

**Process Framework for Involuntary Restrictions**

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**SAVE Brasil**

***Saving the Blue-eyed Ground-dove and its Unique Cerrado Habitat***  
**Botumirim, MG**

## **Grant Summary**

1. Grantee organization.  
SAVE Brasil.
2. Grant title.  
*Saving the Blue-eyed Ground-dove and its Unique Cerrado Habitat.*
3. Grant number.  
100476.
4. Grant amount.  
122.133,38 (US dollars).
5. Proposed dates of grant.  
From Oct-17 to Oct-19.
6. Countries or territories where project will be undertaken.  
Botumirim, MG, Brazil (Espinhaço ridge)
7. Date of preparation of this document.  
April, 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**The Process Framework will describe the project and how restrictions of access to natural resources and measures to assist affected communities. Affected communities should have the opportunity to participate in the drafting of the Process Framework. Typically, the Applicant will prepare a draft Framework that will then be shared and discussed with local communities and other relevant stakeholders. Based on the consultations, a final Framework will be prepared. CEPF may provide guidance on development of the Framework and will review and approve the final Framework prior to approving the final project proposal application. The Process Framework should include the following elements:**

### **A. Project background**

*Sociedade para a Conservação das Aves do Brasil* - SAVE Brasil (Society for Bird Conservation in Brazil) is a non-profit, non-governmental organization dedicated to the conservation of Brazilian birds and nature. Following a participatory approach, we work together with governments, civil society organizations, universities, business and communities, to develop and implement strategies, programs and actions that contribute to a better, healthier and more beautiful planet for animals, plants and people. SAVE Brasil represents the global partnership of BirdLife International, the world's largest nature conservation Partnership active in more than 120 countries. After working in conservation for more than 10 years, SAVE Brasil has reached significant achievements. Now, it is time for the Blue-eyed Ground-dove (*Columbina cyanopsis*). This species is one of the rarest birds in the world and was remained unseen for 75 years, until a population was rediscovered in 2015, in Botumirim city, state of Minas Gerais/Brazil. This rediscovery represents one of the recent years' most amazing findings of the Neotropical ornithology and it has been recognized as a unique opportunity to understand the ecology of this very mysterious species, in addition to implement a long-term program to ensure the conservation of this dove and its habitat. The Blue-eyed Ground-dove is considered Critically Endangered by BirdLife International/IUCN. The biome in which Botumirim is inserted is the Cerrado, one of the savannah type habitats with greatest plant diversity in the world, with around 10,000 species. Botumirim is also identified by SAVE Brasil/BirdLife International an Important Bird and Biodiversity Area (KBA - IBA BR138), and with the rediscovery of the Blue-eyed Ground-dove it should be considered an AZE site (Alliance for Zero Extinction) on the next revision. However, there are no protected areas in the region although the creation of a State Park is being articulated by the state government and SAVE Brasil will also purchase land to create a private protected area while the State Park process is ongoing and waiting to be completed. The overall

goal of the presented project is to ensure the long-term conservation of the Blue-eyed Ground-dove and its unique Cerrado habitat. The CEPF grant will support SAVE Brasil in developing the conservation strategies needed to achieve such goal. Amongst these strategies are: develop the species research, habitat protection, raising awareness about the importance of the species conservation, local community engagement, and promote ecological tourism in the area.

**B. Participatory implementation**

The creation and maintenance of a reserve owned by SAVE Brasil will not promote involuntary resettlement neither involuntary restriction on access to natural resources. The inhabitants of Botumirim and tourists will have, otherwise, controlled and permitted access to the area, through a visitation plan. This document will be build with the community participation, a great opportunity for not only the species conservation but also its habitat, which will help several other species to persist. The area delimited by SAVE Brasil to be purchased doesn't have inhabitants inside its borders. However, SAVE Brasil supports the implementation of a Municipal Reserve and a State Park. The Brazilian environmental laws guarantee the opportunity to affected communities to participate in the creation of such protected areas. SAVE Brasil will take part in the entire process, which means participating in the meetings for public consultation, amongst other actions. Botumirim inhabitants are open to both Parks creation making the Government obligations much easier to achieve.

**C. Criteria for eligibility of affected persons**

SAVE Brasil will held a meeting in Botumirim's to launch the project with approximately 50 of the most influent people in the city. At this event we will invite the creation of a group, formed by inhabitants and other fluent stakeholders, to discuss the creation of the Process Framework for Involuntary Restrictions in the area. The criteria for eligibility of affected persons will be discussed with this group, since we deep believe in closed popular participation in the projects.

**D. Measures to assist the affected persons**

SAVE Brasil will create a visitation plan and protocol with the local community and Government in a participatory manner to fully include the potentially affected persons. Actions from resettlement due to the creation of protected areas are under Brazilian laws and is a Government's obligation. It's up to SAVE Brasil observe the correct outcome.

**E. Conflict resolution and complaint mechanism**

All projects that trigger a safeguard are required to provide local communities and other interested stakeholders with means by which they may raise a grievance with the grantee, the relevant Regional Implementation Team, the CEPF Secretariat or the World Bank. Affected local communities should be informed of the objectives of the grant and the existence of a grievance mechanism. Contact information of the grantee, the Regional Implementation Team and the CEPF Grant Director should be made publicly available, through posters, signboards, public notices or other appropriate means in local language(s). Grievances raised with the grantee should be communicated to the Regional Implementation Team and the CEPF Grant Director within 15 days, together with a proposed response. If the claimant is still not satisfied following the response, the grievance may be submitted directly to the CEPF Executive Director via the dedicated email account ([cepfexecutive@conservation.org](mailto:cepfexecutive@conservation.org)) or by mail. If the claimant is not satisfied with the response from the CEPF Secretariat, the grievance may be submitted to the World Bank at the local World Bank office. Please describe the grievance mechanism that you will use for your project, and how you will ensure that stakeholders are aware of it.

SAVE Brasil will install a permanent base in Botumirim where, at least one project's staff member will always be present. A governance will be established through the constant presence

of a staff member, and we are encouraging an open communication with the community at all times. We will also have a fixed sign in the field base with all communications lines in a clear and accessible display for anyone interested in contact either SAVE Brasil's headquarter, or the CEPF Regional Implementation Team. The intention is to disclose all the information necessary to permit grievance when and if needed.

Any grievances raised with SAVE Brasil will be communicated to the Regional Implementation Team (RIT) and the CEPF Grant Director within 15 days, together with a proposed response. If the claimant is still not satisfied following the response, the grievance may be submitted directly to the CEPF Executive Director via the dedicated email account ([cepfexecutive@conservation.org](mailto:cepfexecutive@conservation.org)) or by mail.