storytelling circles, dance and instruments with a group of quilombola women, young people and children.

They will also allocate resources to strengthen Afro dance and popular songs of black culture; and promote local cooking, sewing and art classes, especially for young people and women.



Record of in-person mentorship with the women of the FunBEA association and team, Quilombo Sertão do Itamambuca. Photo: FunBEA.

They also have a very well-established community-based tourism program (TBC).

Currently, the movement has 210 members, and its actions benefit the entire quilombo community.

With the support received from FunBEA, they will strengthen the association by paying the basic expenses of the headquarters. They intend to hire an accountant and legal counsel, who will also support conflict mediation in the territory.

9. Tekoa Collective Yakã Porã - Rio Bonito Village
"Strengthening Guarani culture, demarcation of the territory and preservation of the environment."
Mbaraete, Mbya guaxu, Mborayu

The group is composed of indigenous people from the Guarani Mbya ethnic group from Rio Bonito Village, located in the Sertão do Itamambuca region of Ubatuba.

The collective develops initiatives to preserve the environment, culture, and traditions of its people. They also work toward territorial autonomy and sovereignty, with agroecological practices and community leadership, promoting social and climate justice.

Currently the movement has 47 members who are residents of the Village, including young people and adults.

With the support received from the call, they want to install solar panels in the village of Karai, neighboring the village of Rio Bonito, within the same Indigenous Territory. The collective will also strengthen its communication, carried out by young people, with the purchase of photographic equipment; they intend to strengthen Community-Based Tourism in the village and food production, with the enrichment and management of agroforestry through collective efforts. It is worth mentioning that the village has been supplying food for public school meals in Ubatuba through a municipal agreement.



10. Forest and Sea Educator Collective

"Empowering young people to take a leading role in public policies for environmental preservation."

The collective works with young people from the North Coast of São Paulo to form leaderships who promote the appreciation of the territory and the preservation of the environment.

Through educational and communication processes, the collective has been training and mobilizing young people to develop campaigns and communication to tackle the climate crisis in the region.

Currently, the collective mobilizes around 90 young people, from 8 different communities.

With the funds from the call, they intend to strengthen their communication by investing in institutional materials such as folders, T-shirts, and institutional videos, in addition to developing a resource mobilization plan. They will also train young people to disseminate educational activities, strengthening youth leadership; conduct training and exchanges with other youth educational groups, thereby expanding the network and promoting the exchange of knowledge.





Record of the rhyming battle at the bandstand during the free environmental conference. Next to him is young William, a member of the collective and Guarani media communicator. pHOTO: @midia_mbya.

11. Mbaiapo T.I Ywyty-Guaçu Indigenous Association - Renascer Village

"The Renascer Village, formed by people from the Tupi Guarani and Guarani Mbyá ethnic groups, aims to preserve culture, environment, and resistance as an indigenous community."

Renascer Village is made up of Tupi Guarani and Guarani Mbya indigenous families and occupies a territory of 2,500 hectares in Ubatuba/SP.

They work with Community-Based Tourism, among other initiatives related to environmental protection, and the strengthening of their traditional originary way of life. Their territory is a recovering area, where a mining company operated until the late 1990s.

Currently, the association has 90 members, and its activities directly benefit approximately 314 Indigenous Peoples in this territory.

With the support of this resource, they will continue their actions of preservation and recovery of the forest and biodiversity by planting native seedlings cultivated by the community itself. The village also intends to strengthen the way of life within the territory, with both ethnic groups, Tupi-Guarani and Guarani Mbyá, through chanting, dancing, and their native language.



Record of menbers of the Ywyty-Guaçu Indigenous Territory Association. Photo: FunBEA

12. Association of the Community of Remnants of Caçandoca Quilombo

"Territory defense and continuance of quilombola tradition and culture!"

The Association was created by residents in 1988 to reclaim the territory as a quilombo area, recognized as the first Quilombo in Brazil on Navy land.

Since then, the community has been mobilizing politically, seeking to secure their rights to tradition and land.

With the community united, the first Degree in Rural Education - Human and Social Sciences was created by the Federal University of ABC. The course is aimed at quilombolas, caiçaras, and indigenous people from the cities of Ubatuba, Caraguatatuba, Ilhabela, and São Sebastião. **Currently, the association has 350 members from the community itself.**

With the support received from FunBEA, they want to continue their actions to mobilize the community and strengthen community bonds. The association is building a health support room to work on reviving ancestral health practices based on medicinal herbs and local crops.



Record of in-person mentorship with representatives of FunBEA's association and team, Caçandoca Quilombo. Photo: FunBEA

IN THE MUNCIPALITY OF ILHABELA

13. Island Movement
"Raise awareness among local population and pressure public authorities to take political action to protect the environment in Ilhabela."

Formed with the objective of being a broad network of articulation and social control along public authorities.

Island Movement is composed by **19 other organizations and collectives, as well as 130 individuals**, many of them serving as representatives on several municipal councils and civil society organizations.

Its actions encompass the fight for the rights of 47 communities, including 16 traditional communities, and the 34,943 people who live in the municipality and its islands.

With FunBEA's support, they will invest in their communication, organizing internal processes and hiring journalists to collaborate with the movement. They will also launch a crowdfunding campaign to raise regular funds to cover the essential monthly costs of their operations.



Record of the first Free Environmental Conference in Ilhabela, led by Island Movement Ilha in January 2025.

IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CARAGUATATUBA:

14. ACAJU – Caiçara Juqueriquerê Association

“Rescue of Caiçara culture and preservation of mangroves in Juqueriquerê.”

Association of Caiçara residents that promotes environmental education projects, especially in the formal sphere, based on traditional Caiçara knowledge about local ecosystems.

They work to rescue and promote traditional caiçara culture and the preservation and care for the Juqueriquerê River and other coastal and marine environments in the region. **Currently, the collective has 30 members, but its actions benefit around 372 people.**

To this end, they will award scholarships to young people to conduct interviews with Caiçara elders and, based on these interviews, develop a cultural booklet. They will also use part of the funds to improve their physical space and hire an administrative technician. They also intend to invest in communication processes, creating a new website and promoting social mobilization through thematic training (climate, society, and traditional culture), including the engagement of their own members.



Photo: ACAJU’s Social Media

15. Rapecca – Caraguatatuba Agroecology, Fishing and Culture Network

"Environmental, social, and economic sustainability, valuing family farm, agroecology, artisanal fishing, and cultural traditions."

The Agroecology Network has been carrying out actions to promote security and food sovereignty.

In addition to generate income in communities through the production of community gardens and productive backyards, they seek to bring together consumers, agroecological producers, fishermen, and artisanal shellfish farmers in solidarity economy arrangements through agroecology fairs and community collective efforts. **Currently, the collective has 10 members, but their actions benefit around 3,510 people throughout the region.**

With the funds received, they want to invest in self-training and strengthening Rapecca's fight identity as a movement, through the establishment of productive backyards and local expression/training tents at fairs, where discussion groups, workshops, etc. will be held. They will also allocate resources to mobilize more people to participate in agroecology and fishing fairs, in handling community gardens and seedling nurseries integrated with the composting system at Jetuba Residencial.

In addition, the network intends to organize a front to attract tourism, visits and actions along with schools from the North Coast.



Record of members of the Caraguatatuba Agroecology, Fisheries, and Culture Network. Photo by Eduardo Ueda (RAPECCA)



Handling at Jetuba Residential Community Garden, EMEF Arouca School Garden.

VILA SAHY: THE MOST AFFECTED TERRITORY BY THE 2023 CRIME-TRAGEDY



16. Amovila – Vila Sahy Residents' Association

AMOVILA is an association of residents of Vila Sahy, whose purpose is to seek solutions and improvements for the well-being of the entire community.

It plays a very important role in the socio-environmental regeneration of this territory, which was severely impacted by the crime-tragedy of February 2023.

Currently, the association has 148 members, but its actions benefit around 2,196 people.

With the support they have received from FunBEA in recent years, AMOVILA has sought to increase its membership by carrying out community actions based on the interests of local people.

They will also continue developing actions for integration and environmental protection, in addition to cultural programming for children and young people in the community.



In-person mentoship at AMOVILA headquarters, held on November 19, 2024. Photo: Tcharlie Tuna

17. Black Root Capoeira Angola School – South Coast Center

"To rescue and maintain the culture of Capoeira Angola and its fundaments, in order to develop critical thinking in individuals and promote social inclusion."

The School, as a collective, practices capoeira as a tool for inclusion, social transformation, strengthening community ties, acceptance, and healing.

