

Foreword

The principal aim of the OECD Environmental Performance Review programme is to help member and selected partner countries improve their individual and collective performance in environmental management by:

- helping individual governments assess progress in achieving their environmental goals;
- promoting continuous policy dialogue and peer learning;
- stimulating greater accountability from governments towards each other and public opinion.

This report is the first OECD review of Brazil's environmental performance. It assesses the country's progress in achieving its domestic objectives and international commitments. Such objectives and commitments may be broad aims, qualitative goals or quantitative targets. A distinction is made between intentions, actions and results. Assessment of environmental performance is also placed within the context of Brazil's historical environmental record, present state of the environment, physical endowment in natural resources, economic conditions and demographic trends.

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