



The Huni Kuin

The Huni Kuin are an indigenous tribe in the state of Acre, Brazil. They have been contacted for about a hundred years, have gone through various phases of suffering and have narrowly escaped extinction. They are fighting to protect their culture, which is completely interwoven with the rainforest and its wildlife.



They strive to pass on their versatile knowledge of the forest to future generations so that it is not lost. The forest means protection, shelter, food, medicine and school of life. The Huni Kuin have recovered from decimation. About 4.000 of the 16.000 Huni Kuin live in 32 villages along the rivers Jordão and Tarauacá. The territory assigned in the demarcation process of the 1980s is already too small. In addition to everyday problems such as food shortages, drinking water pollution and inadequate medical care, the continuous loss of the forest poses a threat to the future of coming generations.

Uncontacted indigenous groups

There are groups of the Huni Kuin people who fled across the border into Peru after their first contact with rubber collectors and have lived isolated ever since. Over the past ten years, they have been forced back to Brazil because of large corporations' activities on the Peruvian side. The land to be purchased will serve as a buffer between the contacted and uncontacted Huni Kuin, who are relatives and friends.

The destruction of the rainforest

The Brazilian government elected in 2018 is actively promoting the exploitation and destruction of the rainforest by enacting new laws and restricting labour and financial resources for the Environmental Agency (IBAMA), the National Foundation for Indigenous Peoples (FUNAI) and the National Institute for Space Research (INPE).

The species-rich habitat of the indigenous people is cleared for illegal logging, mining, quarrying, soya and sugar cane plantations. Since the election of the acting president, deforestation in the Amazon has increased dramatically.

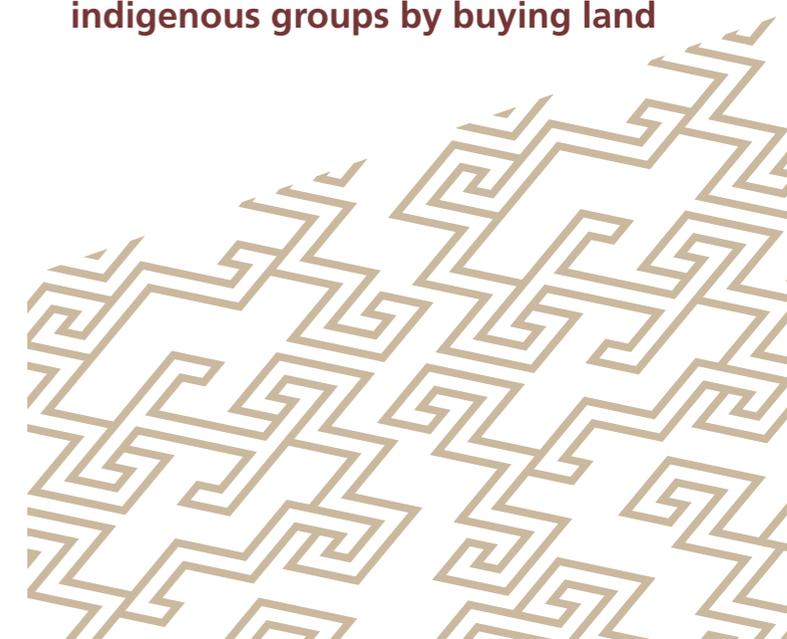
The land rights of the indigenous people, which are documented in the Brazilian constitution, have in fact been abolished. In 2019, tribal areas and national parks were more exposed to invasive destruction than ever before. Most of the cleared land is used for intensive livestock breeding and agriculture. As a result of large-scale deforestation, the climate is warming. Droughts and floods are on the increase. The thin layer of humus typical of the rainforest quickly erodes and desertification occurs.



Land ownership for the

HUNI KUIN

Protecting the rainforest and indigenous groups by buying land





The Huni Kuin live in 32 villages along the rivers Jordão and Tarauacá near the village Jordão in the state of Acre, Brazil.

Protecting the forest in the long term

Protecting and strengthening indigenous groups also protects the rainforest. Satellite images clearly reveal that only the areas inhabited by indigenous people in Brazil have hardly been deforested.

To protect the forest and its inhabitants, we plan to enable the Huni Kuin to buy 14.000 hectares of land in the Jordão community.

The land is located between Huni Kuin land and uncontacted groups being pushed back from Peru to Brazil. We want both groups to benefit from this purchase. About a third of the land to be purchased has been cleared and is to be reforested.

The farmland is surrounded by intact forests. We hope that the reforestation will also allow the wildlife populations in this region to recover.

In addition, a centre for dialogue and exchange is to be established.

About Living Gaia e.V.

Alexandra Schwarz-Schilling has been active in Brazil since 2011 and is setting up the healing biotope and retreat center Living Gaia in the state of Goias in the Chapada dos Veadeiros. Since 2013 she has been cooperating with the Huni Kuin in the Amazon in Acre and founded the non-profit association Living Gaia e.V. in Berlin, in order to be able to use donations to organise projects supporting the Huni Kuin.

A trusting cooperation has developed since then and many projects have already been successfully implemented: Solar technology with accompanied workshop for the village Novo Natal, a house for Batani Huni Kuin, a single mother of six children in Jordão, support of the Huni Kuin women with pearls for the production and sale of their jewelry. The land purchase project was launched in December 2018 in response to the current political situation in Brazil.



Alexandra Schwarz-Schilling with Ozelia, the leader of the village Novo Natal and her grandchild.

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