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I have long and solid experience in socio-environmental issues and participated in the formation and implementation of important Brazilian environmental legislation over the last 35 years. I have a master's degree in environmental sciences from the University of São Paulo and I am an agricultural engineer from the Luiz de Queiroz Higher School of Agriculture of the University of São Paulo.

I am Director of Institutional Relations of the Ekos Brazil Institute, a Brazilian NGO, and president of the IUCN Brazilian Committee of Members. At IUCN I was also a member of the Independent Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel of Rio Doce (Minas Gerais Brazil), I am member of the International Advisory Panel on best science and practices for nature-positive results in the forestry sector, and a part of the Advisory Group of the Sports for Nature initiative.

At NGOs I was Executive Director (CEO) of WWF-Br, Deputy Coordinator of the Alliance for Water, a network of Brazilian NGOs and social movements, and head of the Alliance for the Atlantic Forest. At the Federal Government, Ministry of the Environment. I was the National Secretary of Biodiversity and Forests. At São Paulo state Government I was General Director of the Florestal Institute and Executive Director of the Fundação Florestal, responsible for all protected areas in the state. I also coordinated the Biodiversity Conservation Program of the State of São Paulo.

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