

## ACTIVITY REPORT

**Activity:** Financial Training for Southern Suriname Indigenous Leaders  
**Financed by:** Organization of American States  
**Focal Group:** Indigenous Communities of Southern Suriname, from the village of Kwamalasamutu  
**Execution:** The Amazon Conservation Team (ACT), USA; President: Mark Plotkin; ACT Suriname Program Director: Gwendolyn Emanuels-Smith  
Counterparts: the Trio indigenous communities  
**Date:** August 13-15, 2006

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### OBJECTIVE

The objective of this activity was to conduct a follow-up session to the financial training exercises of June 2006, and to explain bookkeeping and storage management in greater depth.

### COORDINATION

Activities were coordinated by Rachele Bong A Jang and Michael Weidum.

### PARTICIPANTS

Participants were Granman Asongo and his staff in the Trio village of Kwamalasamutu; the women of Stichting Nana and Stichting Meu; and ACT staff and local residents of Kwamalasamutu.

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#### August 13

**15:30h** Arrival in Kwamalasamutu

#### August 15

**10:00h** Mr. Weidum greeted the participant,s and explained to them the nature of and the reasons for the financial training exercises. In the first phase of his presentation, he explained storage management, the administrative card, and why it is necessary to work with a storage card.

The participants posed many questions, because for them it was of considerable importance to have a be able to calculate their handicrafts production and merchandising as well as how much fuel they consume over a given interval.

**12:45h** Conclusion of the first phase of training.



**16:30h** Commencement of the second phase of the training

In the second phase, Mr. Weidum reviewed the contents of his presentation in the first phase. Mr. Weidum also repeated the cash log procedure from his first presentation of June 2006. The participants posed many questions at the conclusion of the exercise and requested a follow-up training session.



**August 15, 2006**

In the morning, Mr. Weidum repeated the first phase of the training.

**16:00** departure from Kwamalasamutu

### **FOLLOW UP**

A review of this training exercise will be conducted, and a follow-up session will be planned.