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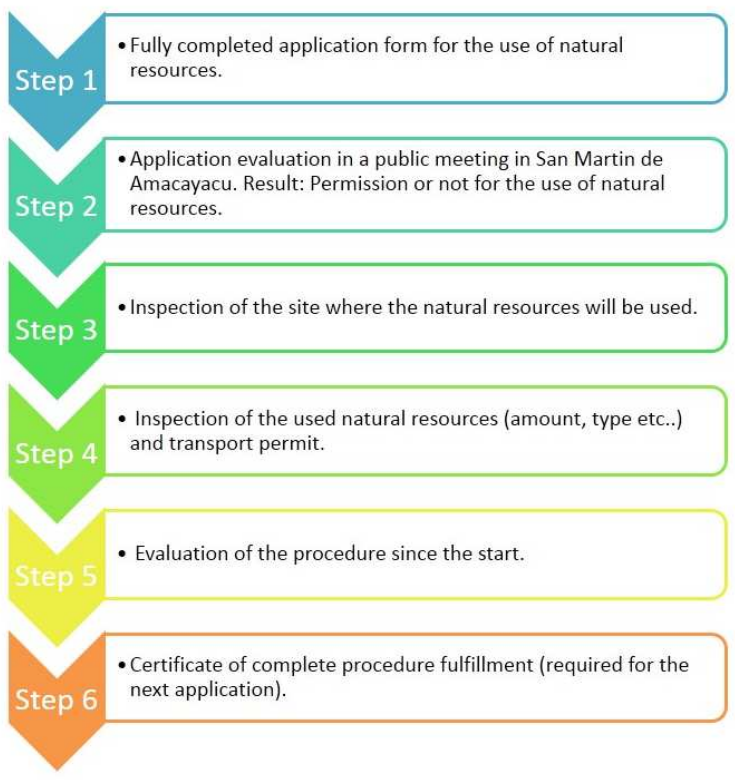
A MANUAL IS READY!

After an intensive year in San Martin de Amacayacu we can look back satisfied. Great progress has been made for sure on the topic of the use of natural resources (sand, gravel, timber, etc.) on the ancestral lands of this community. Because of the warnings issued by the indigenous environmental patrol, less people from outside the community have entered the area to cut trees without permission or to dig for sand or gravel. Another concrete example is a six-step manual for the use of these resources. The first step is the application to cut a tree, for example. The sixth step is the certificate that recognises that all requirements have been respected during the entire process. This certificate is also a requirement for a future application. Each step has a page with the description of the parts and the possible outcome. If there are serious irregularities during the process, the current permit can be cancelled immediately and no more future permits will be allowed.

The aim of this manual is that the access to the use of natural resources will be clearer, more transparent and more equal for all those who are interested. At the same time, the idea is not to create a whole new bureaucracy. We'll keep you informed!

To make the manual a little more attractive for the users, we are currently looking for an editor. Then it will be ready for printing! This manual was specified as one of the end results of the final proposal for the International Society of Ethnobiology, who financed this project in 2014 and 2015. Check!

Manual for the non commercial use of natural resources on the ancestral lands of the Ticuna indigenous community of San Martin de Amacayacu (Leticia, Amazon, Colombia).



A NEW HOUSE FOR EMMA AND REMIGIO

For years, all visitors in San Martin de Amacayacu would first pass the house of Mr. Remigio Santos and Mrs. Emma Luis, an elderly couple (exact age unknown). Each year, the house would also be a year older. Until Mr. Remigio discovered that his house started to lean to one side. So he put a beam between the house and a big tree next to it. So it would not move so fast.

But slowly it became a dangerous undertaking to reach their bedroom on the third floor. This had been so for years and that's not easy to change! But a strong wind...

The community's environmental patrol then got together with a few people from the Amacayacu National Park and the Small World Foundation. More security was needed for the couple and a fresh first impression of the community too. Part of the entree fee that tourists pay to the local mini-hotel "Casa Gregorio" (€2,- pp to walk around in the community) was also used for the idea.

The old house was broken down in July 2015 by the environmental patrol. Then wood was cut by a man employed at the Amacayacu National Park and this Park had a project that paid for the roof. The Small World Foundation and the tourist tax contributed for gasoline, hinges, nails and payment for carpenters. Half December the house was practically ready: A compact new house, all just on one floor. A better way to end the year is hard to think of. From now on, this house will be the first impression people have of the community.



**Tadaaaa...
a new
house!**



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The contributions will be spent exclusively on the development and realization of local initiatives in San Martin de Amacayacu in the Colombian Amazon. No wages are being paid to anyone. The expenses will be mentioned as much as possible in the newsletters. For alternative contributions, please contact Heike van Gils at: heike_van_gils@hotmail.com.

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