



ULTIMATE STEP

We mentioned in our previous newsletter that there would be a big meeting at the end of January with the directive board which consists of several government entities. During this meeting, the ancestral land application of San Martin de Amacayacu en Palmeras would be discussed for a final decision. At the time of this writing, it has been rescheduled for the end of February and this can also still change. We keep you posted.

NGS BIRD PROJECT

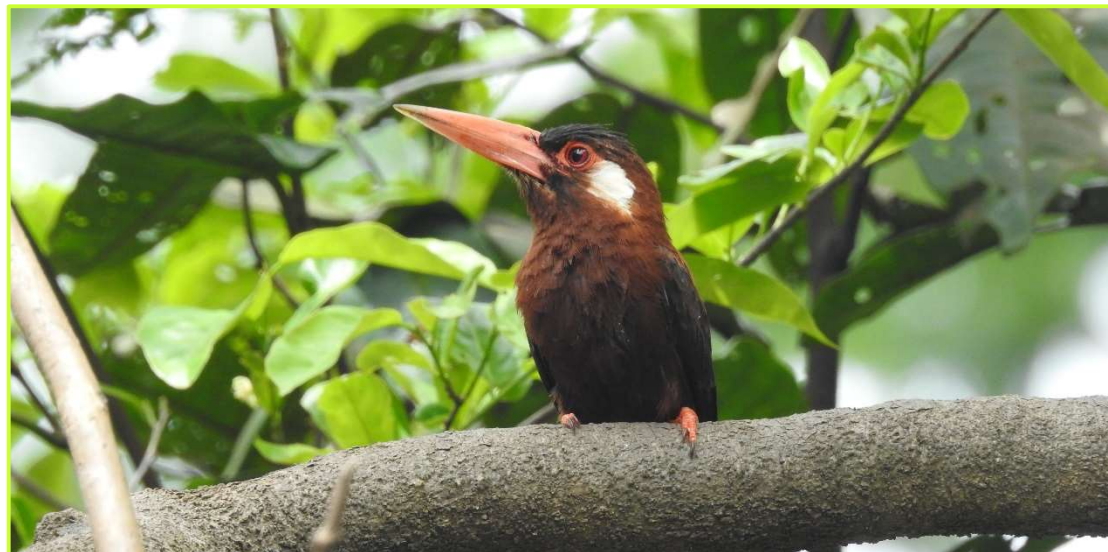
It has been more than six months that San Martin's environmental guard team received the money on the Small World Foundation bank account for the project "Boosting Indigenous knowledge for autonomous Rainforest Design (BIRD)". This project aims to connect the older generation of Tikuna indigenous people with the people of the younger generation by organising activities related to local bird species and their role in Tikuna indigenous culture.

There have been several small expeditions to the rainforest by now to practise photo camera use, group dynamics and to determine interesting birding locations. We would like to share some photos with you that have been taken in the bird project context and several of which will appear in the book about the most important birds for Tikuna culture. The result is a considerable collection of 85 high quality photos of different bird species and an obvious enthusiasm for the bird topic amongst local people.



The activities have suffered a delay of a few months. Over time, the environmental guard has acquired quite a few tasks, with the bird project coming fourth.

The priority remains doing the monitoring trips to the rainforest to observe the situation concerning the use of fish, wildlife, timber, sand and gravel in the ancestral lands. Second, the environmental guard team has been busy organising and leading the lobby and meetings concerning the land application of the Ticuna Cocama and Yagua (TICOYA) indigenous reserve, not only representing San Martin and Palmeras but also the five other communities (Ticoya, Patrullero, Veinte de Julio, Puerto Esperanza en Valencia). Third, the environmental guard is busy designing an educational program, that will be added to the regular curriculum at at least two schools in the area.



ANNUAL REPORT

The Small World Foundation website has been updated again. Also the [2022 annual report](#) has been posted, but only in Dutch. It has been a relatively quite year in terms of activities apart from the many meetings, visits and lobby for the recognition of the ancestral lands of San Martin and Palmeras on the one hand and of the five communities on the other. It simply requires a lot of time and energy to get all kinds of people with different backgrounds and interests on the same track. The power of the Small World Foundation is clear in this context as work can always continue and each time spontaneous and unexpected opportunities and occasions can be used without requiring a lot of tedious

Categories	Euro
Meetings San Martin	3.877
Environmental Guard	501
Environmental Guard Education Pro	543
Nat Geo bird project	340
Other	610
Total	5.870

administration. The existence of this unconditional support gives local people confidence to continue despite the endless delays. We are keen to arrive at the moment of the directive board meeting. It is quite an exciting time.

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