

The Importance of Sugar Cane Agroecological Zoning (Zaecana)

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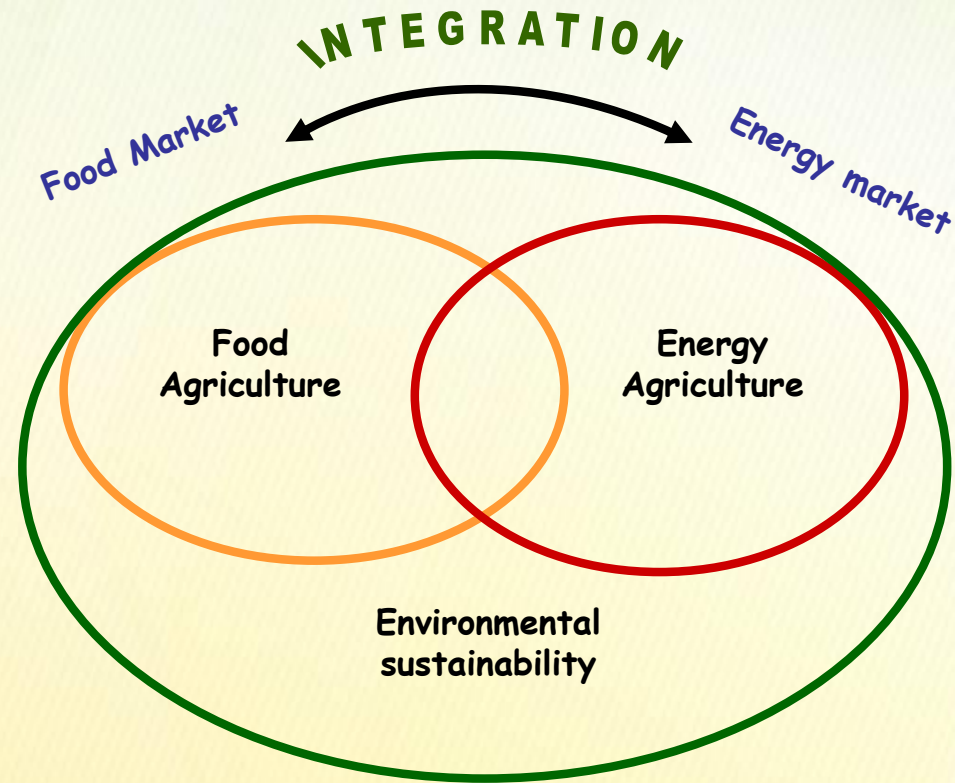
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What was the situation before of the the Sugarcane Agroecological Zoning?

1. A growing world debate (Biofuels x Food);

2. International criticisms;

3. Possible non-tariff barriers;



What is the Sugarcane Agroecological Zoning?

1. Pioneering zoning coordinated in national level (MAPA, Embrapa, MMA);
2. Preventive action for a strategic sector;
3. It gives the government (Federal, State and Municipal) technical subsidies for drawing public policies for the sustainable and balanced expansion of this sector.

Complex project that included the participation of several stakeholders both from public and private sectors

Meeting in Palmas (TO)



Meeting in Rio Branco (AC)



Goals of the Agroecological Zoning for Sugarcane :

- 1. Identify areas with climate and soil potential for sugar cane production with mechanical harvesting (<12% slope);**
- 2. Identify areas with potential for sugar cane production previously used for livestock production;**
- 3. Identify areas without environmental restrictions and with potential for sugar cane production;**

