

HEALTH AND WELFARE - KNOWLEDGE OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLE CATALOGUE

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With the ever-expanding pharmaceutical industry, the exploration of active principles for obtaining drugs for sale is increasingly fostered through large-scale research funded by large corporations. However, in addition to the lifestyle that stimulates health and well-being, indigenous peoples have a vast knowledge passed on from generation to generation of ways of treating the main human diseases. The effect of climate change is of great negative externality at this point, since it can lead to the extinction of species of medicinal plants not yet cataloged by the "white people." The knowledge of indigenous and traditional peoples is of extreme importance to help modern medicine in fight against diseases such as cancer, Alzheimer, Parkinson, etc.

Recently, Indians of the Matsés People have compiled this knowledge and have elaborated the Matsés Traditional Medicine Encyclopedia, allowing the knowledge of their people not to be lost through the generations and to be socialized with the new generations. The Encyclopedia was written in its native language as a way of avoiding the appropriation of large corporations aimed at the commercialization of this knowledge, and as a way to encourage the diffusion of Matsés language, culture and knowledge for the training of young shamans.

The initiative was organized by the Acaté group, which brought together five of the oldest shamans of the Matsés people to compile all the information they had, an initiative taken after the death of the most renowned and former shaman and elder Matsés, a great loss for the project, Since all knowledge was lost with his death.

The Matsés people have their territory composed of areas in Brazil and Peru within the Amazon Forest, further enhancing the importance of protection of the Matsés

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knowledge, language and culture, helping to protect the local biodiversity and keeping the Amazon Forest intact.

It is extremely important to encourage initiatives such as Acaté Group to ensure that indigenous people knowledge is not lost but is also appropriate by market forces for marketing. The protection of the knowledge of these people increases the force of protection of the natural resources of important areas of the world, in this way, encouraging the protection of the knowledge of the indigenous people we will be encouraging the protection of the nature of all its forms.

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