

## ACTIVITY REPORT

<b>Activity:</b>	Field workshop on mapping in Kwamalasamutu
<b>Financed by:</b>	OAS
<b>Focal group:</b>	Indigenous communities of South-Eastern Suriname, from the villages of Kwamalasamutu
<b>Execution:</b>	The Amazon Conservation Team (ACT), Virginia, USA; President: Mark Plotkin; ACT Suriname Program Manager: Gwendolyn Emanuels. Counterparts: the Trio Indigenous communities
<b>Date:</b>	April 9, 10, 11 <sup>th</sup> 2005

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### **OBJECTIVE:**

The objective of this activity was to strengthen the local indigenous community and build capacity for using GPS and GIS equipment to update the existing regional maps and developing risk maps. They needed to understand the general principles of making useful maps.

### **COORDINATION:**

Biodiversity Coordinator Angela Monorath was principally responsible for the in-field execution of objectives, facilitated with the support and assistance of Culture coordinator Beverly de Vries. Technical assistance was given by ACT-Brazil staff Wesley Pacheco and his Portuguese-Dutch-Sranang tongo translator Gerard Halfhide.

### **PARTICIPANTS:**

Kwamalasamutu community members Wuta, Keeng, Eseke, Koita, Awi, Ihko, Wellem, Jalouefa, Saiman, Ipijo, Eisa and Act field assistant Kenneth Wongsonadi.

### **WORKSHOP REPORT:**

#### **Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> 2005**

The ACT members first met with the Granman Asongo to discuss: Suralco's plans for flooding and damming at Kabalebo and Amotopo, the need for updated maps indicating the satellite villages not currently on the map and discussed the need for a collective map of all the Trio & Wayana lands in Southern Suriname. The list of local trainees, who were identified and selected by the community themselves, were presented by Wuta (skilled local cartographer) to Granman Asongo. The community appointed a project team consisting of A. Monorath, Gerald Halfhide and Wesley Pacheco, which made logistical arrangements for the workshops.

All of the equipment and materials needed for the workshop were collected in the Katamiime clinic. Each local participant received sheets of papers and pencils. Afterwards the program was discussed for the actual workshop. A Power Point presentation was given by Wesley on: what maps are, how they are interpreted and put together, what their uses are, format and symbolism, borders and colors, discuss cultural history. The Tumucumaque maps of Brazil were used as an example.

#### **Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup> 2005**

The group gathered early, after working the previous day until 3 o'clock in the morning with understanding (and also translating) the basic concepts of maps. Wesley gave a Power Point presentation on the use of GPS in the field. Special focus was set on the GPS Garmin 72, the one that they are currently using and will be using in the future. The Power Point presentation was printed out and will be distributed in Trio language to the 8 mappers. The group practiced in the

field with the GPS to check the exact locations of strategic points and take compass readings, instructions to pin-point communities, symbols, etc. Wesley finished his workshop with a short evaluation and questionnaire.

**PHOTOGRAPHIC ANNEX:**



**Technical session on maps and Geographical information systems**



**Wuta and co practicing in the field**



**Instruction to the GPS by Wesley**