



ANNUAL REPORT 2018



Life is Flourishing!

We are a grassroots collective which investigates, promotes and protects equitable, inclusive, interrelated and abundant living systems

Letter from the Director

Earth Care, People Care, Fair Share: These three well known, simple, yet all-encompassing ethical Permaculture principles guide our work at the Chaikuni Institute. They are, however, not an invention by the Permaculture current, but found in many traditional and indigenous societies. They are also fundamental pillars of the Latin American indigenous understanding of “Buen Vivir” (good living), in all its diverse interpretations. For us at Chaikuni, they provide us with a solid compass of values and serve as inspiration for our daily work.

The year 2018 was a year of change, renovation, growth, achievements and learning for us at the Institute. We bid farewell to several dear colleagues off to new adventures, and welcomed in new, talented and dedicated Chaikunis. The everyday functioning of our multidisciplinary and multicultural team is a constant exercise of interculturality – an ideal that we promote throughout our programs. On an institutional level, we gained new and important donors and allies, as our overall budget, expenses and reach of our programs increased. Finally, together with our sister organization the Temple of the Way of Light, we embarked on an alignment journey, starting to revise and (re)define the “blueprint” of our Institute. Among others, we decided on a new and exciting formulation of our mission.

On a socio-political level, Peru was ravaged by one major corruption scandal after another. The tip of the iceberg of large corruption networks are slowly being revealed, with Peru’s (ex-) presidents and presidential candidates as the main protagonists. As we illustrated in our “Black Snake” publication, these corrupt networks extend well (and perhaps particularly) into extractive industries and pervert even the clean-up processes of oil spills.

In October, the latest report from the International Panel on Climate Change let the world know that we have just about twelve years to drastically cut our greenhouse gas emissions, if we are to limit global temperature rise to 1.5 degrees and avoid the most catastrophic climate changes. Whereas Peru did pass a law on climate change in 2018, the Peruvian government continues to heavily promote investment in oil and gas, weakening environmental institutions and indigenous people’s rights.

We trust that our grassroots movement, with our network of local and global supporters, is contributing its part to the solutions we so urgently need. Advancing real, alternative and regenerative solutions for the protection of the Amazon and its peoples, starting from the ground on up, empowering people to lead the changes they themselves envision. I sincerely hope that this annual report, which gives a brief overview over our activities and achievements over the course of last year, inspires you. I invite you to continue to be a part of our movement, in 2019 and beyond.

With gratitude,

Stefan Kistler
Ejecutive Director



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Introduction

The Amazon rainforest is the most important terrestrial ecosystem on Earth: It contains over half of the planet's remaining rainforest habitat; it produces one fifth of the planet's oxygen; it is responsible for 25% of the terrestrial absorption of global CO2 emissions, and produces one sixth of the planet's fresh water. It is the world's premier bio-cultural diversity hotspot, home to dozens of unique cultures, knowledge systems, mythologies, languages, animals and plants. It is an imperative of our time to protect the Amazon.

There's no need to list the alarming threats the Amazon faces. We are all – for the most part - aware of them. We should all be aware of what the Amazon means for our global and local climate – and for many aspects of our lives - if we fail to learn to respect it and protect it.

At Chaikuni we envision the Amazon full of animal, plant, and human communities living and thriving together. We envision the world's mightiest rivers flowing with clean, fresh water accessible to all. We envision empowered communities of the Amazon co-creating projects to welcome in a new generation of Earth stewards and wisdom keepers. We envision degraded landscapes transformed into abundant food and medicine forests to be enjoyed by communities and future generations. We envision an intercultural society which values cultural diversity, honors indigenous wisdom and generates equitable, reciprocal and abundant living systems.

Our mission?

Life is flourishing!

Message from the Founder



At the heart of indigenous cosmovisions is an understanding that all living beings – humans, other animals and plant kin – are part of a vast web of interpersonal relationships. The Shipibo people of the Peruvian Amazon describe the guiding principle of this dynamic with the word *akinananti*, meaning reciprocity and mutual responsibility.

A worldview of *akinananti*, which supports cooperation and mutual aid, seems absent in the current paradigm which celebrates rugged individualism, competition and economic ‘growth-at-all-costs’ – a destructive paradigm which has not been conducive to the thriving of life on Earth.