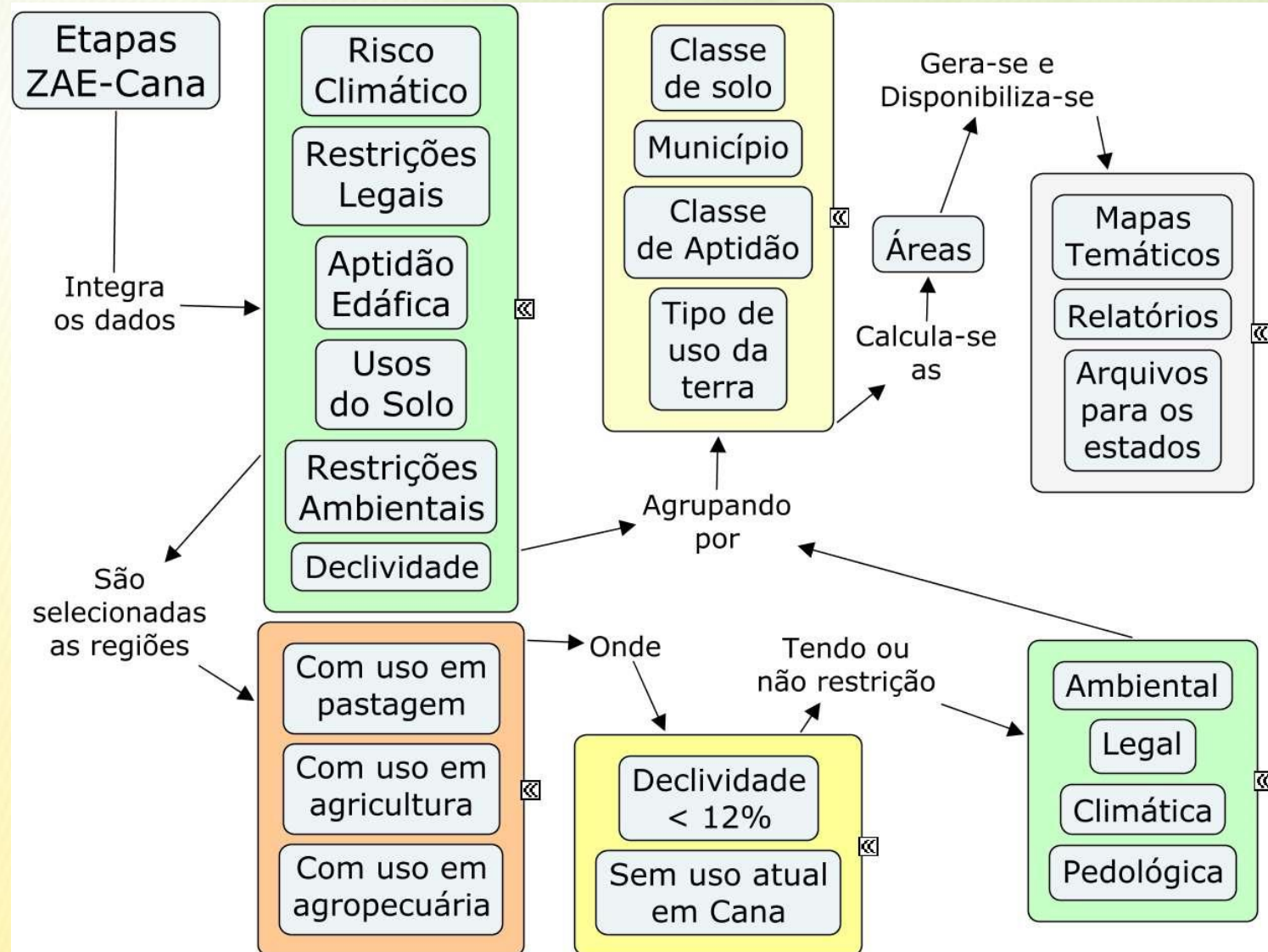
Policies derived from Zaecana to guide sugar cane sector expansion:

- 1.Guidance of public and private funding;**
- 2.Guidance for installation of new ethanol plants
(not applicable for installed plants);**
- 3.Guidance for environmental license procedures;**
- 4.Guidance for Federation States` policies.**

Zaecana – main environmental restrictions:

- 1. Exclusion of the Amazon and the Pantanal and Upper Paraguay River Basin;**
- 2. Exclusion of the national parks, indigenous areas and other protected areas;**
- 3. Prohibition of deforestation for planting sugar cane;**
- 4. Ending the use of fires by 2017 (only areas suitable for mechanical harvesting).**

Sugarcane Zoning - Spatial Criterias



**92,5% of
Brazilian
territory were
set aside as
potential
areas for
sugar cane
production
after Zaecana
was
concluded!**



