

Amazon 2.0



Amazon Conservation Team
2008 ANNUAL REPORT

ACT's high-tech, high-touch partnerships with Amazonian people represent a proven and powerful new model of effective environmentalism.

A new model for environmental conservation



The Amazon Conservation Team partners with indigenous people of the Amazon rainforest to map, manage, and protect their ancestral lands.





Marco de Noord

“We are entering a new era in the Amazon, and it calls for a new kind of environmentalism—one that is entrepreneurial, effective, innovative, and bold.”

—Mark J. Plotkin, Ph.D.

From the president

Since 1996, the Amazon Conservation Team (ACT) has worked hand in hand and shoulder to shoulder with indigenous people of the Amazon to help them map, manage, and protect their rainforest homelands and traditional culture.

Today, new technologies are shifting power balances everywhere. Google Earth, digital mapping, and instant communication provide indigenous people with unparalleled information about their lands, and information is power. These tools offer a new model of environmentalism that empowers people to shape their own environmental and cultural destinies.

Such technologies help ACT bring indigenous people and local governments together to seek new solutions to new challenges. With detailed ACT maps before them, government agencies and tribal leaders can now literally find common ground in land rights negotiations.

Mapping is the critical first step toward securing land rights and protecting rainforest, and tribal leaders increasingly seek our assistance in this effort.

At the same time, the success of our Shamans and Apprentices program has attracted global attention. ACT is growing, and there is much more rainforest to protect.

In 2008, ACT gained recognition as leaders of a new kind of leveraged environmentalism in which expertise and training are paramount. We were again top-rated by the independent rating organization Charity Navigator—only 6% of charities rated have received at least four consecutive 4-star evaluations. We also received the prestigious Skoll Award for Social Entrepreneurship from the Skoll Foundation.

The dangers of global warming and environmental degradation demand urgent action, and protecting rainforest is one of the surest ways we have to cool a rapidly heating planet. Join us as we work to protect the people and the environment of Earth’s greatest tropical forests.

Sincerely,

Mark J. Plotkin, Ph.D.
President

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The digital rainforest

“The white man has the Bible to study his history.
We have our maps.”

—Chief João Araña, Apalaí tribe, Brazil

Putting empowerment on the map

GPS, satellite mapping, computer tools bring protection to endangered lands and people

What began in 1999 as a single ACT mapping project for a tribe in Suriname has blossomed into a movement across indigenous Amazonia. Over the years, we have worked with more than two dozen tribal partners to map millions of previously uncharted rainforest acres.

Digital satellite imaging technology offers yet another dimension to our mapping efforts. Partnering with Google Earth Outreach, ACT and indigenous partners now use Google software and the latest computer and global positioning system technology to map and monitor their lands. In 2008, at ACT’s invitation, Google Earth experts came to the Amazon to train Indians directly in its use and to learn about the rainforest. Today, more indigenous groups are utilizing the most modern tools to preserve and protect their culture and territories.

Once trained, indigenous peoples with no previous experience in the digital world traverse the jungles adroitly manipulating GPS devices. Geographic Information System data overlaid with ancient tribal knowledge results in maps so accurate they are acknowledged as definitive by governing agencies.



Fernando Bizerra Jr.

ACT in partnership with Amazonian indigenous peoples has created digital land use and protection maps for over 40 million acres of rainforest lands.

“Every day I see more of the potential of technology in saving life and our rainforest.”

—Almir Suruí, Suruí chief, Brazil

To date, ACT has successfully partnered with Amazon tribes and local governments to enhance the protection of 41 million acres of ancestral rainforest, an area larger than New York and New Jersey combined.



