



## **INCODER VISIT**

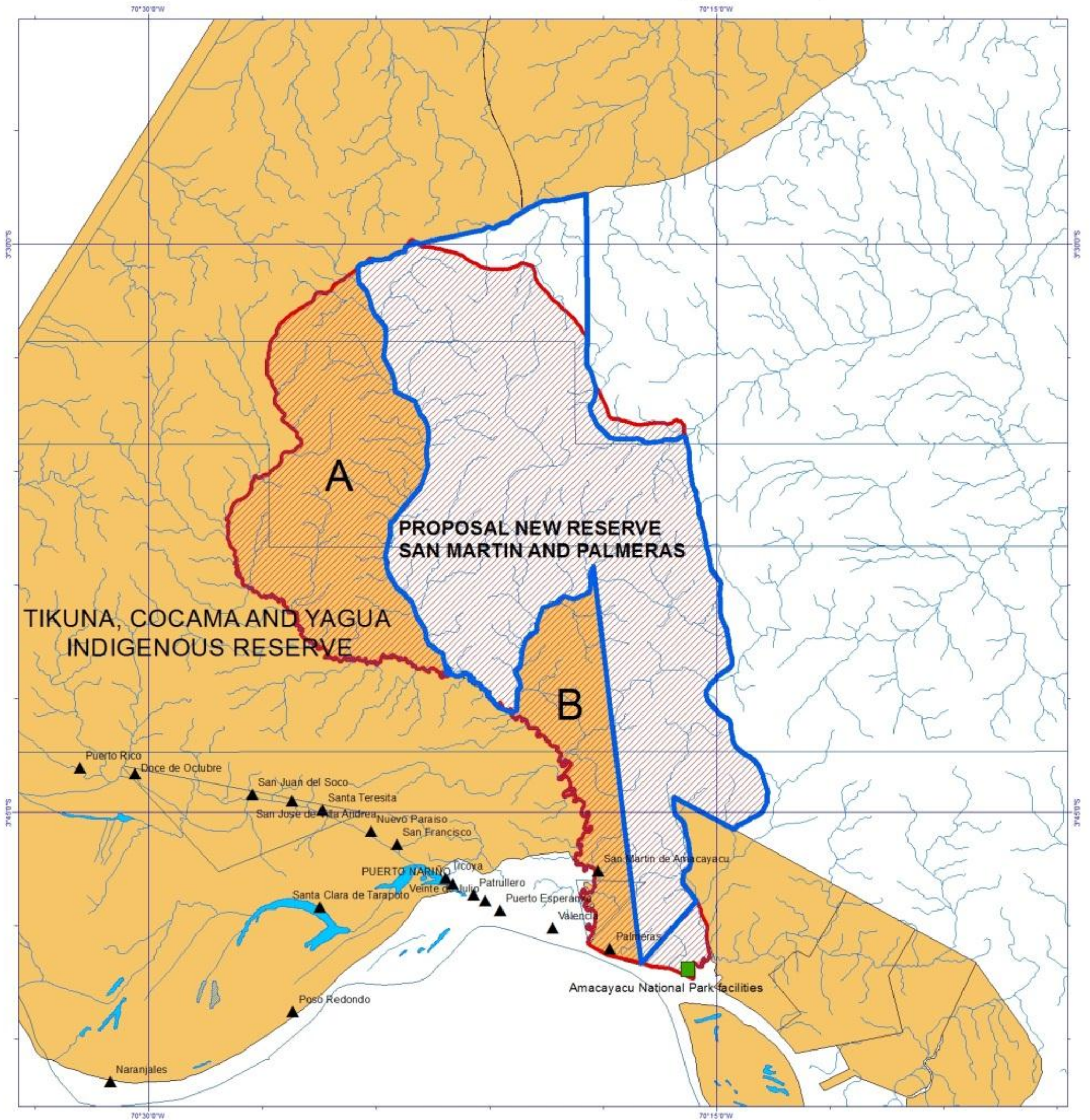
For San Martin de Amacayacu and Palmeras, the first week of July 2013 totally revolved around the community visit by the INCODER team as a result of the application for official land recognition by the two communities. The INCODER team consisted of two anthropologists, two geographers and a legal advisor. Given the size of the ancestral lands, only the crucial parts of the limits were reviewed in the forest, and not the whole area. Two teams went to the rainforest for three days. In the meantime, the anthropologists conducted the socioeconomic study. For this, the people's agricultural plots were visited and interviews were held. During one day, a specific meeting was held with the Amacayacu National Park staff. There were some important discussions on this day and compromises had to be accepted to avoid risking the aim of the visit. The southeast corner of the applied area, where the Amacayacu National Park facilities are located, will not be included in the new indigenous reserve, but in turn an extra piece of land will be added in the northeast corner. Additionally, the legal advisor's concept is that the areas A and B cannot be included in the new reserve, as they are already part of the existing Tikuna Cocama and Yagua (TICOYA) indigenous reserve. However, the continuous abuse of the natural resources in these areas as a result of a lack of good governance in this reserve has been the most important argument for San Martin to claim an independent status... The fate of these two areas will surely return in the meetings which will follow up on the INCODER visit!

