

ACTIVITY REPORT 9.1b

Activity:	Protected Areas Workshops
Financed by:	Organization of American States
Focal group:	Communities of the Tumucumaque Indigenous Park; institutional partners of ACT; and all those actors working with natural areas of Amapá.
Execution:	The Amazon Conservation Team (ACT); President: Mark Plotkin; ACT Brazil Program Coordinator: Marcelo Segalerba; Representatives of <i>Instituto Brasileiro do Meio Ambiente e dos Recursos Naturais Renováveis</i> (IBAMA).
Date:	November 16 and 17, 2005

OBJECTIVE

An Interdisciplinary, Intercultural and Interinstitutional Meeting was conducted from November 16-17, 2005 in Macapá, Amapá, Brazil. The objective of this conference was to promote communications between government agencies and civil society partners on the management of Amapá's protected areas. During the meeting, a work group was developed for the evaluation of the situation and presentation of solutions to securing state protected areas. Documents may be viewed at: <http://groups.google.com.br/group/ProtegendoAmapa>.

COORDINATION

Activities were coordinated by the ACT-Brazil Regional Coordinator Marcelo Segalerba with the assistance of ACT-Brazil staff in Amapá, Manaus, Canarana, and Brasília.

PARTICIPANTS :

- APITU (Associação dos Povos Indígenas do Tumucumaque)
- APITIKATXI (Associação dos Povos Indígenas Tiriyó, Kaxuyana, e Txikiyana)
- ACT-Brazil
- IBAMA
- WWF-Brazil
- UNIFAP
- BPMA- Batalhão Ambiental (Environmental Police)
- SETUR
- SEAMA
- SEMA
- RRPP (Reserva particular [Protected Reserve]) REVECON
- IESA

Invited institutions:

FUNAI, APITU, APITIKATXI, APIO, APINA, ACT, IBAMA, SIVAM, PF, Batalhão Ambiental, IEPA, IEPE, SEMA, Exército Nacional, REVECOM, WWF, Conservation International, Ecotravel, Governo do Estado do Amapá, Prefeitura de Macapá, FAB, Força Naval Brasileira.

CONCLUSIONS/PRIORITIES

Communications – lack of environmental concern

- Develop Natural Areas Protection Discussion Forum for Amapá.
- Continue with Natural Areas Protection Meetings.
- Increased interaction and contact with the Press.
- Lectures in the State Faculties (IBAMA, REVECON, ACT).
- Participation of the SEAMA faculty in the training course for indigenous park guards.
- Near-term meeting on GIS.
- Environmental area in the Protected Reserve designated for development of an indigenous meeting structure.
- Environmental Police to have Internet access at ACT-Brazil office.
- Working meetings and committees to cover specific themes and problems.

Garimpeiro problems

- ACT commitment to finance a retained attorney for the indigenous institutions.
- IBAMA to communicate problems to the Army and Federal Police.
- Joint supervision of work by IBAMA, APITU, APITIKATXI, FUNAI and ACT-Brazil.

CHALLENGES

The main challenge facing anyone working in this area on this theme is the lack of both financial and human resources of many of the institutions, both governmental and non-governmental. The idea of this conference was to bring all the actors together for a second time to discuss the many issues facing the natural areas of Amapá and how collaboration can help in addressing some of the threats.

FOLLOW UP

ACT and IBAMA will continue to organize these events on an annual basis. In the meantime, a working group was formed which will meet electronically as well as periodically to keep the momentum going.