Capoeira motivates and empowers, builds up resistance, and encourages people.

Currently, the school has 15 participants, but its activities benefit around 607 people in the region.

With the funds received, they are organizing the celebration of the group's 40th anniversary, with the completion of the seat “Varanda de Angola.” The support will help to renovate and equip the space, recognized as the first Cultural Point in Vila Sahy.



Photo: Social media from Black Root Capoeira Angola School

18. Union of Those Affected

“We are the union of the invisible, the union of the excluded, we are the union of those affected.”

Movement composed by representatives of neighborhoods affected by the crime-tragedy of February 2023.

Since then, they have been working for the right to housing, promoting missions to report violations to the State Public Prosecutor's Office, providing training in popular communication, and empowering residents in their search for socio-environmental and climate justice. **Currently, the movement has 20 participants, but its actions cover 11 communities and benefit around 2,110 people.**
In their action plan for the funds received from FunBEA, they plan to connect and establish neighborhood associations, mobilizing the population to recognize their rights to decent housing; promote discussion groups on ecology, social awareness, and female empowerment (to mothers, activists, young people, artists, and leaderships); and invest in technology and technical equipment for community mobilization actions, in addition to developing their own website.



First round of discussions promoted by the Union of Those Affected, held in December 2024, with the theme: “Those who take care of their minds take care of their lives”, in the Areião community, São Sebastião. Photo: Union of Those Affected

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIPS ON THE SOUTH COAST OF SÃO SEBASTIÃO

Five leaders were also selected, including a young leader, an indigenous leader, a female leader, a community leader from Vila Sahy, and a leader with extensive experience in social movements, whose support was R$18,000.00 (eighteen thousand reais) for each.

19. Breno Silva do Nascimento - Mc Brenalta

“I am in my early twenties and have a whole group of people around me. It is important that young people are listened to, because they are the present!”



Breno Silva do Nascimento is one of the main young organizers and mobilizers in São Sebastião.

Representative of the hip hop movement, of the city's black movement, and of the Verse Battle” Collective. He is a master of ceremonies, cultural producer, writer, poet, teacher, actor, model, and rapper.

His plan to strengthen his leadership involves producing cultural circles, which are organized as “Verse Slam”, “Verse Battle”, and the “Affront” parade, with Pretxs012 collective, and the publication of his second book of poetry, using art as a tool for fight and youth mobilization. Through the indirect support provided by FunBEA, he expanded his network and joined the National Coalition of Youth for Climate and Environment - CONJUCLIMA.

20. Cosme Vitor

“I don't see myself as leadership. I help in the fight, but the leaders are the ones at the front.”



Cosme Vitor is a popular educator who has been supporting and strengthening grassroots communities in their fight for the right to decent housing throughout Brazil for over 30 years.

He is involved in the Favela Association, the Zero Evictions Campaign, and the Forum on Climate Change and Social Justice. In São Sebastião, he has been acting as a mentor to the Movement of Those Affected.

With the support of FunBEA, he intends to improve his community work with a public speaking class and a course on human rights and territory, in partnership with the Public Defender's Office of São José dos Campos.

21. Leandro dos Santos Silva - Black Léo

“May the new generations could come strong and with decisive actions to change this world.”



Leandro, better known as Nego Léo, has been working for over 15 years in his community in Vila Sahy, focusing on popular education for children and young people.

He develops activities that value and revive black culture through capoeira and other themes. He is active in the Union of Those Affected collective, where he organizes various manifestations, marches, and mobilizations in support of well-being and the fight for rights in his territory.

With the support received from FunBEA, he wants to improve the space where he teaches capoeira and develops socio-environmental actions within the theme of waste, aimed at children and adolescents. He also plans to participate in training sessions and meetings with other leaderships.

22. Sara Regina Cordeiro

“I know I can make a difference among these people.”



Sara Regina Cordeiro organizes social initiatives for those affected by the crime-tragedy São Sebastião, São Paulo.

She mobilizes the community of Vila Sahy to raise awareness about the need to recognize citizenship rights, especially the right to housing.

In her action plan with funds received from FunBEA, she intends to use popular education as a way to empower people in fighting for their rights and for decent housing.

23. Pajé Sergio Macena

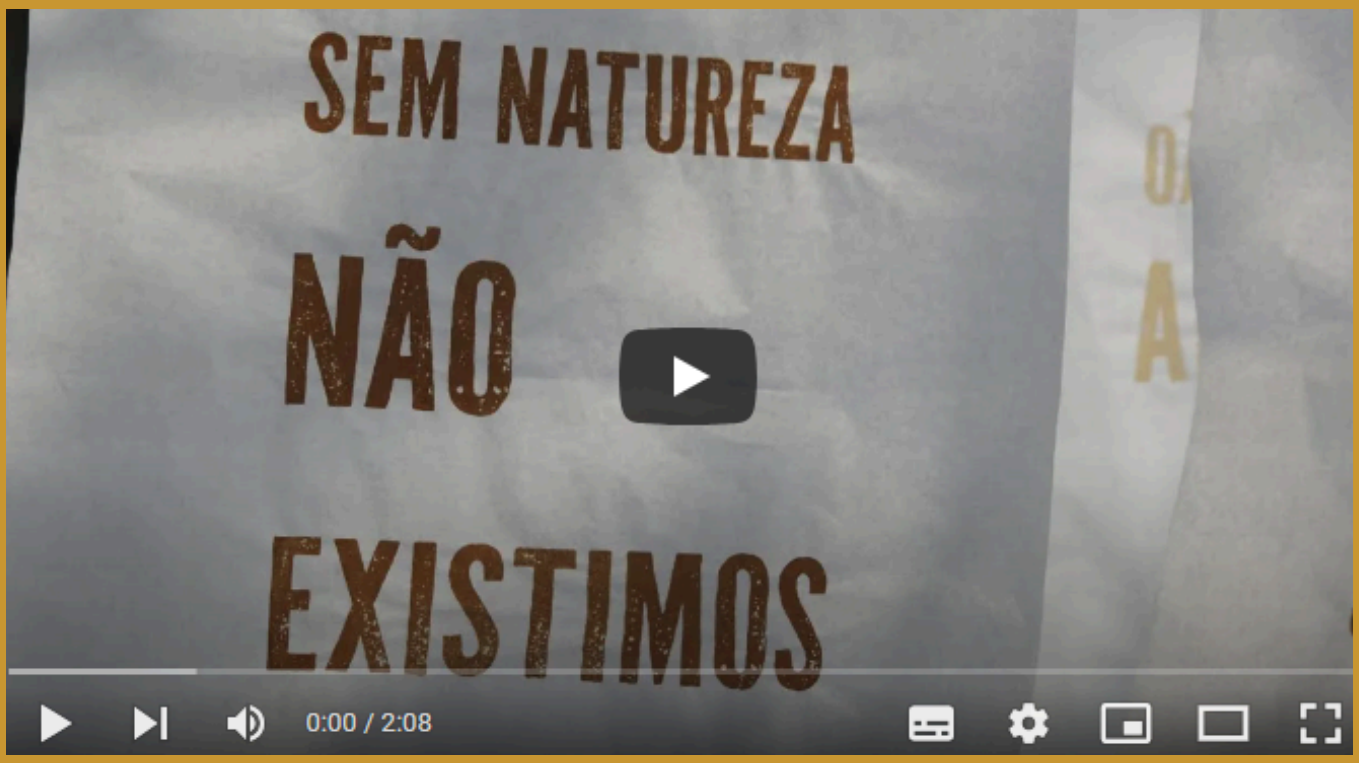
"My work is about improving lives in my community by growing food that come from our ancestors."



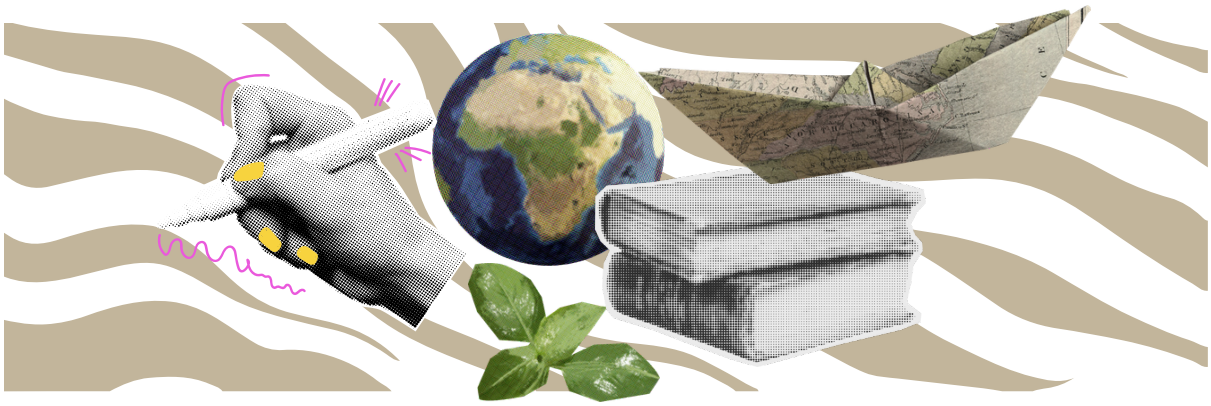
Pajé Sérgio Macena is the spiritual leader of the Guarani Rio Silveiras Indigenous Village.

