



## INCODER = LAND UNIT...

Let us remind you of the Small World Foundation priority: The recognition of about 30.000 hectares of ancestral lands (100% rainforest) as an indigenous reserve for the Tikuna indigenous communities of San Martin de Amacayacu and Palmeras in the south of the Colombian Amazon. In Colombia, the Colombian Institute of Rural Development (Instituto Colombiano de Desarrollo Rural, INCODER, [www.incoder.gov.co](http://www.incoder.gov.co)) always decided about land rights.

In October 2014, the last big meeting about these ancestral lands was held with all the communities of the Tikuna Cocama Yagua indigenous reserve. After that, it was INCODER's task to continue the process. In the months of November and December nothing really happens at the government and during 2015 the INCODER was in total hibernation previous to a metamorphosis that is going to happen this month. The INCODER will now be called Unidad de Tierras (Land Unit) and will probably have pretty much the same tasks.

Despite the impatience, it did not make much sense for the representatives of San Martin or Palmeras to travel to Bogotá and pressure the issue. At the moment of writing, current INCODER staff does not even know whether they will keep their jobs. They recommend staying in touch over the phone over the coming months. Hopefully, there will be a moment at which the Unidad de Tierras will organize all current land applications and then it will be important to stay tuned.

Representatives of the United Nations (Human Rights office) have visited San Martin de Amacayacu since the end of 2014 and are interested to support the application. Their presence can give the process a good impulse.

## IN THE MEANTIME...

In the meantime, the Amacayacu National Park has also started to show signs of life again. After a break of three months, the work for environmental management in the ancestral lands continues. Here we have some nice pictures of the meetings..



## SMALL WORLD SPENDINGS 2016

As mentioned in the Small World Foundation newsletters, 2015 was a quiet year with a lot of lobby for a clearer and more transparent environmental management in the ancestral lands of San Martin de Amacayacu in the framework of the Darrell Posey project ([www.ethnobiology.net/what-we-do/core-programs/fellowships/small-grants/](http://www.ethnobiology.net/what-we-do/core-programs/fellowships/small-grants/)) and as a very constructive activity while waiting for the government decision about the recognition of these lands as an indigenous reserve. The specified €2.240 comes from the funding from the International Society of Ethnobiology (Darrell Posey Small Grant). The still available money of this funding (about €1.000) will be spent in 2016 on the last parts, such as printing the manual for natural resource use for example. The biggest expense at the end of 2015 was the purchase of a second hand aluminum boat and a 15hp Yamaha outboard engine for general transport and the patrol activities of the environmental guard. The boat and engine are in the category equipment and maintenance, whereas gasoline is in transport.

### CATEGORY

Meetings San Martin	242
Kindergarden	631
Equipment and maintenance	3.770
Transport	151
Other	326
	<b>SUBTOTAL 5.120</b>
Darrell Posey	2.240
	<b>TOTAL 7.360</b>

This boat was much needed after a boat purchased in 2010 ([www.facebook.com/pages/GET-WATER-BOAT-DONE/133568283338591?fref=ts](http://www.facebook.com/pages/GET-WATER-BOAT-DONE/133568283338591?fref=ts) / [www.getitdone.org/projects/1](http://www.getitdone.org/projects/1)) was stolen in April 2015. With the engine, it was a great deal!



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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](mailto:heike_van_gils@hotmail.com).

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