Now human beings across the planet, amidst the pressure and pace of the modern industrial-informational age, have lost contact with our instinctive knowing and deeper sense of belonging. Disconnected from the natural world, our true nature is obscured. However, people across the world are waking up to the fact that we are not, in fact, separate from nature at all.

At the Chaikuni Institute, we are committed to a truly reciprocal collaboration between Western and indigenous peoples, uniting the best of both worlds with the understanding that we can uniquely and significantly benefit each other. Our focus is to channel and redistribute global resources into local, cooperatively owned and managed social enterprises that empower, support, and work horizontally with local Amazonian families and communities.

We invite you to take a stand with us and the people of the Peruvian Amazon in *akinananti* and together create a new paradigm of respect, responsibility and reciprocity.

With deep gratitude for your support,

Matthew Watherston

Founder of Instituto Chaikuni and the Temple of the Way of Light

Highlights of the Year 2018



◀ January

We kick off the year with the release of our latest video on our permaculture program, filmed and produced by Gavin Hoffman. Our permaculture staff and farmers from local communities, supported by our program, share their experiences on regenerative agroforestry as a viable economic alternative.

February ▶

Official launch of the music video “Babel”, in which indigenous youth sing and rap in 7 different indigenous languages. The video clip is a production by indigenous media Radio Ucamara, in collaboration with the Chaikuni Institute and Iquitos-based indigenous student organization (OEPIAP), with the support of the Pan-Amazon Ecclesial Network (REPAM).



Photo, Alan Chumbe (Chaikuni Institute)

April ▶

Chaikuni joins forces with the talented Amazonian biologist and photographer Jorge Salvador Pizarro García. The result are 100 portraits of medicinal plants of awe-inspiring beauty, growing at our permaculture site on the land of the Temple of the Way of Light.



Photo, Sophie Pinchetti (Chaikuni Institute)

◀ March

We carry out the first evaluation of our experimental plot of *Banisteriopsis caapi* (commonly known as the ayahuasca vine), which our permaculture staff planted in the end of 2017.



Photo, Jorge Salvador



Photo, Daniel López (Chaikuni Institute)

◀ May

We complete the construction of a computer lab and office space for the indigenous students on land recently leased to them by the government for a 10-year period, where they intend to build the future student residency.

June ▶

In collaboration with our close ally Formabiap, we hold a workshop for approx. 100 indigenous students to remember the tragic events of “el Baguazo” in 2009, discuss notions such as territory, indigenous people’s rights and legislation. The same day we organize a public screening of the documentary “When Two Worlds Collide” – for the first time shown in Iquitos.



Photo, Sophie Pinchetti (Chaikuni Institute)



Photo, Alan Chumbe (Chaikuni Institute)

◀ July

In July we inaugurated our new plant nursery and permaculture house, which functions as our permaculture hub. In the near future our ambition is to implement a rainwater catchment system and solar panels, and equip it with more informative and didactic material for visitors, to be of service for local communities and foreign visitors alike.

August ▶

On indigenous people’s day, we co-organize the first encounter of indigenous knowledge in Iquitos. Shipibo healers from our sister organization the Temple of the Way of Light participate actively in the event, sharing a glimpse of their ancient traditions.



Photo, Sophie Pinchetti (Chaikuni Institute)



Photo, Sophie Pinchetti (Chaikuni Institute)

◀ September

Distinguished and award winning national indigenous leaders Wrays Perez (Wampis) and Ruth Buendia (Ashaninka) inspired and challenged over 60 young indigenous students on issues such as indigenous territory, identity and governance, during a full-day event at the campus of Formabiap.

October ▶

We release the investigative report *The Black Snake of Peru's Amazon: The North Peruvian Pipeline*, uncovering the truth behind the recent increase of oil spills along the north Peruvian pipeline (illustrative maps produced by ORPIO). The report was extensively shared and created massive interactions on social media.



Inside The Recent Oil Spills From The North Peruvian Pipeline
A Report & Maps By The Chaikuni Institute & ORPIO



Photo, Alienor de Sas (Chaikuni Institute)

◀ November

In November we accompany the Indigenous Federations of the 5 River Basins (Pastaza, Córrientes, Tigre, Marañón and Chambira) in their long-lasting negotiations with the Presidency of the Council of Ministers of Peru to demand environmental remediation for the communities affected by nearly half a century of oil extraction.

December ▶

We organize a series of participatory audio-visual production workshops with indigenous students as a first step in the production of a documentary about the indigenous students of OEPIAP.



