



## GEF Putumayo-Içá Project News

Welcome to the newsletter of the GEF Integrated Management of the Putumayo-Içá Basin Project! You receive this newsletter because you have participated in our meetings or have been in contact with the project.

### En esta edición:

- Firma de Acuerdos de Cooperación Interinstitucional
- Webinar: Conozca los Logros y el Futuro del Proyecto GEF Putumayo-Içá
- Visitas técnicas
- Reuniones de planificación
- Inicio proceso de socialización

### In this edition:

- Signing of Interinstitutional Cooperation Agreements
- Webinar: Learn about the Achievements and Future of the GEF Putumayo-Içá
- Project Technical visits
- Planning meetings

- Start of socialization process

Did someone forward you our newsletter? [Sign up here](#) so you don't miss any updates!

---

## **Fundamental Step: Signing of Interinstitutional Agreements**

**We take the first step in the conservation of the basin and the well-being of its inhabitants.**

To start deploying components 1 *"Governance and capacity for informed and participatory decision-making on integrated watershed management,"* and 2 *"Management of key interventions directed towards shared and integrated management of the basin"*, the project had to comply with three enabling conditions: the hiring of the Project Management Unit, the construction of the Project Operational Manual with the respective non-objection of the World Bank as implementing agency, and the signing of the Interinstitutional Cooperation Agreements in the four participating countries. The first two conditions had already been met, with only the signing of the agreements remaining.

We are pleased to report that Brazil signed the agreement on July 8, 2022, Colombia on October 31, 2023, and both Ecuador and Peru on April 25, 2024. These signatures mark an important milestone in the development of the project, allowing the start of the effective implementation phase.



---

## **Webinar: Current Management, Implementation and Participation Mechanisms**

**Organized by the GEF Putumayo-Içá Project Management Unit**

*Simultaneous translation into Portuguese available.*

This webinar offers participants the opportunity to learn about the current status of the project and the activities planned for the implementation of components 1 and 2, enabled after the signing of the inter-institutional agreements. Additionally, we will discuss the activities and projects implemented in the Putumayo-Içá basin, the main opportunities and challenges of work in this shared basin, and the information gaps that must be addressed for comprehensive management of scientific and ancestral knowledge.

**Do not miss this opportunity! Register in advance to participate in the event and stay up to date with the progress of the project.**

**Date 1: Monday, May 27 from 2:30 – 4:00 pm UTC-5**



[Register here](#)

**Date 2:** Tuesday 4 June 2:30 – 4:00 pm UTC-5

[Register here](#)

---

## Activity summary

Below we provide you with a summary of our latest activities of the GEF Project for Integrated Management of the Putumayo-Iça Basin.

### Technical visits

Technical visits have been essential to establish direct contact with local governments, allowing key actors to be identified and evaluate local conditions to adjust our implementation strategies more effectively.



## **Loreto Regional Government**

- Dates: March 5 and April 15, 2024
- Location: Iquitos, Peru
- Participants: Regional Environmental Management, Project Management Unit and WCS Regional Safeguards Specialist.
- Objective: Follow up on the signing of the Interinstitutional Cooperation Agreement between MINAM, MIDAGRI, GOREL and WCS Perú.

## **Decentralized Autonomous Government of Sucumbíos**

- Date: March 6 and 7, 2024.
- Location: Lago Agrio, Ecuador
- Participants: IPIAP, INABIO, GAD Sucumbíos, Ministry of Environment, Water and Ecological Transition and the Project Management Unit from WCS.
- Objective: meeting to review and agree on a final draft of the Interinstitutional Cooperation Agreement with the technical and legal representatives of the signatory institutions.

## **Team visit along the Putumayo River**

- Date: April 11, 2024
- Location: Playa Rica and surroundings (Putumayo, Colombia)
- Participants: Association of Artisanal Fishermen and Agricultural Producers of the Vereda Playa Rica – ASOPAAP, Management Unit of the GEF Putumayo-Içá Project.
- Objective: Technical visit to the Basin by the UMP to identify potential actors and collaborators. During the visit, a first approach was had with the Siona People of the department of Putumayo, with the Fishermen's Association, with the community tourism association.

## **Planning meetings**

Planning meetings have been crucial to coordinate actions and ensure that collaboration between all stakeholders is aligned with project objectives. In addition, they have been useful to learn about the work of other organizations in the basin and learn from their experiences.



## Instituto del Bien Común

- Date: March 1, 2024
- Location: Iquitos, Peru
- Objective: Socialize progress of the Project, learn about the work of the IBC in the basin, its community work methodologies and identify possible lines of articulation with the Project, such as institutional strengthening, resource management and food security.

## Organization of the Indigenous Peoples of the Colombian Amazon (OPIAC)

- Date: March 14, 2024
- Location: Bogotá, Colombia
- Objective: present the project and discuss the prior consultation procedure.
- Result: Recommendation of dialogue with the Amazon Concertation Table to determine the process.

## ACT

- Date: March 21, 2024
- Location: Bogotá, Colombia
- Objective: To know in depth the work of ACT and identify joint actions for the implementation of the Project.

