

Appendix 2. Timeline of key events.

Date	Event
1990	First RESEX created in Brazil
1960 to 90's	Drought related immigration waves from the State of Ceará to Bragança, and from the logged and cattle farmed Amazonian rainforests, both expanding the fishing sector.
Late 1990's	First social movements advocating for RESEX establishment in Braganca.
1995	"Mangrove Dynamics and Management" (MADAM) research program was initiated to research the dynamics of mangrove ecosystems and to support the formulation of management recommendations based on this knowledge.
2000	First concerted initiative at RESEX creation in Braganca with required preliminary studies.
May 2005	Creation of the Caeté-Taperaçú RESEX. "Plano de Utilização".
August 2005	Association of RESEX Users (ASSUREMACATA) is established.
2006	Benefits come to RESEX members (houses, scholarships, compensation payments for foregone use of nature, consumer goods such as refrigerators, cookers).
2007	Constitution for the RESEX Deliberative Council established.
2008	Dispute between community leaders for the institutional political space in RESEX management (legislative election- "vereador").
2009	Chico Mendes Institute for Biodiversity Conservation (ICMBio) established.
	Arrival of the first manager of the RESEX
	Start of process to develop management plan.
	The meeting "I Forum paraense do caranguejo-uça" with 500 crab collectors representing 21 municipalities from State of Pará discussed the crab fishery management.
2011	The "Contrato de Concessão de Direito Real de Uso" (Land concession to the associaiton of users) of the RESEX was established for 50 years
	Publication of who is eligible to receive benefits from governmental programs in the CT RESEX,

	decided by the Deliberative Council.
2012	Publication of Management plan for the Caeté-Taperaçú RESEX.
2013	Judicial suspension of user association (ASSUREMACATA)
2014	IDATAM (Institute of Development and Technical Assistance of the Amazon), civil association that provided services of technical assistance and rural extension to RESEX communities.
	Creation of CONFREM (“Comissão Nacional para o Fortalecimento das Reservas Extrativistas e dos Povos Extrativistas Costeiros Marinhos”): Representation of Traditional Populations from marine RESEX areas.
2015	Evaluation workshop with 40 communities represented.
	Meetings to update the operational use rules of the RESEX (Work Groups: crab, fisheries, currals and monitoring). “Acordos de Gestão” (Updating of “Plano de Utilização”)
2017	Training of young people in sustainability by UNESCO Cooperation Program and Vale Foundation (Sustainable Fishing Project on the Amazon Coast – “PeSCA”)
	Training program for leadership and biological monitoring of fisheries- crab, <i>Ucides cordatus</i> , and king weakfish, <i>Macrodon ancylodon</i> - was initiated by the NGO Rare (Fish Forever Program).