INTERCULTURAL DIALOGUE EXPERIENCE FOR AMAZON BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION

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OBJECTIVE

To present the experience of an intercultural dialogue between the Amazon indigenous communities, the scientific community, NGOs, and the Colombian government that contributed to the establishment of indigenous protected areas to preserve cultural and biological diversity.
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To present how the intercultural dialogue facilitated the integration of indigenous traditional knowledge about natural management and territorial land use planning in conservation policy.
PRESENTATION

• Background
• Actors
• The strategy
• Key moments
• Alliances
• Achievements
• Future steps
114’748.800 hectares
0.7% of the world
10% of global biodiversity
Indigenous Population of Colombia

1,392,623
3.43% (Censo 2005)
29.8% of Colombia is Indigenous territory

25% of the total area of parks overlap with indigenous territories.
52% of Colombian Amazon is Indigenous Territory
ACTORS: INDIGENOUS GROUPS, GOVERNMENT, AND NGOs
Intercultural Dialogue

- PhD, MS
- Natural science specialists
- Protected area managers
- Government and NGOs
- Park rangers

Research

- Traditional medicine
  (Taitas, Payes, Mamos)
- Indigenous leaders
- Regional, national, and international indigenous organizations
- Indigenous communities

Negotiation

Cooperation

Enforcement and Implementation
Atributos y características del diálogo
STUDY SITE

1. Biodiversity hotspot.
2. Amazon headwaters.
3. Biological and cultural corridor between Andes and Amazon regions.
ACHIEVEMENTS

1. Creation of Alto Fragua Indiwasi national park (77,000 Ha) 2002.

2. Creation of the first Medicinal Plants Sanctuary “Ingi Ande” (10,204 Ha) 2008

3. Creation Churumbelos national park (97,189 Ha) 2007


FUTURE STEPS

• Consolidate the intercultural dialogue methodology by integrating scientific and indigenous traditional knowledge.

• Contribute to the practical application of the methodology in the land use planning and defense of indigenous territories.
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• Incorporate the intercultural dialogue strategy within governmental conservation policy.

• Promote the recognition of the AICC (Community and Indigenous Conservation Areas) as a IUCN global conservation strategy.