

DESCRIPTION, COMPOSITION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE HOME GARDENS ON THE RIVER BENCH AREA IN THE AMAZONAS STATE.

DESCRIÇÃO, COMPOSIÇÃO E MANEJO DE JARDINS NA ÁREA RIBEIRINHA DO ESTADO DO AMAZONAS.

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This study was undertaken on the “Caldeirão Coast”, a flooding area on the Solimões river, in the Amazonas State. An adapted version of the Diagnosis and Design (D&D) methodology was used to obtain and synthesize information on floristic composition, structure, and socioeconomic aspects of each sub-system. The synthesis of this data revealed two distinct structural categories. The first one comprised an efficient agroecosystem with a high diversity and no specie dominance. The second one had a moderate diversity, and a high specie dominance, especially by *Cocos nucifera*, *Hevea brasiliensis*, and *Theobroma cacao*. The structural composition and management of the individual components of each sub-system were a function of the ecological and socioeconomic factors, which were intimately linked to the minimum requirements to meet the family’s subsistence needs and the sale of surplus as a contribution for the household’s monetary needs.

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