

1. Did Samise notify Imaflora of the first suspension of its concession imposed by ICMBio between May and July 2023?

No. Samise did not notify Imaflora of ICMBio's decision to suspend it between May and July, 2023. Imaflora became aware of this in August 2023, when the agency managing the concession contract, the Brazilian Forestry Service (SFB) ordered the partial suspension of the contract by administrative decision. After receiving this information Imaflora immediately suspended the company's FSC certificate, which happened in the same week. (Brazilian Forestry Service Administrative Decision no. 01/2023, dated July 31, 2023, published in the Official Gazette of the Federal Executive on August 1, 2023).

2. If Imaflora was notified, can you share why no action was taken to suspend Samise's FSC certificate?

Imaflora was not in fact notified. The Institute only became aware of the situation in August 2023, when SFB published its administrative decision ordering the partial suspension of the concession contract. Imaflora responded immediately, suspending Samise's FSC certification.

3. Does Imaflora monitor suspensions issued by other Brazilian federal authorities beyond the SFB on FSC certified concessions?

Imaflora monitors decisions taken by Brazil's Authorities insofar as they relate to the scope of its certified activities, including suspension decisions, notifications of violations, lawsuits, condemnations, and administrative demands, inter alia. Monitoring is performed either within the scope of annual audit activities, or as a result of information received in reports, notifications and in the press.

4. Has Imaflora increased the number of audits or checks in Samise's concession beyond the annual standard checks due to the issues identified?

Yes. Imaflora has increased the frequency of its activities of following up the actions of authorities. In all Imaflora's monitoring activities, the audit teams have been instructed to check the evidence gathered in the field within the certified unit of management for whether or not there are any infractions registered concerning ICMBio oversight activities or lawsuits at Federal Justice level. Additionally in 2025 Imaflora assisted in an investigation carried out by ASI (Assurance Services International) and provided all the data requested concerning the commercial transaction of the enterprise Samise.

5. Could you explain why Imaflora decided not to suspend Samise's certification in January 2024, despite a recommendation by the auditors to do so due to unresolved major non-conformities?

That information is incorrect: Imaflora did not ignore the auditor's recommendation. It was as a result of the auditor's recommendation and an internal review that Samise's certificate was immediately suspended on February 1, 2024.

6. In cases where a timber producer's FSC certification is suspended by Imaflora, could you provide details of any processes and systems in place to ensure that this suspension is adhered to?

In monitoring audits Imaflora instructed auditors to check for any possible sales records of certified products in the period during which the company's certification was suspended. Additionally, the FSC system recommends that wood purchasers check the status of suppliers' certification on its global platform (<https://search.fsc.org/pt/>). When a certificate is shown as 'suspended and/or cancelled' the purchaser is to notify the certifying agency, or consult it, prior to making a purchase.

Comments on the following quotations:

32. Imaflora is the certification body in Brazil responsible for assessing Samise's compliance with FSC's standards.

Update: Imaflora is no longer the certification body responsible for auditing Samise under FSC criteria, after a decision to extinguish the company's certificate in March 2026.

34. Between May and July 2023, during a 39-day period in which ICMBio suspended all of Samise's activities, Samise held a FSC certification. During this suspension, Imaflora made no public statement regarding the suspension imposed by the federal authority and took no action to suspend Samise's FSC certificate.

Imaflora became aware of non-conformities in Samise's activities in August 2023, when it was officially notified by the Brazilian Forestry Service of the partial suspension of the contract for the forestry concession signed by the managing agency and the enterprise. It then immediately suspended Samise's FSC certificate. (Data: Brazilian Forestry Service Administrative Decision no. 01/2023, dated July 31, 2023, published in the Official Gazette of the Federal Executive on August 1, 2023: Suspension of Imaflora-issued Certificate on August 7, 2023).

38. In January 2024, Imaflora auditors conducted a new audit and recorded a recommendation to suspend Samise's certification due to unresolved major non-conformities, including those linked to previously identified labour violations and issues recorded in the company's chain of custody system. The certification body chose to ignore its own recommendation, leaving Samise's FSC certificate in place despite the non-conformities identified.

This is not correct. Imaflora did not ignore the auditor's recommendation. It was as a result of the auditor's recommendation and of internal procedures that it immediately suspended Samise's certificate, on February 1, 2024.

44. More recently in December 2025, Imaflora suspended Samise's FSC certificate again. The suspension is currently in place.

Update: the certificate was canceled on March 24, 2026.