He brings to his leadership the indigenous ancestry of agroforestry by cultivating and planting seeds in family backyards. In addition, he participates in various movements and councils in support for the fight for the effective homologation of his lands, which are demarcated as an Indigenous Reserve.

Based on his strengthening plan, he will promote the cultivation of crops/family farms by eight families in its community nucleus, aiming to provide healthy food and food security. In addition to the crops/family farm, he will install 15 boxes for meliponary production.



06 Knowledge Production

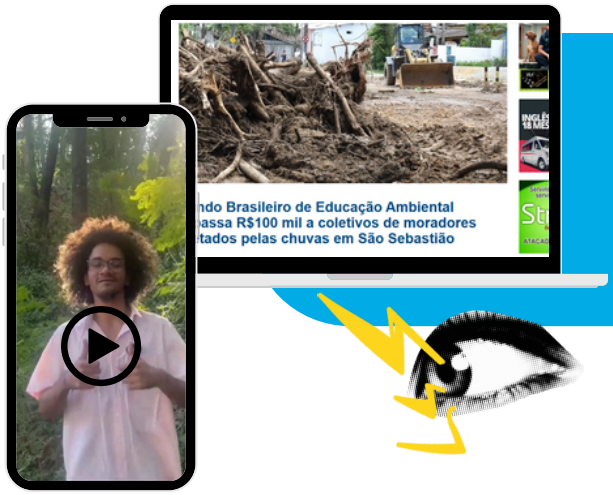


6.1 Public Call "To know to support"

In May 2024, with support from the Global Fund for Community Foundations (GFCF), FunBEA launched a Public Call for Knowledge Production and Strengthening of Socio-Environmental Collectives, Movements, and Organizations in Brazil, with research support worth R$40,000. The goal was to understand the institutional development of grassroots socio-environmental organizations throughout Brazil.

There were more than 170 applicants from all over Brazil, and researcher Igor Carvalho was selected to conduct the research and present the results during 2025. Igor, who is a PhD student in the Postgraduate Program in Sociology & Anthropology at UFRJ, has experience in teaching and research, with focus on qualitative analysis.

To understand the universe of social and environmental entities, including those in communities, peripheries, and traditional territories, is one of FunBEA's main concerns. The production of this knowledge is FunBEA's contribution to the field of philanthropy and social and environmental financing.



6.2 Rio's Friend Community



The diagnostic study investigated community's soil, water, and socioeconomic data and identified that 20% of the population lives in high-risk areas, considering implementation of infrastructure to reduce risk and/or resettle these families to be fundamental and urgent. However, 80% of the territory investigated is amenable to solutions, with the lack of resources available to families being the main obstacle to the implementation of these systems.

Since 2019, FunBEA has supported a major feasibility study on the implementation of alternative sanitation structures in vulnerable communities in the Atlantic Forest, on the coast of São Paulo. This study served as a preparatory step for the implementation of sanitation solutions in vulnerable communities.

The study was conducted in partnership with São Sebastião City Hall and São Paulo North Coast Watershed Committee, involving five Special Social Interest Zones (ZEIS): Lobo Guará, Areião, Vila Barreira, Piavú, and Vila Deborah. **In all, there are about 20,000 people living in these locations, without any sewage collection or treatment infrastructure, who will benefit from the use of the study.**

The whole process took place through training and engagement of community leaderships and residents from five communities, along with a team of sanitary engineers and environmental educators.

Based on this diagnosis, 14 executive projects for alternative and decentralized sanitation were developed so that any resident of the region, civil construction professional, or institution (City Hall, Concessionaire, NGOs, etc.) could identify the best alternative for each location. In other words, providing qualified information and fostering autonomy to local actors to seek solutions in their territory.

"The main objective was to detail plans for implementing decentralized sewage systems so that anyone can execute them."
Luan Harder, Sanitary Engineer

Another important development of this phase of studies was the participation of young people, who acted as community mobilizers, visiting residences to conduct the Socioeconomic and Environmental Assessment.

In addition, in partnership with the Coastal Conservation Institute (ICC), four workshops were held for students at ETEC Paula Souza (State Technical School), with the participation of about 40 young people between 14 and 18 years.

Down in the Gutter Series

The web series “Down in the Gutter” (Sewage) was also an outcome of the project, with four short episodes showing the impact of the lack of sewage systems on people's lives, on the environment, and even on the economic chain driven by tourism. The production follows the work of the engineering and environmental education team to present alternative solutions for basic sanitation and how, based on these solutions, to ensure the protection of lives and rivers in the region.

The series was broadcast in a partnership with NINJA Media.



The release took place at an event in the community itself on April 16th, where the results of two years of environmental and socioeconomic studies in the territory were presented.







6.3 Climate Education

“Addressing the climate emergency includes investing in quality environmental education.” This is one of FunBEA's main commitments and was also the subject of an article written by General Secretary Semíramis Biasoli and then FunBEA President Thaís Brianezi, at the request of the Climate and Sovereignty Institute. The article is an extension of the Guidelines for Climate Education, developed by the fund in 2023, in partnership with Cemaden Education and the Climate and Society Institute (iCS).



"We know that environmental education is not enough to combat climate emergency, a complex phenomenon that requires intersectoral responses. But managers and financiers need to recognize, through concrete measures, that it is important to the increase of adaptive capacities, transformative resilience, and the success of mitigation actions from the perspective of climate justice, and the empowerment of democracy. And that it does not happen spontaneously, that is, it requires intentionality, inclusion in public policies, and financing that actually reaches the territories" (excerpt from the article).

One indication of the mobilization around the theme is the **Brazilian Climate Education Coalition**, created in June 2023, with more than 90 civil society organizations, of which FunBEA is a member, which led to the creation of the Technical Chamber for Climate Environmental Education within the Brazilian Forum on Climate Change, an advisory body to the federal government.

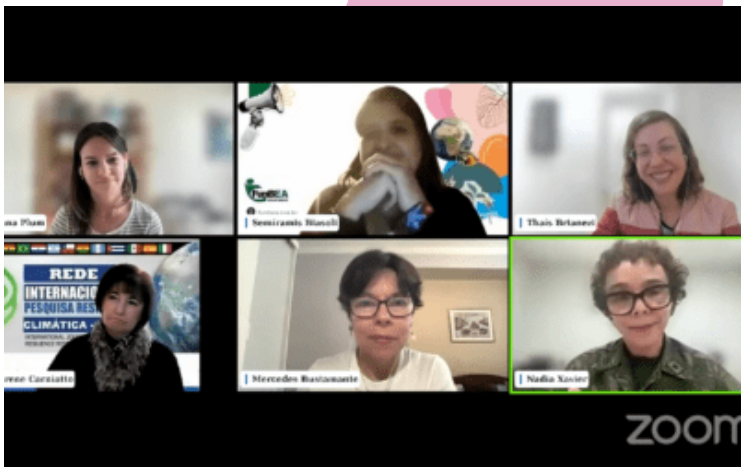
"Democracy, Sovereignty, and Climate"

In the 2nd edition of the "Democracy, Sovereignty and Climate" Webinar Cycle, FunBEA participated in the panel:

"Climate Environmental Education: Guidelines and Strategies for a Sustainable Future in Brazil," which was based on the reflections presented in the article.

Among the guests were the General Coordinator of Environmental Education for Diversity and Sustainability at the Ministry of Education (MEC), Rita Silvana Santana dos Santos, and the Coordinator of the Thematic Chamber of Climate Environmental Education at the Brazilian Forum on Climate Change, Irene Carniatto. Representatives from the Ministry of Defense were also present.





