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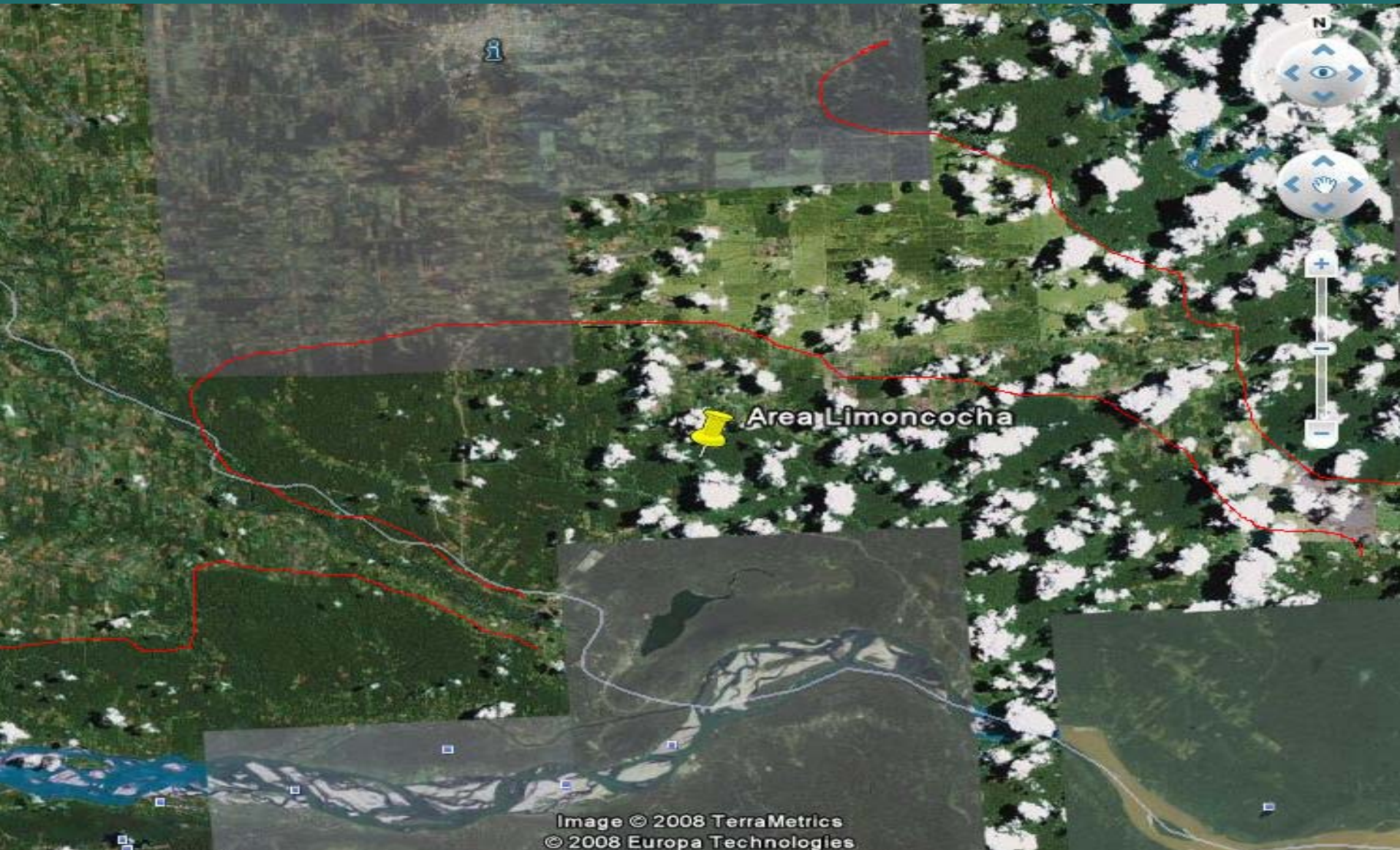
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Indigenous Territories



Forested areas are located in Indigenous Territories

- ◆ Satellite maps demonstrate that major forests are in indigenous territories.
- ◆ Major Forests exist as a result of indigenous management and traditional methods



The Situation in Limoncocha

- ◆ 25 mil hectares of indigenous land plus 4,000 hectares from Limoncocha Biological Reserve
- ◆ Pressure from:
 - Logging
 - African Palm
 - Agriculture
 - Population growth
 - Petroleum companies.



What are we doing?

- ◆ Mapping of natural resources
- ◆ Traditional management of forests and ecosystems
- ◆ Norms/regulations of use: fishing & hunting, etc.
- ◆ Cultural & Spiritual Activities.
- ◆ Territorial Strengthening



Carbon Market?

- ◆ What is the carbon market, when speaking of our territories and our forests?
- ◆ They say there will be “money” for avoided deforestation & poverty alleviation.
- ◆ They say payments/benefits will be just.



“Socio Bosque” Initiative in Ecuador

- ◆ Interesting initiative launched by the Ministry of the Environment
- ◆ Incentives for conservation range from \$5-\$10.
- ◆ Questions from Indigenous People? What is the government doing with its policies on extractive industries?
- ◆ Value of traditional knowledge-mapping
- ◆ Consideration for the application of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People.

REDD should consider the following principles:

- ◆ Free Prior and Informed Consent
- ◆ Respect & recognition for the rights of Indigenous Peoples, their lands, territories and resources. Legal title to lands and territories.
- ◆ Recognition of the relationship between Indigenous People and forests as an integral part.
- ◆ Clear recognition of the role of indigenous people as protectors of forests.
- ◆ The right not to be expelled/ displaced from their lands and territories.

Conclusions

- ◆ REDD initiatives can have huge risks if the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples is not implemented.
- ◆ The implementation of REDD will not be possible without the clear and effective participation of indigenous peoples in discussions at the national and international levels (UNFCCC)
- ◆ Support for the strengthening of indigenous lands and territories y their government systems

Recommendation

- ◆ That the IUCN working group on Climate change include the participation of indigenous peoples and their organizations and, traditional knowledge in mitigation and adaptation processes



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