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Natutama educators and fishermen have visited more than 20 communities in the Colombian frontier area this year, taking conservation workshops and education activities to adults and children along the Amazon. The theme for each visit is related to the season and the vulnerability of aquatic species in the particular community – for example, turtles are the main theme during low water in communities near beaches. The team puts on a play and works with local schools, including teachers. For visits to Brazil, Natutama educators translated a manatee story into Portuguese and presented the play to over 200 children. As a result of working with adults on maps of local conservation problems, we are able to learn more of threats to species in each community. Nearly all the communities also visit the Natutama Interpretation Centre for a guided tour subsequently and have asked us to return next year.



Painting turtles in Colombian community