Apprentices of the Forest
Learning and Teaching to Protect
2013 Annual Report
In 2013, scientists made a remarkable discovery in the cloud forests of Ecuador and Colombia: the first new carnivorous mammalian species identified in the Americas in 35 years. Amazingly, one specimen of this fluffy relative of the raccoon—the olinguito—toured zoos across the United States in the 1960s while mistaken for a related species.

The story highlights an important lesson: As conservationists, we’ve got a lot to learn. For better or often for worse, we continue to be surprised by unexpected events and changing conditions.

Around the world, scientists, activists, indigenous communities, and others are struggling to protect the last intact forest ecosystems and the traditional knowledge of their original inhabitants. To address these challenges and remain at the forefront of this fight, education and lifelong learning must be a priority.

In all of its activities, ACT seeks partners who share this belief. When assessing partnerships with indigenous groups, ACT favors those communities with the greatest commitment to learning how to adapt and thrive under rapidly changing ecological, social, and political contexts. These kind of people possess the necessary drive to protect their traditional territory and knowledge, as well as to transmit this capacity to future generations and neighboring groups.

Since its inception, ACT has relied upon the bridging and blending of modern and ancient ways of knowing to forge the most effective solutions in biocultural conservation. In this effort, equally useful information and lessons can be obtained from scientific publications, novel technologies, or fireside chats with tribal chieftains. In the example of the olinguito discovery mentioned previously, the carnivore would likely have been recognized as unique years earlier if researchers had consulted more closely with local indigenous groups.

Education is at the heart of each of ACT’s programs, from our ethno-education initiative (see page 5) in the northwest Amazon to the Shamans and Apprentices Program in the northeast Amazon. In particular, we value collaboration and synergy between Western and traditional education systems.

There is no quaintness in this: advanced environmental and agricultural science students in modern universities clamor to learn precisely that which has long been passed down by the knowledge-keepers of traditional societies. As we cope with the growing effects of climate change, increases in deforestation, and the continued degradation of our oceans, the old sciences have much to teach the new sciences about adaptation—in effect, we should all be apprentices.

As the conservation story continues to evolve, ACT’s flexible, ambitious, and unwavering commitment to learning and traditional knowledge will ensure that we remain a cutting-edge and resilient organization at the forefront of the battle.

Mark J. Plotkin, Ph.D., L.H.D.
President and Cofounder

“I am still learning.”
– Michelangelo, at age 87
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Among our Core Values:
A Commitment to the Integration of Modern and Traditional Knowledge

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ACT’s Cross-Cutting Goals:

* Promote the protection and conservation of tropical forests, with an emphasis on indigenous lands and their borderlands.

* Promote the environmentally and socioeconomically sustainable management of tropical forests, with an emphasis on indigenous lands and their borderlands.

* Strengthen and preserve traditional culture

* Create the conditions to preserve, transfer, and strengthen traditional medicinal knowledge and promote community health

* Promote optimal conditions for the recognition and safe and equitable use of traditional health systems

* Strengthen indigenous communities’ capacity to promote and advocate for their rights
Youth Education

To ensure that indigenous youth will thrive in both their traditional contexts and the world at large, ACT promotes a unique teaching approach called ethno-education, where students are taught ancestral subject matter—such as subsistence agriculture, native language, and traditional healing practices—alongside standard modern curricular elements such as math and science.

- ACT worked with a team of ACT-trained park guards to create Junior Park Ranger manuals. These booklets teach children about local flora and fauna, as well as basic principles of conservation. They are in high demand in four indigenous communities in Suriname.

- ACT continued to fund the ethno-education schools it established in three remote indigenous villages in Suriname.

- In collaboration with the NGO PCOS, ACT provided 15 Trio and Wayana indigenous youth from Suriname’s rainforest interior with the financial assistance and networking support necessary to pursue higher education in the country’s capital.

- ACT provided educational materials on Trio indigenous culture to Suriname’s National Environmental Education Kit project, slated for distribution to the children of 360 primary schools across the country. The materials help young people understand the connection between indigenous land stewardship and the nation’s near-pristine forests.

- With ACT’s guidance, the Yachaikury Ethno-education School of the Inga people became the first private indigenous school in Colombia to be transformed into a public school. This change ensures Yachaikury’s sustainability without sacrificing its autonomy. Further, ACT and the Juligon Architectural Foundation have worked closely with Yachaikury students and faculty in the planning and design of renovated buildings and grounds.

