

2023 Community Policies and Rules

Rules for Use of IRACAMBI Property

IRACAMBI Property is remote and largely undeveloped, with few if any safety or communications facilities available. IRACAMBI Property is ecologically significant, used for research, natural studies, and resource management. There is a wide array of plants and animals in the IRACAMBI Property, some of which may be rare or unique in the world, so the introduction of other animals, rabies, insects, plants, etc., could be extremely detrimental to the flora and fauna of the IRACAMBI Property. The following rules have therefore been promulgated by IRACAMBI for the IRACAMBI Property:

(1) No smoking or building of fires of any type is allowed at the IRACAMBI Property for any reason, due to fire danger.

(2) Always place trash in trash cans. All trash must be completely removed from the IRACAMBI Property upon departure; carry in, carry out. Recycle when possible (i.e., aluminum, plastic and wet). Be aware of small pieces of paper and plastic wrap that may fall out of pockets unnoticed.

(3) Participants may not bring or discharge firearms or other weapons on IRACAMBI Property.

(4) No plants, seeds, or cut flowers, and no animals or pets of any kind (including, but not limited to, cats and dogs) are allowed to be brought onto the IRACAMBI Property.

(5) Camping is allowed at the IRACAMBI Property only in the specially designated camping area. Sleeping bags, tents and other camping equipment is allowed to be used in the specially designated camping area. Do not store food in tents.

(6) No collecting, trapping, killing, or other harming or molesting of any animal or bird life at the IRACAMBI Property, or any fish or other animals in any waters at or adjoining the IRACAMBI Property, is allowed, unless authorized collection permits have been issued by IRACAMBI.

(7) No cutting down, injury, picking of, collection of, or other disturbance of any trees or other plants or vegetation is allowed at the IRACAMBI Property, whether or not the plants are living or dead, unless IRACAMBI has granted prior written authorization to engage in the activities.

(8) No collection of souvenirs or specimens of anything found at the IRACAMBI Property may be disturbed or taken from the IRACAMBI Property. Participants are reminded that the unlicensed collection of biological or botanical specimens is against Federal Law and could result in prosecution.

(9) Mountain bikes and vehicles of any kind (motorized or non-motorized) are allowed only on established roads. Participants should leave cars in the designated parking lot while conducting Research and Volunteer Activities in the field.

(10) No fuel, oil, petroleum products, or other hazardous materials shall be brought onto, stored, or disposed of in, on, or under any part of the IRACAMBI Property in carrying out Research and Volunteer Activities, except for fuel or oil contained in appropriate vehicles and reasonable amounts of fuel for camping purposes.

(11) Field equipment brought to the IRACAMBI Property shall be stored in the lockable storage units.

(12) Changing conditions on the IRACAMBI Property may make any road, trail, or other part of the IRACAMBI Property unsafe to use at any given time, particularly in the rainy season. It shall be the sole responsibility of the Participant to determine in advance whether the research activities can be conducted safely. All of the Research and Volunteers Activities shall be conducted with extreme care, and shall insure the highest possible level of safety standards during all travel to and from the IRACAMBI Property and during the Research and Volunteers Activities.

(13) Iracambi has several access points, including waterfalls and rivers with occasional strong currents and which can be over 3 meters deep. Entering the river is an activity involving risk of accident/drowning. Be extremely careful. It is forbidden to dive head into the river, due to the risk of accidents on the rocks and logs on the river bed.

(14) No publishing, publicizing, or making any commercial use of any information or data collected, or photographs taken, at, of, or from the IRACAMBI Property, or otherwise regarding the IRACAMBI Property, is allowed without the prior

written approval of IRACAMBI.

(15) No unauthorized visitors or guests are allowed on the IRACAMBI Property.

(16) Miscellaneous.

(a) Energy and Water Conservation Guidelines

Turn off lights and appliances when not in use.

Always turn off taps completely when not in direct use, for example, when washing hands, brushing teeth, taking showers, washing dishes, etc.

Conserving water also conserves energy, both of which are limited at the IRACAMBI Property.

(b) Kitchen use and Waste Management Guidelines

The kitchen facilities are under the exclusive control of the restaurant operator and may not be used by Participants for their own personal use.

Garbage cans are labeled according to the appropriate contents for recycling. Please respect the labels.

Minimize noise pollution out of respect for the surrounding wildlife, other field station visitors, and field station staff. Please observe quiet hours between 9 PM and 8 AM unless otherwise directed as part of a planned group activity.

(c) Electronic Resource Access Guidelines

Computers, printers and Internet are for program-related activities and granted by permission of the director of the IRACAMBI Property. Cell phone coverage is non-existent.

(d) Security and Safety Guidelines

Do not bring expensive personal items (like jewelry) onto the IRACAMBI Property. Only drink water from drinking water taps; never drink untreated water from streams, ponds, or unlabeled taps.

(17) Respect and Cultural Diversity

Not only local but global diversity of gender, work, and nationality must be respected.