

**BRAZIL: LEADING OR  
FOLLOWING LATIN AMERICA  
IN THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY?**

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Brazil

# Natural Resources





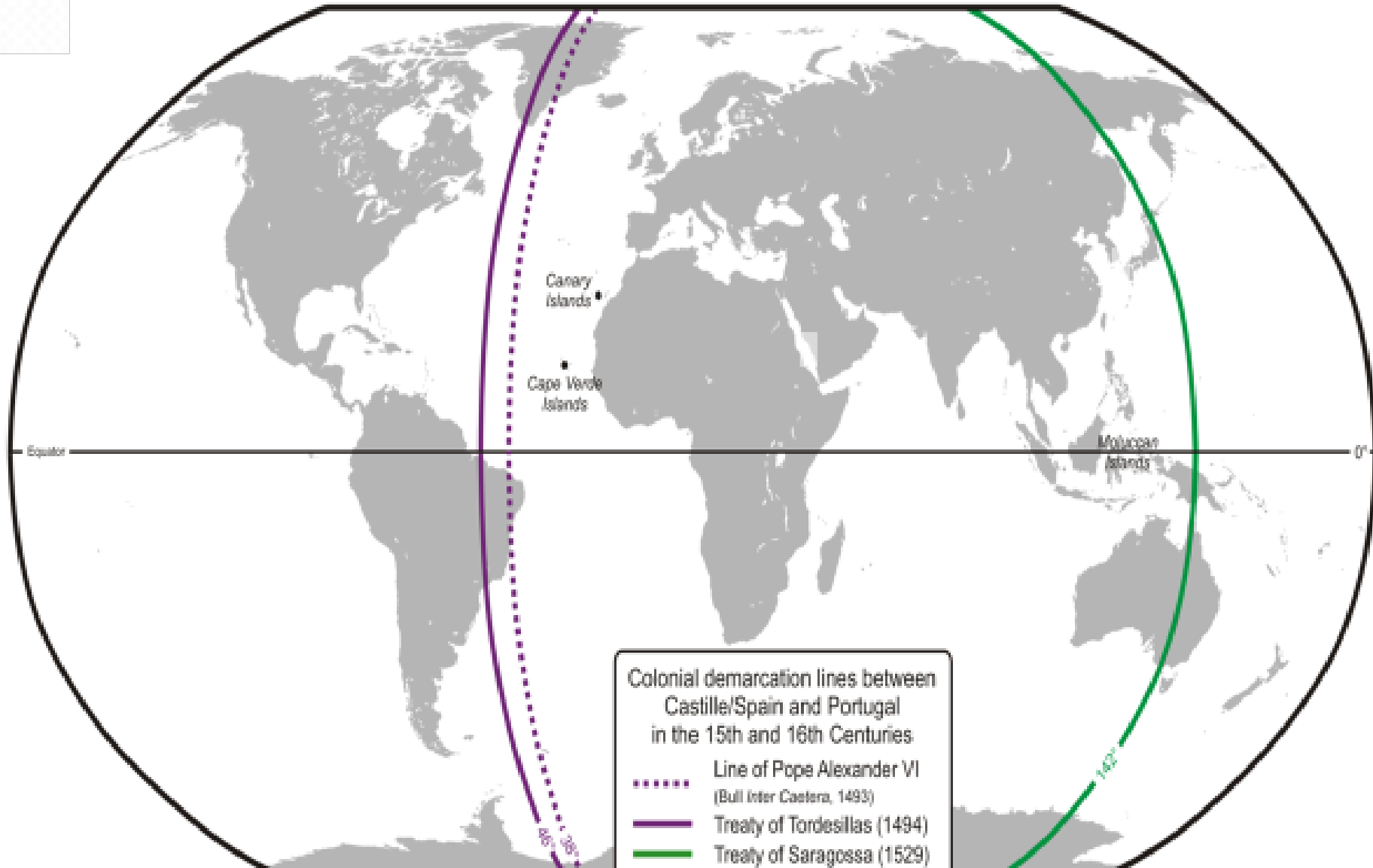


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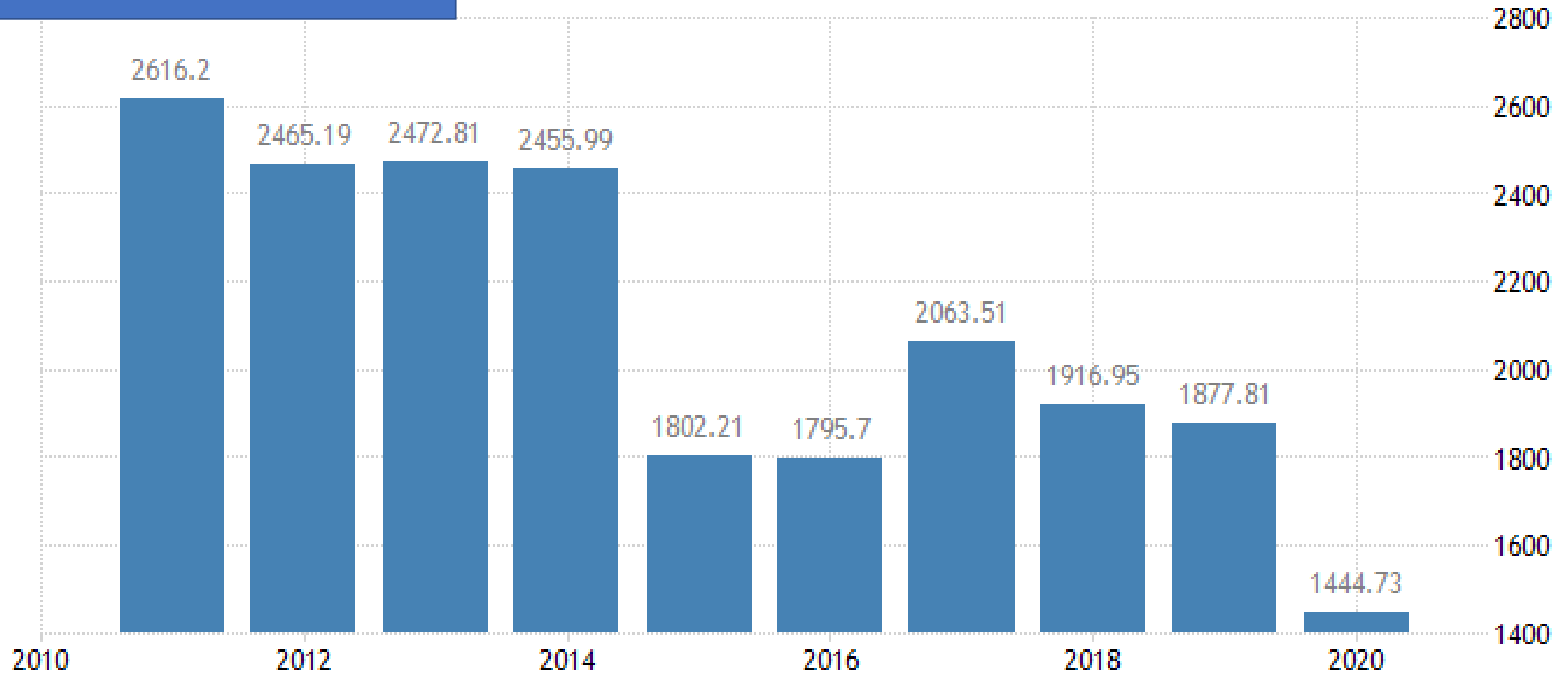
# WHAT IS BRAZIL?



# BRAZIL'S STRATEGIC POSTURE



# Brazil GDP



SOURCE: [TRADINGECONOMICS.COM](https://tradingeconomics.com) | WORLD BANK



# Exports



- Export-oriented economy
- Dependent on the shipments of raw material (50 % of total) and manufactured goods (36 %).
- Main exports:
  - soybeans and related soy products (17%)
  - transport equipment and components (12 %)
  - Oil and oil products (13 %).
- **Main destinations:**
  - China: 27 %
  - U.S.: 12 %
  - Argentina: 6 %
  - Netherlands: 5 %
  - Chile: 3 %



# Trade Surpluses

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- From 2001 to 2012 and 2015 to 2017 Brazil has reported trade surpluses, primarily due to high export of mining and agricultural products.