Photo, Alienor de Sas (Chaikuni Institute)



Permaculture

Experimenting, investigating and promoting abundant living systems that honor and contribute to the indigenous paradigm of “Buen Vivir” (“Good Living”) is at the core of Chaikuni’s Permaculture Program. Today, our center has become an integrated model for regenerative agriculture and a thriving educational hub for local communities, schools, organizations and foreign visitors.

This year we established our first 1-hectare chacra integral, built a new plant nursery and permaculture house, had a professional photographer document over 100 medicinal plants on our site, and our two permaculture coordinators received their official certifications after completing a Permaculture Design Course. Agroforestry systems, natural fertilizers, sustainable ayahuasca plantations, soil-friendly cultivation techniques, composting systems, animal husbandry, honey production, dry composting toilets: all these examples of techniques and systems were practiced and taught at our center throughout 2018, merging ancestral Amazonian techniques with modern permaculture concepts. Our focus shifted increasingly towards vital community outreach work through capacity-building workshops, as part of our commitment to nurture eco-social entrepreneurship in the Amazon and creating a movement that regenerates the Amazon.



Implementing our first demonstration site of a “Chakra Integral”

One of the drivers of deforestation in the Amazon is the common but detrimental agricultural practice known as “slash-and-burn” agriculture, where a patch of forest is razed to the ground and then burned. While industrial farmers establish gigantic monocultures (oil palm, soy, etc.), small scale farmers commonly grow a few edible plants such as yucca, plantain or maize. While the ash produced by burning vegetation improves the short-term quality of the soil, this method depletes soil within 2-3 years, rendering it useless as flora, fauna, and soil microorganisms disappear. This vicious cycle forces farmers to clear new patches of the forest, gradually degrading the land.

At Chaikuni we’re promoting traditional and regenerative agricultural methods, moving beyond harmful slash-and-burn techniques and experimenting instead with what is locally known as the chakra integral. This year, we implemented our first 1-hectare chakra integral at our center, a demonstration site to be visited principally by local farmers.

A chakra integral, also known as a food forest or poly-cropping agroforestry system, is a parcel of land where Amazonian families cultivate a large variety of plants. A patch of forest is selectively cleared; valuable species are preserved, while others are taken out to make space for desirable crops or for nurturing the existing plants. Cut vegetation is left on the ground, without burning it to retain nutrients, mimicking the natural cycles of the rainforest ecosystem. Species that coexist and mutually benefit from each other are planted side by side. A wide variety of staple crops are planted together with fruit and timber trees, as well as medicinal plants. The diverse crops are harvested with varying frequencies and in different seasons, pro-

viding regular, year-round income to local farmers and their families.

With the technical support of our staff, families that apply this method will be able to produce continuously for up to 7 years on the same plot of land, avoiding further deforestation. This multifunctional agroforestry landscape simultaneously provides economic, environmental and social resilience for local families and, if applied widely, the whole region.

Sustainable Ayahuasca Cultivation

Between 2011 and 2017, about 1,800 ayahuasca plants have been planted in secondary forest plots on the land of our sister organization the Temple of the Way of Light, the same land that we share for our permaculture center. Since 2016, the Chaikuni Institute has been conducting an investigation into best practices of Ayahuasca cultivation. The objective is twofold: i) to generate valid information on the regenerative management and best practices for the cultivation of the Ayahuasca vine in order to ii) offer profitable alternatives to rural farmers so they can grow high value plants and generate additional income while preserving the cultural tradition of Ayahuasca.

Throughout 2018, we continued to monitor and assess the vines growing on the property. We carried out two in-depth evaluations of our experimental plot, where we planted Ayahuasca vines horizontally on an open degraded field, without host plants, observing its growth. We wrote a first report, summarizing our preliminary findings about best practices of Ayahuasca cultivation. Through the installation of our 1-hectare chakra integral, we prepared a new plot where we will plant another 50 ayahuasca vines next year. Bringing the knowledge of sustainable ayahuasca cultivation within chacras integrales to surrounding communities will be a major focus in 2019.

