

Access and use of natural resources for native communities of Bajo Urubamba

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In recent years the socio-environmental issue has become more important in our country. One reason is the presence of large investments in the hydrocarbons industry in the Peruvian Amazon, as well as environmental, economic, social and cultural impact in the native communities and surrounding areas.

The research aims to account for the changes taking place in the access and use of biodiversity resources by the native families of communities in the Camisea Gas Project (GAP) influence area and conditions and quality of life, due to effects of social and environmental changes. It seeks to contribute to sustainable development of native communities and the conservation of the Amazonian biodiversity.

The study takes as axes of analysis, hunting, fishing and gathering and it actively incorporates families of the native communities and gives the feedback with the knowledge generated by them. The quantitative analysis and the field observation are also included.

The research is made in the Basin of Urubamba River, specifically, in the native communities of Ticumpinía-Chokoriari (Urubamba River), Shivankoreni (Camisea River) and Cashiriari (Cashiriari River). The collection of information is done in four times of the year, for periods of twenty (21) days each time. The months selected correspond to hydrobiological cycles and the dynamics of family activities throughout the year.

To this date, it has been obtained systematic information, collected during 3 consecutive years, of hunting, fishing and gathering of 18 families in the three abovementioned native communities. An analytical report of results for the first year, was published on www.pmbcamisea.com