

SOME ACTION AGAIN AT LAST!!

After a lot of pressure, there was action again at last from the National Land Agency (*Agencia Nacional de Tierras* - ANT) in October. On the 12th and 22nd, Windows Teams meetings were held with representatives of the Tikuna Cocama and Yagua (TICOYA) indigenous reserve and the ANT. From these meetings it became clear that the ANT still wants to visit the reserve this year to finalize the census and the socio-economic study. In the meantime, other meetings were held in the reserve about this visit, which has been planned for the end of November.

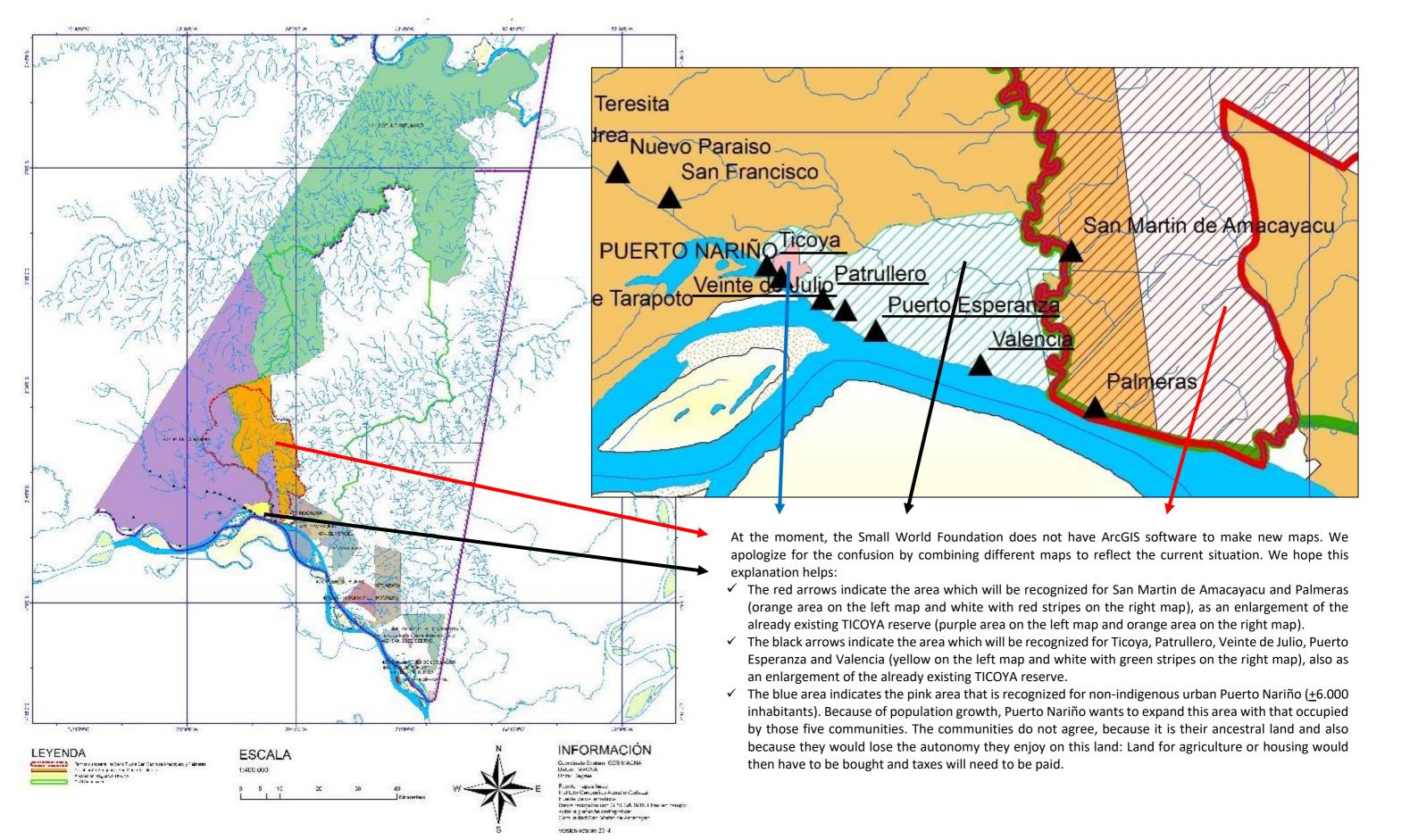
The recognition of the ancestral lands of San Martin de Amacayacu and Palmeras has been studied sufficiently. At this point, there is an emphasis on the situation of 5 other communities (Ticoya, Patrullero, Veinte de Julio, Puerto Esperanza and Valancia). The area that these communities live and work on (about 10.000 hectares) was donated to them in the eighties (even though it was their own ancestral land) after severe floodings of the area they were occupying at the time. However, at the moment of creating the TICOYA indigenous reserve in the nineties, this area was not included. As of 2019, it became part of the land application led by San Martin de Amacayacu and Palmeras (Newsletter 82 and 83). On October 26, at the ANT office in Bogotá, the logistics for the visit were discussed, documents and questions were exchanged and issues cleared up. We assume the recognition won't be finished in 2021 but we we really trust that it will be finished at some point. It certainly comes closer and we







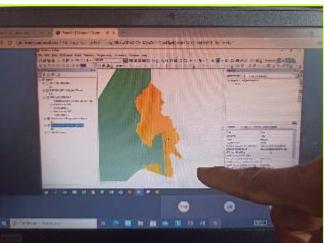
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