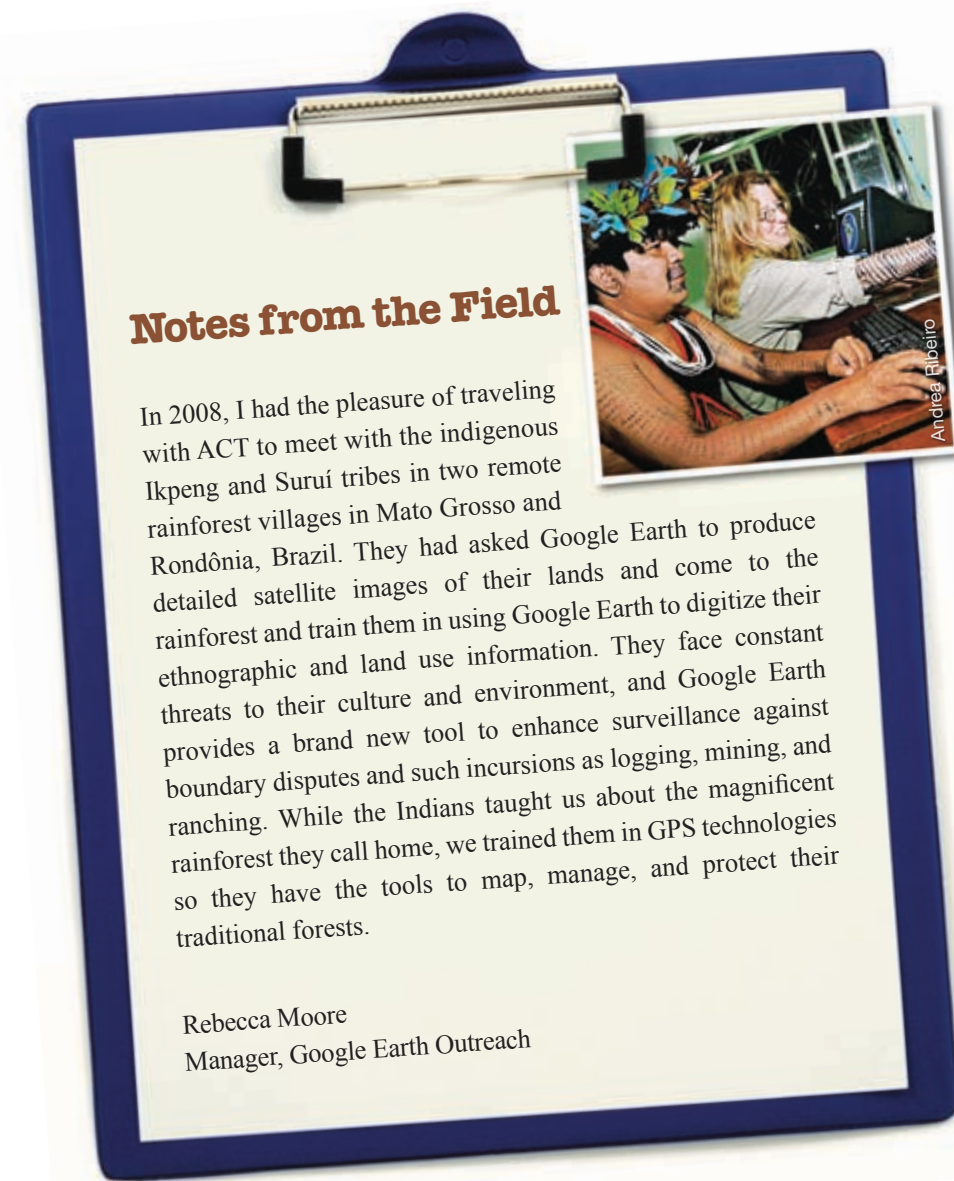
Digital inclusion—ACT’s Google Earth program echoes Brazilian president Lula da Silva’s call for “digital inclusion” among all Brazilian peoples. We work closely with the government in many aspects of our satellite imaging projects.

Putting 20 million acres on the map—ACT and partner indigenous and Maroon communities in Suriname moved toward completion of ethnographic and land use mapping of all lands occupied by traditional peoples in the country, covering over three-quarters of the nation. Demarcating traditional lands is a critical step toward gaining land management rights.