Sugarcane Zoning results

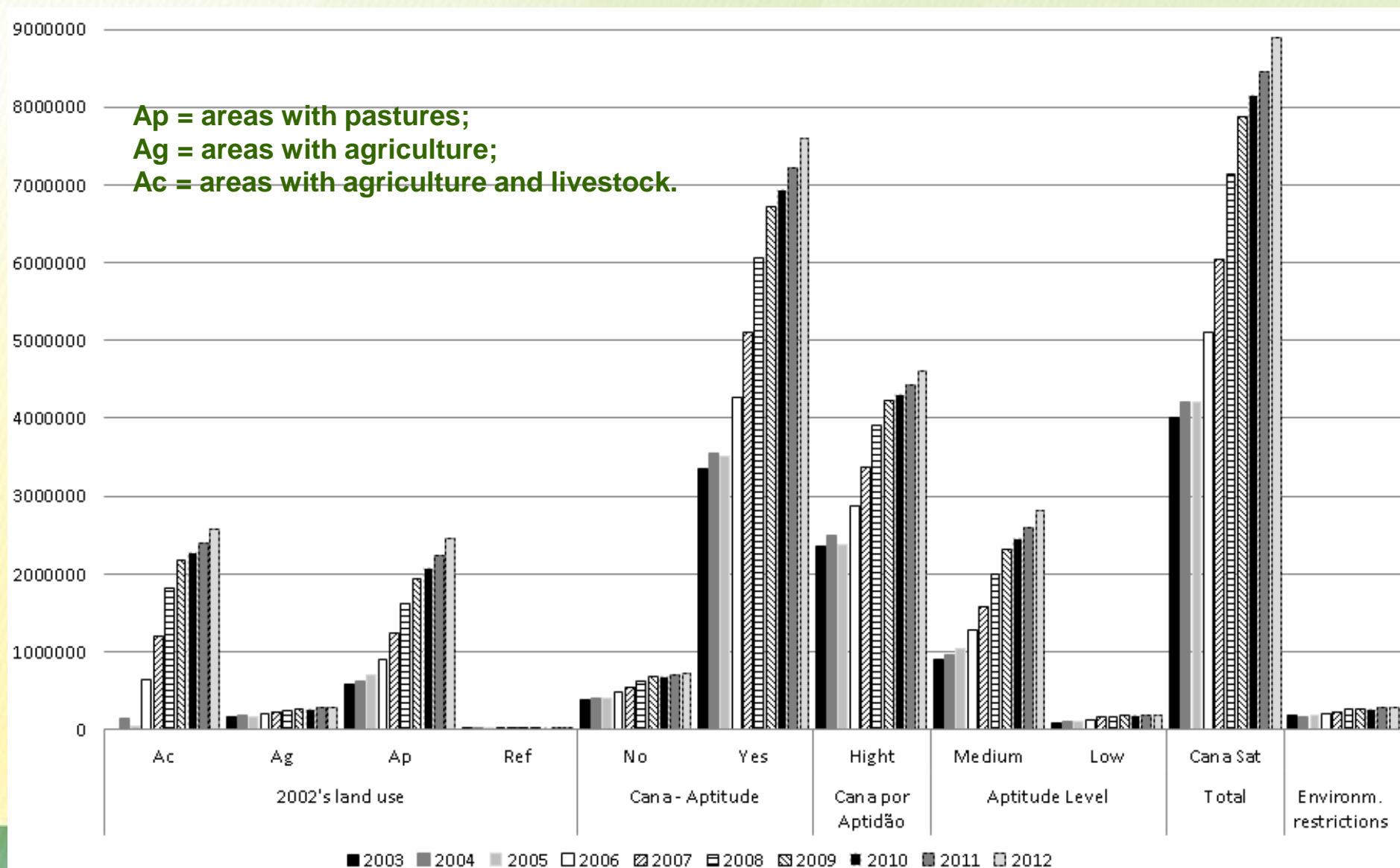
Potential areas in Brazil by level of aptitude and land use (ha)

Potential	Potential by land use (ha)			Total
	Ap	Ag	Ac	
High (H)	10.251.027	585.989	7.191.388	18.028.403
Medium (M)	22.818.770	2.015.247	16.340.890	41.174.906
Low (L)	3.062.029	490.027	733.152	4.285.208
H+M	33.069.796	2.601.235	23.532.277	59.203.309
Total	36.131.825	3.091.263	24.265.429	63.488.517

Ap = areas with pastures; Ag = areas with agriculture; Ac = areas with agriculture and livestock.

Only 7.5% of Brazil were identified as areas suitable for expansion of sugarcane and only 10% of this potential area is expected to be occupied in the next 10 years.

Sugarcane production in areas suitable for mechanical harvesting from 2003/04 to 2012/13



Concluding remarks

- **Tools like Zaecana should be conducted with a focus on technical point of view;**
- **Tools like Zaecana are essential to guarantee harmonized, sustainable production of biofuels;**
- **Brazil is open and willing to share its experience in developing a tool such as the Agroecological Zoning;**

Thank you!

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