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# Community Dialogues and Co-creation in the Pacífico Econavipesca Project

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As the river winds through Guapi, it intertwines with our lives. It gives us life. In this book, we talk about the importance of the river, and how we can give back to the river for everything it gives us. We take a closer look at how we, coming from our various backgrounds and cultures, with different types of knowledge, work together in the Pacífico Econavipesca Project to design fishing boats, and new ideas for entrepreneurship and community development that are more sustainable for our economy, society, and environment.



# Río Guapi, Río Guaji, Océano Pacífico



Sailing

Home

Mangroves

Fish

*Life*

Music

Culture

Community

Food

Water

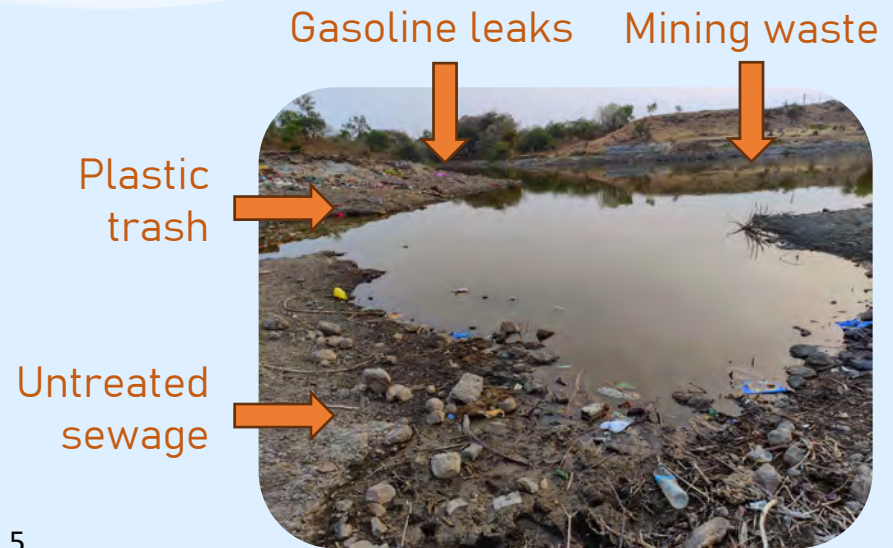
Currents

Weather





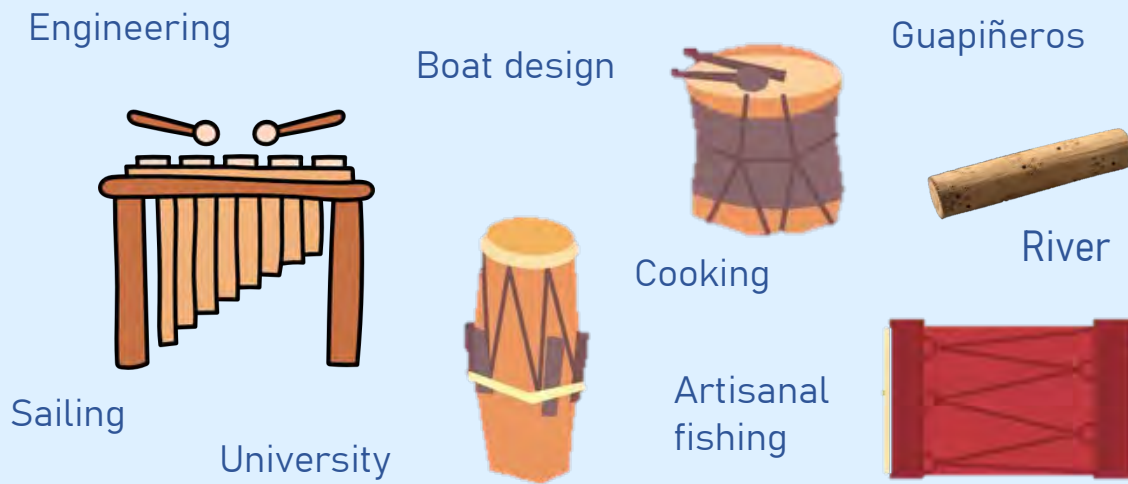
# How do we keep our water bodies, our lifeline, alive and healthy?







