

ACTIVITY REPORT

Activity:	Inauguration of Protection and Vigilance Center
Financed by:	Organization of American States; Gordon & Betty Moore Foundation
Focal group:	Communities of the Tumucumaque Indigenous Park, institutional partners of ACT, and all 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:	December 11, 2005

OBJECTIVE

The inaugurated Center has among other objectives: to integrate the protection of indigenous lands; to provide logistical support for field protection activities; to develop remote monitoring and planning of activities; and to ongoing and strategic capacity building of the indigenous parkguards.

The Center was equipped with:

- Transportable multi-band radio communication equipment, power source and regulated dipole antenna.
- 2 walkie-talkies with base and self-chargers.
- Infrastructure for meetings, interviews, training, and reference library (with private bathroom and air conditioning).
- Infrastructure for storage of purchases, equipment and materials.
- 2 computers (1 laptop and 1 desktop) equipped with CD-R/W and DVD-R.
- Software applications.
- Internet and intranet access.
- Cordless telephone.
- Geographic and related maps (cultural map, risk map, political maps, hydrographic map, etc).
- Complete set of office supplies.

Provided to the park guards and indigenous community were:

- 7 complete indigenous park guard uniforms, properly identified (pants, shirt, socks, belt, rain boots, field boots, and hat).
- 9 4x4 canvas tarps for emergency camping.
- 50 replacement flashlights.
- 8 solar panels for APITIKATXI, for the construction of the Cultural Center of Missao Tiriyo
- 4 charge regulators for solar panels.
- 1 25 HP Mercury outboard motor (for the vigilance post of Boca do Marapi).
- 1 fuel tank (for the vigilance post of Boca do Marapi).
- 1 charged backup battery of 100 amp.
- 10 hats and
- 10 ACT-Brazil shirts

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:

Some 35 persons were present at the inauguration, with the special participation of the representatives of the *Associação dos Povos Indígenas do Tumucumaque* (APITU), and the *Associação dos Povos Indígenas Tiryó, Kaxuyana e Txikiyana* (APITIKATXI). Also present were the main chief of Aldeia Bona (Joao Aranha), the main chief of Aldeia Kuxaré, other chiefs and invited persons from the indigenous community.

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 vigilance and protection center is to create a central coordination and communication office staffed by indigenous representatives with the training and equipment to be full partners to both their communities and to the governmental and non-governmental organizations working in the area.

FOLLOW UP

ACT will continue to work with the Center and those indigenous representatives staffing it to continue upgrading their capacity and accompanying their activities with both financial and logistical assistance.