Permaculture and Bee-Keeping

As an opportunity for the indigenous students to generate small income, our Intercultural Education and Permaculture programs collaborate to offer training in productive permaculture activities, such as ecological gardens, animal husbandry, agroforestry systems, etc. The knowledge gained will also benefit them when returning to their communities. Beginning in August, over 20 indigenous students participated in six trainings on bee-keeping and honey production with native stingless bees. They are easier to handle than their cousins with stingers, don't require expensive material and produce a unique honey with excellent characteristics. Beekeeping is a fantastic activity to generate small income for families and improve nutrition, health and productivity of crops in rural and semi-rural communities.

Environmental Education

In 2018 we received over 360 national and international visitors at our permaculture center. Through walking tours, visitors learned about the

basics of permaculture and ancestral agricultural knowledge; getting to know our chacra integral, small animal breeding site, fruit tree plantations, medicinal plants, composting systems, dry composting toilets, beehives, worm farms and more.

Throughout the year we put a special focus on working with local schools. In our neighbor community Tres Unidos, we held two environmental education and permaculture talks at the primary school and kindergarten, and celebrated International Forest Day with them, organizing a drawing competition focused on environmental issues. Under our supervision, students created a school garden, planting both native fruit and timber trees.

Certified Permaculture Coordinators

In June, Alan and Silvia, our two permaculture program coordinators, successfully completed a two-week Permaculture Design Course (PDC) led by Permaculturist Helder Valente from New School Permaculture. The new knowledge gained has been extensively applied in our program and shared with our agroforestry technicians, as well as local farmers from Tres Unidos.



"My time as a volunteer at the Chaikuni permaculture program made me more conscious of the necessity of a healthy coexistence between nature and mankind. It motivated me to seek and acquire more knowledge about permaculture and its sustainability principles."

Simon End,
Permaculture Volunteer



Photos from above, Alan Chumbe (Chaikuni Institute)



This photo and next, Jorge Salvador



Intercultural Education

Besides promoting an intercultural, diverse and inclusive educational system and society as a whole, our Intercultural Education program “Sui Sui” primarily works by supporting and empowering a group of 120 indigenous students from the Organization of Indigenous Students from the Peruvian Amazon (OEPIAP). These young women and men come to the city of Iquitos from all around the northern Peruvian Amazon to pursue higher education and professional training, but face many challenges.

At the end of 2017 we collectively won a great victory: OEPIAP signed an agreement with the regional government giving the organization a 10-year lease to a parcel of land. In 2018 our team continued to accompany students, bringing them closer to their dream of a student residency and community hub in Iquitos, to be built on that leased land. We at Chaikuni believe that this student residency project has the potential to become a reference - at the local and national level - for sustainable architecture and healthy ways of living. A space not only to live and study for the students, but a meeting place of indigenous culture and identity, revitalized and exhibited through the agency of the new generations of indigenous youth.



Empowering Indigenous Student's Organization

Through continuous technical support by our Program, the young students who took over the leadership of OEPIAP in 2017 improved their capacity to lead the organization and achieve their goals throughout 2018. After a long negotiation process, the students finally achieved the renewal of their agreement with the National University of the Peruvian Amazon (UNAP) and the Regional Government of Loreto (GOREL), with GOREL committing to provide all meals and housing for the 120 members of OEPIAP, and UNAP promising to maintain and increase the preferential access quota for indigenous students to the university. Furthermore, in May, the students were moved to a new temporary hostel with better living conditions than the previous one. Our Sui Sui team continuously advises and accompanies OEPIAP in these processes, offering technical, legal and financial support.

A place of their own to live and study

With the help of a small grant from the Liechtenstein Development Service (LED), we went ahead and built a computer room and an office space for the students on the patch of land that was ceded to them on a 10-year lease, as a complementary and necessary infrastructure to their future residency. Once the structure was finished, we teamed up with student architects from the local university and the indigenous students to design plans for the student residency, which respond to their needs and expectations.

The preliminary design takes into account local conditions and building materials, ecological building principles, the use of renewable energies and eco-efficient technologies. It includes a hall to exhibit indigenous art and handicrafts; space to orga-

nize cultural activities; and an area to implement ecological urban gardens under the guidance of our permaculture program. Our hope is to see the student residency take form and become a beacon of indigenous culture and sustainable architecture. We will spend our time and energy in 2019 to find the finances and human capital to make this project a reality.

Identity, Rights, and Territory

A fundamental aspect of our Intercultural Education Program is to celebrate and revitalize indigenous identity, encouraging students to get involved and promote intercultural dialogue.

