



**INSTITUTO SOKA
AMAZÔNIA**

2022 ANNUAL REPORT

**SOWING SEEDS OF A NEW
CONSCIOUSNESS IN
PEOPLE'S HEARTS**

About us

"The protection of the Amazon environment does not only cover this region.

Protecting the Amazon means protecting humanity, because the clean air produced in its forest contributes to the stability of the Earth's temperature.

Therefore, protecting the Amazon is preserving the source of life on our planet."

Daisaku Ikeda

Resource: Brasil Seikyo, ed.
1.529, 30/10/1999

This report aims to present the results of the activities carried out by the Soka Amazon Institute throughout the 2022 and reaffirm its purpose and mission.

Three decades ago, Dr. Daisaku Ikeda expressed his desire to establish in the Brazilian Amazon region a place of reference for spreading the humanist philosophy of respect for the dignity of life and the oneness of life and its environment.

In the Dr. Daisaku Ikeda Private Natural Heritage Reserve, located on the margins of the Encounter of the Waters, the Soka Amazon Institute has embodied the founder's contribution to the protection of the ecological integrity of the Amazon through environmental education, nature protection and support for scientific research.

This report summarizes the activities and outcomes obtained in 2022 and the framework of the Soka Amazon Institute. All actions were made possible with the support received from Soka Gakkai International, Brazil SGI and the contribution of ordinary citizens who tune in to the noble cause defended by the institute.

In line with the ideal of the founder, the Soka Institute team remains committed to expanding its skills and expanding the scope of its actions aimed at protecting Amazon based on the principles of value-creating (Soka).



Mission

To contribute to the protection of the ecological integrity of the Amazon, to share and consolidate the humanistic vision of the Institute's founder, Dr. Daisaku Ikeda.

Vision

By 2030, be a reference in promoting actions connecting the various stakeholders of society to the ideals of ecological justice in support of the Amazon.

Values

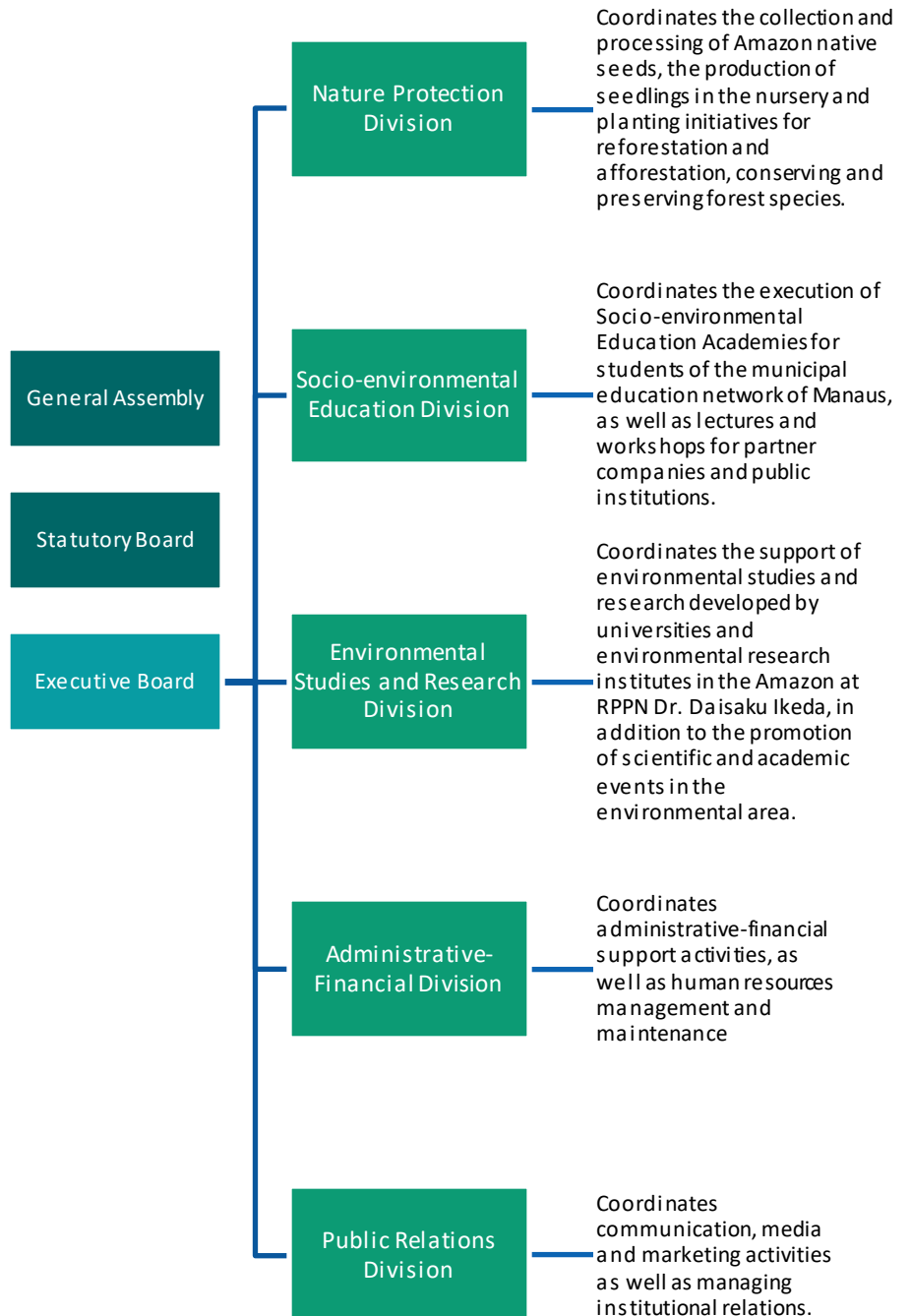
Grounded in Soka humanism for the dignity of life: acting with joy, empathy, and compassion and seeking mutual trust with the community through responsibility, trustworthiness, sincerity, courage, creativity, and dynamism.



