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Message from our founders

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We are delighted to present our 2023–2024 Annual Report.

Since our founding in February 2023, IBIOS has embraced a bold vision: to preserve and restore the Brazilian Atlantic Forest and its vibrant biodiversity while nurturing healthy, empowered communities. We believe that protecting thriving ecosystems is just as vital as revitalizing degraded areas—and that conservation, environmental restoration, education, culture, and social well-being are firmly intertwined.

Our work is rooted in deep community connections. By engaging local residents through hands-on environmental education, dynamic cultural and artistic activities, and insightful scientific lectures, we foster meaningful bonds between people and nature. This approach not only rejuvenates our natural surroundings but also enhances social well-being, ensuring that every community member is part of and benefits from our journey toward a sustainable future.

While we do embrace digital tools to extend our reach, our focus remains on building human connections that empower communities and safeguard the environment. Each project in this report reflects our commitment to create resilient, thriving societies.

We invite you to explore our achievements and join us in building a more sustainable, biodiverse, and compassionate world.



IBIOS Overview

IBIOS – Instituto Biosfera is a NGO founded in 2023 in Bananal, Brazil, in the Serra da Bocaina region. Our mission is to help preserve and restore Brazil’s Atlantic Forest, one of the world’s richest yet most threatened biomes, while also boosting social well-being and supporting sustainable development in the communities where we work.

We envision a future that is fairer and healthier for everyone—a world where people and nature thrive together. By reconnecting communities with nature through education, we aim to become a leading force in environmental conservation and restoration, uniting local residents, public authorities, and private organizations in the fight for a sustainable, protected environment.

Core values

Respect for nature and all its beings

For us at IBIOS, nature is both home and heritage. We honor every living being and every ecosystem, recognizing that their balance is vital to our collective future.

Sustainable innovation

Innovation at IBIOS means finding creative, eco-friendly solutions that protect our environment while driving progress. We believe that smart, sustainable ideas lay the foundation for a resilient tomorrow.

Social responsibility

Our work is grounded in community. We actively engage local voices, striving to empower and include everyone in the journey toward a fair and environmentally sound future.





Projects Highlights

At IBIOS, our passion for nature and community guides every initiative. Here you'll discover snapshots of our work in environmental restoration, conservation, education & culture, and social well-being. Each project is a step toward a sustainable future where communities thrive alongside nature. Enjoy exploring our journey!

Nature conservation and protection



Our commitment to conservation resulted in the **creation and ongoing maintenance of a private reserve (RPPN) that safeguards 50 hectares of native forest**. This protected area is a living sanctuary for regional biodiversity, **ensuring that wildlife and native plants continue to thrive in a balanced ecosystem**.

Environmental restoration



We've taken significant steps toward revitalizing our natural surroundings: **over 12,000 native saplings** have been planted to regenerate riparian forests, water springs, and other degraded areas. Our public donation events for native saplings and garden species have sparked community engagement and increased awareness about the importance of restoring and protecting our natural ecosystems.

Education and culture



More than 200 public school students have participated in environmental education activities, while around **300 students engaged in hands-on reforestation projects that bolster conservation awareness**. The inaugural edition of the **ONÇA project – Bocaina Cycle of Events (Art, Science, and Nature) combined artistic workshops, scientific lectures, and immersive nature experiences**, deepening the community's connection with the environment.

Social well-being



Empowering local communities is key for a sustainable future. **Over 20 families** are actively involved in community garden projects that produce fresh, edible greens, and we have successfully built **5 community gardens** in collaboration with local residents. Additionally, our public events have provided more than **2,000 edible plant seedlings**, creating practical opportunities for sustainable food production, and stronger community ties.



Our Work in Images

Reforestation project 1



Environmental education 1



Community reforestation



Reforestation project



Mapping of reforestation areas



Environmental education 2



Saplings distribution fair



Conservation project - RPPN Candeia



ONÇA Project - Arts, Science and Nature



Outdoor environmental education



Saplings distribution fair



Conservation - RPPN Candeia



Community garden 1



Earth Day - Activities with schools



Community garden 2



Local students in reforestation activities





Financial Performance

As a new organization, IBIOS operates with limited resources, yet our passion for the environment drives every investment we make. Most of our income comes from the generous support of our community—voluntary donations through targeted campaigns for specific projects and crisis management, along with regular monthly contributions from our committed members. This financial backing is essential to advancing our mission of protecting the Brazilian Atlantic Forest and promoting sustainability. We remain dedicated to transparency and accountability in every dollar spent, ensuring that your support translates into meaningful action for nature and society.

