



## SUCCESSFUL MEETING!!

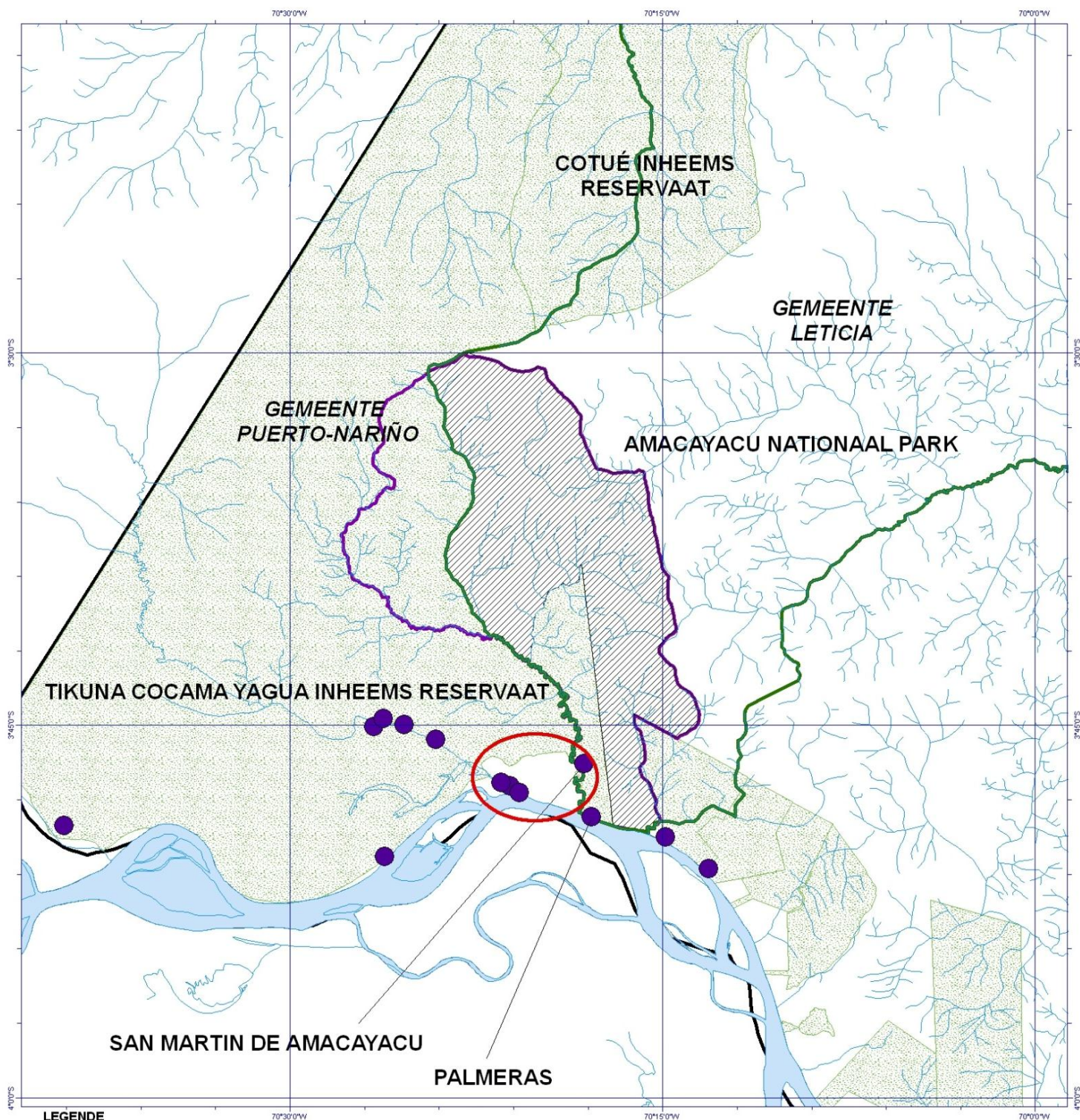
Last October 25th and 26th, a first meeting was held after San Martín's ancestral land recognition application (as an extension of the Tikuna Cocama Yagua indigenous reserve) was filed. Representatives of San Martín de Amacayacu and Palmeras, the Amacayacu National Park, the Colombian Institute of Agricultural Development INCODER ([www.incoder.gov.co](http://www.incoder.gov.co)) were present at the meeting in Leticia. It was clear soon enough that the Amacayacu National Park does not object against the proposal and greatly values a collaborative effort in developing a natural resource management plan in the area. The INCODER considers the proposal very interesting and put it high on its list of priorities. Coincidentally, the INCODER has just been given the green light for many land applications countrywide, which had stagnated during the previous presidential period. The INCODER even wants to add something extra to the proposal, namely the recognition of the area within the red circle on the map on the next page. Four indigenous communities are located in this area. They have been subject of discussion for years, because there are documents that include them in the Tikuna Cocama Yagua reserve as well as documents that exclude them. Now, the INCODER wants to clarify the situation, making use of San Martín's application. We just hope there will be no complications as a result of this! There are no pictures of the meeting.

