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## **From exploitation to management: A review of the context, life history and potential pathways to sustain and increase Brazil nut production**

In the last three decades, Brazil nut (*Bertholletia excelsa*) has emerged as a cornerstone species for Amazonia. The use of this species has shifted from general exploitation to more conscious, intensive management. Drawing heavily on our more than 25 years of research in the Brazilian state of Acre and the larger body of *B. excelsa* research across the Amazon basin, we ask: (1) Are Brazil nut harvests sustainable in terms of fruit production patterns and resilience to nut (seed) collection? (2) In what ways might production be augmented and nut quality enhanced? The growing knowledge base on diverse management interventions help promote Brazil nut sustainability in conserving Amazonian forests.

## **An Introduction to Conflict Management for Conservation**

Conservation work involves a challenging mix of multiple and competing actors, complex issues and constantly changing conditions. Serious disagreements among stakeholders can derail even the best of projects, yet most professionals in the field have little to no training in conflict management. Whether disputes are over land use, endangered species or other topics of concern, sustainable solutions to vexing problems require effective strategies for engaging people and bridging differences. Conflict can be draining and destructive, but it also offers opportunities for new ideas and creative problem solving.