Laboratory and Headquarters Building

The headquarters building of the Soka Amazon Institute holds a variety of events. It was originally called the **Ecological Research Laboratory**. A new name is proposed: **Dr. Daisaku Ikeda Center for Environmental Studies and Research in the Amazon**.

Organizational chart



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Soka Amazon Institute

Legal entity established for the purpose of developing programs, projects and actions for environmental protection, education and research.



Private Natural Heritage Reserve Dr. Daisaku Ikeda (RPPN DAISAKU IKEDA)

Area of 52ha defined by IBAMA ordinance no. 049, of July 12, 1995, within an area owned by Brazil SGI, in the city of Manaus/AM.

Maintaining



Partnership





**NATURE
PROTECTION**

**SOCIO-
ENVIRONMENTAL
EDUCATION**

**SUPPORT TO
SCIENTIFIC
RESEARCH**

FOCAL AREAS

NATURE PROTECTION

Sowing hope for the preservation of the Amazon



One of the main challenges in reforestation projects is to have access to high-quality and genetically diverse tree species seedlings.

To meet this need, the Soka Amazon Institute carries out expeditions to identify and collect seeds of Amazonian species to ensure that new reproductive matrices provide the required ecological balance.

With the seed processing initiative and the nursery of Amazonian species, we are able to expand the supply of forest species, with a greater range of matrices and high quality, for planting native species in reforestation and afforestation projects.



Annual Performance of Seedling Production

2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
1,458	3,000	2,700	1,400	6,820	6,229

A variety of **100 species** have been produced at the nursery (making it the most diverse nursery in the region).

The monthly production capacity is **2,500 seedlings**.

20,000 seedlings capacity in storage



SOCIO-ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

Fostering human values for the protection of the planet



The main program in the Socio-environmental Division is the Environmental Academy, in which students and educators from public and private schools in the city of Manaus are introduced to ecological knowledge and experience.

The program attends more than 2,000 students annually, keeping its activities even during the Covid-19 outbreak in an online basis. Students are inspired by the outdoor classes at the Dr. Daisaku Ikeda Private Natural Heritage Reserve.



The program is a partnership between the Institute and the Municipal Department of Education of Manaus. It is also sponsored by enterprises in the industrial district.

One of the features of the program and environmental education initiatives at RPPN Dr. Daisaku Ikeda is to inspire new generations of educators. This is the case of teacher Yomar Mendes Caster who, during his attendance at the Environmental Academy in October 2022, shared his joy of returning to RPPN Dr. Daisaku Ikeda after 20 years of his first visit to the Institute, when he was a student.



Hoje, retorno ao Instituto como educador ao lado dos alunos da Escola Aristóteles Comte de Alencar.

Annual performance of Environmental Academy Program

2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
560	1,000	2,520	2,170 (online) 80 (in-person)	5,000 (online) 497 (in-person)	1,350



Promote scientific practicing based on a humanistic vision for the sustainable development of the Amazon

SUPPORT TO SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH



The Institute has strengthened its technical staff to develop its own research and studies, in order to develop knowledge and technologies for the Amazon.