## Project Management Unit

- Date: April 8 - 12, 2024

- Location: Puerto Asís, Putumayo, Colombia
- Objective: Carry out detailed planning of the next steps to follow once the Interinstitutional Cooperation Agreements are signed.
- Result: Technical and administrative review of the POA for the implementation of Components 1 and 2, mapping of actors, socializations, EAS, monitoring and evaluation.

### **Centro de Innovación Científica Amazónica (CINCIA)**

- Date: May 6, 2024
- Location: virtual
- Objective: To know in depth the work of ACT and identify joint actions for the implementation of the Project.

### **Field Museum:**

- Date: May 8, 2024
- Place: virtual
- Objective: Know the interactive map of institutions that work throughout the basin that the Field Museum is developing to support planning and inter-institutional coordination processes and thus enhance the interventions that support the consolidation process of this territorial proposal.

### **SINCHI Institute**

- Date: April 11, 2024
- Location: Puerto Asís, Colombia
- Objective: Present the progress of the project and learn about the activities developed by SINCHI, in order to identify possible collaborative actions.

### **Corpoamazonia**

- Date: April 11, 2024
- Location: Puerto Asís, Colombia
- Objective: Socialize progress of the Project and learn about the Corporation's Action Plan for the coming years, in which prioritized areas were presented for the development of activities that are articulated with the Project.

---

## **The Project Socialization Process Started**

The socialization process seeks to inform local communities about the objectives and activities of the project, ensuring their active participation and respect for their knowledge and cultures. These activities encourage transparency and collaboration. Below, we present the socialization days and the approaches carried out so far, as well as those we have planned for next month.



## **FECONAFROPU**

Federation of Native Border Communities of Putumayo

- Date: March 1 and 2, 2024
- Location: Miridicay Community (San Antonio del Estrecho, Peru)
- Result: Socialization of the Project within the framework of the Congress of the Indigenous Peoples of Putumayo for Territorial Defense and ANPs, organized by FECONAFROPU.

## **Siona Peoples of Putumayo, Colombia**

- Date: May 2, 2024
- Place: Cabildo Nuevo Amanecer (Putumayo, Colombia)
- Result: Socialization with the representatives of 11 councils and reservations of the Siona People, with the participation of their respective Governors of the Siona People, Association of Artisanal Fishermen and Agricultural Producers of La Vereda Playa Rica – ASOPAAP and members of the Yijao Oco Foundation. The project and the forms of participation were presented, emphasizing the Planning Framework for Indigenous Peoples and their own work plans with the communities where projects are developed. It was agreed to carry out a broader and more participatory socialization, as well as to develop a tour of the territories.



**Next Project Socialization Conferences**



## **Lago Agrio, Ecuador – May 28 and 29, 2024**

- FONAKISE Federation of Organizations of the Kichwa Nationality of Sucumbíos of Ecuador - May 28, 2024.
- Parish Governments of Santa Helena, Sansahuari, Red Palm, Port el Carmen, Port Rodriguez, General Farfan and Jambeli - May 29, 2024. Community
- Representatives Cofan Avié - May 30,

## **Iquitos, Peru - May 31, 2024**

Socialization with entities and organizations

- AIDSESP (Interethnic Association for the Development of the Peruvian Jungle)
- FCDS (Foundation for Conservation and Sustainable Development) ORPIO (Regional Organization of the Indigenous Peoples of the East)
- FECONAFROPU (Federation of Native Border Communities of the Putumayo River)
- FECOIBAP: Federation of Indigenous Communities of the Lower Putumayo
- FEPKIMEP: Federation of Kichwa Peoples of the Middle Tiger
- OISPE: Secoya Indigenous Organization of Peru
- OCIBPRY: Organization of Indigenous Communities of the Lower Putumayo and Rio Yaguas
- FECONAMNCUA: Federation of Native Communities of the Middle Napo, Curaray and Arabela

Socialization with Fishermen's Associations

- APPA (Associations of Fishermen and Artisanal Processors) Fishermen's
- Association “APA Los Buffos de Yaguas”

Socialization with public entities

- Ministry of the Environment, DGDB
- National Service of Natural Areas Protected by the State (SERNANP) Güeppi National Park
- Yaguas National Park
- Airo Pai Communal Reserve
- Huimeki Communal Reserve

## **San Antonio de Içá – June 2024**

- The Project Management Unit, in coordination with SEMA, is finalizing the details to socialize the Project with various actors and communities in Brazil.
-

Thank you for staying informed about the progress of the GEF Putumayo Içá Project. We will continue working together to achieve a more sustainable watershed and improve the quality of life of its communities.

Visit our website: [cuencaputumayoica.com](http://cuencaputumayoica.com)

Contact us at [comunicacion@cuencaputumayoica.com](mailto:comunicacion@cuencaputumayoica.com)

---

¿Te reenviaron nuestro boletín? ¡[Inscríbete aquí](#) para no perderte ninguna actualización!



Este e-mail se envió a {{contact.EMAIL}}

[Cancelar suscripción](#)