Sacred sanctuary—In 2008, ACT worked with the Kofán people and the Colombian National Parks Service to create an entirely new category of protected reserve, the 22,000-acre Orito Ingi-Ande Medicinal Plant Sanctuary. “Sustainable use will permit us to preserve the natural resources,” says Colombia National Parks Director Julia Miranda Londoño.

Connecting critical conservation lands—ACT has negotiated the purchase of some 3,000 acres between Colombia’s Indi Wasi National Park and two indigenous reserves, creating conservation corridors that span 177,000 acres.

Mapping partnerships—Precise land use and risk maps of indigenous territories inform development of land management plans, which include strategies for forest protection and long-term community development.



Notes from the Field

In 2008, I had the pleasure of traveling with ACT to meet with the indigenous Ikpeng and Suruí tribes in two remote rainforest villages in Mato Grosso and Rondônia, Brazil. They had asked Google Earth to produce detailed satellite images of their lands and come to the rainforest and train them in using Google Earth to digitize their ethnographic and land use information. They face constant threats to their culture and environment, and Google Earth provides a brand new tool to enhance surveillance against boundary disputes and such incursions as logging, mining, and ranching. While the Indians taught us about the magnificent rainforest they call home, we trained them in GPS technologies so they have the tools to map, manage, and protect their traditional forests.

Rebecca Moore
Manager, Google Earth Outreach



With millions of acres of rainforest and not enough rangers to cover it all, Brazil’s environmental agency increasingly relies on the expertise of Indians using Google Earth to monitor and report illicit incursions into protected lands.



Resetting the environmental debate

Photo of tribesman: Bento Viana

“This is the first effort in the history of our territories that has united our 14 tribes toward a common end, and these are the first maps to be published in our native languages.”

—Tunuly, Yawalapiti tribesman, Brazil, at the creation of the Xingu Indigenous Park

Biocultural conservation

A sustainable model of conservation—including people

At the heart of ACT’s new environmentalism, biocultural conservation aims to preserve indigenous Amazonian cultures along with the sensitive rainforest environments where they live.

The people of the Amazon have successfully managed their ancestral homelands for thousands of years. Biocultural conservation recognizes their undeniable track record of protecting and sustaining this vitally important global resource.

For too long, indigenous people have faced a false choice: move to the city or live in poverty. ACT introduces them to tools and ideas that empower them to make their own decisions: whether or not to live traditional lives, pass cultural and medicinal knowledge on to new generations, receive culturally sensitive education and health care, and build associations that connect them in common cause.

In the Colombian Amazon, ACT convened a traditional knowledge exchange between 80 indigenous leaders and healers from Colombia, Canada, and the United States.



In 2008, ACT trained the first group of indigenous park guards who will protect Suriname's vast rainforest interior.



Bill Cameron

Traditional medicine—ACT's Shamans and Apprentices program brings traditional healers of the forest—men and women whose botanical, medicinal, and traditional knowledge is as endangered as the forest itself—together with new indigenous generations to pass on the accumulated wisdom of thousands of years living in the rainforest.

Managing smarter—ACT has trained more than 100 indigenous park guards who monitor and protect their ancestral homelands. Coursework is certified by the International Ranger Federation.

Learning context, living culture—ACT funds indigenous ethnoeducation programs and traditional schools at the village level. Programs support teacher training and culturally relevant education.

It takes a healthy village—By supporting traditional medicine clinics and long-term care facilities, and conducting sexual health and nutrition workshops, ACT helps keep village life healthy and viable.

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Notes from the Field

For many years, I have been mapping the ancestral lands of the Trio people and helping other neighboring tribes who have learned of ACT and its work to map their territories. By recording our sacred sites and documenting where we have lived for thousands of years, we are given the power to stand up to loggers, miners, and others who want to strip our forests. Our lands have been protected with ACT's help, and we continue to share mapping technologies with others so that our way of life—our medicines, hunting grounds, and sources of water—can be passed on to our children. The best thing ACT did for us—the indigenous people—is to teach us how to map our lands and preserve our traditions, especially the wisdom of our shamans. With ACT, we are working with family. They are a part of our community.

