

SECOND LAST STEP

The 29th of November was finally the day in which a team of representatives from the Ministry of Interior affairs came to the TICOYA reserve for the certification of the ecological function of the ancestral lands. Their arrival was quite unexpected but of course more than welcome. Many representatives of the reserve accompanied the team during their visit to San Martin de Amacayacu and Palmeras. The certification was send to the national land agency on the 15th of december, meaning all the required documents were complete to be sent to the directive council where different institutions of the government are part of. According to the messages we have received, this council will organize an assembly in January where the application will be judged. We don't expect there will be any new obstacles. Hereby we would like to give you an impression of the visit:







PRETTY UP SAN MARTIN

Two of the very few tourists who visited San Martin in the beginning of 2021 were [Santiago Velez](#) and [Erika Borjesson](#). During their stay they became inspired by the projects of Small World Foundation and decided to do something to contribute to the community. By the end of 2021 the first steps were made and with a contribution from the Ministry of Culture flight tickets and paint were bought. [Painters](#) contributed with their time and effort and [Casa Gregorio](#) took care of the meals and accommodation for the five participants. The Small world foundation made sure some locals who helped in the project got a little recognition. The result consisted of 9 beautifully painted front sides of houses which have become, also among tourists, a topic of conversation in the area and seen as something special about the community of San Martin de Amacayacu.



Last November again 15 new houses were painted, this time by painters of the collective [Bio-Grafos](#). The paintings were made with less detail to make sure this time more houses would receive a beautiful decoration. The project got the title of [Nai Ni Chá](#), which in the Tikuna language means: the tree which floats down the river. The title stands as a symbol for the deforestation of the rainforest and the goal of the project is to raise awareness on this theme. It was also during the stay of Santiago, Erika and the painters that some moments were created to think and talk with each other about the environment, the land management, tourism and nature protection.

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