

## Resume The Bananal Island Turtle Project – Ecológica Institute



Sponsor: Earth watch Institute/ UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office

Location: South-west Tocantins – Bananal Island region – Ganguçu Research Centre

Period: 2001-2004

Description of the project: The project for conservation of Amazonian freshwater turtles is part of the Projeto Quelônios, which operates throughout the Amazon region and is run by RAN (the National Amazon Turtle Centre) - a division of IBAMA, the federal environment agency. The Ecológica institute provides logistical, administrative and operational support for the project and has enlisted the help of international volunteers from the Earth watch organization to assist with the research and conservation work. The Amazon Turtle Nursery Project was designed to support the Bananal Island Turtle Project. The nursery at the Canguçu Research Centre features a total of 6 tanks for the turtles as well as areas of dry land. The final facility will a research laboratory.