



LAND APPLICATION PROCESS

After ample debate “in the corridors” of the TICOYA indigenous reserve about the situation with the ancestral land limits (as described in the last newsletter 103), a big meeting was held on July 29 with the representatives of all 22 communities. The result of this meeting was a unanimous agreement about the limit location as agreed at the end of 2021 during the visit of the Colombian National Land Agency (ANT) to the area, but with a note about the future limit adjustments as described in newsletter 103.

Another development took place over the last months, of which we never thought it would become such an obstacle. On February 17, the ANT asked the Amazon Environmental Corporation (CORPOAMAZONIA) and the municipalities of Puerto Nariño and Leticia for another specific description of the land to be recognized as indigenous reserve. These last two government institutions took about a month to reply properly but the municipality of Puerto Nariño has still not answered until today. Apparently, the concerning staff member has no idea what is asked?

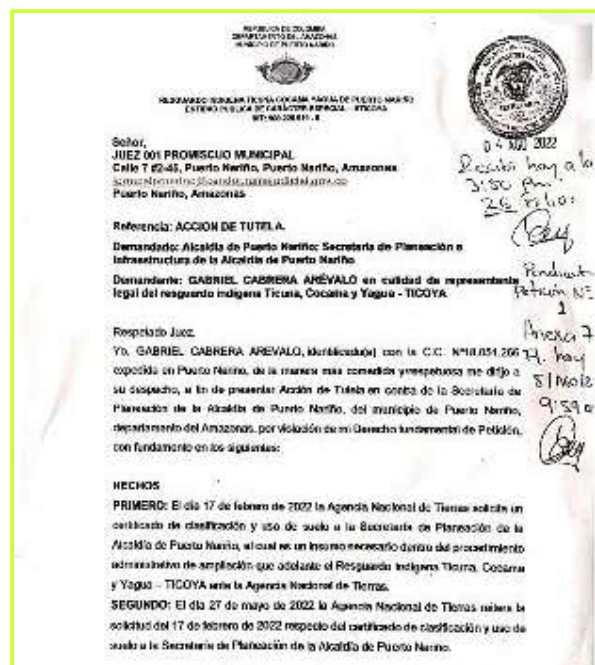
In the meantime, two judicial complaints have been made by the TICOYA reserve against the municipality of Puerto Nariño and the staff member, but also without any response from the local judge.

Because of this situation, the recognition resolution promised on March 3 for the ancestral land located in the Amacayacu National Park (area 2 on the map in newsletter

103) has still not been emitted. This situation is of course very disappointing and the local people involved feel very powerless at the moment. But keep reading!

In the meantime leaders of San Martin and the TICOYA reserve a busy with an inventory of the lands of non-indigenous people in the area around Puerto Nariño (area 1 on the map in newsletter 103).

There was also an additional meeting with the community of Mocagua about the land limit situation that was created at the end of 2021, during the ANT visit to the region, when a large piece of land was removed from the to be recognized area, because apparently the people of Mocagua had an issue with this and threatened to interfere with the recognition process.







IN THE MEANTIME...

Just after writing the first page of this newsletter, the ANT confirmed that they have received enough information from the municipality of Puerto Nariño to finish the socio-economic and judicial study before the end of August and send it to the Colombian ministry of interior affairs. This ministry then has to visit the area and emit a certificate

confirming its ecological function. With this certificate, the ANT can send the package to its own directive board for subsequent writing of the resolution or title, with which the recognition is official.

Very exciting, but we have no idea how much time this process can occupy. We keep you informed. Fingers crossed.

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