Total Revenue 2023	USD 3,258.00
Member´s contributions	USD 2,850.00
External donations	USD 408.00
Total Revenue 2024	USD 6,304.00
Member´s contributions	USD 4,076.00
External donations	USD 2,228.00

Total Expenses 2023	USD 3,068.00
General and adm expenses	USD 2,500.00
Projects/initiatives	USD 568.00
Total Expenses 2024	USD 5,073.00
General and adm expenses	USD 3,983.00
Projects/initiatives	USD 1,090.00



Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)



Environmental Sustainability

At IBIOS, safeguarding nature is at the core of our work. Our projects focus on restoring and protecting the Brazilian Atlantic Forest and its rich biodiversity, ensuring a resilient ecosystem for future generations. Our projects do not harm nature in any way.



Community Engagement

We believe in the power of collective action. By working hand in hand with local communities through environmental education and immersive restoration projects, we empower residents to actively shape a sustainable future for their region.



Volunteer and Workforce Well-being

Our strength lies in our dedicated volunteers. We care for their safety and development by offering training, support, and meaningful opportunities to contribute, ensuring that every volunteer experience is both enriching and impactful.



Ethical Practices

At IBIOS, integrity, transparency, and accountability underpin every decision we make. We commit to ethical practices that build trust with our supporters, partners, and the communities we serve, ensuring that our projects consistently benefit both society and the natural world.





Projects Roadmap

● 2025 - 2026

- **Seed collection and sapling production project** This initiative aims to set up a systematic process for gathering seeds from a variety of native species and producing high-quality saplings. The project will support IBIOS’s ongoing reforestation efforts by ensuring a continuous supply of genetically diverse, robust young plants ready for use in restoring degraded areas.

- **Project Seeds of renewal** Focused on environmental restoration, this project targets the reforestation of 100 hectares of degraded land. By reintroducing native vegetation, we will help rebuild ecosystems, boost local biodiversity, protect water sources and provide fresh hope for the renewal of our precious Atlantic Forest.

- **Citizen science project** This initiative invites local students and the general public to immerse themselves in real scientific research and deepen their connection with nature. Through hands-on activities like data collection, monitoring, and environmental analysis, participants not only provide valuable insights to our conservation efforts but also gain practical skills that empower them as future nature stewards.

- **Culture, arts and nature event** This event celebrates the rich intersection of creativity, science, and environmental stewardship. It will showcase artistic exhibitions, live performances, and interactive workshops, alongside scientific lectures focused on pressing environmental themes. Through these diverse activities, the event aims to deepen community engagement and foster a collective commitment to preserving our natural heritage.

- **Urban forests and botanic garden** This innovative project plans to transform urban spaces by creating urban forests and a botanic garden. These green sanctuaries will serve as educational hubs where residents can learn about native species and sustainability, while also enhancing urban quality of life through increased biodiversity and recreational greenery.





Challenges

At IBIOS, our commitment to conserving and restoring the Brazilian Atlantic Forest comes with its share of hurdles. As a young organization, we face challenges related to financial sustainability, community engagement, and establishing our presence as a key regional player. Overcoming these obstacles is crucial to advancing our mission, and we believe that with the support of donors and partners, these challenges can be transformed into opportunities for lasting impact.

Financial constraints - Our projects largely depend on voluntary donations through targeted campaigns and small monthly contributions. While volunteer work is the backbone of our initiatives, we also need to secure resources to hire dedicated staff for critical roles—supporting both our back-office functions and on-the-ground project execution. Such investments are essential for professionalizing our operations and ensuring consistency in our work.

Engaging the community - Inspiring local populations to embrace environmental issues and sustainable practices remains a priority. We are committed to developing educational programs and cultural events that create meaningful connections between people and nature, thereby fostering a strong, informed community that is eager to contribute to regional conservation efforts.

Consolidating Our Regional Presence - As a new organization, establishing a recognized and influential profile in our region is key. Strengthening our network of institutional partners and demonstrating reliable impact will not only boost our credibility but also help expand our conservation and restoration projects.

Strengthening Technological and Logistical Capacity - While we have begun integrating innovative digital tools to extend our reach, further investment in technology and operational infrastructure is necessary. Such improvements will streamline our project management and enhance our communication channels, making our work more effective and far-reaching.

Building Sustainable Capacity - Beyond volunteer efforts, creating a resilient organization means developing robust processes and systems, and acquiring the professional expertise needed to drive our mission forward. Support from donors and partners will help us build a sustainable internal capacity that ensures the long-term success and growth of IBIOS.



Our Core Team



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Our Partners

At IBIOS, we understand that real change is built on collaboration. Our network of institutional partners is vital to our success, as it brings together diverse expertise, resources, and shared values—all essential for driving progress in nature conservation, restoration, and environmental education.

By joining forces with universities, non-profit organizations, government agencies, and other key stakeholders, we create a powerful synergy that amplifies our impact on protecting the Brazilian Atlantic Forest and its rich biodiversity. These partnerships not only help us expand our reach and deepen our projects but also foster innovative and sustainable solutions that benefit our communities and the environment.

We are proud of these collaborative relationships, which remind us that when we work together, the possibilities for a more sustainable future are endless.



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