

TCD Practitioner Technical Report

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Workshop for returning research results to the Indigenous communities and the Indigenous Association of Barcelos (ASIBA)

The workshop had the objective to return the results of my PhD to the indigenous institutions and communities that participated in the fieldwork. The study area is the municipality of Barcelos, Amazonas, Brazil. It is part of the Medium Rio Negro basin, one of the most conserved regions of the Brazilian Amazon. I have been doing research in this region since 2005.

The PhD research had the objective to understand how does the intensification of rural-urban relations has been affecting the political organization and livelihood options of rural indigenous communities on different scales in the Brazilian Amazon.

The workshop took place in the Canafé indigenous community on October 2, 2016. Representatives from Indigenous Association of Barcelos (ASIBA) were present together with Canafé residents and representatives from other three indigenous communities.

The workshop was divided in three parts: first I presented the results of my research. I focused on the most interesting results for the communities, such as the households' analysis of livelihood activities (agriculture, fishing, forest extractivism, handcraft, etc) and analysis about rural-urban mobility (frequency of trips to rural and urban areas, reasons, etc). One of the key results is that people are spending many days per year in urban areas, which has impacts on rural livelihood activities such as agriculture and extractivism.

After my presentation, I divided them into two groups to discuss the pros and cons these recent changes in their livelihoods. After the group discussion, they presented their key ideas to everybody. During the discussion, interesting topics emerged such as the main reasons indigenous households leave the rural areas to live in urban areas and the impacts on the rural communities' livelihoods and territory conservation. Results of the workshop discussions will be part of a brochure that I am preparing to share with the research participants in the next month.

Besides the workshop, I had one-on-one meetings in Barcelos town with representatives of local organizations: Fishing association (Colonia Z-33), Rural extension service (IDAM) and ASIBA. In these meetings, I presented some results of the research and discussed possibilities for future collaboration. I am working in the Instituto Socioambiental NGO (<https://www.socioambiental.org/pt-br>), where I will be in touch with these communities and other ones, working on a project of Participatory Environmental and Climate Change Monitoring.



Figure 1. Overview of the participants



Figure 2. Presenting the results to the participants



Figure 3. Discussion about the results