- In Colombia, ACT trained the indigenous organization of the Inga people of Caquetá in accounting software and annual budgeting. As a result, association members have the skills to oversee the replication of the Yachaikury School model to a network of 12 Inga schools, a role formalized by the Caquetá Secretary of Education.

* The education model we have applied at Yachaikury is a product of the collective work of many communities. We find our inspiration in training boys and girls to embrace strong cultural values and a loving friendship with the earth. Of the 900 students that have come through Yachaikury’s doors, some have returned to teach at the school or now hold important leadership positions in their communities.*

- Wairanina Jacanamijoy Mutumbajoy
Longtime Leader of the Ingano people
Guiding and Advising Communities

ACT works closely, inclusively, and respectfully with local communities over the long term to ensure the lasting protection of biodiversity and traditional cultures in the rainforest.

* ACT enabled the Caquetá Departmental Indigenous Council (CODIC) to receive substantial funding from the Colombian National Royalties Fund by guiding them through the application process and advising them in their ongoing communications with national agencies. The funding, the first of its kind, was used for a project to strengthen eight indigenous groups’ administrative capacity.

* Through a partnership with ACT and the Colombian government, the Kogi people of the Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta (northern Colombia) acquired the Jaba Tañiwashkaka sacred site, which was subsequently declared a national cultural site—a new type of protected area for Colombia representing a location with both significant biological and cultural importance. The Kogi’s historic return to the coast was celebrated with the construction of two traditional ceremonial houses, one for men and one for women, in accordance with traditional Kogi architecture. The new facilities guarantee a permanent onsite presence for the land’s protection. ACT is also providing technical guidance and training to local indigenous authorities to ensure the lands are demarcated and incorporated into the Kogi-Arhuaco indigenous reserve.

* ACT and its NGO partner, SynBio Brasil, provided guidance and an irrigation system for a sustainable traditional agriculture initiative of the Waurá people of the Ulupuene village in the Xingu Indigenous Reserve, Brazil. ACT also supported the village’s work to maintain healthy fisheries and clean the Batovi River and its tributaries.

* ACT assisted seed jewelry craftswomen in Kwamalasamutu, Suriname, to create new hybrid designs more attractive to urban Surinamers and tourists.

* ACT provided technical guidance in sustainable agriculture to small farmer and indigenous families located near Colombia’s Alto Fragua Indi Wasi National Park. The changes will reduce pressure on the park while improving food security for families living in the park’s buffer area.

“If you have knowledge, let others light their candle in it.”
- Margaret Fuller
For schoolchildren of the indigenous village of Kwamalasamutu, Suriname, the race is on to secure their future and that of their forests.
Partners in Training

From its inception, ACT has believed indigenous people are the most committed stakeholders in the fate of the forest. Our collaborative efforts over the last 17 years prove that, when indigenous cultures are strong and vibrant, they will defend their traditional lands with their lives. Today, we continue to foster partnerships that empower communities and strengthen their traditions.

* ACT provided ongoing training in environmental research, monitoring and reporting to indigenous park guards active in southern Suriname.

* In the interior village of Tepu, Suriname, ACT continued to provide training to a group of Trio women engaged in a sustainable income generation project to produce hot pepper products. Activities included cultivation, organic composting, propagation, harvesting, pest management, and financial administration. In 2014, ACT will help the women of Tepu diversify their vegetable production for food security while expanding the initiative to additional communities.

* As a partner in the USAID-sponsored Net Zero Deforestation project, ACT led a traditional heirloom seed recovery training course and sponsored a river expedition for seed exchanges between distant indigenous groups of the lower Caquetá River watershed in Colombia. These activities increase food security in local communities.

* ACT commenced a four-year, USAID-sponsored project to establish a conservation corridor between two national parks—Alto Fragua Indi Wasi and Churumbelos. This was accomplished through partnerships between the Fondo para la Acción Ambiental y la Niñez, Colombian government agencies, the Universidad de la Amazonía, and regional indigenous and small farmer groups. The project will train local communities in conservation-friendly food production systems and strengthen local governance capacities of these groups.
In 2013, the Colombian government announced the expansion of Chiribiquete National Park, more than doubling its already vast extent and making it one of the largest protected areas in the entire Amazon. Toward this declaration, ACT provided essential information on the territorial range of regional isolated peoples.