- In 2018, the biggest trade surpluses were reported with China, the Netherlands, Argentina, Chile, Iran and Spain while the largest trade deficits were recorded with Germany, South Korea, Russia, Switzerland Algeria and France.





**BRAZIL: A PECULIAR  
VIEW TOWARDS SECURITY  
AND  
DEFENSE**

- THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE'S ENDURING MISSION IS TO PROVIDE COMBAT-CREDIBLE MILITARY FORCES NEEDED TO DETER WAR AND PROTECT THE SECURITY OF OUR NATION. SHOULD DETERRENCE FAIL, THE JOINT FORCE IS PREPARED TO WIN. REINFORCING AMERICA'S TRADITIONAL TOOLS OF DIPLOMACY, THE DEPARTMENT PROVIDES MILITARY OPTIONS TO ENSURE THE PRESIDENT AND OUR DIPLOMATS NEGOTIATE FROM A POSITION OF STRENGTH.
- TODAY, WE ARE EMERGING FROM A PERIOD OF STRATEGIC ATROPHY, AWARE THAT OUR COMPETITIVE MILITARY ADVANTAGE HAS BEEN ERODING. WE ARE FACING INCREASED GLOBAL DISORDER, CHARACTERIZED BY DECLINE IN THE LONG-STANDING RULES-BASED INTERNATIONAL ORDER—CREATING A SECURITY ENVIRONMENT MORE COMPLEX AND VOLATILE THAN ANY WE HAVE EXPERIENCED IN RECENT MEMORY. INTER-STATE STRATEGIC COMPETITION, NOT TERRORISM, IS NOW THE PRIMARY CONCERN IN U.S. NATIONAL SECURITY.