07 Communication Actions



7.1 Activist Intervention for Climate Justice

September is part of the Month for Transformative Philanthropy, an initiative by Comuá Network and its members, aiming to mobilize and raise awareness among people about the concerns of community philanthropy for social and environmental justice.
In 2024, the theme was “local climate solutions” (LCS), bringing together experiences from those who have been directly impacted by climate crisis. FunBEA participated in the proposal through the intervention “Climate Justice: the solution is local!”, developed along local movements on the North Coast, supported by the fund.

The action took place on September 21st, at Barra do Sahy beach, in the city of São Sebastião.

With the demands of the territory outlined by Amovila, the Union of Those Affected, and Escambau Culture movements, the intervention took the community's expression out in the streets in the form of protest and art.

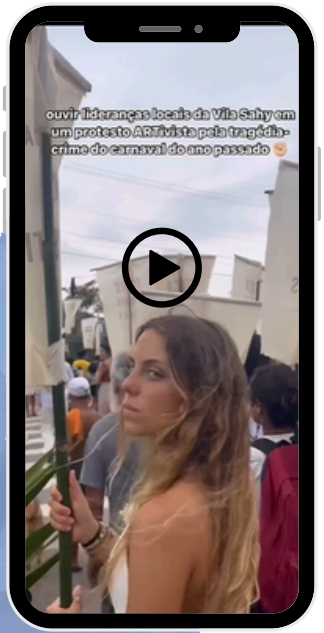




Representatives of peripheral movements and local traditional communities were present at the event, with a total of around 70 people participating directly.

"The Month for Transformative Philanthropy helps us co-create actions so that these collectives, together, can recognize themselves as protagonists of local solutions that are already happening in their territories." Semíramis Biasoli.

The actions of the Month for Transformative Philanthropy were also designed as a **communication campaign**, with press office and marketing support, reaching around 34,000 viewers.





"An important lesson learned was to work on the concept of 'climate justice' in a territory affected by a disaster. At the beginning, there was resistance to use the word 'justice' because it refers to something that is negative for residents of risk areas, since the justice they know removes them from their homes, without rights and, often, without respect. We did educational work so that the concept would be embraced by the group." Grace Luzzi, Coordinator of Communication of FunBEA

7.2 Water caretakers Social Communication Program in the Ribeira Valley

The Ribeira Valley territory (southern and southeastern region of São Paulo) is of great global importance, being the main preserved strip of Atlantic Forest in Brazil, with a wide diversity of environments and species, home to important remnants of sandbanks (150,000 hectares), mangroves (17,000 hectares), and estuaries.

The high conservation rates are a reflection of the 46 conservation units that exist in the region, 17 of which are fully protected and 29 are for sustainable use, meaning that 60% of the land area of the Ribeira Valley is covered by conservation units.

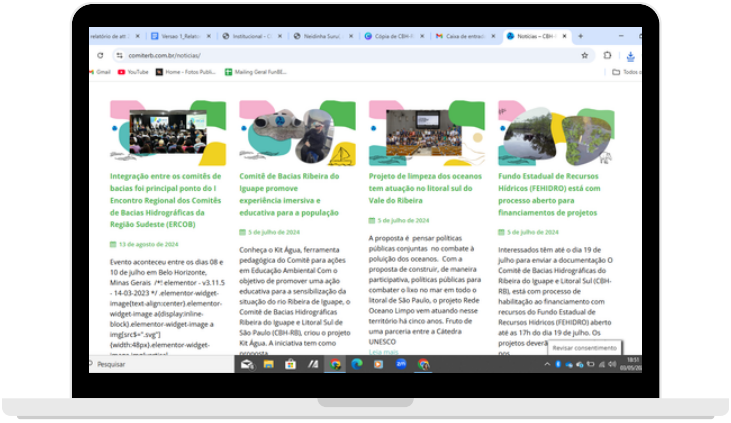
Such wealth requires a variety of conservation strategies, and in this regard, FunBEA has been working with committees such as the Ribeira Iguape and South Coast Watersheds Committee (CBH-RB) as a way of political incidency on regional and municipal levels.

Since 2019, as a result of this partnership with CBH-RB, FunBEA has been promoting training with local leaderships, articulation of partnerships, and the development of nature-based solutions with community leadership in the basins. These actions are part of the fund's training support line, financed by the State Water Resources Fund – FEHIDRO.

Between 2022 and 2023, FunBEA conducted a study that identified approximately 85 socio-environmental initiatives in the region. In 2024, continuing this territorial work, the fund promoted a special training program with representatives from these initiatives. The edition, entitled **“Water Caretakers: Territory, Environmental Education, and Water Management”**, focused on engaging these actors and strengthening the territorial network.

In addition to this training, the work also involved providing technical advice on communication to the executive secretariat of the Committee itself.





7.3 Strenghtening of Environmental Collectives in Minas Gerais

FunBEA is supporting the strengthening of 249 Local Environmental Collectives—the Hives—which are part of the Socio-Environmental Program for the Protection and Recovery of Water Springs, Pro-Water Springs, in the state of Minas Gerais.

Pro-Water Springs aims to protect and recover micro-watersheds and recharge areas of water sources used for water collection and public supply in cities operated by Copasa in Minas Gerais.

The actions are developed by HIVES through partnerships with local communities, in conjunction with city halls, public schools, state agencies, and NGOs, among other actors, aiming to improve water quality and promoting environmental, economic, and social sustainability.

The first step in strengthening these collectives was a territorial diagnosis, made between April and May 2024, with in-person visits to six regions of the state. The objective was to identify achievements and potentialities, as well as the challenges to develop more effective solutions and strengthen the resilience and adaptability of the HIVES. As the next step in this process, FunBEA will support educommunicative interventions with the 249 HIVES throughout 2025.

"Diagnostics are fundamental in the initial stages of educommunication processes. They enable a deep understanding of reality, encompassing the complexity of interactions between physical, social, cultural, political, and economic dimensions that make up the territory and the relationships of the people involved." Mariane Lima, Educator and Program Manager at FunBEA.





7.4 Occupy the Beach

Coastal and Marine Zone is one of FunBEA's areas of activity, which is why the fund supported a major climate education campaign in defense of the territory and popular sovereignty, against the approval of PEC 03/2022.

This action took place on June 22nd, at Arrastão beach, in São Sebastião (SP), organized by Caiçara Collective of São Sebastião, Ilhabela and Caraguatatuba, a movement supported by FunBEA since 2022. The day was marked as an act of citizenship, with an agenda of fraternization between associations, cooperatives, unions, fishermen, athletes, beach users, and citizens of the North Coast of the state of São Paulo, in addition to raising awareness among the general population that participated in the event.

The bill proposes to amend Federal Constitution regarding coastal land, allowing urban expansion. This poses a risk to coastal, marine, and riverine ecosystems, as well as representing a direct attack on traditional coastal peoples and communities.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08 Alliances, networks and partnerships



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South Funds Alliance
2024 was also marked by recognition of FunBEA as an independent Brazilian socio-environmental education activist fund, a member of this important alliance between socio-environmental funds in the Global South. The network brings together 16 members, who together work in 50 African, American, and Asian countries, accounting for more than US$90 million in territorial support.

Alianza's mission is to strengthen activist philanthropic actors in the Global South, rooted in their territories, and influence the global conversation on financial flows and power dynamics, expanding access to resources for grassroots organisations and communities on the front lines of the climate and socio-environmental crisis. In 2025, the Alliance will be organizing Global South House during COP 30—a platform for political coordination, mobilization, and knowledge production among actors in global southern philanthropy.

Brazilian Climate Education Coalition (CEBEC)

More than 90 organizations have joined this coalition, which is made up of organizations, collectives, and individuals committed to promoting climate change education in Brazil. FunBEA joins the network with the Climate Environmental Education Guidelines and as the only fund among the members, advocating and mobilizing resources for the climate education agenda.
In a COP year, FunBEA and CEBEC are preparing together to defend the role of education in the climate agenda.

Comuá Network - GT Comuá for Climate

As a member of the Comuá Network for community philanthropy and socio-environmental justice, FunBEA is part of the climate agenda working group. In 2024, this group promoted the launch of the Comuá Technical Note on Climate, an overview on the climate actions of the network's 18 members, highlighting local climate solutions financed, developed, and/or co-created with civil society organizations and groups working on the front lines to combat the effects of climate change.

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Territorial Alliance

Within Comuá Network, Territorial Alliance is a union of organizations such as FunBEA, Fluminense House, Baixada Maranhense Community Institute, Great Florianópolis Community Institute (ICOM), Procomum Institute, Maré and Tabôa Community Strengthening Network.
In 2024, the Alliance received new financial support from the Global Fund for Community Foundations (GFCF). With FunBEA as fiscal sponsor, the funding enabled investment in internal strengthening, hiring an executive advisor to facilitate the development of the group's action plan.

