



## THE EVOLUTION OF AN INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH PROJECT

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The Biological Dynamics of Forest Fragments Project was conceived of in simple outline in 1976 and began 30 years ago. Its purpose was to address a question in ecology and conservation biology in a debate known as SLOSS (which is better: a Single Large Reserve or Several Small ones adding up to the same total area). From the outset it was designed as international collaboration at first between WWF and INPA and later between the Smithsonian Institution and INPA. Since graduates students are at the core of such a field effort it became a significant center of training for Brazilian and other students. Additional training courses were added on The Ecology of the Amazon –ZE LUIS please add other titles.