Wuta Wajimuu
Trio Indian Cartographer
Northeast Amazon



Janel Cannon

"I joined this organization because of ACT's unique approach to environmental conservation. They partner with indigenous people. They empower them to determine their own fate and that of the rainforest."

—Susan Sarandon, Actor, ACT Board of Directors

Shamans and Apprentices programs have brought together more than 80 traditional healers—men and women—with over 150 young people eager to sustain tribal and medicinal wisdom into the future.

In 2008, ACT was invited to help train members of the Brazilian Red Cross in park guard practices.





Ancient wisdom, modern solutions

Dedication of the Orito
Ingi-Ande Medicinal Flora
Sanctuary in Colombia

“ACT is all about new ways to save the rainforest and its indigenous cultures.”

—Margaret Clark, Chairman, ACT Board of Directors

Living green again

ACT combats climate change, promotes sustainability

In the face of global climate change, environmentalism has taken on new urgency. Global warming directly threatens the health of the entire planet. Sustaining Amazonian rainforests is one of the most powerful weapons against it.

In the new language of environmental protection, fighting global warming means building sustainable economies, supporting green initiatives, and participating in innovative financial markets that reward environmental protection, all of which ACT is doing to directly support traditional lifestyles. Never has ACT’s inclusive approach to environmental protection been more relevant.

Helping rainforest people commercialize sustainable rainforest products and gain access to new income streams, ACT fosters green living alternatives that provide indigenous people with the economic foundation for long-term viability—for them and for the rainforest.

Indi Wasi National Park in Colombia, which ACT helped establish to protect sacred Indian lands, is also one of the most biologically diverse places on the planet.





In the Surinamese rainforest village of Tepu, ACT helped train indigenous women in pepper plant cultivation, processing, and commercialization. Demand for their product now exceeds supply.

Fighting global warming—Like a massive heat sink, tropical rainforest stores 100 tons of carbon in each acre, ten times the CO2 contributed each year by a typical American commuter. ACT has helped protect over 40 million acres of forest.

Doing well by doing good—ACT is working with California-based Forest Trends and the Suruí people to help them enter the carbon offset and credit markets, the first such project with an indigenous community in the Brazilian Amazon.

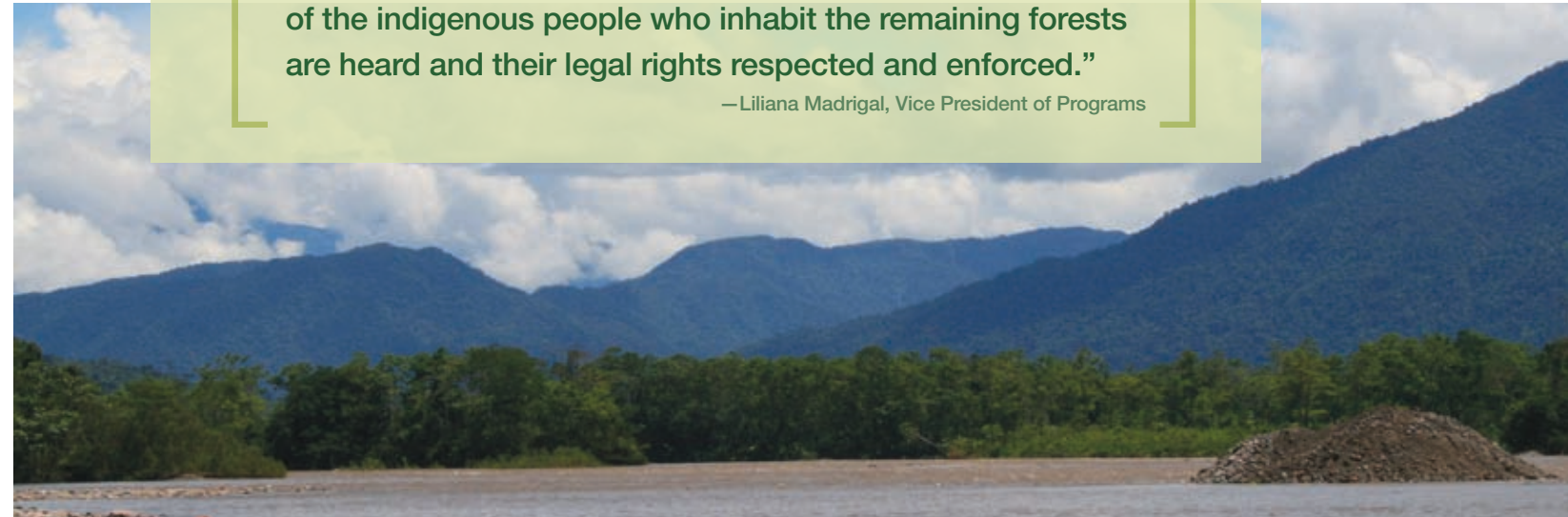
Green business—This year, ACT continued Brazil nut processing and marketing training to Trio villagers in Suriname as part of a long-term project to develop sustainable rainforest industries and income opportunities.

