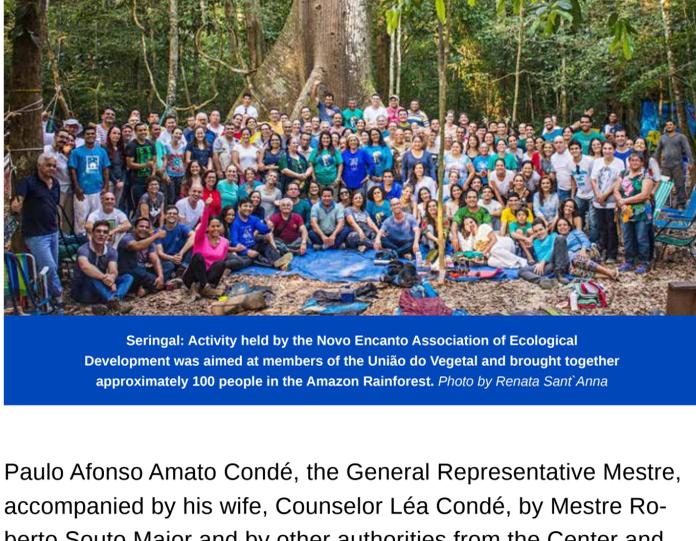


## Expedition to the Seringal

*creates bonds of friendship to last a lifetime*



Seringal: Activity held by the Novo Encanto Association of Ecological Development was aimed at members of the União do Vegetal and brought together approximately 100 people in the Amazon Rainforest. Photo by Renata Sant'Anna

Paulo Afonso Amato Condé, the General Representative Mestre, accompanied by his wife, Counselor Léa Condé, by Mestre Roberto Souto Maior and by other authorities from the Center and from Novo Encanto, participated in the 20<sup>th</sup> Expedition to Novo Encanto, which was held from July 16<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>, and which provided a clearer dimension as to how much the União do Vegetal is committed to conserving and preserving that area of forest and of its commitment to Nature.

It was a big celebration in the forest, with over 100 people; days of peace and joy, having the General Representative Mestre emphasizing friendship as the main legacy of this Expedition:

*“Besides the experience in the forest, the knowledge of the main trees that are found there, their application and their medicinal uses, bathing in the river, the historical facts from the time of the rubber tappers and the peaceful days spent in contact with nature, the friendship between the participants of the expedition and the organizers of the event grew. They are bonds of friendship to last a lifetime,”* said the General Representative Mestre.

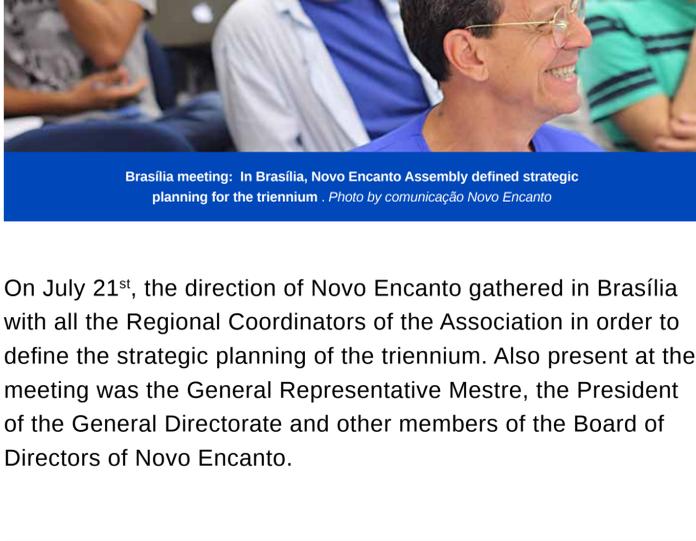
Thanks to the infrastructure that exists today, this experience goes far beyond just the trip itself to the lands where Mestre Gabriel had his life as a rubber tapper and where he recreated the União do Vegetal (Seringal Sunta). The expedition is, above all, a journey through the inner universe of each participant.

*“Our objective with these expeditions is to make more people realize the importance of environmental conservation and for the associates to become aware of the work that still needs to be done in order to guarantee the preservation of this area,”* said Mestre José Roberto da Silva Barbosa, President of Novo Encanto.



Learn more about the 20th Expedition to the Seringal Novo Encanto on the UDV blog.

