

POPULATION CENSUS MAKING STEADY PROGRESS

Since the decision was made to make a request to get the ancestral lands recognised as an expansion of the existing Tikuna, Cocama and Yagya (TICOYA) reserve, our community thought it would be a good idea to help out the government a little bit with the counting and identification of all over 8000 inhabitants of this reserve. At the time that the request was about the recognition of the lands as an independent land, only the inhabitants of San Martin and Palmeras had to be counted. Now there were many more people involved.

For the counting and identification of the population the government uses a big Excel table in which all data have to be filled in. For people in a developed country this is of course very easy. Though, here in the Amazon there are not many people who know how to use a computer or who even have one, and therefore the forms had to be printed out. The letters being so small on these excel sheets, the consequence is that many parts of the forms are not very visible on the printed version. It is also so big that it had to be printed on two separated pages. Many data has to be filled in via certain codes but with an excel table on two different pages it is very unclear for most people where each code has to be filled in.

In short, it was clear that this census was going to take time. Finally the Small World Foundation decided to give 30 euros to three persons per community to make sure the papers were filled in by all the inhabitants. At the time of writing there are 9 communities that have finished the census. The papers have

been taken to San Martin where foreign volunteers have helped to scan them and make all the PDF'S. It took them almost a whole day per community!



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3RD LAND APPLICATION HANDED IN!

Parallel to the census we have also submitted the third version of the land application. In 2012 this application was about the expansion the Tikuna, Cocama and Yagua (TICOYA) reserve with the ancestral land, in 2013 it concerned the recognition of the ancestral lands as an independent reserve and now it is about expanding the already existing reserve with the ancestral lands. Apparently this is how it goes in the world of all the land applications by indigenous people in Colombia... But we are not going to get demotivated: anyhow we are going to make sure we get the recognition and with your support this is definitely going to happen!

ENGINE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PATROL

In the past newsletters we mentioned the creative action of Martijn Rovers for the Small World Foundation: the sale of handmade garlands in order to buy a new engine.

We can now show it to you! It is a YAMAHA 8pk long-tailed engine and here in the region it is named to the sound it makes, *peke-peke*. These kind of engines are very popular here because they are relatively cheap, quite easy to maintain, efficient in the fuel consumption and because of the long tail you can easily bypass low waters or tree stumps.





NEW MALOKA ALMOST FINISHED!

At the end of 2018 the ceiling of the maloka was in very bad shape. The maloka is a very important space in the community and is nowadays not inhabited like it was in the ancestral lands. Sometimes there were 200 people living in it! Now, in this special space almost all meetings and events of the community take place (see Newsletter 77). We thought it was about time to create a new one.

The building of a maloka is also a good exercise for the young generation to learn about the traditions and about the building methods of the past. Palm leaves have to be harvested and the roofpanels woven. The wooden poles have to be taken from the jungle and the frame has to be built. People harmoniously work together and stories are shared. There is Masato to drink (of course) and all the people that collaborate get a small recognition. Very soon it will be ready!





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