In Suriname, ACT introduced GPS data collection to the Matawai Maroon community to assist them in a community mapping exercise that will improve land management planning.

ACT enabled Colombia’s Kogi people to conduct expeditions to distant sites included in their network of traditional sacred lands. The aim of these trips was to gather data on sites’ environmental integrity and the viability of their permanent protection.

In collaboration with local communities and indigenous associations, ACT prepared socio-economic, legal, land tenure, and topographical survey studies supporting expansion of the Inga reserves of Yurayaco and San Miguel in the department of Caquetá in Colombia. Results will help establish a biocultural conservation corridor linking the reserves to a national park—as well as the expansion of the Yunguillo Indigenous Reserve to an area five times its current size.

Through the USAID-sponsored Net Zero Deforestation project, ACT enabled the enrollment of 17 indigenous project promoters in a course at the Universidad de la Amazonia to learn new approaches to indigenous sustainable livestock-raising in the Colombian Amazon. With the assistance of the ACT technical team, the promoters completed sustainable production assessments for eight indigenous communities.

ACT worked with Colombia’s National Parks Service and Ministries of Culture and the Interior to supply technical and legal consultation that lays the groundwork for a more enlightened public policy in Colombia regarding isolated indigenous peoples. The final outcome will be a comprehensive contingency plan that addresses healthcare and other critical subjects in the event of contact.

ACT’s vision is that the vast, life-sustaining rainforests of the Amazon basin are forever preserved and protected. ACT believes that empowering rainforest people and strengthening their cultures is the most promising route to that future.

“The great aim of education is not knowledge, but action.”
– Herbert Spencer
Mapping to Inform

Indigenous Community Mapping

Mapping techniques have long been an integral part of ACT's conservation work with indigenous communities. ACT conducts capacity building exercises so that indigenous communities can create maps of their territories that record traditional land use patterns and document existing natural resources. These mapping initiatives have helped communities create management plans for their territories to ensure the preservation of important rainforest ecosystems and traditional practices such as the use of medicinal plants and agricultural systems. Community mapping initiatives in 2013 were carried out in nine Koreguaje, Uitoto, and Matapi communities in Colombia.

Environmental Threat Mapping

ACT is using geographic information systems (GIS) to monitor environmental threats including deforestation for cattle ranching, mining activity, and overall extraction. The ability to show the geospatial distribution of these environmental pressures helps indigenous communities better understand their regional context, thus galvanizing improved conservation practices, and also helps ACT to determine priority conservation areas to form contiguous biocultural conservation corridors. In 2013, ACT finalized a series of environmental threat maps for both Colombia and Suriname.

Isolated Indigenous Tribes

ACT is utilizing high resolution satellite imagery to locate and protect isolated indigenous tribes that reside in the remote corners of the Amazon rainforest. Satellite imagery has proven to be an effective method to study the land use patterns of these vulnerable groups so that improved protective measures can be implemented. Satellite imagery has allowed ACT to find several isolated malocas (longhouses) without risk of disturbing the inhabitants, and a temporal analysis of satellite imagery has revealed potential migration patterns of these groups by showing when and where garden clearings were made.

Strategic Partnerships

ACT has formed a collaboration with DigitalGlobe LLC to use their high resolution imagery within ACT's conservation initiatives. This imagery is being used to identify and study isolated indigenous groups at an unprecedented level of detail. High resolution imagery is also allowing ACT to monitor forest cover changes at a more detailed level than ever before, providing us with the means to better analyze the effectiveness of past and present conservation strategies and to show these results to the world.
Strengthening the Transmission and Practice of Medicinal Knowledge

ACT’s founders took cues from Richard Evans Schultes, the great Harvard professor and explorer of the Amazon, who taught that traditional shamans and their medicinal knowledge are central to cultural survival. ACT thus initiated the Shamans and Apprentices programs to ensure that rainforest knowledge and culture are perpetuated. ACT works to strengthen the role of traditional healers and promote their role as agents for conservation. In fact, two Colombian national parks were created in part because of the strong advocacy of local healer groups in partnership with ACT.

