

THE BURITI AGRO EXTRACTIVISM: AN ALTERNATIVE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE BRAZILIAN AMAZON REGION

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ABSTRACT

The Brazilian Amazon Forest is internationally renowned by its biodiversity and importance for the population, mainly for those people who live in the most remote rural communities. In these

cases, survival is almost always guaranteed due to fishing, the açai fruit, the flour and other products originated from the vegetal extractivism, such as for example, the buriti (*Mauritia flexuosa*). Therefore, one intends to contribute to the discussion of the sustainable development of the traditional rural communities, whether or not isolated ones, who work with the extraction of the 'palmácea'. By doing bibliographical and document research, one could see that the extraction activity has been suffering with the advance of the economic interests, agricultural conflicts, lack of crop management, added to the lack of information. However, the support to the extraction activity becomes essential and initiatives for the certification of vegetal products obtained from the forest are alternatives that need to be increased.

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