



LAND AGENCY IN THE REGION

San Martin and Palmeras carefully approached the National Land Agency (*Agencia Nacional de Tierras* - www.agenciadetierras.gov.co) at the beginning of this year, but without any result. E-mails did not arrive and WhatsApp-messages were not read. On March 2, Mr. Nelson Mamian of the Human Rights Office of the United Nations Colombia visited San Martin again and it was decided to write another official information application. Mr. Mamian personally delivered the application at the ANT office on March 9. After that, the ANT has 15 working days to respond, which would be the end of March.

In the meantime, a representative of the Colombian National Nature Parks sent a letter to the ANT asking for the complete list of applications for establishment of indigenous reserves or enlargements of existing reserves. In the list sent as the reply are the applications of San Martin de Amacayacu and Palmeras and also of the five other communities that want to be included in the Tikuna Cocama Yagua (TICOYA) reserve (Newsletter 46 and 49). We will keep waiting and will insist on trying to get in touch with the ANT.

At the ANT offices they are also very busy. March 13 was finally the big day in Puerto Nariño: 300 Honda 6hp longtail engines were donated to fishermen and agricultural farmers of the TICOYA indigenous reserve who had been selected before. These engines are called "peque- peque" in the Amazon, because of the sound they produce. They are very handy here

because they can usually be repaired with simple tools. They are fuel efficient and the tail can be taken out of the water easily when the boat goes over a log or through shallow water. A broken propeller is quickly replaced. Each engine costs about 500 euro and lasts about a year or two. Each fisherman also received a bag full of fishing gear and the farmers tools for working on the land. The slogan for the event: "The peace has its feet on the ground". Before the big day, there were workshops for everyone to learn how to repair the engines. The aim of donating the engines to people with little income is the eradication of poverty and hunger in Colombia. Fishermen can easily go from one place to the next and farmers can transport their products. The donation is just at the same time as the political campaigns for the presidential elections this year...

San Martin de Amacayacu and Palmeras did not pass the occasion in Puerto Nariño to inform with the ANT representatives about the application for the recognition of the ancestral lands. It turned out that the application of March 9 was personally directed to one of the people present at the ANT table: Mrs Nubia Pacheco. She asked to send everything to her personal email again, which we immediately did of course.



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Asunto: Asunto: Respuesta **OFC17-48092-DAI-2200** con Radicado AGENCIA NACIONAL DE TIERRAS - ANT 20186201040162 del 2017-12-22. Solicitud de información de los procesos de titulación colectiva o declaratoria y Resguardos Indígenas que se adelantan en los departamentos de Vaupés, Vichada, Guaviare, Guanía, Putumayo, Caquetá y Amazonas.

Respetada Doctora Diana

En el marco de la competencia de la Dirección de Asuntos Étnicos, se le informa que una vez revisada su solicitud y los datos suministrados en ella, se pudo determinar las siguientes solicitudes para legalización de tierras a comunidades étnicas:

DPTO.	MPIO.	PROCEDIMIENTO	COMUNIDAD
AMAZONAS	LETICIA	SOLICITUD DE AMPLIACIÓN DE RESGUARDO	CAMARITAGUA, COMEYAFU Y PUERTO CORDOBA*, ISLA RONDA, KILOMETRO 6 Y 11, MOCAGUA, MACEDONIA, EL VERGEL Y ZARAGOZA, RIOS COTUHE PUTUMAYO, SAN ANTONIO DE LOS LAGOS Y SAN SEBASTIAN, SAN JOSE DEL RIO, SAN JUAN DE LOS PARENTES, SANTA SOFIA.)
AMAZONAS	TARAPACÁ	SOLICITUD DE CONSTITUCIÓN DE RESGUARDO	YURI-PASSE (PUEBLOS AISLADOS)
AMAZONAS	TARAPACÁ	SOLICITUD DE AMPLIACIÓN DE RESGUARDO	ISLA RONDA, RIOS COTUHE PUTUMAYO
AMAZONAS	PUERTO NARIÑO	SOLICITUD DE CONSTITUCIÓN DE RESGUARDO	PUERTO NARIÑO (AHORA SAN MARTÍN DE AMACAYACU Y PALMERA)
AMAZONAS	PUERTO NARIÑO	SOLICITUD DE AMPLIACIÓN DE RESGUARDO	PUERTO NARIÑO TIKUNA, COKAMA Y YAGUA-TICOYA
AMAZONAS	LA PEDRERA	SOLICITUD DE CONSTITUCIÓN DE RESGUARDO	YURI-PASSE (PUEBLOS AISLADOS)
AMAZONAS	LA PEDRERA	SOLICITUD DE AMPLIACIÓN DE RESGUARDO	CAMARITAGUA, COMEYAFU Y PUERTO CORDOBA
AMAZONAS	MIRITÍ PARANÁ (CAMPOALEGRE)	SOLICITUD DE AMPLIACIÓN DE RESGUARDO	COMEYAFU Y PUERTO CORDOBA
CAQUETÁ	SOLANO	SOLICITUD DE CONSTITUCIÓN DE RESGUARDO	LA MENSAJERA, YUCUNA



AGREEMENT AMACAYACU NP – SAN MARTIN DE AMACAYACU

In Newsletter 73 we mentioned the first steps to the first real agreement between San Martin de Amacayacu and the Amacayacu National Nature Park since this was created on top of San Martin's ancestral lands in 1975. After this agreement was discussed and agreed on during the last months of 2016 and the first of 2017, it was signed with happy faces by both authorities on August 15, 2017 in the maloca of San Martin (pictures on this page). The main topics of this agreement are: Territory (recognition, management, natural resources, environmental guard), education (environment and culture), tourism (as "eco" as possible) and community governance (strengthening the administration and internal conflict resolution). The aim of the agreement is to become more equal partners to the Amacayacu NP at the negotiation table about the topics of community and ancestral lands.



After signing the agreement, there is a lot of work to do. All aspects of collaboration between San Martin and the Amacayac National Park have to be reviewed. Many discussions are about money and this also has to be discussed in detail. Before the agreement, it used to be the Amacayacu NP to decide alone on what the money would be spent. The community was subject to the execution of plans and projects, but not part of the design. We are certainly proud of this agreement, because the beginning was made during the project *“Control of the use of natural resources in the ancestral lands of San Martin de Amacayacu”*, financed by the Darrell Posey Small Grant of the International Society of Ethnobiology (Newsletter 54). The pictures on this page are of the meeting about the agreement of March 15, 16 and 17, 2018.



Would you like to support the Tikuna indigenous community of San Martin together with the Small World Foundation, and stay in touch about the local developments in this remote corner of Colombia?

Please transfer 15 euro yearly (or more!) to the following bank account in the Netherlands:

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Please DON'T FORGET TO INFORM US ABOUT YOUR NAME AND EMAIL ADDRESS!!
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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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