Alliance Exchanges

There were two Territorial Alliance immersions in 2024, to learn about supported territories, plan strategic actions, share experiences and structure future goals.

The first one was in Florianópolis in March, hosted by ICOM. On that occasion, members met the Frei Damião community. They also had the opportunity to participate in the Connecting Communities in America (CCA) Seminar, which promotes

apprenticeship visits among community foundations and support organizations from different countries, promoted by Community Foundations Leading Change CF Leads.

The second exchange took place in December, hosted by Baixada Maranhense Institute. The objective was to develop an action plan for 2025, which includes the creation of a funding call to jointly reach the seven territories. On that occasion, the members participated in "Cazumbada: Shaking Up Development," a territorial immersion laboratory in quilombola communities in the Baixada Maranhense region.





Environmental Education of Portuguese-Speaking Countries and Communities

FunBEA is one of the organizers of the **VIII International Congress on Environmental Education of Portuguese-Speaking Countries and Communities**, which will take place in July 2025, with the theme **“Environmental education and local action: responses to climate emergencies, environmental justice, democracy and good living”**, two decades after the first edition.

In addition to supporting the congress’s organization, FunBEA will contribute to the event's program with parallel activities, sharing its experience as an independent fund and contributing to strengthening climate education funding. Fundraising for this important event has been underway since 2024.

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Luso Network: a network of Environmental Educators that has been in activity for eighteen years and promotes cooperation and national political strategies in Environmental Education among Angola, Brazil, Cape Verde, Galicia, Guinea Bissau, Equatorial Guinea, Mozambique, Portugal, São Tomé and Príncipe and East Timor. Heads of State from Luso Network countries, as well as national and international researchers and organizations working on Environmental Education area, will participate in the congress. The main objective is to promote debate amid government and civil society representatives on Climate Environmental Education, in Portuguese-speaking countries and communities.

09 The quest for funding decentralization for communities and territories



Both on international and Brazilian agendas, FunBEA was at important events, as a guest or participant, defending the importance of resources reaching the territories.

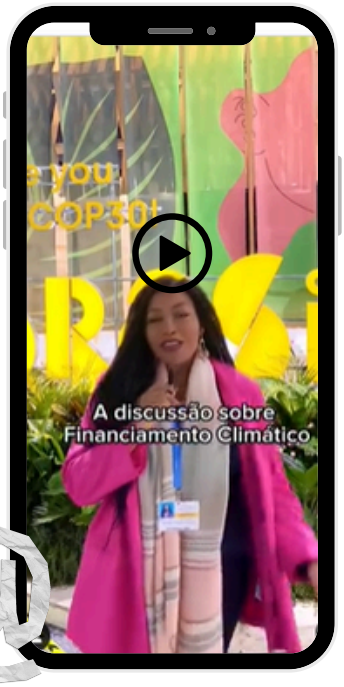
- **International Agenda**

COP 29 - Baku, Azerbaijan
FunBEA was present at the most important event on the climate agenda, in Azerbaijan, addressing the theme of financing for local climate solutions – created by, for and with communities. Debate rounds were promoted in the Blue Zone where the main events of the central agenda and the official negotiations were held, as well as panels in partnership with other organizations.

Members of the executive team from Comuá Network, Fluminense House, Her+ Donate to Transform, Brazil Human Rights Fund, FunBEA, Socioenvironmental Fund House and the Climate and Society Institute (iCS) participated in the program.

“The negotiations showed, once again, the lack of ambition of countries. While climate crisis requires quick and bold action, what we saw was a slow process, stalled and often detached from the urgencies of those who suffer most from climate change. Now, the focus is on COP 30, in Belém. It will be a great challenge and also a unique opportunity to bring the Amazon, the Global South and push the most important voices to the center of the discussions. (...) COP is a space of fight, but also of contradictions. While we can see progress in some areas, the influence of corporate interests and the exclusion of essential voices remain as barriers we need to knock down.” Mahryan Sampaio, FunBEA’s counselor and representative on COP.

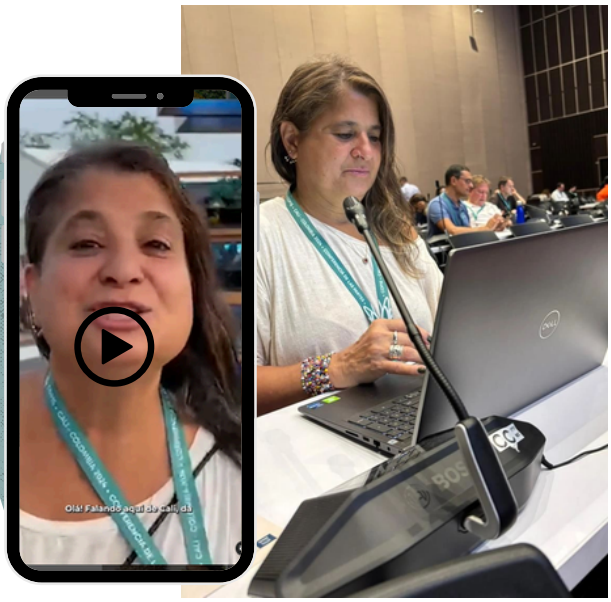
As a direct correspondent from Baku, Mahryan produced a reels collab with Climax Now and FunbEA.



Biodiversity COP - Cali, Colombia

"Support needs to reach the territories and communities that protect the world's biodiversity. That was the most common talk I heard there". This is the report of FunBEA's general secretary, Semíramis Biasoli, who represented FunBEA during the United Nations Conference on Biodiversity – COP16, which took place from October 21st to November 1st, in Cali, Colombia.

One of the most discussed points during the event – which brought together around 190 countries – was undoubtedly the financing for actions to protect biodiversity all over the planet.



After the event, Semiramis wrote an article for **Economic Value Magazine**, highlighting the importance of territorial financing actions.

Social G20 - Rio de Janeiro

Semíramis Biasoli also represented FunBEA on the panel Local Funds and Community Philanthropy: the financial arm of communities on Global South, organized by PIPA Initiative and Comuá Network. The event took place within the scope of the G20 summit and parallel events, held in November, in the city of Rio de Janeiro; and also in the Latin America and Caribbean Regional Policy Dialogue, promoted by WINGS and Latimpacto;
and in Pathways to Green and Equitable Development, by Cebrap and Phenomenal World, with support from Open Society and iCS (Climate and Society Institute).

The panel discussed the importance of investment and philanthropy in advancing agendas to combat inequality, violence and climate justice in the peripheries and slums from Global South.



Territory's Voices

Also participating in the discussion forums within the scope of the Social G20 was the representative of the territory supported by FunBEA, community leader Sara Regina Cordeiro, a resident of Vila Sahy, on the North Coast of São Paulo, directly affected by a socio-environmental disaster in February 2023. Sara, who is also a member of the Movement of People Affected by Dams (MAB), was at the table that discussed land regularization in Brazil.

"But those who end up paying the price are the most vulnerable populations, who contribute the least to the climate crisis," says Sara.



Bonn's Conference (SB60)

The Bonn Climate Change Conference takes place every year in June in Bonn, a city from Germany, as a preparatory meeting for the Conference of the Parties (COP), which is the main annual meeting of the UNFCCC.

During Bonn Conference, representatives from government, private sector, and civil society reunite to discuss and negotiate policies and actions related to tackling climate change.

Mahryan Sampaio, a climate activist and FunBEA advisor, attended the conference as a representative of the fund. She assessed that, in the negotiation of the NAPs (National Adaptation Plans), everything remained the same. The least developed countries argue that there is no way to build serious and effective plans without resources. The counselor also highlighted that, although discussions on gender and youth were present every day of the conference, this was only due to the action of civil society, with few governments citing their relevance.



1° International Meeting of Territories and Knowledge (EITS)

FunBEA supported and attended this important international event, which took place between September 9th and 15th in Paraty (RJ), bringing together participants from 28 countries, 24 states, 6 biomes, and 133 Brazilian municipalities. The purpose of the meeting was to articulate scientific and traditional knowledge to promote health and sustainable development at territorial level. The event is organized by Oswaldo Cruz Foundation (Fiocruz) in partnership with Traditional Communities Forum, Fluminense University, and Unesp.
FunBEA participated in the panel discussion “Financing territorialized projects: institutional, political, and community challenges,” bringing the perspective of an independent fund to the decentralization of resources to territories and communities.
Joining FunBEA at the table were Ronaldo dos Santos, Secretary of Policies for Quilombolas, Traditional African-Based Peoples and Communities, Terreiros Peoples, and Gypsies at the Ministry of Racial Equality (MIR); the Manager of the Department of Productive Inclusion and Education of the National Bank for Economic and Social Development (BNDES), Marcos Matias Cavalcante, and the Community of Guapiruvú, Sete Barras (SP), representative of the Forum of Traditional Communities of Ribeira’s Valley, Lavínia Ribeiro Marques.

