

CONCLUSION

The experience and results of this collaborative, multidimensional and ecologically oriented project stem from a comprehensive and inclusive approach that encompasses various methodological steps, collaborative work with the community, and the co-creation and validation of outcomes. This comprehensive approach is geared towards developing impactful visual legal material, a well-crafted multilingual offering, and a robust methodological package grounded in effective community participation. At the heart of this endeavour lies a meticulous process of engagement with the Chiquitano community. Through active involvement and dialogue, the research team and community members collaboratively identify critical issues, challenges, and aspirations related to environmental human rights and legal protections. This inclusive approach ensures that the project is rooted in the genuine needs and perspectives of the community, amplifying their voices and experiences.

The co-creation and validation of project results play a pivotal role in shaping the final outputs. By involving the community in the development of visual legal material, the team strives to produce impactful representations that resonate with the Chiquitano people on a personal level. Through shared experiences and collective decision-making, the comics and other visual materials become vehicles for effectively conveying complex legal concepts and societal challenges.

The project's commitment to multilingualism is another key facet of its success. By translating the materials into multiple languages, i.e.

English, Portuguese, and Spanish, the team ensures that the knowledge and insights generated are accessible to diverse audiences across Latin America and beyond. This approach not only fosters cross-cultural understanding but also widens the reach of the project's message, promoting solidarity and awareness among global communities.

A critical component of the project's efficacy lies in its sound methodological package rooted in effective participation. The team implements rigorous research methodologies while prioritizing the active involvement of community members at every stage of the process. This engagement not only generates robust data but also fosters a sense of ownership and empowerment among the Chiquitano community.

Moreover, the choice to develop the Escazú Agreement into comics in different languages and in this multimodal (visual and multi-lingual) format, along with the construction of a robust knowledge base of the methodological steps followed, fulfills also the legal requirement stated in Article 6.6 EA.¹ This demonstrates our commitment to making information available in comprehensible and alternative formats, promoting broader understanding and participation.

Through this comprehensive approach, the project emerges as a potent tool for advancing environmental justice, indigenous rights, and community empowerment. By synthesizing legal knowledge into impactful visual materials and facilitating cross-cultural exchange through multilingual offerings, the project paves the way for transformative change. The co-creation and validation of results ensure that the narratives and experiences of the Chiquitano community are accurately portrayed, resonating with both indigenous and non-indigenous readers alike. Ultimately, this collaborative endeavor challenges conventional thinking and fosters a shared sense of responsibility in addressing global environmental challenges and protecting human rights for all.

In conclusion, the project's integration of knowledge co-creation, participatory approaches to research, by adopting the methods of LD and VL has yielded tangible outcomes in the form of illustrated books,

¹ Art. 6.6 EA states that «6. In order to facilitate access by persons or groups in vulnerable situations to information that particularly affects them, each Party shall endeavour, where applicable, to ensure that the competent authorities disseminate environmental information in the various languages used in the country, and prepare alternative formats that are comprehensible to those groups, using suitable channels of communication.” Available at: <https://treaties.un.org/doc/Treaties/2018/03/20180312%2003-04%20PM/CTC-XXVII-18.pdf> last access August 2023.

while also opening up new possibilities for transformative engagements in research. By prioritizing empathy, compassion, and care within the research process, the project team has laid the groundwork for ongoing collaboration and knowledge exchange.

Ultimately, the project has harnessed an inclusive and co-created legal methodology to foster participation, plurality, and open spaces, laying the foundation for transformative engagements in environmental research and education.

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