

Project Update: August 2013

The Natutama team chose “Rhythms of the River” as the theme for a week-long celebration involving communities in the Puerto Nariño area. We concentrated on the annual cycle of the Amazon waters, which is increasingly unpredictable and affects both people and animals. This summer turtles were hard put to find beaches to lay their eggs as the water remained much higher than normal.

During Natutama week, people awoke to community broadcasts of the sounds of animals associated with each of the four seasons; this was followed by theatre in the schools and a complex game with the goal of restoring order to the river. Each afternoon there were activities with Ticuna elders and children: the elders showed how to make fishing and gardening tools and shared Ticuna stories, songs and dances, helping to reinforce this intergenerational link, which has weakened as a result of school attendance and other social changes.



Ticuna elders and children celebrate Natutama week