"Public calls for proposals, in general, such as those issued by BNDES and Funbio, are generally difficult to win. Big companies get the contracts and we are left with crumbs. We are working on initiatives to improve our writing skills so we can compete. But what we really want is conditions to improve our fishing... I want to catch fish and use every part of it, even the bones, to make handicrafts. We want clarity and conditions that allow us to participate in these public calls for proposals." Lucimar Machado, corral fisherwoman, Baía de Guanabara - RJ.







"There is the challenge of managing resources in a way that meets the real needs and desires of communities. Knowing how to invest in priorities may seem simple, but it is not." Isabela Kojin, FunBEA Program Coordinator.



Isabela, who also attended the event, published an article in **Le Monde Diplomatique Brasil**, sharing her impressions of the meeting, which was attended by territorial leaders from five continents.

C20

Another important event in 2024 was Civil20 (C20), a global forum for coordination and engagement that has been operating since 2013 to encourage world leaders to consider the recommendations and demands of civil society organizations in G20 negotiations.

The 2024 edition was particularly special, with Brazil holding the C20 Presidency, coordinated by ABONG - Brazilian Association of NGOs.

FunBEA joined forces with civil society organizations involved in the process, resulting in the C20 Brazil 2024 Policy Pack, a document that brings together the final recommendations of 10 working groups, developed over months of meetings and dialogues, with the participation of more than 2,500 people representing 1,700 organizations from 91 countries. The FunBEA representative team contributed especially to the following groups: Education and Culture; Sustainable and Resilient Communities; Disaster Risk Reduction; Philanthropy and Sustainable Development.

“Catalyzing Change - The Role of Education in the Construction of a Fair and Sustainable Future” - Rio de Janeiro, Brasil

This important seminar, organized by FGV DGPE, the Education Above All Foundation, and by the OECD's Network of Foundations Working for Development (net FWD), took place on November 19th, also within the framework of the G20 Leaders' Summit in Rio de Janeiro.

Aiming to discuss the role of education in the global climate agenda, the event brought together education secretaries from all over Brazil, national and international organizations from the philanthropic ecosystem, and the Brazilian Minister of Human Rights, Macaé Evaristo.

FunBEA Communications Coordinator Grace Luzzi was invited to represent FunBEA and give a keynote speech on the importance of educational processes that work on climate resilience in communities, understanding the need for adaptation and reparation in post-disaster areas.

“We witnessed a post-climate tragedy scenario in Brazil and learned the hard way that climate literacy is extremely necessary. From training to save themselves in an emergency to fighting for their rights, people need to be increasingly prepared.” Grace Luzzi, Communications Coordinator, FunBEA

- **National Agenda:**

F20 Climate Solutions Forum - Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

From June 4th to 6th, the city of Rio de Janeiro hosted the F20 Climate Solutions Forum 2024, bringing together national and international philanthropic actors, public managers, researchers, and civil society from different countries to form new alliances, share knowledge and experiences, and amplify the voices of philanthropy from Global South in G20 discussions.
Promoted by F20 Platform, in partnership with iCS, the Avina Foundation and GIFE, the event took place in the context of the Brazilian presidency of the G20, on the subject **"Responsibility in Action: Building Bridges for North-South Partnerships"**, approaching issues related to Sustainable Finance, Food Security, Adaptation to Climate Change, SDGs and Climate Inequalities.
Represented by Semiramis Biasoli, FunBEA was present at the event alongside Comuá Network's members, which have articulated this important incidency on the event.



Learning Journey on International Negotiations on Climate Change

On the pre-events anticipating COP 16 and COP 29, FunBEA participated at the Learning Journey on International Negotiations on Climate Change, held by House Fund between June and August 2024.

The journey consisted on 6 workshops covering topics such as Energetic and Fair Transition; Youth in the Climate Debate; Community Finance and Philanthropy; and the Multilateral Framework for Climate and Biodiversity COPs. FunBEA's counselor, Marahyan Sampaio, attended Youth in the Climate Debate panel.

"Brazil is Back" Seminar Series - transdisciplinary dialogues on environment and society.

Based on a long-standing partnership with the Institute of Advanced Studies (IEA) at the University of São Paulo, in early 2024, FunBEA participated in this important cycle of debates on public environmental education policies regarding climate change.
The event had as speakers the then president of FunBEA, Thaís Brianezi, the Secretary of Environmental Education of the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change, Marco Sorrentino, the researcher at CEMADEM Education and FunBEA advisor, Rachel Trajber, among others.

The event was organized by the National Articulation of Public Policies for Environmental Education - ANPPEA, of which FunBEA is a member, and by the Institute of Advanced Studies at USP.

ABCR Festival 2024

In the 2024 edition, the biggest in the history of the renowned fundraising event, with more than a thousand people registered, the ABCR Festival featured the panel "Financing Social Justice: Challenges and Opportunities" with Comuá Network, in addition to an activity on donation circles - a strategy that is part of the FunBEA's Method of support .

Relationship Analyst Ana Patrícia Arantes attended the event representing the fund.

"The event showcases national and global funding trends, as well as enabling excellent networking with peers and funders." Ana Patrícia Arantes, FunBEA's Relationship Analyst.

ONEPEACE's 18th Anniversary

FunBEA was present at the 18th anniversary event of ONEPEACE - Coordination of Environmental Education and Culture of Peace, Open University of the Environment and Culture of Peace, which is the managing body of the Municipal Environmental Education Policy of São Paulo.
The fund's president, Thaís Brianezi, participated in the panel "Challenges of Environmental Education from the perspective of the climate emergency and its actors, from the local to the global".

"Education, Territories and Climate Justice"

FunBEA was one of the organizations invited to participate in the Public Hearing: "Education, Territories and Climate Justice" at the Legislative Assembly of the State of São Paulo. The occasion made history celebrating the approval of the bill that establishes the Fight Against Climate Change State Day, by the Feminist Bench, in partnership with Educlima project and the Center for Research in Organizations, Society and Sustainability at USP.

Ana Patrícia Arantes, FunBEA's relationship analyst, attended the event, sharing the work FunBEA has been developing in recent years on climate education with leaderships, collectives, and movements for the reparation of the North Coast, Ribeira's Valley, and South Coast.





POP Plus

FunBEA was also present at POP Plus, an inclusive and sustainable fashion event, organized by journalist Flávia Durante, and considered the biggest plus size fashion and culture fair in the world.

The event, which featured lectures and performances, took place in São Paulo, between September 14th and 15th, and FunBEA's Program Coordinator, Isabela Kojin, participated in the Talk “Is sustainability fashionable?”



FUNGI CONVERSATION - Shift The Power

Since 2023, when FunBea was in Colombia participating in the global event on community philanthropy, it has been committed to #ShiftThePower, which is one of its principles.

Organized by Fundación Magenta (Colombia), Fundación FUDE (Argentina), Carduma Social (Brazil) and ELLAS (Latin America) in 2024, “Fungi Conversation” was a series of debates and lectures around the theme of "power decentralization." Altogether, the activities involved 7 rounds of conversation and open and plural exchanges with 196 people from 12 countries, and a survey with 63 organizations, of which only 5% were funds.

"It's a global movement defined as a mobilizing force that seeks to legitimize and unite new ways of 'deciding and doing,' emerging around the world. The Movement emerged seven years ago at the Global Summit on Community Philanthropy in Johannesburg, where the hashtag #ShiftThePower was launched as a call for change."

SASA Workshop – Building Connections and Confluences

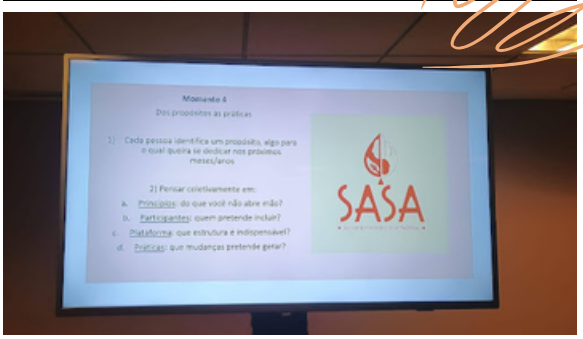
Closing out 2024, FunBEA's team was invited to join one of the panels at the event that took place in Salvador (BA), on December 18, aiming to discuss global issues that directly affect society, such as women's and girls' rights, conflicts and post-conflicts, modern slavery and environmental humanities.