Paradigm shift—Cutting-edge technology is empowering indigenous people to relate to the outside world on their own terms to better determine their own destinies.



"The only way to truly bring equilibrium change in efforts to preserve the rainforests of the Amazon—including both their rich biodiversity and ancient cultures—is if the voices of the indigenous people who inhabit the remaining forests are heard and their legal rights respected and enforced."

—Liliana Madrigal, Vice President of Programs



Notes from the Field

Name: *Higidio Muchavisoy Chindoy*
 Title: *Sustainable Agriculture Coordinator*
 Region: *ACT-Colombia*

Over the past 13 years in the departments of Putumayo, Caquetá and Cauca, ACT has stood in solidarity with the Coreguaje, Siona, Kofan, Inga and Kametza indigenous communities who are at high risk of the disappearance of the traditions that support their culture, helping them protect their way of life, their natural resources, and their lands. Working from a position of trust, ACT has assisted these peoples on the ground through ongoing guidance in sustainable agriculture, forest resource management, and watershed protection, and has strengthened their communities by supporting their traditional physicians and by helping them build their organizations. With far greater confidence and capacity to provide for themselves within their own localities, these communities now are collaborating with our team to ensure their cultural survival through the development of self-designed ethnoeducation programs for their youth.





The new environmentalism

“We cannot live without the forest. Nobody can.”
— Fernando Mendúa, Shaman of the Kofán, Colombia

21st century strategies

Tools, technologies, tactics

For over a dozen years, ACT has developed and implemented ambitious and innovative projects that have achieved measurable results. We have accomplished this by creating effective and unique partnerships— not just with indigenous peoples, but with governments, academic institutions, local scientists, other progressive NGOs, and grassroots organizations.

Despite a challenging economic climate, ACT’s model continues to achieve recognition and gain momentum. Requests for assistance and potential partnerships arrive constantly from all corners of the Amazon. But the challenges remain daunting.

ACT received the prestigious Skoll Award for Social Entrepreneurship in 2008.



Courtesy of the Skoll Foundation

Notes from the Field

Name: Sally Osberg

Title: President and CEO, Skoll Foundation

Status: ACT Supporter

Our best allies in the fight to preserve the Amazon are those who understand it best: the indigenous peoples who have lived in and with the forest for generations. By empowering indigenous peoples with the knowledge, tools, and technology they need to safeguard one of the planet's most vital resources, ACT has hit upon a winning strategy. Last year when I visited the region as a guest of the Waurá people and their ACT partners, I had the privilege of seeing for myself the power of this strategy in action. Hectare by hectare, tribe by tribe, the battle for the Amazon is being waged, with compelling proof that this war can indeed be won.



