

# ASIWEFETIRIYO

BRAZIL, ACT BRASIL, MACAPA

*"It has been important to strengthen the youth & help them discover the potential of knowledge & to value their intellect & also to have the idea of self-evaluation".*

## RANGERS: HOLDING THE THIN GREEN LINE. SERIES ONE

I work for ACT Brasil in Macapa, in the State of Amapa, Brazil. My position is 'Tecnico'. I have worked 4½ years here in 'Parque Indigena Do Tumucumaque', it is well known as an area full of complexity. I wanted to be a ranger in order to improve thinking about the form of protection of our land; the identity of the people & all that exists & lives within it.

The special values of my park are of extreme importance to our identity; tradition, costume, culture, people, politics, economics, forest, the animals, the fish, rivers & society.

It is a new experience to take on a professional post such as this, my dream was always this, that one day I could work as a technician, so that in the future I could help disclose the mysterious secret of our territory & help people understand the Tiriyo that lives in this Land.

From the moment I joined ACT, I had this idea to become a Guardaparque & with help from ACT I have obtained this vision. We never had the need to train young people, because we are automatically the true guardians & therefore Tumucumaque Park never saw this need until now.

Today we try to give autonomy to indigneous people to protect themselves & to worry about introducing a vaccine, the medications to control the entry of illegal people that work within our area. This is our fight today, immunising our territory intellectually. We have to be prepared for these threats & to use non-aggressive action, to apply the new knowledge received to prevent upheavals. Translisation of my language into portuguese is a difficult part of my job.

My greatest acheivement was applying knowledge I received during a course. Until then I knew nothing of new technology & the digital age. Today I cannot stay outside this digital age, it is essential for all of us. It is not important whether we are or aren't the ideal people to use the technology. Our story is in constant change, we can not stay motionless ahead of this change.



*"World Ranger Day means that in the whole world there are people caring for nature, dedicating themselves to preservation of the environment & asking for peace for her".*



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