* ACT continued to provide all operational supplies and healer stipends for ACT-constructed traditional medicine and teaching clinics in four remote villages of Suriname.

* ACT helped tribes of Colombia’s Nonuya de Villazul Indigenous Reserve design and print illustrated medicinal plant guides to help ensure the perpetuation of their knowledge.

* Colombia’s 60-strong Union of Women of Traditional Medicine (ASOMI) of the Colombian Amazon—a group dedicated to the preservation of indigenous knowledge—is supported primarily by ACT. This year, the group celebrated 10 years of success through a significant enhancement of the association’s center, including an enlarged kitchen, an improved water filtration system, and trails between the different property facilities. In 2013, ACT facilitated the union’s successful application for national funding for the infrastructure improvements.

* ACT continued to provide the sole support for UMIYAC, a union of 40 male indigenous healers and their apprentices of five tribes of the Colombian Amazon. The support allowed the men to focus on the restoration of traditional medicinal practices in their communities and to conduct health brigades to underserved and remote communities.

* UMIYAC and ASOMI both assigned members to share their medicinal plant knowledge and oral history at community schools in order to enhance students’ appreciation of their heritage and legacy.

“Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn.”
– Ben Franklin

Representatives of the ASOMI and UMIYAC healer’s associations gather to exchange traditional medicinal knowledge in Putumayo, Colombia

Traditional healer and girls of the Yachaikury School in Yurayaco, Caquetá, Colombia
Partners in Research

We have long envisioned working throughout the Amazon basin—an area that covers many countries, as well as hundreds of languages and ethnic groups. Although the human history of the Amazon varies between countries, the rainforests know no borders. Trees, genetic diversity, medicinal plants, wildlife, rivers and their headwaters, and indigenous tribes themselves do not stop at a nation’s boundaries. Because all should be understood and protected, we work to bridge language and cultural gaps through research collaborations.

* In Suriname, in close collaboration with local communities, ACT is developing a five-language illustrated encyclopedia of biodiversity within Trio and Wayana indigenous territory.

* In Suriname, under ACT and government supervision, indigenous park guards were prepared to conduct biological surveys and research to inform REDD+ projects and climate-change-related initiatives.

* ACT is partnering with Suriname's Anton de Kom University to enable science and anthropology students to conduct field projects under ACT supervision.

* In forests of Caquetá, Colombia, in partnership with the Universidad de la Amazonia, ACT has been leading research in sustainable income-generating products for locals as well as forest-friendly cultivation in order to mitigate soil erosion and prevent expansion of pastures.

“The most important vehicle for the sustenance of our rainforests is the education of our children. They—and only they—can change our world for the better.”

- Tico Torres, ACT Board Member
Financial Overview

Over the past 17 years, ACT has been able to accomplish so much on the ground because we always have made careful use of our resources, with more than 75% of funding going directly toward programmatic work.

In 2013, overall support and revenue grew five percent over prior year. A 57% increase over 2012 in the In-Country Grants revenue category was attributable to the strong reputation of ACT’s country offices as highly valued partners both institutionally and in the field. Programmatic efficiency remained strong, while an increase in fundraising costs reflects several small special events held during the year to increase awareness of ACT’s mission and work on the ground.

ACT’s staff and indigenous partners are deeply grateful for the support of many generous donors who believe in the effectiveness and importance of our work.

Karla Lara-Otero
Director of Financial Operations

“An investment in knowledge pays the best interest.” — Ben Franklin

Contributions Invested in Program Services

From 2008 through 2013, ACT invested over $22 million—more than 80% of revenue received in the same period—in Program Services, directly benefiting our field projects. This sum was expended across the following classifications:

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<td>Traditional knowledge &amp; culture preservation, and educational opportunities</td>
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<td>Healthcare knowledge capture and transmission</td>
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Revenue and Expenses Trend

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## Financial Statements

Information reflects combined financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012.

### Combined Statement of Financial Position

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### Combined Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Assets

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Funds are presented according to the accrual method of accounting.

