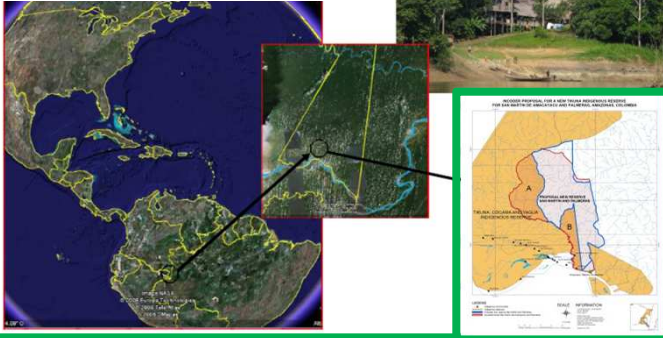


**MONITORING NATURAL RESOURCE EXTRACTION ACTIVITIES IN THE ANCESTRAL LANDS OF THE TIKUNA
INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY OF SAN MARTIN DE AMACAYACU - LETICIA, AMAZONAS, COLOMBIA**
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**LOCATION SAN MARTIN DE AMACAYACU
IN THE COLOMBIAN AMAZON**



CONTEXT (numbers refer to the pictures below)

For decades, the ancestral lands of San Martin de Amacayacu have been victim of illegal and improper natural resource use by people from outside the community (1-3). San Martin aims to tackle this issue pacifically by getting legal recognition for the ancestral lands as a *Resguardo Indigena* (Colombian term for indigenous reserve) and territorial autonomy in terms of natural resource management. **2006:** Participative mapping of San Martin's ancestral lands (final map 4x6m.) (4-6). **2008-2010:** Jungle trips for GPS location of ancestral land limits and important sites (7-9). Digital theme maps: Land limits, Cultural, Vegetation, Water, Animals (10). **2011:** Start of dialogues with Colombian state authorities: Colombia National Parks, INCODER and Ministries of Interior Affairs and Justice (11). **2013:** April: Formal land application filed at INCODER office Bogotá (12). July: Official INCODER visit to San Martin for data verification and additional research (13-14). **2014:** Awaiting INCODER reply... **2014-2015:** Monitoring natural resource extraction activities in the ancestral territory and interinstitutional meetings and workshops to establish rules and proceedings for resource use & management. (Darrell Posey Fellowship project).



JOSÉ GREGORIO VÁSQUEZ, Tikuna indigenous leader from San Martin de Amacayacu about **territory**: *⚡This term has many meanings in my language. It can be cho-orí mairum – my land. Or cho-orí na'ane – the place where I live or my world, which greatly refers to our agricultural plots. The term na'ane refers to something bigger, related to the whole system including the lives of soil, humanity, spirits, plants, animals and all other beings. We also refer to territory as cho-orí mairau'ane – the land used by our ancestors, where they lived. For us Tikuna, the ancestral lands are our life force – we have to take care of it because we so greatly depend on it for our identity, materials, health, water, spirituality, food, and so much more. We must stop the illegal extraction activities to protect our future!⚡*

PROJECT METHODOLOGY FOR 2014-2015

1. Community workshops to establish:

- Community leader commitment and responsibilities.
- Council of elders: Advisory role to accompany decision making process, educating role for environmental guard.
- Environmental guard: Group capacitated to carry out monitoring activities, decomisions, communication.
- Commitment and responsibilities Amacayacu National Park, regional police & army force.
- Rules and proceedings for natural resource extraction: who, when, how, where, what? Formats and data analysis.
- Meetings with stakeholders to discuss rules and proceedings.

2. Monitoring expeditions in the ancestral territory:

- Revision of extraction activities: Who?, Where?, When?, Which supposed permits? Information and dialogue with extractors: Advertisement!! Identification state of natural resources: Location of protected sites, possible sites.,
- Revision of extraction activites: DECOMISION IF ILLEGAL.

DESIRED PROJECT RESULTS

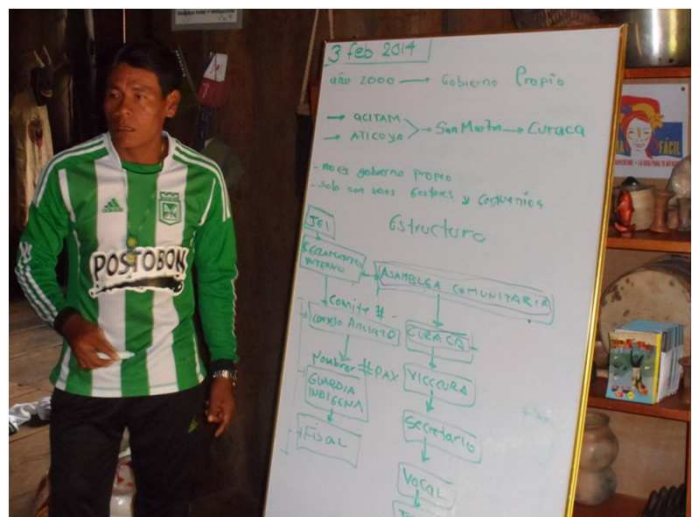
- ✓ Recovered autonomous territorial management
- ✓ Illegal extraction eliminated
- ✓ Authorized extraction activities transparent and reduced
- ✓ Clear distribution of responsibilities between stakeholders

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José Gregorio Vásquez leading a workshop in San Martin de Amacayacu on Feb 3rd 2014