The marimba, cununo, guasá, tamboras, and other instruments come together to create Currulao music. Just like this, different communities and types of knowledge have come together in the Pacífico Econavipesca Project. Together, we are creating an artisanal fishing model that is good for the people and the environment.



# There are different fish in the ocean

What are different personalities of different fish?

What are the roles of different fish?

What kind of fish are you?



**Resilient**



**Several  
roles**



**Does not  
rot easily**



**Cleaning  
water**



**Travel in  
groups**



**Nutritious**





# There are many people with different types of knowledge

What experiences do you have?

How do you bring about change in your community?



Fishing



Fishing journey preparation



Selling fish



Boat design



Marine environment



Cooking

Weather

Sail-making





Making different fishing knots

Fishing

Designing and making traditional boats and oars

Selling fish

Cleaning fish

Beautiful nature

# Diverse Guapi

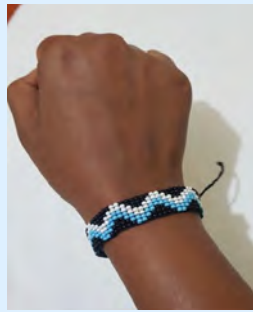
Sailing

Rowing

Sail-making







Making manillas

Making jewellery

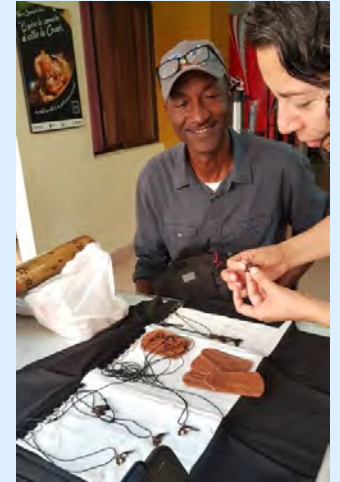
Weaving



Music and dance

# Diverse Guapi

Wood crafting



Traditional clothes

Embroidery







Local food preparation

Traditional recipes

A very rich food culture

Local way of eating

# Diverse Guapi

Uramba

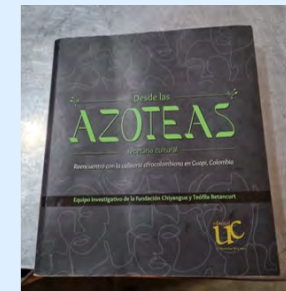
Local way of building houses

Christmas traditions

Unique ingredients



Food bringing people from different cultures together





# Recommendations for policy-makers to work with the community



1. Make use of specific historical, geographical, social, and environmental context and local knowledge when choosing and implementing a policy.



2. Include local representatives in transdisciplinary collaboration for policy-making.



3. Incorporate time for development of knowledge and skills of the local community as part of the policy-making process.



4. Acknowledge and take into consideration interlinkages between ecological, social, and economic factors in national and local policy-making.



5. Find inspiration from United Nations (UN) Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to guide policy-making and enable synergies between different SDGs in your local environment.



# Working together for the future of Guapi

## Remember, cherish and use knowledge from ancestors

- Making sails – using sails means that we do not need to buy gasoline, noise generated by motors that affects marine life and hearing capacities of fishermen can be avoided, and sails don't pollute the water like gasoline
- "Veda" (stop fishing for some time for fish population to grow again) – ensure there is fish for the next generations to eat and sell, and find economic alternatives during veda.



## Exchange knowledge with other communities

- How to sail when wind direction is not in your favour
- How to design a boat that is more comfortable for the fishing journey
- Managing local fishing areas together with the community
- Routine practices e.g. regular forums with local organisations and authorities

## Include the next generation

- Discuss new ideas
- Teach them importance of local culture and knowledge
- Build boats and go sailing together
- They are the future of Guapi!







## Questions to continue dialogues about community development and capacity building

- How do you see the future of Guapi?
- What are 3 challenges to reach this future?
- Who could you work with to overcome the challenges?



Thank you  
Gracias  
Tack



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