## TICOYA RESERVE PROJECT

At the end of September, a project started to organize the Tikuna Cocama Yagua indigenous reserve. This project was born at a big meeting in San Martín in February 2010. The political unrest in this reserve is one of the most important arguments for San Martín to pursue an independent reserve. This project is a last effort to avoid the TICOYA reserve fragmentation, against the principles of indigenous reserves. The project is carried out by a workgroup of 16 people from different communities in the reserve (picture below). Over the last months, they have gathered and studied all kinds of previously elaborated relevant documents. This is the foundation for an internal legislation. By now, a preliminary version has been written. The workgroup will visit all communities over the next months to discuss this version. The Ministries of Justice and Internal Affairs closely follow everything. In the meantime a judicial advisor will take care of the details. Everything is going smoothly and that is a good sign. To be continued...



# INHEEMSE RESERVATEN, GEMEENTES, AMACAYACU NATIONAAL PARK EN DE LIGGING VAN DE BESPROKEN UITBREIDINGEN OP HET TIKUNA COCAMA YAGUA RESERVAAT

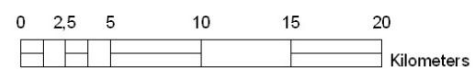


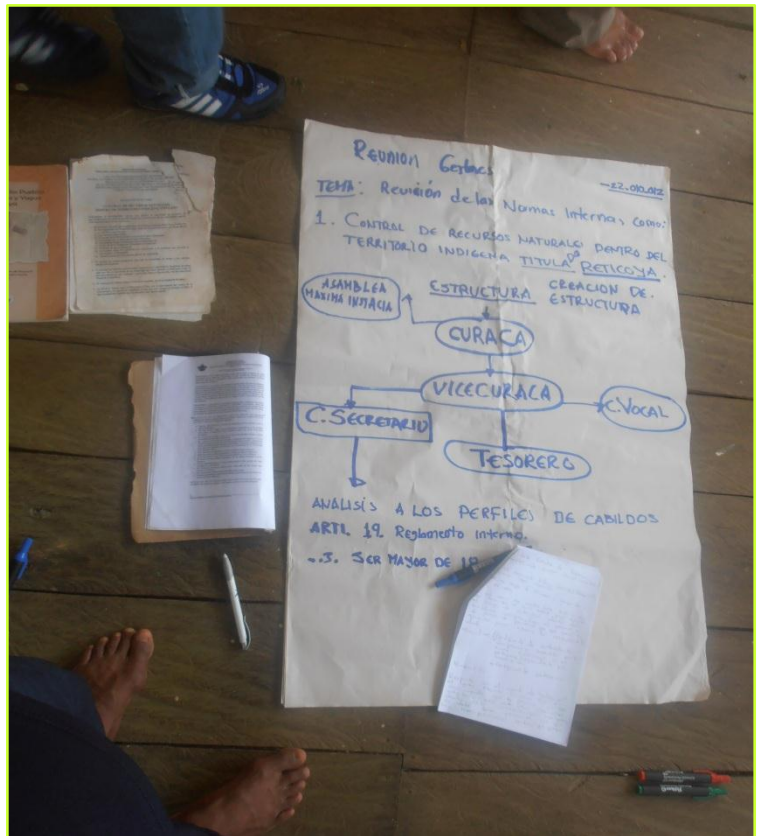
**LEGENDE**

- Gemeenschappen
- Inheemse reservaten
- Amacayacu Nationaal Park
- Rivieren
- Amazone rivier
- Uitbreiding San Martin en Palmeras
- Voorouderlijk grondgebied San Martin de Amacayacu



**SCHAAL**





## **SMALL WORLD ACTIVITIES**

The Small World Foundation will be present at the event "Winter in South" in Tilburg on Sunday December 16th. The Korvelseweg will be magically changed into a Winter Wonderland in the style of Anton Pieck. The event will include a Santa-run, music, ice sculptures, a living christmas stall and of course hot chocolate and glühwein! Don't miss this event! More information on [www.winterinzuid.nl](http://www.winterinzuid.nl)

For this day, we are still looking for volunteers wanting to help with the sale of jewellery. Even if you have only an hour or so to spare, that would be nice and helpful! If you are available, on Sunday December 16th, anywhere between 11am and 7pm?

Please let us know: [sbuursma@gmail.com](mailto:sbuursma@gmail.com)

## **CHRISTMAS CONCERT AND MARKET**

There is also a Christmas concert in the H.Geest/Maria Magdalena parish in Rijen on the same day, December 16th. There is a small christmas market before, during and after the concert in the church. The Small World Foundation will be there with fancy original jewellery from the Colombian Amazon for sale. These handmade necklaces, keyholders, bracelets and other must-have gadgets are made of natural products from the Amazon. So if you want to buy something special and original for someone or for yourself, please visit us!

The market is open after the 10am mass and before and after the Christmas concert in the evening. See you in Rijen!!

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**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:

Bank name: Rabobank

Bank Address: Singel 4

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Account number: 13 27 26 203.

Account name: Stichting SMALL WORLD FOUNDATION

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Or check out the online contribution module on: [www.smallworldfoundation.org/?page\\_id=68](http://www.smallworldfoundation.org/?page_id=68)

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](mailto:heike_van_gils@hotmail.com).

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