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Indigenous people, conflicts and land governance in Brazil after the Constitution of 1988: an overview with focus on recent events

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INTRODUCTION



Internationally there are an alarming number of violations of indigenous peoples' land and human rights. Brazil is currently under the spotlight as the heightening of the political crisis that led to the impeachment of Dilma Rousseff brings national and international concerns over the uncertainty related to changes in policy that may be adopted by the interim Government in relation to indigenous peoples land rights. With a focus on land governance, our study aims to assess if the policies for indigenous land in the Legal Amazon during the Workers Party governments (2003-2016), based on the Constitution of 1988, represented an improvement to the indigenous population's land use and access rights. Preliminary data shows that with the demarcation of the Indigenous lands (Terras Indígenas) their educational and social situation improved significantly during the period. Besides that the study will quantify and analyze the impacts that the changes in the legislation from the last year have had on: a) indigenous land insecurity (grabbing) and b) violence on indigenous people.

MATERIALS | METHODS

<p>Constitution of 1988 Article 231</p> <p>The Decree N. 1.775 of 8 of January of 1996</p> <p>In study Delimited Ownership Homologated Regularized Interdicted</p>
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RESULTS

Graph 1. Indigenous population, Brazil

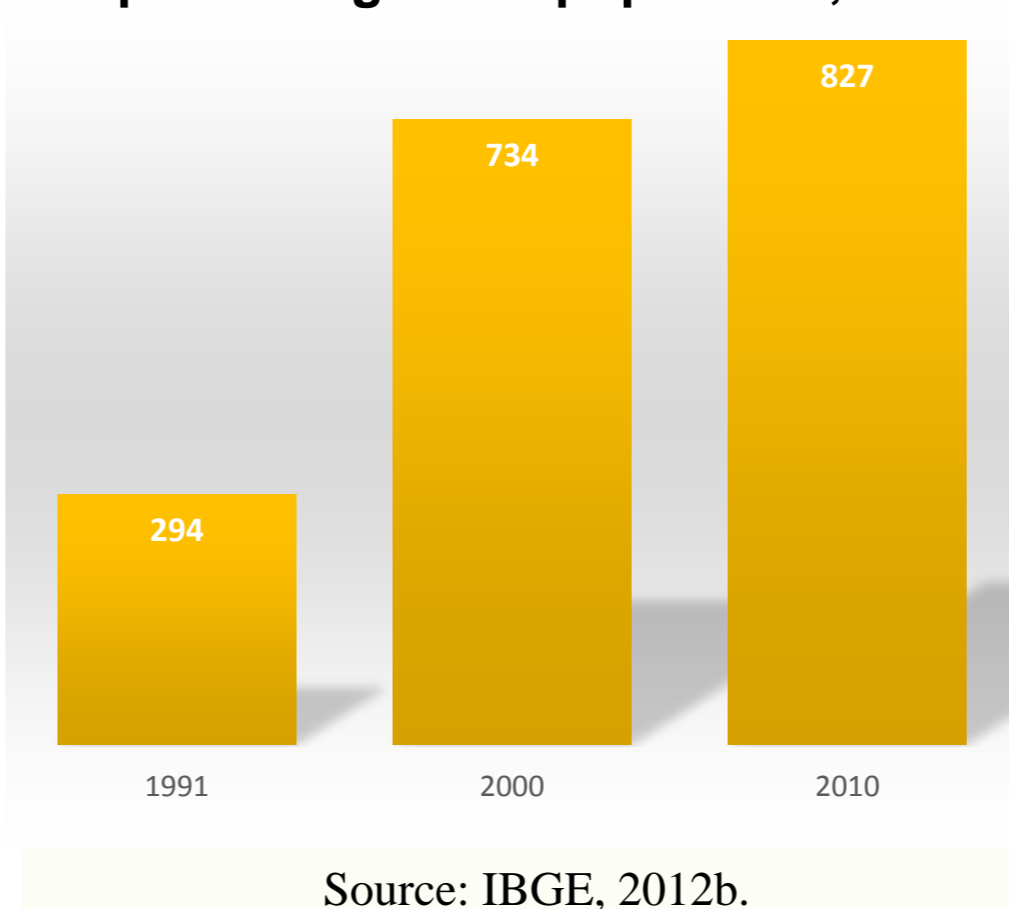


Table 1: Indigenous land obtained, regularized and in process after 1988's Constitution, Brazil, 2017

Process Phase	Amount	Surface (Ha)
Delimited	38	5.531.936,68
Declared	72	3.415.646,67
Homologated	17	1.506.696,90
Regularized	435	105.648.344,89
TOTAL	562	116.997.082,25
In study	114	5.769,00
Interdiction Ordinance	6	1.084.049,00
TOTAL	120	1.089.818,00

Table 2. Indigenous people murdered per year

Year	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Murders	42	37	43	59	92	60	60	60	51	60	53	138	137

CONCLUSIONS

Land Governance should be a **State Policy**;

Better coordination between National, State and municipal level agencies related to land.

LAS creation: creation of a Land Administration System in Brazil with constraints to political comings and goings;

Conclusion of the national integrated registry: since it is a precondition to formulating and properly implementing land governance policies – including indigenous lands governance.

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