Map of green areas in São Paulo

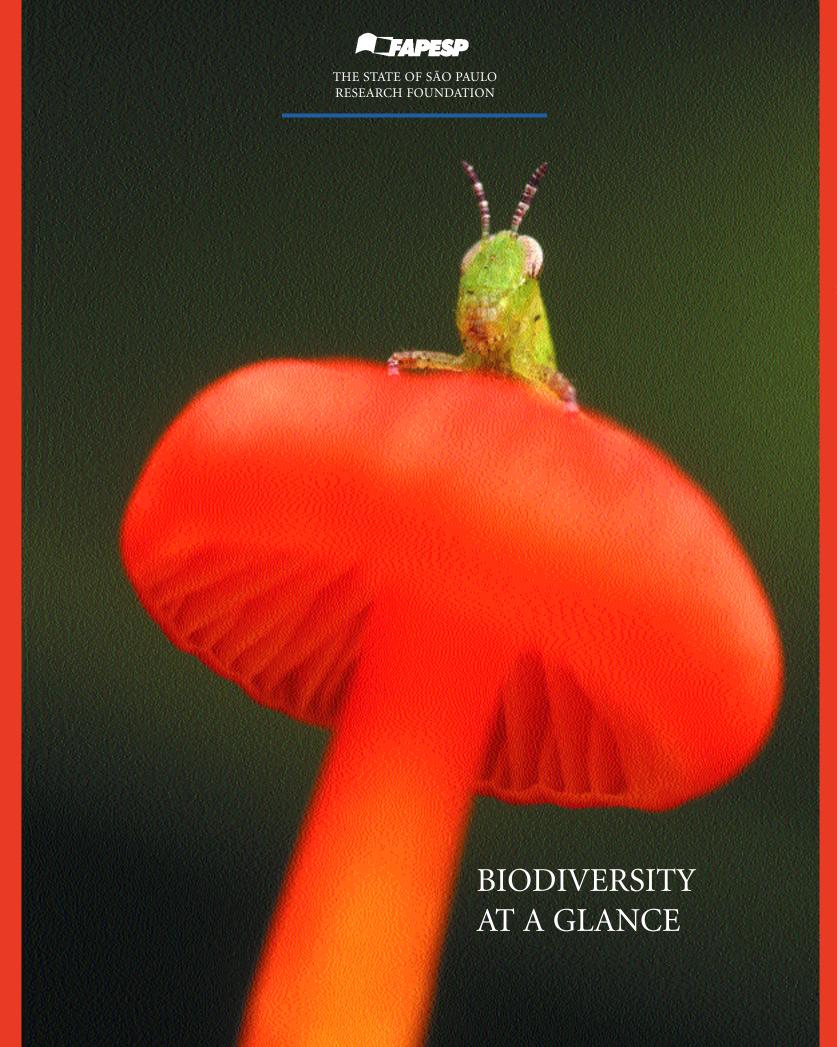
The green area in São Paulo is expanding once again, albeit slowly. The survey of natural vegetation in the state of São Paulo, carried out by a team from the Forestry Institute, records this reversal in the tendency of deforestation in the State – the first evidence of this phenomenon since the arrival of the European colonizers. Produced from satellite images, aerial photos and research in the field, the São Paulo Forestry Inventory reveals that 13.94 per cent of the native green cover remains (34.6 mil km²). The preserved area at the beginning of this century is 3.8 per cent larger (1,2 mil km²) than it was ten years ago.



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