

ACTIVITY REPORT

Activity: Women's NTFP Workshop 2
Financed by: OAS
Focal group: Indigenous communities of South-Eastern Suriname, from the village of Kwamalasamutu
Execution: The Amazon Conservation Team (ACT), Virginia, USA; President: Mark Plotkin;
ACT Suriname Program Manager: Gwendolyn Emanuels.
Counterparts: the Trio Indigenous communities
Date: Monday May 17, 2004

OBJECTIVE:

The main objective was to continue discussions about the handicrafts that women currently produce. This workshop went into more detail about the products and resources mentioned in the previous workshop. The main objective was to ascertain how feasible the various products are as NTFP's that can be produced relatively easily, in suitable quantities throughout the year.

COORDINATION:

The workshop was arranged and facilitated by Beverly de Vries, Culture & Education Coordinator for ACT Suriname. Susari, one of the participants, acted as translator when needed.

PARTICIPANTS:

The participants were the same 12 women ranging in age from 15 to 50+, from several of sub-tribes in Kwamalasamutu.

(See Annex 1 for a complete list of participants with name, age, sex, function).

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As a follow-up to the previous Women's workshop we discussed ideas for possible NTFPs. Following that discussion, the focus was on the main resources used by women for their crafts (maramaras, cotton and gourds), where they are found, if/where they are planted and how they are harvested. We also discussed what they plant in their gardens and around their houses and went into some detail about how their gardens are set up. As a final activity the women were asked to draw and label their garden. Again, this will provide information for a Women's NTFP Report.

CHALLENGES:

As mentioned in the previous activity report the women have busy lives and their availability for workshops is limited. Due to this some women were late and others had to leave early. The only

other challenge was having the women draw their gardens. The older women are not accustomed to drawing and were therefore reluctant to draw and self-conscious of their creations.

FOLLOW UP:

1. A workshop with a few women interested in producing a small hammock for use as a marketing sample will follow.
2. A Women’s NTFP Report will be written based on all of the information gathered in this and the following workshop.
3. Recommendations listed in the report will be followed up on, pending approval from ACT.

Annex 1: List of Participants

Name	Function	Age	Sex
Shokonono	Apprentice	38	Female
Faari	Apprentice	35	Female
Keiti	Apprentice	41	Female
Susari	Clinic Intern -Apprentice	19	Female
Klarice	Novice	18	Female
Endenie	Novice	16	Female
Anria	Novice	16	Female
Rachel	Novice	15	Female
Enisian	Novice	16	Female
Morina	ACT staff	50+	Female
Asusu	ACT staff	50+	Female
Lokashi	ACT staff	42	Female

Annex 2: Photo Documentation