ACT’s audited financial statements, which reflect an unqualified opinion, can be obtained online at www.amazonteam.org or by calling 703-522-4684.
Partner Organizations

Alcaldía Municipal de Belén de los Andaquíes
Putumayo, Colombia

Alcaldía Municipal de San José del Fragua
Caquetá, Colombia

Alcaldía Municipal de Solano
Caquetá, Colombia

Anton de Kom Universiteit van Suriname, Faculteit der Medische Wetenschappen
Paramaribo, Suriname

Asociación de Autoridades Indígenas de la Pedrera Amazonas, Colombia

Asociación de Autoridades Indígenas del Pueblo Miraña y Bora del Medio Amazonas Amazonas, Colombia

Asociación de Cabildos Indígenas del Mirití-Amazonas Amazonas, Colombia

Asociación de Cabildos Nukanchipa Alpa Cauca, Colombia

Asociación de Cabildos Tandachiridu Inga-Ungas Caquetá, Colombia

Asociación de Cabildos Uitoto del Alto Río Caquetá Caquetá, Colombia

Asociación de Cacatoeros de San José del Fragua Caquetá, Colombia

Asociación de Médicos Indígenas Kofanes Putumayo, Colombia

Asociación de Mujeres Indígenas de la Amazonia Colombiana “La Chagra de la Vida” Putumayo, Colombia

Asociación de Regeneradores y Cultivadores de Cauche del Caquetá Caquetá, Colombia

AVINA Bogotá, Colombia

Bureau voor Openbare Gezondheidszorg Paramaribo, Suriname

Cabildo Indígena Huitoto Ismúina Caquetá, Colombia

Cabildo Indígena Mayor de Tarapacá Amazonas, Colombia

Cabildo Inga Mandiyaco Cauca, Colombia

Cabildo Kemetzá Ilja de Mocoa Putumayo, Colombia

Cabildo La Cerinda Caquetá, Colombia

Cabildo La Esperanza Caquetá, Colombia

Cabildos Inga de Yunguillo Putumayo, Colombia

Cabildos Inga Kemetzá del Alto Putumayo: San Francisco, Sibunday, Colón, Santiago, San Andrés, San Pedro Putumayo, Colombia

Cabildos/Resguardos Indígenas de Puerto Guzmán: Villa Catalina la Torre, Alpa Manga, Alto Mango, Nukanchipa Alpa, Wasipanga, Calenturas Putumayo, Colombia

Centrum voor Landbouwkundig Onderzoek Suriname (CELOS) Paramaribo, Suriname

Comité Departamental Indígena del Caquetá Caquetá, Colombia

Confederación Agrosolidaria de Colombia Caquetá, Colombia

Consejo Regional Indígena del Medio Amazonas Amazonas, Colombia

Consejo Regional Indígena del Orteguaza Medio Caquetá Caquetá, Colombia

Conservation International Suriname Paramaribo, Suriname

Coordinadora de las Organizaciones Indígenas de la Cuenca Amazonica Quito, Ecuador

Corporación para el Desarrollo Sostenible del Sur de la Amazonia Putumayo, Colombia

DigitalGlobe Arlington, VA

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ACT’s staff is a select group of fearless and committed people who believe in the power of alliances between indigenous communities, scientists, policymakers, activists, and funders to sustainably manage and protect the resources on which we all depend. While the work can be exciting and inspiring, it can also be dangerous and difficult; however, our commitment does not waver.

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ACT’s Board of Directors is another highly motivated set of individuals, professionally involved in a wide spectrum of fields and interests. They share our belief that they can—through and with ACT—make a difference in the protection of Amazonia and the empowerment of its traditional peoples.

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In Honor of the Late Melinda C. “Mo” Maxfield

After several years of failing health, our dear friend and mentor Melinda C. “Mo” Maxfield passed away in 2014. We are profoundly grateful for Mo’s sage counsel and generous support dating back to ACT’s early years, and will miss her company, kindness, and wisdom more than we can adequately express.

As a Board member for both ACT and The Foundation for Shamanic Studies, and as executive director of the Angeles Arrien Foundation for Cross-Cultural Education and Research, Mo made enormous contributions to the protection of indigenous knowledge traditions across the world. Mo received a Ph.D. in Transpersonal Psychology at the Institute of Transpersonal Psychology. Her doctoral work on the effects of indigenous drumming methods, as well as her subsequent book Drumming the I Ching, are well known among practitioners of alternative healing modalities. In her work with ACT, Mo’s support was particularly vital to the continuity of healing traditions of Colombia.
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