With the participation of 70 guests, including researchers, representatives of government and non-governmental organizations, community leaders, and artists, the central purpose of the SASA Workshop was to mobilize local and international knowledge, strengthening a global collaboration network that values cultural diversity and regional demands.

The SASA Workshop, an acronym for South America and SouthEast Asia, is a strategic alliance led by renowned national and international institutions: Keele University (United Kingdom), the project's proposing institution; the Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC), the meeting's funder; and the University of Brasília (UnB), a Brazilian partner institution.

Program Coordinator Isabela Kojin represented FunBEA and signed the Letter from Agroforestry and Nature-Based Solutions - sowing future after climate disaster.





1o FunBEA's Institutional Development



Strategic planning
Held in January 2024, the Institutional Strategic Planning Meeting was attended by the Board and the executive team, with mediation by Conectivity Consultancy . This meeting initiated the process of renewing the fund's deliberative council.



Renewal of the Councils
The FunBEA deliberative council is responsible for the institution's legal decisions and is formed by a group of people committed to the transformations that Brazilian society needs to experience. They are socio-environmental activists, managers, social scientists, politicians, scientists, thinkers of contemporary society, and leaders of major institutions.
In 2024, the presidency of the Council was held by journalist and educommunication specialist at ECA/USP, Thaís Brianezi, and agronomist and PhD in Sustainability from UnB, Luis Antônio Ferraro Jr.

Both made a very important contribution to the establishment of a new board that would be more in line with the current financing reality for an independent fund. This new board brought in people who not only had remarkable professional careers, but who also saw the strength of FunBEA in the communities where it works. These are people who bring strategic visions and bonds of affection as part of their contributions.

Meet the new counselors for 2024:



Mahryan Sampaio (current president)
Climate activist and youth representative at UN. With 25 years, Mahryan is already a Brazilian leader on the climate agenda, promoting critical reflection on environmental racism.



Mariana Rico
An activist and expert in sustainability, ESG, and circular economy, she is currently a professor at ESPM and PUCS SP, and coordinator of the of the MBA in ESG Management and Sustainability at Exam Faculty. She has worked at GIFE, Instituto ATÁ, and New Urban. She lived in Auroville (India), considered the largest ecovillage in the world, working on women's empowerment and non-violent communication projects.



Graciela Hopstein
A well-known and cherished figure in the global philanthropic ecosystem, Graciela joined the FunBEA board with a strategic eye for the field.

Former executive director of Comuá Network, she is the author of several books and articles on topics related to public policy, social movements, democracy, community development, and philanthropy.



Daniel Brandão
With over 25 years of experience in impact investing, Daniel Brandão is currently a partner and Director of Nature-Based Solutions at VOX Capital, an impact business investment manager.



Neidinha Suruí
An activist for indigenous rights and one of the leading advocates for human rights and traditional territories in Brazil, she joined FunBEA with the aim of "Amazonizing" the territories where the fund operates.



Erika Sanchez Saez
Executive Director of the IACP Institute, Erika joins the FunBEA board, bringing her strategic perspective on institutional development in civil society.

A specialist in global governance, she has worked for several organizations, including Oxfam, Care Brasil, Johnson & Johnson, and the São Paulo City Development Agency.

Neidinha is mother of global indigenous leader Txai Suruí, and together they produced the documentary "Territory," which won an Emmy in 2024. She is also the managing partner of the Kanindé Organization, which defends more than 50 indigenous peoples throughout Brazil.

Institutional Communication
Focused on storytelling about communities and territories supported by FunBEA, the institutional communications area reached new audiences and broke new ground in 2024. As a strategy, the area seeks to influence different media, always promoting its priority agendas: climate and socio-environmental justice.



CULTURE TV

Press office
Collaborating with Vira Communication, the fund managed to place 26 news stories and articles in mass media and independent media outlets in Brazil.

- I**mpact highlights:**



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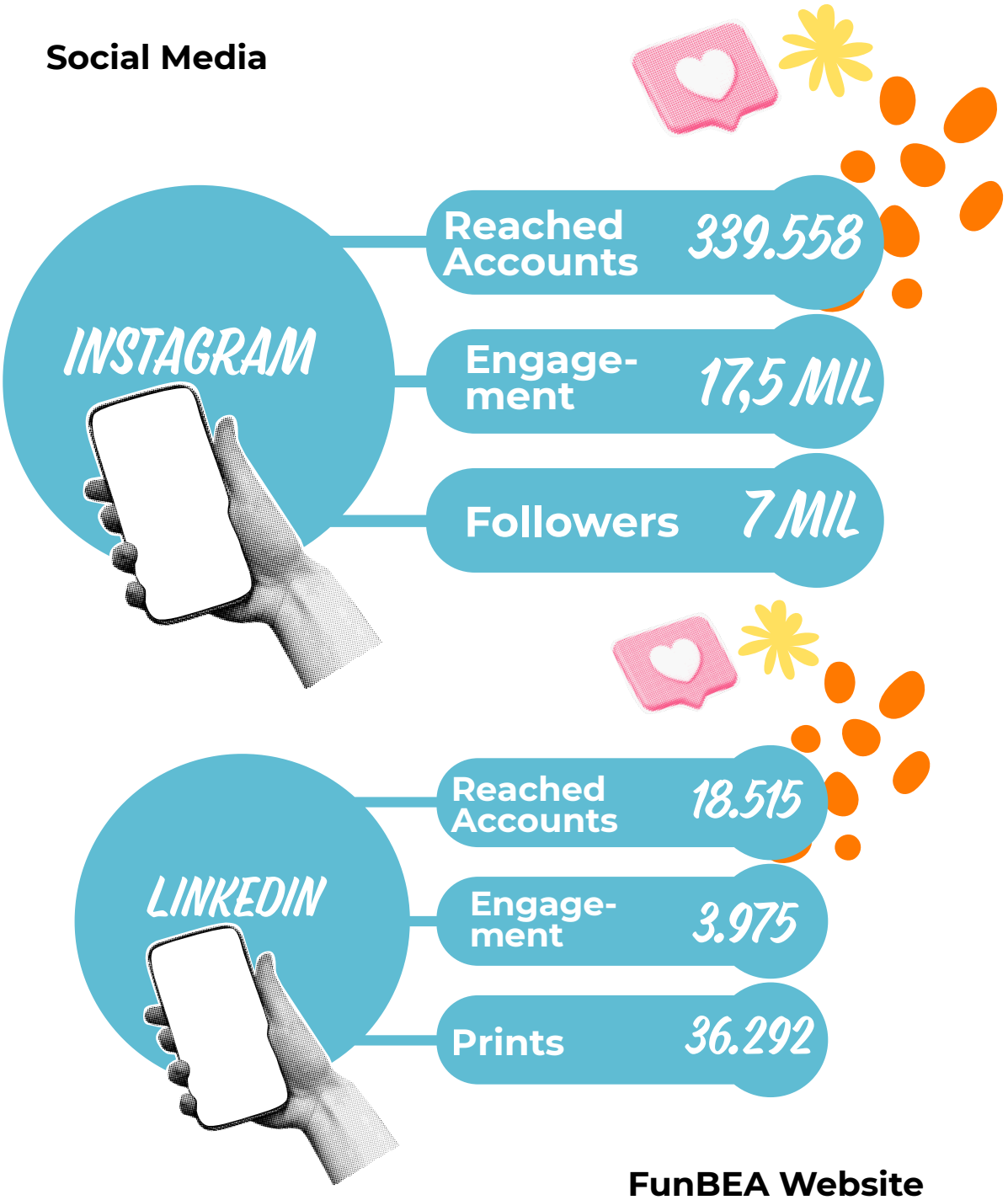
It is also important to highlight the participation in FADS Talk, a program run by Socio-Environmental Democratic Wide Front that brings together more than 300 socio-environmental activists. The program airs on GGN TV, an independent journalism network focused on socio-environmental information and agendas.



GGN TV

Social Media



FunBEA Website

2024 was also the year of a new design for the organization's webpage.