In May 2018 together with our close ally Formabiap we co-organized a public talk on intercultural education, with the participation of nationally known experts Fidel Tubino and Enrique Lopez, as well as the vice-minister of Interculturality, Elena Burga, teachers, elders, and students, including more than 40 students from OEPIAP.

In September we organized a full day workshop on territory and indigenous leadership, with the presence of distinguished indigenous leaders. Wraya Perez and Gil Inoach, from the Autonomous Territorial Government of the Wampis, reflected on their experience of organization and territorial recognition for indigenous peoples in Peru. Ruth Buendía Mestoquiari, renowned female Ashaninka leader, Goldman Prize winner in 2014 for her defense of nature and the Ashaninka territory, shared her struggle as a female indigenous leader, defending Ashaninka territory and indigenous rights. Over 60 students from OEPIAP and Formabiap, as well as teachers and staff participated in the event.

Closing the gap: Academic Tutoring and Personal Development

Many indigenous students arrive from remote areas of the jungle to Iquitos, where they experience large academic disadvantages, due to the poor quality of education in their communities. Many arrive with a deficit in mathematics, verbal communication, reading skills, basic computer knowledge, etc. For most, Spanish is their second language.

In 2018 we organized tutoring sessions in mathematics, basic computer skills, English, communications and self-defense, as well as promoting the participation of youth in cultural and artistic activities offered in Iquitos. Throughout 2018, of the 120 students of OEPIAP, over 70 participated in classes and activities. We continued to offer individual psychological counselling to 12 students, responding to a direct demand, and organized women's circles, in which young female students could develop self-knowledge, self-esteem, feminine solidarity and communal empowerment.

Network Building in favor of Interculturality

On August 9th, International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples, we co-organized the first encounter of indigenous knowledge in Iquitos. Shipibo healers from our Sister Organization the Temple of the Way of Light participated actively in the event, alongside several participants from at least 7 different indigenous peoples. The event shared and made accessible a glimpse of the rich

indigenous knowledge, cultures and traditions to the general public in Iquitos.

At Chaikuni we stressed that the institutions which participated in the organization of this event meet on a regular basis, to organize cultural activities which value and promote indigenous cultures in Iquitos, as a key to foment mutual respect and awareness in a society which still holds innumerable prejudices about indigenous peoples. Including institutions such as the Ministry of Culture, Formabiap-AIDSEP, Nature and Culture International, CAAAP, IIAP, and indigenous cultural groups such as the Yrapakatúm Collective, the working group has been meeting on a regular basis ever since, and is planning the second encounter of indigenous knowledge in 2019.

Indigenous Students voicing their Reality

By the end of 2018, we started the preparations for a new short documentary about the indigenous students of OEPIAP, under the guidance and direction of our collaborator Alienor de Sas, from our Belgian ally CATAPA. A small group of students wrote the script and planned the other aspects of the film shoot. Through this participatory process, students will get familiar with the world of audio-visual communications to tell their own story, sharing with the world their challenges, difficulties, and dreams. The results of this interesting project will be available in 2019.



"Nouvelle Planète backs the Intercultural Education Program Sui Sui of the Chaikuni Institute because they are one of the few organizations trying to do something concrete in favour of indigenous students in Iquitos. They focus on real questions by engaging the students in dialogue and by working with them on practical solutions."

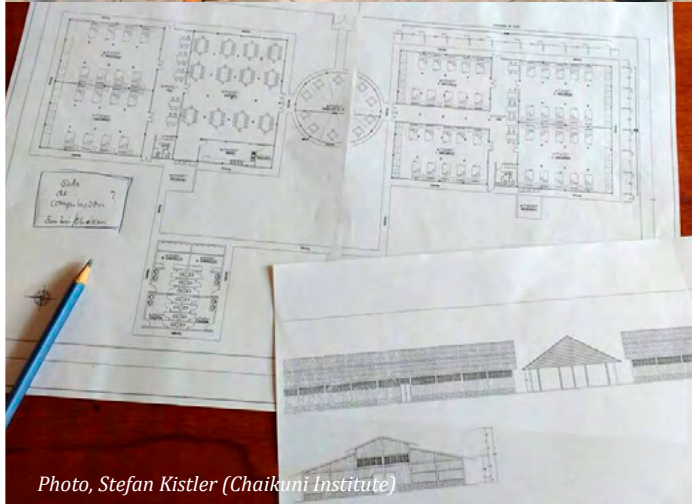
Jeremy Narby,
Amazon Coordinator of Nouvelle Planète, Anthropologist and Author



Photo, Radio Ucamara



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Human & Nature Rights

In alliance with the indigenous movement in the Loreto Region, Chaikuni combines people power, testimony and activism with research, documentation, technical-legal advice, and storytelling to safeguard and support human and nature rights.

