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During the celebration of the 18th anniversary of the Strategic Operational Command of the Bolivarian National Armed Forces (Ceofanb), from Fort Tiuna, in Caracas, the Venezuelan Head of State indicated that this plan will seek "the recovery of balances", after the successful deployment of Operation Autana, which has allowed the capture of 51 members of criminal gangs and the eviction of 14. The seizure of 11 mining rafts, 350 power plants, 1,675 motor pumps, 124,898 linear meters of hose, 49 crushing mills and 284 suction turbines has also resulted

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A total of 27 illegal mining citadels were dismantled, detailed the President while informing that 51 citizens have been captured during the Operation.

President Maduro pointed out that the liberation of Yapacana National Park has been carried out in three phases, such as reconnaissance, information gathering and coordination. It has also involved a direct operation of eviction, dismantling and destruction of elements that affect the environment, as well as the reforestation and permanent establishment of the Venezuelan State and the FANB to protect our Amazonas.

These plans will be developed by the Strategic Operational Commander of the Bolivarian National Armed

Forces (CEOFANB), G/J Domingo Hernández Lárez; the Commander of the Strategic Region of Integral Defense (REDI) Guayana, M/G Rafael Prieto; the Executive Vice President, Delcy Rodríguez; and the Sector Vice President for Science, Technology, Education and Health, Gabriela Jiménez; as well as biologists and scientists.

The Commander of the REDI Guayana, M/G Rafael Prieto, detailed that the Operation Bolivarian Shield Autana 2023 was started, with the purpose of verifying by means of technical and presential tests, the damages caused by illegal environmental ecocide; in this sense, the Public Ministry appointed the Prosecutor's Office No. 87, with competence in environmental rights, to commission the Strategic Operational Command of the FANB (CEOFAB) and other authorities, in order to clarify the facts.

At the same time, he emphasized that "the Third Control Court of the State of Amazonas, declares



with laws and precautionary judicial measures, of environmental character on the Yapacana National Park, having as a priority the guarantee of respect for all those who lived in the National Park".

It is important to highlight that these operations were established in 13 operational deployments, through the following measures:

CEOFANB was authorized to dismantle and destroy all types of structures that affect the environment.

Detention and apprehension of individuals involved in environmental crimes.

Prohibition of machines used for mining.

Creation

Yapacana National Park was created on December 12, 1978, by Executive Decree N° 2,980, with the purpose of preserving areas of great biological, scenic and scientific value (MINEC, 2021). It is located southwest of the Guiana Shield, one of the oldest geological formations on the planet, about 3.5 billion years old.

According to Castillo and Salas (2007), the park is located in the Tepuyes and Guayana Rainforest ecoregions, and its habitat is tropical rainforest.

Characteristics

The vegetation types of great

scientific interest found in the park are: seasonally flooded forests; montane and submontane forests on the summits and slopes of Cerro Yapacana; and a very peculiar type of open canopy forest.

In the savannah region of the park, at an altitude of 125 meters above sea level, there are some plants of the species *Penthaerista neotropica*, of the family *Tetrameristaceae*, which are only known in the park's borders and are therefore endemic species in America and also found in Malaysia. There are also ferns of the genus *Pterogozium scopolium* as well as other species like *Gleasonia duidana* and *Tepuianthus yapacanaensis* (Castillo and Salas, 2007).

Protected species

Forty-six species of endemic reptiles and amphibians have been identified in this national park, as well as other endangered species.

These include the Yapacana ant-eater (*Myrmeciza disjuncta*); the Yapacana red poison frog (*Dendrobates steyermarkii*); birds such as the poncha (*Crypturellus duidae*) and the pechipunteado nuthatch (*Deconychura stictolaema*); the tapir (*Tapirus terrestris*), the Orinoco capuchin or saki monkey (*Chiropotes satanas*), and the monkey of the genus *Cebus* sp.

In the state of Amazonas

105 new Park Rangers graduated



The Minister of People's Power for Ecosocialism, headed a graduation ceremony for 105 new Park Rangers in the state of Amazonas.

"The state of Amazonas was the host for the graduation of 105 new Park Rangers, who join the heroic task of protecting the Pachamama, but this area have the specific task of defending and preserving our Amazon," Lorca expressed through a publication he posted on his account on the social network Instagram @josuelorca.

"To ensure the fulfillment of this work not only from the will but also from the sense of belonging and knowledge, these new heroes of the homeland belong to the 14 indigenous family units of our native peoples," explained the head of the Minec.



Minister Lorca heads activities in Ayacucho Port

Minec deploys in Amazonas with tree planting, equipment supply and nursery tours

As part of the "Sowing Life" program and the National Reforestation Plan 2022-2023, the Ministry of People's Power for Ecosocialism (Minec) carried out a planting day at the Puerto Ayacucho landfill, located in the Atures municipality, in which 300 trees of different species were planted.

The placement of the mahogany (*Swietenia macrophylla*), carocaro (*Enterolobium cyclocarpum*) and teak (*Tectona grandis*) trees was carried out with the purpose of giving continuity to new wooded areas and complying with the Fifth Historical Objective of the Plan of the Homeland, which establishes contributing to the preservation of life and the salvation of the human species.

The activity was headed by the Minister of Popular Power for Ecosocialism, Josué Lorca, who

was accompanied by the director of the Territorial Ecosocialist Unit (UTE) Amazonas, Doralbis Lara and the governor of Amazonas, Miguel Rodríguez.

