







ICCA Support Initiative in COLOMBIA

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SGP focuses on community based organizations.

139 funded projects since 2015

TICCA in Colombia

SGP portfolio:

32 projects

1 million USD in grants plus similar cofinancing

"Mapping the territory allowed us to acknowledge, value, and respect the territory, strengthening our identity"





Community & territory

- Mapping and walking the territory is a key strategy for the ownership, recognition and pride of communities' territories and identity.
- Traditional knowledge and local wisdom start to be valued by the communities.
- Diverse forms of community organization and decision making processes related to cultural practices define their profound bond with the territory and its management.
- Active participation of the community (young, women, elder, etc)
 is key for community strengthening and long lasting
 governance. Its funding is a challenge.



"Our elders, holders of tradition, share their knowledge with younger generations. With this support we are ecncouraged to revive, strengthen and obey the norms of the Law of Origen".

Puerto Nariño Vaupés

Self-governance

- Diverse instruments, norms and local agreements for land-use planning defined and agreed in participatory manners generate ownership and commitment to comply.
 - Key tools for dialogue with relevant authorities.
- Exercise of self-governance: laws, landmarks and territorial demarcation, and greater presence and control over the territory.
 - Environmental guards become local pacific authority figures and fill the void left by illegal armed groups
- Permanent adaptation and reconfiguration of the governance systems.
 - Dialogue and interaction traditional authorities and political
 - Intergenerational dialogue
 - women's participation and leadership







Conservation & livelihoods

- **Territorial ordering**. Diverse land use planning and zoning stemming from particular local practices of use and traditional knowledge.
- Diversity of management and conservation strategies developed using innovative and intercultural approaches, according to sociocultural contexts.
- Sustainable use. Self-acknowledgement and valuing of natural resources, traditional knowledge and cultural values promotes improvements of productive practices and services communities can offer.



Weaving collective work. ICCA network

- 15 organizations and more willing to join
- Mandate
- A social community movement for the selfdefinition of the TICCA national framework, and a dialogue platform



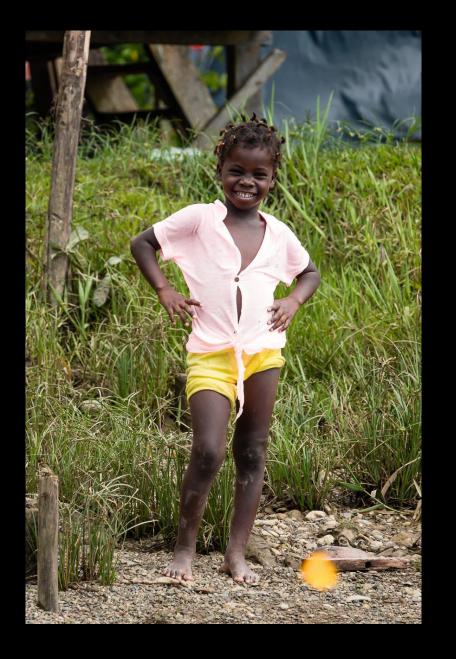


Conclusions



- An integrated support that recognizes the diversity of the contexts and needs of the ethnic and local communities (ICCAS) is needed for the empowerment and strengthening of the ICCA governance.
- Participatory decision making processes and collective appropriation provide solid basis for effective management and conservation.
- The ICCA Colombian Network aims to be a platform to raise awareness and contribute to policy for the national recognition and support of ICCAs.
- Despite a strong work on OECM (CCS) in Colombia and institutional subnational support, they are not legally recognized yet, nor are ICCAs.
- The challenge is to have ICCA and OECM methodologies and processes that are in line with the local capacities and diverse forms of governance.







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