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Invites to the
**Second International Workshop of the Sub-Network
 Amazon Protected Areas Information**

First announcement (April 24, 2006)

Topics: Interoperability to Protected Areas Information, Geomatics and International Trans boundary Areas in the Amazon Region.

Date: July 10 – 16, 2006

Place: Leticia, National Natural Park Amacayacú (Colombia). Part of the workshop will be held in Leticia. At the end of the workshop it is expected a field trip to the park as part of the training activities. A preliminary presentation will take place in Bogotá on July 10, 2006 at the Institute of Natural Sciences - National University of Colombia.

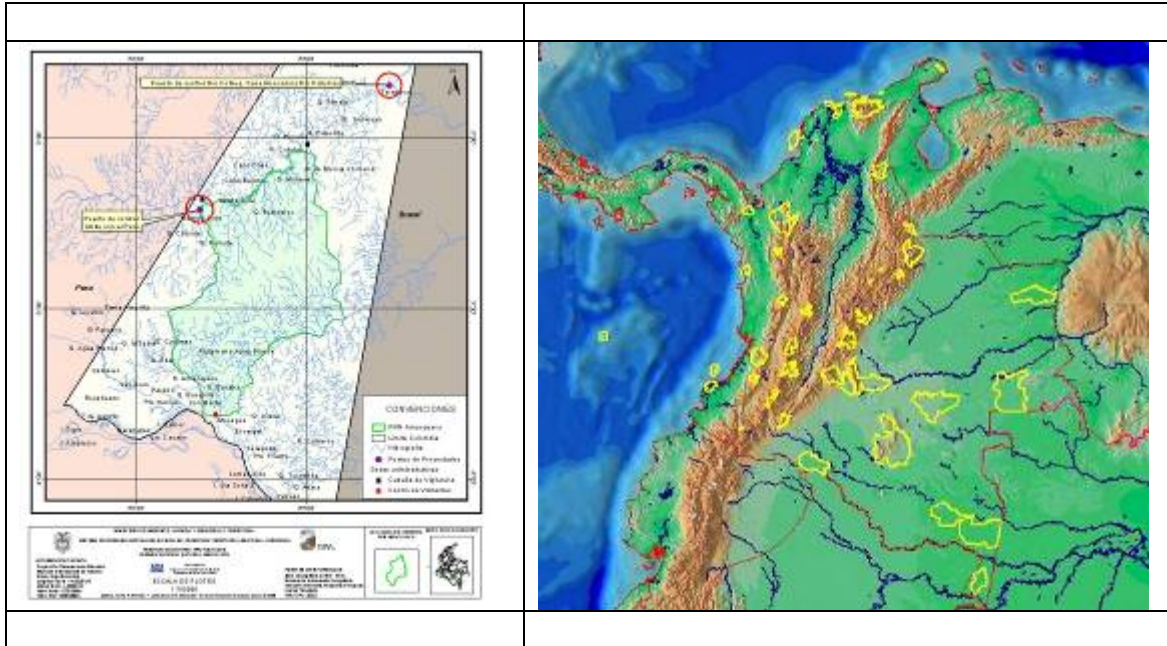


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Background: This workshop is the second event of a cycle of events that will take place under the implementation of the Andes-Amazon Protected Area Metadata Database Project, that started in Gamboa, Panama (June, 2005) - http://www.oas.org/dsd/Events/english/PA_PANAMA/News013.htm

At the Gamboa workshop, the country representatives decided to establish a Thematic Sub-Network relating to Protected Areas within the Amazon region which, through closer communications, standardization of activities, and international commitments among its members, will make possible to conserve in situ and in the long term the management of resources in protected areas.

The Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation mobilize financial resources to the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States (GS/OAS), to develop through its Department of Sustainable Development (DSD) a public information database that (i) describes the fundamental characteristics on protected areas in Amazon basin, and (ii) contain indicators that measures management effectiveness. This database is conceived under the framework of the Hemispheric Initiative IABIN (InterAmerican Biodiversity Information Network) – <http://www.iabin.net>.

The cooperation among protected areas also has been proposed by the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (ACTO), in its strategic plan 2004-2012 convey “the Formulation of a Regional program on sustainable management of protected areas in the Amazon region, which carry out the efforts that the Amazon Cooperation Treaty have

developed between 1993-1997, with technical and financial support by the European Union. The actual phase entails a detailed description comprising consultations and a preliminary formulation, with the initial support by the Centre de Coopération Internationale en Recherche Agronomique pour le Développement (CIRAD)”.

In this manner, the initiatives integration is not only required under international circumstances, but also nationwide. As an example, it has been established bilateral agreements between protected areas, which is the case in the reserve area Gueppi and the National Natural Park La Paya, between Peru and Colombia; the hub area Tabatinga – Apaporis, between Brazil and Colombia, or the agreements under the framework of the Presidential Committee for Boundary Affairs –COPIAF- between Venezuela and Colombia.



Amacayacú Park: Visitors Center



Workshop Topics

<p>Circumstances of international cooperation in the Amazon basin for sustainable development and conservation of protected areas in boundary zones.</p> <p>Joint actions. Project identification and delivery of results as a mechanism of sustainability of the Amazon Protected Area Sub-Network.</p>	<p>Amazon Protected Areas Information System:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated the Andes-Amazon protected area metadata database (AAPAD) and next steps. • Early warning system for fires. • Protected areas monitoring and control through the maintain of the system • Interchange of experiences and lessons on geomatics.
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Preliminary List of participating countries and organizations (not confirmed yet)

	País	Organization
1	Bolivia	- SERNAP - Servicio Nacional de Áreas Protegidas
2	Brazil	- Ministério do Meio Ambiente, Directoria de Áreas Protegidas - IBAMA, Diretoria de Ecossistemas, Programa Nacional de Áreas Protegidas, Ministerio do Meio Ambiente - INPA, Instituto Nacional de Pesquisas Amazônicas - Instituto SócioAmbiental -ISA
3	Colombia (host organization)	- Unidad Administrativa Especial de Parques Nacionales de Colombia - Universidad Nacional de Colombia- Instituto de Ciencias Naturales, e Instituto IMANI - Instituto de Investigaciones Amazónicas SINCHI - IDEAM
4	Ecuador	- Ministerio del Ambiente Dirección Nacional de Biodiversidad y Áreas Protegidas
5	Guyana	- Environmental Protection Agency EPA
6	Peru	- Ministerio de Agricultura Intendencia de Áreas Naturales Protegidas Instituto Nacional de Recursos Naturales -INRENA
7	Suriname	- Nature Conservation Division
8	Venezuela	- INPARQUES- Ministerio del Ambiente y los Recursos Naturales
9	France	- CIRAD
10	USA	- NASA- JPL - U. of Maryland- Geography Dept. - Amazon GIS- Smithsonian - Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation
11	International Organizations	- Organization of American States – OAS - DSD (co-Hosted) - Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization– ACTO - CGIAR -CIAT(Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research) - World Wildlife Fund –WWF - The Nature Conservancy - Traffic

Updates and additional information:

http://www.iabin.net/english/tn/protected_areas/amazon.shtml

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