In 2018 we stood with our indigenous allies, providing legal and technical support, amplifying indigenous voices, organizing capacity-building workshops and cultural events, advocated for the right to clean water, and worked together with our local ally the Water Defense Committee to keep the drinking water source of Iquitos, the Nanay River, free from contamination.



Accompanying the Kichwa People in the Defense of their Territory

Throughout 2018 we continued to provide technical and legal support to our long-standing indigenous partner, the Federation of Indigenous Kichwa People from the Tigre River (FECONAT). With ongoing assistance from Chaikuni, FECONAT was able to renew their environmental monitor program for three years, funded by Swiss NGO Mouvement pour la Coopération Internationale (MCI).

FECONAT is part of “Los 5 Cuencas” (the five river basins), a coalition of over 25 indigenous federations from five river basins which have been heavily affected by the oil industry. The coalition demands justice after over 45 years of irresponsible oil exploitation on their native territories. Chaikuni regularly offers technical advice to the coalition during meetings with state representatives, in particular with regards to the topics water, sanitation, eco-remediation, and education. While negotiations and state response are slow, small improvements specifically concerning water and sanitation are becoming visible in the communities. Nevertheless, this political movement and its demand for socio-environmental justice are likely necessary to continue for years to come.

Communications & Media Tools for the Indigenous Movement

At Chaikuni Institute, the great majority of our communications are conducted in both Spanish and English, giving us a unique position and possibility to inform a public within and beyond Peru's borders. Throughout 2018 we supported both our ally FECONAT and the coalition of the 5 river basins in their communication efforts, with a

specific focus on indigenous women and the right to water, creating social media content and materials which are used as part of advocacy tools and campaigning work, amplifying voices that are rarely heard.

Besides the production of informative material by our staff, our focus is also on empowering indigenous organizations to write and produce their own material. We held several workshops on writing, social media, and film-making with the students from OEPIAP, and encouraged indigenous organizations to identify young and interested people which we will help train in communications.

In the beginning of the year, we organized an event to officially launch the music video “Babel”, in which indigenous youth sing and rap in 7 different indigenous languages. The video clip is a production by indigenous media Radio Ucamara, in collaboration with us at the Chaikuni Institute and the students of OEPIAP, with the support of Pan-Amazon Ecclesial Network (REPAM).

Remembering “el Baguazo”

A tragic event in recent Peruvian history is the confrontation that occurred on June 5th in 2009 between the indigenous protestors and the Peruvian state, widely known as el Baguazo. After months of massive indigenous protests in response to announced laws that were to favor extractive industries on indigenous territories, at least 33 people, both indigenous and policemen, were killed when the government ordered the dissolution of the protest by force.

For the 9th anniversary of the infamous event, we organized a seminar with indigenous students to reflect on the past and current situation of indigenous peoples' rights. In the evening we organized the first Iquitos screening of the documentary “When Two Worlds Collide”, which recounts the events of el Baguazo from different angles.

Water is Life

Located along the North Peruvian Oil Pipeline on the Marañon river, two indigenous communities, Vista Alegre and Cuninico, have been majorly impacted by oil spills (in 2014 and 2015 respectively). In 2018, the two communities received an invitation to a hearing with the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR), arguing that access to clean water, a fundamental human right, has been denied to them. At Chaikuni, we facilitated the pre-investigation into the situation of the communities, and revised the final reports which were presented at the IACHR.

Chaikuni is an active member of the Water Defense Committee of Iquitos, a local collective of individuals and civil society actors concerned with environmental issues, and in particular the main drinking water source of Iquitos, the Nanay River. In 2018 we regularly participated in meetings and activities of the water committee. Among others, we participated in cultural activities during the “semana del agua” (water week) in March. In November we co-organized a conference with different candidates who ran for Governor of Loreto, championing them on their environmental agenda and concrete proposals for our region.