Become a new environmentalist. Join with ACT today!

Global warming, deforestation, and cultural devastation pressure every corner of the Amazon. There has never been a more critical moment in the fight to preserve rainforest cultures and the magnificent forests where they live. Only with the support of visionary agencies, organizations, and individuals can ACT continue to get results.

Contact ACT to find out how you can become part of ACT's new environmentalism in the Amazonian rainforest.



While ACT is headquartered in Arlington, Virginia, near Washington, DC, 62 of 74 employees live and work in Suriname, Brazil, and Colombia.



Top rated—For the fourth consecutive year, Charity Navigator, America's largest independent evaluator of charities, awarded ACT a four star rating—the highest available—for efficiency and excellence in exceeding industry standards.

Method to our mapping—Recognizing ACT's superlative mapping methodology, Brazilian government agencies requested hundreds of copies of ACT's mapping methodology manual, which was published in 2008.

In the *Smithsonian*—ACT founder and president Mark J. Plotkin, PhD, was recognized as one of "35 Who Made a Difference," alongside Microsoft founder Bill Gates, film director Steven Spielberg, and Pulitzer Prize winning biologist Edward O. Wilson.

Out-of-the-box award—ACT recently received one of 11 Skoll Awards for Social Entrepreneurship. The two-year, million dollar + award from the Skoll Foundation will support ACT efforts to map, manage, and protect 100 million acres of rainforest.

Partnering with governments—Throughout 2008 and going forward, government agencies and environmental organizations in Brazil, Colombia, and Suriname increasingly turn to ACT for expert assistance in mapping, negotiation, and training projects.

2008 ACT Highlights

ACT combines a deep respect for tradition with a spirit of innovation in a result-oriented approach to environmental conservation.



Brazil

In the western Brazilian Amazon, ACT helped the Suruí people develop a comprehensive sustainable management plan for some of the most threatened forests in the entire Amazon. ACT now is guiding the Suruí in drafting biological surveys of the reserve. ACT collaborated with Google to provide Google Earth training to Suruí representatives to help them monitor and deter incursions into their traditional lands.



In the Tumucumaque Indigenous Park, ACT provided ongoing customized training workshops to tribal leaders to impart the necessary skills to operate their own associations, administer their own resources, and generate environmental protection strategies.

In the Xingu Indigenous Park, ACT provided awareness-building training—including education on relevant national legislation—to indigenous representatives in a campaign to raise consciousness of the potential devastating effects of planned hydroelectric dams on local ecosystems and livelihoods.

In the Xingu Indigenous Park, ACT supported the first large-scale meeting of the Xingu's indigenous youth to discuss pressing problems with respect to education, environment, health, culture and territorial protection and to draft letters to regional agencies regarding these problems.



In the northern Brazilian Amazon, in cooperation with the International Ranger Federation and Brazilian national agencies, ACT held its 4th annual Indigenous Park Guard Certification Course, bringing the number of guards to over 100 from nine tribal groups. Additionally, ACT held its 3rd and 4th park guard training courses for representatives of Brazilian institutions; these available guards are now also over 100 strong.



Bento Viana

In the Médio Rio Negro II reserve, ACT helped 15 regional indigenous communities form their own legally recognized association, to create a threat and risk map of their lands to help them work with national agencies to deter destruction to their forests, and to develop a land management and protection plan. ACT also trained 28 indigenous representatives in environmental research and awareness building, basic cartography, GPS use, project design, and indigenous and environmental legislation.

Colombia

ACT worked with the Kofán people of the Putumayo and the Colombian National Parks Service to establish an entirely new category of protected reserve, the 22,000-acre Orito Ingi-Ande Medicinal Plant Sanctuary. Subsequently, with ACT guidance, the Kofán are conducting expeditions as research for biological surveys of the entire reserve.