## **REGULATING THE TIKUNA, COCAMA AND YAGUA INDIGENOUS RESERVE**

In the tenth month after the project started elaborating the regulations for the Tikuna Cocama and Yagua indigenous reserve, it was time for presentation. The digital document could be presented on the big screen and analysed article by article (109 in total!) during the "Wone Congress". This is the name for the event whereby at least 20 representatives of each of the 22 communities gather and take decisions for the reserve. Such an event requires quite an organisation in terms of food, lodging and transport for the hundreds of participants. Fortunately, the project provided sufficient funds (from the Colombian Ministries of Justice and of Interior Affairs) and everything went smoothly. Representatives of the Colombian National Indigenous Organisation (ONIC) also took part in the event for a day.

We keep mentioning this project in this Small World Foundation newsletter because our volunteer Heike van Gils has been actively involved from the start. Also, some extra project costs were covered with funds from "our jar". Eventually, we hope that a better TICOYA indigenous reserve governance leads to a better management of nature and people in the whole area. In particular, this would be positive news for San Martin's ancestral area, where a lot of natural resources are found. At the 'Wone Congress', Heike van Gils was considered as a natural part of the discussions and each time her contributions were heard with great attention. A special experience!

# INCODER PROPOSAL FOR A NEW TIKUNA INDIGENOUS RESERVE FOR SAN MARTIN DE AMACAYACU AND PALMERAS, AMAZONAS, COLOMBIA



## LEGEND

- Indigenous communities
- Indigenous reserves
- Proposal new reserve San Martin and Palmeras
- Ancestral lands San Martin de Amacayacu and Palmeras

## SCALE



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## INFORMATION

Coordinate System: GCS MAGNA  
Datum: MAGNA  
Units: Degree

Source base map:  
Instituto Geográfico Agustín Codazzi  
Source data San Martín and Palmeras:  
Data taken with GPS GARMIN Etrex  
Digital map adjustment:  
San Martín de Amacayacu

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## **SMALL WORLD SUMMER**

If you thought this would be it for the Small World Foundation, you are wrong! This summer still bursts with activities to support San Martin de Amacayacu. In particular, we are fundraising for the planned new kindergarden, an initiative partially launched with Sanne Buursma from Baarle. The Small World volunteers will once again put on a white labcoat and a pink wig at the following events in Alphen (NB) (thanks to the Stichting Trekkertrek Alphen - [www.stta.nl](http://www.stta.nl)):

**FARMERS DAY  
(SAT 10TH AUGUST)  
TRACTOR PULLING  
(SAT 24TH AND SUN 25TH  
AUGUST)**

For these events, we are still looking for volunteers who (with or without a wig!) can give us a hand keeping the events' toilets clean. You are welcome even if you are only available for a few hours. Please get in touch with Tonny or Heike van Gils (0135078003 - [heike\\_van\\_gils@hotmail.com](mailto:heike_van_gils@hotmail.com)). If you cannot help us, but visit the events, please come by to check out the clean toilets!

For August as well:

**SMALL WORLD PRESENTATION  
(THURS 29TH AUGUS – GROTE  
ZAAL SOB-BUILDING, BAARLE)  
(EXACT TIME TO BE CONFIRMED)  
HEEMKUNDEKRING BAARLE:  
OPEN HOUSE +  
PRESENTATION CALENDER  
(10.30-12-30u, SUN 1ST SEPT)  
(KERKSTRAAT 4, BAARLE-HERTOG, BELGIUM)**

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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:

Account name: Stichting SMALL WORLD FOUNDATION  
SWIFT/BIC Code: RABONL2U  
IBAN code: NL28 RABO 0132 7262 03

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!!  
([heike\\_van\\_gils@hotmail.com](mailto:heike_van_gils@hotmail.com))

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).

For more information about this initiative, please check the website:  
[www.smallworldfoundation.org](http://www.smallworldfoundation.org).