## Novo Encanto has a planning meeting in Brasília



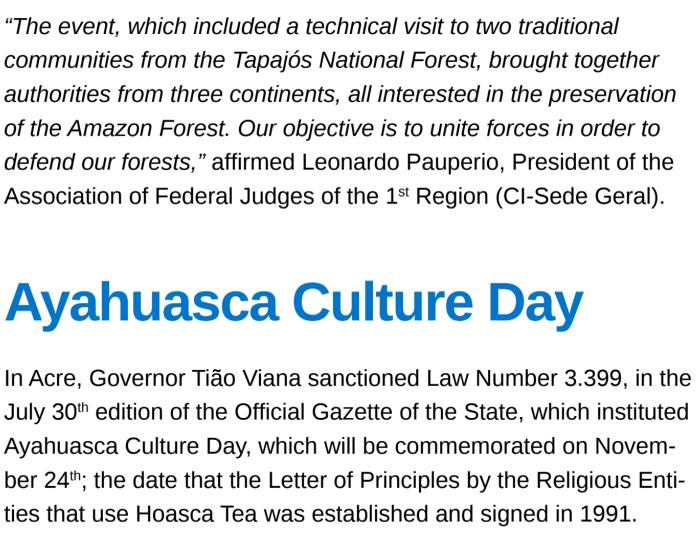
Brasília meeting: In Brasília, Novo Encanto Assembly defined strategic planning for the triennium. Photo by comunicação Novo Encanto

On July 21<sup>st</sup>, the direction of Novo Encanto gathered in Brasília with all the Regional Coordinators of the Association in order to define the strategic planning of the triennium. Also present at the meeting was the General Representative Mestre, the President of the General Directorate and other members of the Board of Directors of Novo Encanto.

*“One of the highlights of the meeting was the wish of the new management to integrate the experience of the previous administrations with the needs of the present one, while at the same time it seems to anticipate future challenges, showing that Novo Encanto is creating administrative conditions for the fulfillment of its mission within the União do Vegetal and in society in general,”* stated M. Tadeo Feijão, President of the General Directorate

In accordance with the Executive Director, M. Carcius Azevedo, this meeting provided the Regional Coordinators a better vision of the place of Novo Encanto within the Center, also highlighting *“the good quality of the results that will make a series of actions possible that will strengthen and expand Novo Encanto in all the Regions of Brazil.”*

## Novo Encanto holds a seminar in Pará



Pará seminar: (R/L) Leonardo Pauperio (Federal Judge and President of the Association of Federal Judges of the 1<sup>st</sup> Region - AJUFER; Secretary of the International Commission of the UDV), Carlos Pedro Mondlane (Judge in Mozambique and President of the Mozambique Association of Judges), Federal Judge Carlos Eduardo Moreira Alves (President of the Federal Regional Tribunal of the 1<sup>st</sup> Region) and Teodoro Irigaray, academic coordinator of the seminar and General Assistant Mestre. Photo by Marcelo Abraão

Novo Encanto, along with the Association of Federal Judges of the 1<sup>st</sup> Region (AJUFER) held, the II Seminar of Amazon Law – Traditional Populations and Environment at the Vila de Alter do Chão (Santarém/PA), on July 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>.

The seminar had the objective of promoting the specialized training of Federal Judges for judicial cases regarding the conservation of the Amazon and the guarantee of the rights of traditional populations.

*“The event, which included a technical visit to two traditional communities from the Tapajós National Forest, brought together authorities from three continents, all interested in the preservation of the Amazon Forest. Our objective is to unite forces in order to defend our forests,”* affirmed Leonardo Pauperio, President of the Association of Federal Judges of the 1<sup>st</sup> Region (CI-Sede Geral).

## Ayahuasca Culture Day

In Acre, Governor Tião Viana sanctioned Law Number 3.399, in the July 30<sup>th</sup> edition of the Official Gazette of the State, which instituted Ayahuasca Culture Day, which will be commemorated on November 24<sup>th</sup>; the date that the Letter of Principles by the Religious Entities that use Hoasca Tea was established and signed in 1991.

This Letter, produced after a proposal by the UDV, had Mestre Edson Lodi as one of its creators, whose work was recognized by the Legislative Assembly of Acre and to whom they bestowed the title of Honorary Citizen of the State of Acre.



>> [CLICK HERE](#) and read the entire Letter of Principles by the Religious Entities that use Hoasca Tea.

## UDV at the XVI Congress of the International Society of Ethnobiology

The UDV participated in a panel discussion at the international event held in Belém-PA, during August 7<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>, with the theme, “Ayahuasca and Interculturality: Nature, Spirituality, Law and Culture.”

Attending the meeting were professors and researchers from the Center, who presented a panorama of the UDV’s performance, highlighting the responsible use of Hoasca, the expansion of the Center, its socio-environmental performance and protagonism in scientific research that strengthens the right to religious freedom in Brazil and internationally.



>> [Learn more: Hoasca as a subject of research and publication – the protagonism of the UDV](#)



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