ACT negotiated the purchase of nearly 3,000 acres between the Indi Wasi National Park and two indigenous reserves, providing the connectivity for conservation corridors spanning 177,000 acres.

In the buffer zones of the Indi Wasi National Park, ACT signed over 60 environmental agreements with local farmers to protect forestlands from unsustainable use.

ACT continued to increase the autonomy of six Colombian Amazonian indigenous associations of five tribes across three provinces through training in self-governance, land management, financial resource management, indigenous legislation and community development planning.

For the Ingano and Coreguaje peoples, ACT funded and provided technical assistance to indigenous-run radio stations that broadcast 40 hours of community programming weekly.

For five indigenous groups across 38 reserves, ACT sponsored the establishment of over 50 community gardens and over 1,000 acres of sustainable agriculture containing nearly 800 traditional crops.

ACT provided support for 96 traditional healers and their apprentices of five tribes, allowing them to focus on the restoration of ancestral medicinal practices in their communities.

ACT funded the annual operations of an ethnoeducation school instructing 90 indigenous youths who attend classes in the context of their culture and cultivate a traditional agriculture farm for both educational and sustenance purposes.

For the first formal association of women healers of the Colombian Amazon, ACT held workshops in project formulation and management; indigenous legislation; and commercialization of artisan crafts.



2008 ACT Highlights

Suriname

ACT began work with indigenous and Maroon communities of the Surinamese interior to complete the ethnographic and land use mapping of all lands occupied by traditional peoples in the country, covering over half of the nation. Simultaneously, ACT is helping the indigenous and native groups demarcate their traditional lands, an important step on the road toward the granting of land management rights.

ACT provided risk control and biodiversity management training to the first set of indigenous park guards in the nation's rainforest interior. ACT



also constructed and outfitted a first central guard post for indigenous lands in southern Suriname outside the central village of Kwamalasamutu. In addition, ACT partnered with the government to design an official national indigenous park ranger training program.

ACT provided land protection and rights training to the leadership of the Wayana tribe, enabling the Wayana to develop their own land management plan.

ACT installed communications radios at five separate border locations to assist the Trio and Wayana tribes in their efforts to monitor and protect their traditional rainforest lands.

ACT continued to provide Brazil nut processing and marketing training to Trio villagers as part of a long-term project to provide sustainable income opportunities to the Trio. ACT also brought in expert consultants to help the Trio develop marketable crafts.



In the rainforest village of Tepu, ACT helped increase forest-based income opportunities for indigenous women through training in pepper plant cultivation, processing, and commercialization. Demand for their product in the market now exceeds supply. Also in Tepu, ACT inaugurated a traditional cultural center to support crafts-based income generation.

In four rainforest villages, ACT continued to support traditional medicine clinics and a hospital facility for long-term care. Also, in the central village of Kwamalasamutu, ACT conducted a sexual health workshop to help curb the incidence of sexually transmitted diseases among interior villagers.

In the rainforest village of Sipaliwini, ACT funded the establishment of a traditional school and trained its teachers in curriculum development. ACT also continued to support the operations of schools previously established in the interior villages of Kwamalasamutu and Tepu.



United States

Think globally, run locally. In June 2008, some 380 runners participated in the first annual Run for the Rainforest 5K in Arlington, Virginia. The event helped promote local eco-friendly businesses and raised more than \$30,000 to support rainforest conservation.