Currently, the Institute hosts and supports research and studies in partnership with the major research and higher education institutions in the Amazon.



Through Technical Cooperation Agreements, the Institute enables the development of research within RPPN Dr. Daisaku Ikeda, in the fields of ecology, biology, environmental and forestry engineering, archeology and anthropology.



As a consequence of the established bonds of trust, the ideals and philosophy of the Institute's founder, Dr. Daisaku Ikeda, are spread in a way that causes deep reflection and inspires people and institutions in the region.



In recognition of the value and vision of Dr. Ikeda, the Federal University of Rondônia (UNIR), in July 2009, and the Federal Institute of Amazonas (IFAM), in November 2010, granted the title of *Doctor Honoris Causa* to the founder.

The Institute will continue to strengthen its role as an important point of connection between institutions, researchers, students and society, aiming first and foremost to foster human values, promote scientific research with a humanistic vision and contribute to the sustainable development of the Amazon.



Achievements

Seminars Waters of the Amazon	7
Concluded Research	3
Performance in Environmental Projects	2
Attendance at International Events	3
Holding of International Workshop	1



**ACTIVITIES AND OUTCOMES
2022**



*Sowing hope for the
preservation of the Amazon*



590 seedlings of native species
of the Amazon donated at events
of the Institute and partner
companies



6.229 seedlings of forest
species planted in the urban area
of Manaus and in riverside
communities, contributing to the
preservation of the Amazon
rainforest.



Expansion of the production
capacity of the seedling nursery
reaching a storage of more than
20,000 seedlings that will be
used in planting and donation
actions in 2023 and 2024.



Climate Contribution. Planting
trees planned for 2023 will
contribute to the sequestration of
1,016.19 t CO₂/year.

SOCIO- ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

*Fostering human values for
the protection of the planet*



The **Environmental Academy** program, in partnership with the Municipal Department of Education (Semed), covered **23** schools and promoted training for **130** teachers and staff.

Donation of textbooks to **3** riverside and indigenous municipal schools, with the support of the company Teleperformance and the Municipal Department of Education.



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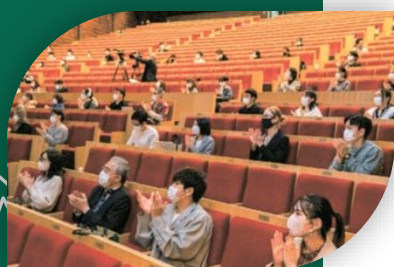
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**SUPPORT
TO SCIENTIFIC
RESEARCH**



Holding the **VII Seminar
Waters of the Amazon**, in
partnership with INPA, gathering
researchers and experts on the
subject of water.

Oral presentation of research on
Environmental Education and Global
Citizenship at the **1st
International Symposium
of Soka University.**



INSTITUTIONAL RELATIONS AND EVENTS

Soka Amazon Institute becomes the anchor organization of the **SDGs Amazonas Hub**, an initiative of the UN Global Compact.

The visits of several governmental authorities (federal, state and local) and the **Ambassador of Japan in Brazil**, Mr. Teiji Hayashi.

Case study in the Germany Government's international publication **Reservas Particulares do Patrimônio Natural: boas práticas de gestão em iniciativas municipais** (*Private Natural Heritage Reserves: good management practices in municipal initiatives*).

Participation in the SESC Amazonas Book Fair, with the launch of the Exhibition **Seeds of Hope and Action**, which received 4,058 visitors.

Participation in the **Jungle Matsuri** (event of the Japanese-Brazilian Association of Manaus) received **1,224** visitors.