Investigative Report: “The Black Snake” ►



“We feel very honoured to collaborate with Chaikuni. CATAPA is witnessing and supporting the high quality work of Chaikuni on topics as Education, Gender Balance, Nature Conservation and Permaculture. Also we see an added value in working direct with the indigenous communities: CATAPA aims to give affected communities a voice in a global platform and struggles for social and environmental justice.”

Charlotte Crhistiaens
CATAPA General Coordinator

Since 1979, more than 100 oil spills have occurred along the North Peruvian pipeline – a mega construction, stretching a massive 1,106 km from the Amazon to the Peruvian coast, operated and owned by state company Petroperu. In 2016 alone, spills peaked at over a dozen incidents. The oil spills have gravely affected the environment, biodiversity, ecosystems, the health of communities, and impacts their basic access to water and food, while at the same time aggravating social conflicts in the region.

A 2017 report by a Peruvian congress commission concluded that the impacts of oil spills have not been adequately analyzed and evaluated by the government, and that little information exists with regards to their impact on the health of local populations. Moreover, rather than confirming the deceitful claim made by the oil company and the media of indigenous communities deliberately causing the spills, the same report points to responsible third parties and highlights the negligence and possible corruption of state-owned oil company Petroperu in relation to the spills.

In collaboration with mapping experts from ORPIO¹, we published informative maps showing the shocking quantity of spills in our illustrative report. Our Facebook post about our report was shared close to 2000 times, both nationally and internationally, and reached over 100.000 people. We also reached out to networks and individuals involved in the 2016 Standing Rock protest in North Dakota, U.S, building bridges of international solidarity.

¹ ORPIO is the regional representation of the national umbrella organization of indigenous peoples from the Peruvian amazon – AIDESEP.



Statement of Financial Activity 2018

Revenue & Support¹

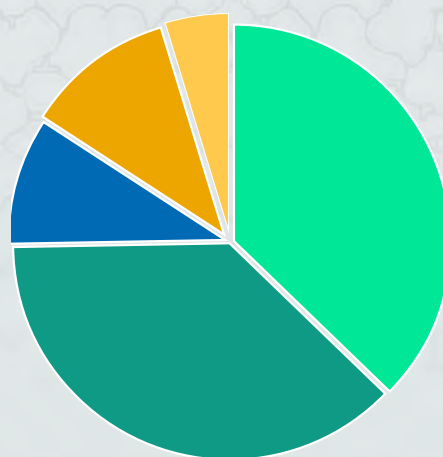
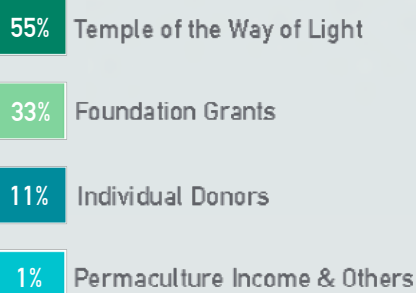
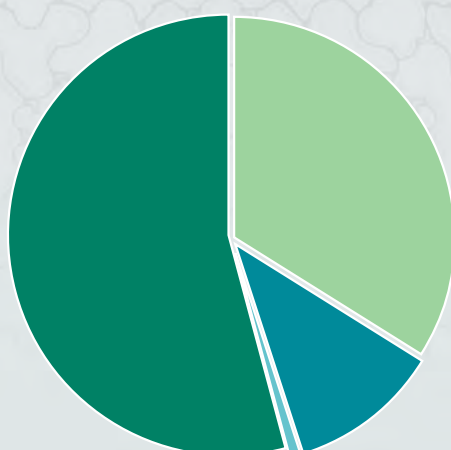
	USD
Temple of the Way of Light ²	74.989
Foundation Grants ³	45.010
Individual Donors	15.964
Permaculture Income & Others	887

Total Revenues & Support 136.849 USD
Change in Net Assets⁴ 17.322 USD

Expenses

	USD
Permaculture Program	43.643
Intercultural Education Program	46.618
Human & Nature Rights Program	10.924
Management & Administration	13.048
Communication & Fundraising	5.294

Total Expenses 119.527 USD



¹ Include project balances from 2017

² Services directly paid for by the TWL, from which the Chaikuni Institute benefits, such as office, internet, telephone costs, and other services, are not included in this amount.

³ Foundation Grants (USD) :

María Marina Foundation 20.000

LED 11.776

Nouvelle Planète 8.205

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⁴ Corresponding to 2019 Project Activities

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