- Brazil is a pacific country per tradition and conviction. It lives in peace with its neighbors. It runs its international relations, among others, by the constitutional principles of non-intervention, defense of peace, peaceful resolution of conflicts and democracy. This vocation toward the harmonious convivium, both domestically and externally, is part of the national identity and a value to be preserved by the Brazilian people.



## ESTRATÉGIA NACIONAL DE DEFESA

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## Civilian Governance



ALDO REBELO  
Minister of Defense  
October 2, 2015 – May 12, 2016

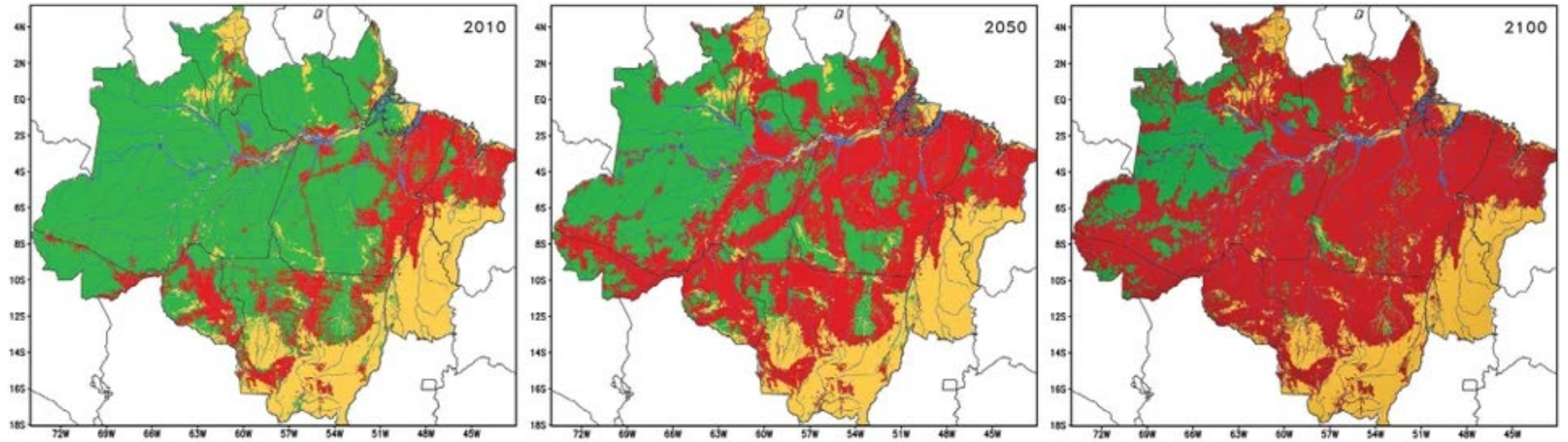


**Buraco para testes nucleares localizado na Serra do Cachimbo**





# A Major Dilemma: Climate Change and Deforestation



## Brazil: a Benevolent Regional Leader?

- 1950s: Juscelino Kubitscheck and Alliance for the Progress?
- Cold War: Non-non-Aligned!
- 1980s Itaipu Dam
- 1980s Nuclear non-Proliferation
- 1990s: FTAA/ALCA
- 1990s: MERCOSUL
- 1995 – Ecuador-Peru Conflict - MOMEPE
- 2000: Meeting of South American Presidents
- 2004-2017 – MINUSTAH
- 2008: UNASUL-CODESUL

- World Trade Organization
- Venezuela humanitarian crisis
- Bilateral Agenda with the U.S.
- Climate Change/COP21
- The effects of the COVID!
- The effects of Bolsonaro

DEFENSE COOPERATION





# Brazil under President Bolsonaro









# Na esteira de Bolsonaro, 72 militares são eleitos para cargos legislativos

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The image features a central graphic of the Brazilian flag, including the green field, yellow rhombus, and blue globe with white stars and bands. This graphic is rendered as a splatter or paint blot on a dark green background that also has a splattered texture. The words 'FUTURE' and 'BRAZIL' are written in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters, positioned on either side of the flag graphic.

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**BRAZIL**