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My topic is Amazon Forrests which is passing through Brazil. Brazil has 310.5 million hectares of public forests, almost 92% of which in the Amazon. Since the 1980s, Brazilian envorimental legistation has been improving and, along with other measures, has contributed to a significiant reduction in deforestation in the Amazon since2005. However, changes in the legal framework and desmantling of succesfull socio-envorimental policies threated public forests in the Amazon.

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