Newsletter - Sustainable Review

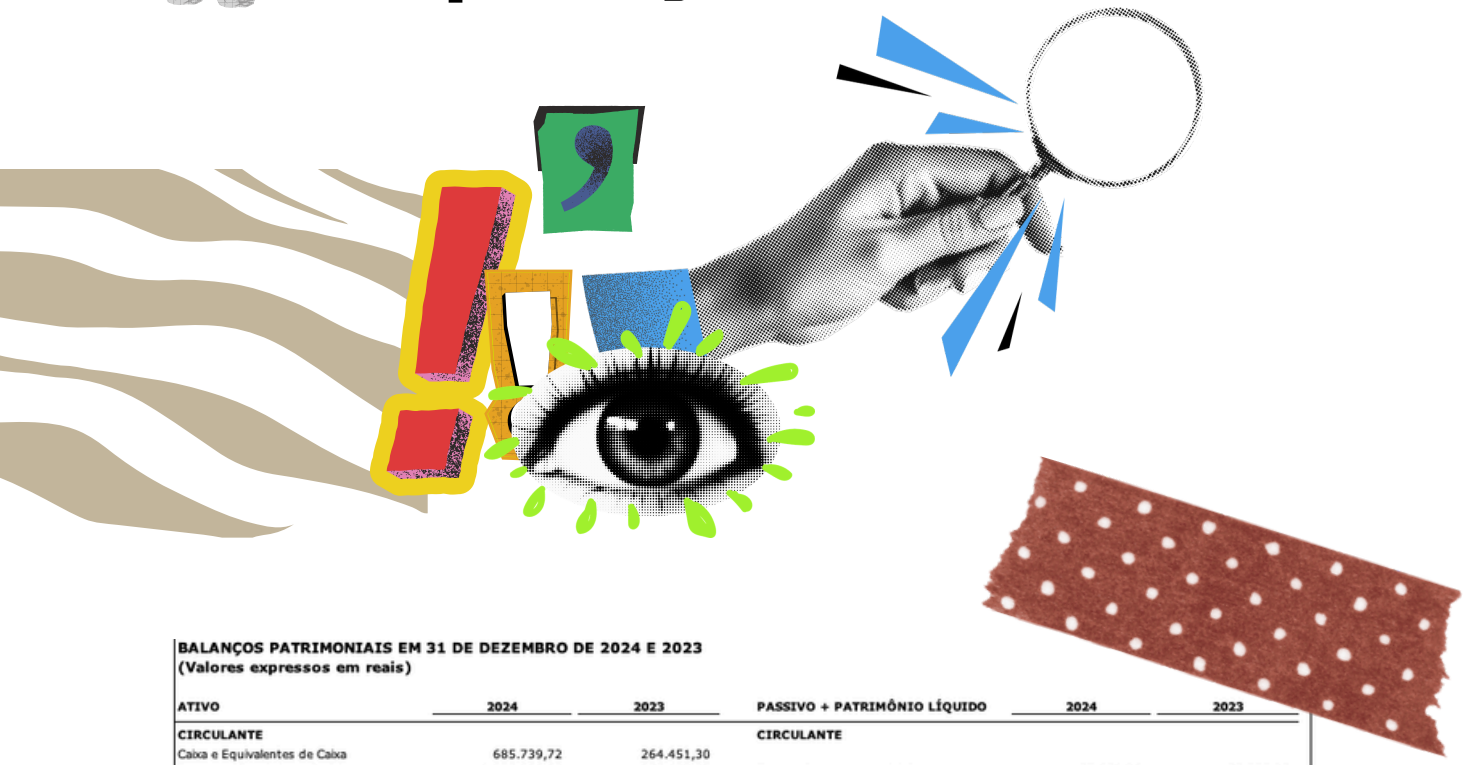
To maintain direct communication with partners and collaborators, a monthly newsletter featuring special articles and a review of the month from the organization's perspective.

The highlights of 2024 were articles such as **“Climate financing on the territorial ground,”** which provided an overview of the possibilities for decentralizing resources to grassroots communities. It presents a special interview with Alice Amorim, a climate policy expert and, at the time, Director of Partnerships and Communication at the Climate and Society Institute (iCS). The article also yielded a special podcast.

Another highlight was the special article **“The Amazonias”** in the September issue, featuring a special appearance by Sara Pereira, coordinator of FASE, a FunBEA partner organization in the Amazon region of Pará, in a special episode of **Susteintable Review podcast.**



11 Transparency



BALANÇOS PATRIMONIAIS EM 31 DE DEZEMBRO DE 2024 E 2023
(Valores expressos em reais)

ATIVO	2024	2023	PASSIVO + PATRIMÔNIO LÍQUIDO	2024	2023
CIRCULANTE			**CIRCULANTE**		
Caixa e Equivalentes de Caixa	685.739,72	264.451,30			
Recursos Vinculados a Projetos	1.153.144,40	123.429,26	Fornecedores sem restrição	37.631,84	23.555,03
	1.838.884,12	**387.880,56**	Fornecedores com restrição	2.650,00	3.090,00
			Obrigações Sociais	126,72	10.246,22
Direitos Realiz. A Curto Prazo			Obrigações Trabalhistas	222,65	-
Valores a Receber	-	508.033,74	Projetos em Execução	1.235.520,42	348.520,90
Outros Créditos	40.128,04	31.043,86			
Despesas Exercício Seguinte	-	364,66	**TOTAL DO PASSIVO CIRCULANTE**	**1.276.151,63**	**385.412,15**
	40.128,04	**539.442,26**			
TOTAL DO ATIVO CIRCULANTE	**1.879.012,16**	**927.322,82**			
IMOBILIZADO			**PATRIMÔNIO LÍQUIDO**		
			Patrimônio Social	496.003,45	367.052,87
Bens Tangíveis	6.978,56	6.978,56	Superávit (Déficit) do exercício	111.160,51	180.556,95
(-) Depreciações e Amortizações	(2.675,13)	(1.279,41)	**TOTAL DO PATRIMÔNIO LÍQUIDO**	**607.163,96**	**547.609,82**
TOTAL IMOBILIZADO	**4.303,43**	**5.699,15**			
TOTAL ATIVO NÃO CIRCULANTE	**4.303,43**	**5.699,15**			
TOTAL DO ATIVO	**1.883.315,59**	**933.021,97**	**TOTAL DO PASSIVO + PATRIMÔNIO LÍQUIDO**	**1.883.315,59**	**933.021,97**

DEMONSTRAÇÃO DO SUPERÁVIT (DÉFICIT) DO PERÍODO
EM 31 DE DEZEMBRO DE 2024 E 2023

Valores expressos em R$

	2024	2023
RECEITAS OPERACIONAIS		
RECEITAS OPERACIONAIS	**3.657.193,75**	**3.828.171,94**
Receitas de projetos e parcerias	1.188.325,25	**917.875,11**
Serviços Prestados	2.494.566,73	**2.927.075,05**
ISS S/Serviços Prestados	- 49.891,34	**- 58.541,51**
Doações	9.353,11	**22.418,29**
Trabalho Voluntário	14.840,00	**19.345,00**
(-) DESPESAS OPERACIONAIS	**- 3.722.465,57**	**- 3.654.941,57**
Custos com Programas e Atividades	- 3.118.628,70	- 3.372.299,05
Despesas Operacionais	- 581.816,76	- 262.018,11
Despesas Tributárias	- 6.374,08	-
Despesas c/ Depreciações	- 806,03	- 1.279,41
Trabalho Voluntário	- 14.840,00	- 19.345,00
Superávit/Deficit da Operações Sociais	**- 65.271,82**	**173.230,37**
RESULTADO FINANCEIRO LÍQUIDO	**176.432,33**	**7.326,58**
(+) Receitas Financeiras	180.906,57	7.422,48
(-) Despesas Financeiras	- 4.474,24	- 95,90
SUPERÁVIT/DÉFICIT DO PERÍODO	**111.160,51**	**180.556,95**

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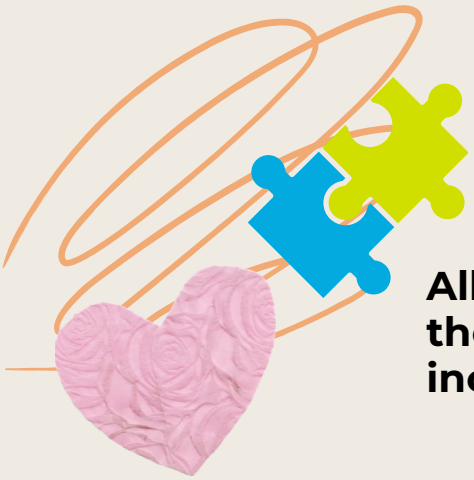

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