Participation and engagement of **20 volunteers** in various events



MEDIA



Overall engagement of social media posts:
156.364

Access to the official website: **4.734**



4,998 followers

95 posts

88,588 reach of people



9,267 followers

147 posts

67,776 reach of people

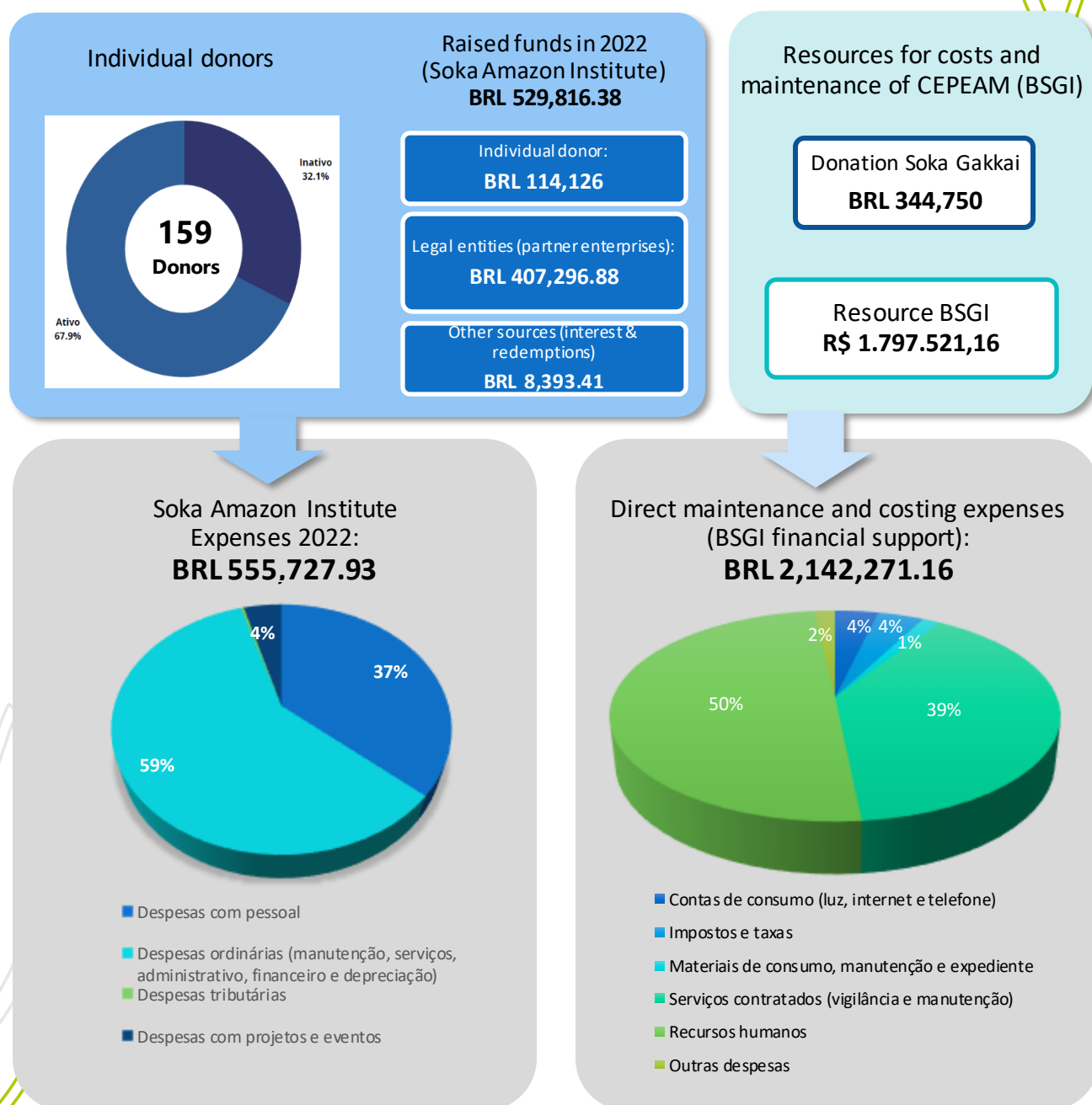


FINANCIAL OUTLOOK

The activities of the Soka Amazon Institute are carried out with financial support from individual donors (mostly BSGI members) and partner enterprises.

The support of BSGI maintains resources for the physical infrastructure and human resources.

A precious contribution of resources donated by Soka Gakkai used to cover maintenance and human resources expenses.



FUTURE PERSPECTIVES

Towards the Centenary of Soka Gakkai in 2030



Establishing a sound physical and administrative structure is the next step. Setting up the Departments and Sectors linked to each Division, as well as creating the foundation for the development of broader programs and projects.



Establish the non-formal environmental education framework based on the value creating approach, fulfilling the Institute's singular mission in the environmental field.



Strengthening the networks of trust and friendship with individuals and partners across the Amazon.



Expand interaction and collaboration with the network of Soka Gakkai institutions for sustainability, education and culture of peace.



Participation in COP-30, which will be held in the Amazon in 2025, as a worthy representative and disseminator of the founder's thought and vision.



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