

Project Update: May 2003

An indigenous delegation of Nahua from the Amazon jungle in Peru met with government authorities in Lima to discuss their concern about a new petroleum lot - Lot 57 - which covers almost all their territory. They were anxious to gain formal control over their ancestral territory, a concern heightened by the continued actions of illegal loggers.

In May the Nahua wrote various letters to the Peruvian Government demanding that their territory be excluded from Lot 57, to put an end to the invasions of illegal loggers into their territory, and to title their ancestral lands - however to date they have received no reply. The visiting delegation met with representatives from the Ministry of Energy and Mines, the Ministry of Agriculture, INRENA, the National ombudsman and various non-governmental organisations.