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Paramaribo, Suriname

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Xingu, Brazil

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Amapá, Brazil

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Putumayo, Colombia

Cabildo Kametzá de Mocoa
Putumayo, Colombia

Cabildos del Resguardo Inga de Yunguillo
Putumayo, Colombia

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Paramaribo, Suriname

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Montreal, Quebec

Consejo Regional Indígena del Orteguzá Medio Caquetá
Caquetá, Colombia

Conservation Strategy Fund
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Amazonas, Brazil

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Partner Organizations

Instituto Internacional de Educação no Brasil
Brasília, Brazil

Inter-American Development Bank
Washington, DC

International Ranger Federation

International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)
Gland, Switzerland

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Caquetá, Colombia

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Pan American Development Foundation
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Paramaribo, Suriname

Polícia Militar – Amapá
Amapá, Brazil

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Utrecht, Netherlands

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Amsterdam, Netherlands

Secretaria Especial do Meio Ambiente
Amapá, Brazil

Tareno ma Wajanaton-Akoronmato (TALAWA)
(Organization of Trio and Wayana Representatives of Southern Suriname)
South Suriname

Tropenbos
Bogotá, Colombia

Unidad Administrativa Especial del Sistema de Parques Nacionales Naturales
Bogotá, Colombia

Unión de Médicos Indígenas Yageceros de la Amazonia Colombiana
Putumayo, Cauca and Caquetá, Colombia

United Nations Development Program
Paramaribo, Suriname

United States Agency for International Development
Washington, DC

Universidad de la Amazonía
Caquetá, Colombia

Universidade Federal do Amapá
Amapá, Brazil

Vereniging Saramacaanse Gezagdragers
(Associated leaders of the Kwinti, Matawai, Aukan and Paramaka Maroon communities)
South Suriname

Vereniging van Inheemse Dorpshoofden in Suriname
(Association of indigenous village leaders in Suriname)
South Suriname

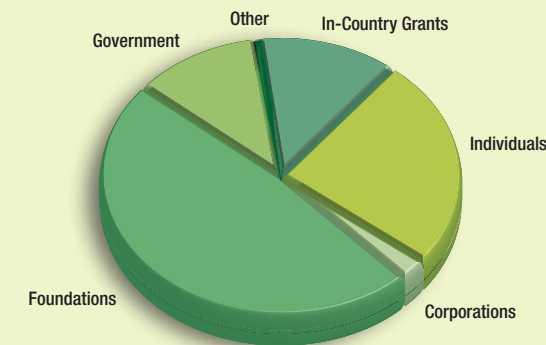
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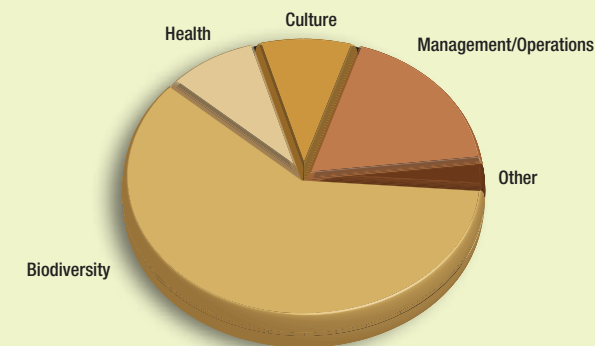
Financials

2008 REVENUE



Foundations	3,904,553	49%
Individuals	2,033,787	25%
Government	949,504	12%
In-Country Grants	866,493	11%
Corporations	199,468	2%
Other	30,671	0%
Total	\$7,984,476	100%

2008 EXPENSES



Biodiversity	3,335,279	60%
Health	490,717	9%
Culture	523,218	9%
Management/Operations	1,014,645	18%
Other	190,680	3%
Total	\$5,554,539	100%

Funds are presented according to the accrual method of accounting. Revenues include several multi-year commitments as well as grants received directly by ACT programs in Brazil, Colombia and Suriname.

ACT earns the highest rating from Charity Navigator, America's largest independent evaluator of charities, for our efficiency in exceeding industry standards and for outperforming other charities in fiscal standards.



ACT is a member of EarthShare, a federation that represents the nation's most respected environmental and conservation charities in hundreds of workplace giving campaigns across the country. ACT participates in the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC #10410), and state employee charitable campaigns. EarthShare's payroll contribution program allows donors to direct their contribution directly to ACT. To find out more about how you and your workplace can support ACT through payroll deductions, please call Lisa Hundley-Reeves at 703-522-4684.



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