

IRACAMBI

Mata Atlântica - Brasil



News from Iracambi #7

Check out our latest news below!



Iracambi is starting a partial reopening

After having our doors closed for almost seven months, we are happy to report that at 14/9 Iracambi started **partially re-opening to in-person activities!** At this time we are able to welcome day and overnight visitors, following strict safety protocols. **All visitors are required to book in ahead of time** on this link (in Portuguese) <https://iracambi.com/pt-br/visitar-iracambi/>



21 YEARS

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Memories of Iracambi

To celebrate our 21st birthday Iracambi is proud to launch our latest initiative: Memories of Iracambi. 21 years is long enough to tell many stories, and we want to hear from you, **what stories can you tell us about Iracambi**? If you've been a volunteer, researcher, visitor, sponsor or team member, please tell us about your memories of Iracambi. **We'd love to get photos, comments, stories, videos, anything that left an impression on you. Please message us, tag us on social media, or email memorias@iracambi.com**. We'll post on our social media and keep them in our Memories Collection. By sending us your memories you'll be entered into our competition where the 15 most interesting entries will qualify for a prize. Please join us!

Meet our new Coordinator!

Iracambi is proud to present our new F4W coordinator: Alfredo Matos. Alfredo is a farmer from Rosário da Limeira, born and bred near Iracambi. He is was one of the hundreds of people who visited Iracambi as a child, and now he is back, helping us to keep Iracambi's mission alive. With 20 years experience working on the land and with animals, **Alfredo is now coordinating our reforestation program - Forests for Water.** **Welcome, Alfredo!**



Have you heard of our Living Pharmacy Program?

To encourage the use of medicinal plants and traditional knowledge in the Serra do Brigadeiro region, the Living Pharmacy Program works on two fronts: **education to encourage demand for medicinal plants, researching and creating products.** Through spreading the word about the uses of medicinal plants we generate more interest and more interaction between people and plants. We also seek to expand and improve scientifically based knowledge to increase the use of medicinal plants including industrial use. This generates more demand for raw materials as well as for medicinal plants products. Iracambi is currently **supported by the Bingo and Sudamerika Foundation**, which enabled us to upgrade our medicinal plants laboratory and expand our presence locally through running community workshops. The **Oswaldo Cruz Foundation** advises us on research and production, and we are also a member of their medicinal plants network. What about you, which medicinal plants do you use regularly?



Volunteer with us!

The story of Iracambi volunteers began 21 years ago when we received our first group of volunteers, and every since then our volunteers have played a crucial role in the success of Iracambi. **It's an experience that we promise you will never forget.** Right now, during covid, we're sadly only able to work with online and local volunteers but we look forward to seeing you in person before too long! Check out our volunteer page! <https://iracambi.com/get-involved/volunteers/>



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About Iracambi

Amigos de Iracambi is a non-profit, registered in Brazil and the US, and located in one of the world's **top biodiversity hotspots: Brazil's Atlantic Forest**. At Iracambi you'll be on the front line of biodiversity conservation and sustainability and you'll gain first-hand experience in biodiversity conservation, (agroforestry,

reforestation, medicinal plants, forest monitoring,) and sustainability, (community outreach and environmental education).

So, whether you're collecting seeds in the forest, working in our forest nursery, planting trees on local farms, cataloging medicinal plants, harvesting coffee, maintaining our forest trails, making videos and adding to our photo library, or riding the school bus to the village to share your language and culture with local school kids, you'll be having a ball, contributing your skills to a great cause, and learning all sorts of things you never thought you could. Because Iracambi is all about **Saving Forests and Changing Lives** and you are warmly welcomed to become a part of it!

We've been here for over twenty years, and during that time we've:

- Planted 150,000 native forest trees
- Founded the first program of environmental education in the region
- Created the first web-based GIS
- Created thousands of acres of protected areas
- Hosted 2000 students, researchers and volunteers from 71 countries
- Impacted the lives of thousands of people in our region: the Serra do Brigadeiro mountains



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