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## GOOD INITIATIVES!

### ENVIRONMENTAL PATROL COLLECTS GARBAGE

Since June the dry season has started again in the Amazon rainforest. This means that water levels in the rivers and lakes are rapidly dropping. Unfortunately, a lot of garbage becomes visible along the banks and this, of course, needs to be cleaned up. The Guardia Indígena Ambiental (GIA – Environmental Patrol) of San Martin has already been active on several days in June, July, and August, cleaning up along the Amacayacu River and in San Martin itself, with the help of various community members.

Wet clothes must first be dried to significantly reduce their weight. Then everything is packed into plastic rice sacks, ready for transport. This year, hundreds of kilos of garbage have already been taken by boat to Leticia.

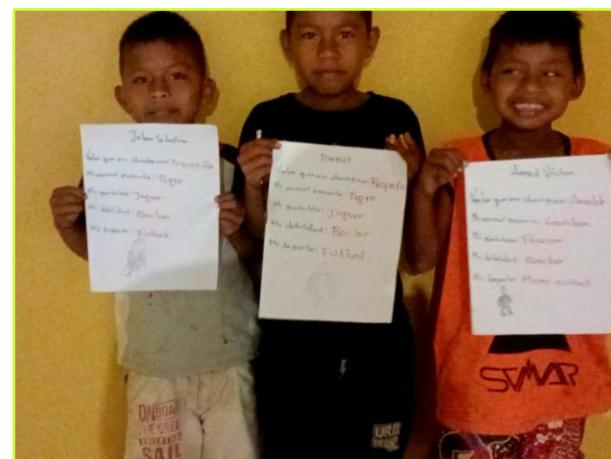






## ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

On Saturdays and Sundays, which are regularly set aside for environmental education with the children and youth in San Martin de Amacayacu, the focus is not only on collecting garbage or discussing waste. The term "environment" is interpreted broadly and covers a variety of themes such as community, territory, Indigenous rights and responsibilities, living together, caring for one another, and resolving conflicts. Sometimes the conversations also turn to more personal topics like: What do I enjoy doing? What food do I like? What are my strengths or weaknesses? What do I want for my future and how do I think I can get there? The children and youth enjoy attending the sessions, and there is always an opportunity to play sports and share some food and drinks together.





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