The best sanitary landfill in the country is in Amazonas

Minister Lorca delivered the certification of the best sanitary landfill in Venezuela and the forest planted inside it, which stands out for being the largest in the country, to the Governor of Amazonas State.

Likewise, Lorca assigned a satellite vehicle to the Regional Environmental Sanitation Company, which will be used for waste collection in the city.

He also toured the "Nueva Amazonas" nursery, where plants of various species are grown and used for reforestation in the landfill areas.

Trees are a fundamental resource for life on our planet, because they provide benefits such as oxygen production, clean the air, capture water, conserve biodiversity and help combat climate change.

Institutions such as the Fundación Misión Árbol, Brigadas contra el Cambio Climático (BCCC), Comando Estratégico de la Guardería Ambiental (CEGA) Amazonas of the Guardia Nacional Bolivariana (GNB), Forest Firefighters and Civilian Corps of Park Rangers of the Instituto Nacional de Parques (Inparques), Instituto Nacional de Turismo (Inatur), Secretaría de Turismo and Amazonas State Police, were part of the ecosocialist activity.



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National Mission Tree meeting concludes



Since 2018, almost 15,000 Mission Tree Brigades have been formed

With the presence of the Minister of People's Power for Ecosocialism, Josué Lorca, and after four days of activities, the National Meeting of Tree Mission concluded.

Together with the regional coordinators of the organization attached to the Ministry of People's Power for Ecosocialism (Minec), the Minister thanked the coordinators of the regions for their presence and the effort they make in the entities to fulfill their obligations and keep Mission Tree in operation.

"We have to set the goal of convincing to win for life, and to continue fighting for a greener planet and a greener Venezuela, for a world with less environmental impacts that cannot be reversed or that there is not a minimum resilience capacity", said Lorca.

Meanwhile, the president of Tree Mission, Wilmer Vásquez, presented a balance of what has been done by Mission Tree in the last 17 years, showed the road map or work plan 2023-2024, which is focused on the programs "One Student One Tree", "Ecourbanism", "Live" and "Seeds for Life".

Vásquez added that, as "part of the meeting, several work tables were held with the institutions that carry out educational, women's and productive policies, which has allowed us to establish lines of action with all the Ecosocialist Management Teams of the states, the Missions System and Great Missions, to strengthen the preservation measures in the country".

The Tree Mission, between 2018 and 2023, formed 14,997 brigades, produced 3,898,323 plants, collected 146,221 kilograms of

seeds, 4,732,969 trees have been established, including forest, fruit, ornamental and fruit trees, as well as covered for reforestation 1,555,000 hectares.

Meanwhile, between 2021-2023 constituted 98,556 Guardians of the Tree, only in 2021 were formed 508 Friends of the Fruit and as for the attention of urbanisms, in 2023 126 were addressed.

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They observed and studied more than 400 dolphin nests along the entire route

The Minister of People's Power for Ecosocialism, Josué Lorca, received at the La Carlota Air Base in Caracas, the group of technicians and scientists who carried out the binational expedition Venezuela-Colombia of the Sotalia Project, in which they reviewed the status and health of the Commerson's dolphin (*Inia geoffrensis*) population in the Casiquiare River.

The technicians and scientists of the Sotalia Project were in the heart of the Amazon for 24 days during this expedition to evaluate the ecological and biological parameters of the Orinoco Commerson's dolphin, an endangered, emblematic and widely distributed species in the Orinoco and Amazon river systems.

The head of the Minec, expressed

his happiness to receive this group of technicians and scientists who contribute with science and innovation in favor of the preservation of the biological diversity of the Amazon.

"Scientists from the Venezuelan Institute of Scientific Research (IVIC), the Ministry of Ecosocialism, Funsa and Colombian institutes have carried out this expedition for more than 20 days, where they have identified various types of species; they have reviewed the status and health of the animal populations of our triple border of San Carlos de Rio Negro, our Casiquiare arm, our Orinoco River", declared Minister Lorca.

For his part, IVIC biologist, Leonardo Sánchez, qualified this experience as successful and specified that they traveled 400 kilometers of the Orinoco River,

326 kilometers of the Casiquiare River and part of the Rio Negro.

"We were able to study and observe more than 400 nests of toninas throughout the trip. In addition, we studied the fish, we studied the plants, we studied the birds, we were in contact with the communities, we carried out social activities with the education communities and the indigenous communities, so we have a lot of information to process," explained Sanchez.

This expeditionary project is in the context of the nine lines of action for the defense and protection of the Amazon and its objective was to collect scientific data for regional and national training workshops as part of strategies related to the conservation of the Orinoco dolphin.

Rescue, Conservation and Sustainable Development of Maracaibo Lake

The first technical–scientific–educational meeting “Maracaibo Lake goes to Class” was completed



Minec and Corpozulia sign commodatum for environmental adaptation of Parador Turístico Puerto Concha

The First Technical-Scientific-Educational Meeting “Lake Maracaibo Goes to Class” ended this week as part of the actions for the Rescue, Conservation and Sustainable Development of Lake Maracaibo.

The deliberations took place at the Tibisay Hotel in the capital of the state of Zulia, which brought together representatives from 12 of the 21 municipalities of the region and the other 9 via the Zoom videoconference platform.

The objective of this meeting was to promote in the main development sectors, the necessary protection and conservation measures to promote the mitigation of the Climate Crisis, since it directly affects the most important source of lake water in Venezuela.

In order to create cultural patterns and sow an ecosocialist practice, the participants concluded that it is a priority to create a planned training process at all levels of education (initial, secondary, technical, university and professional).

In this regard, the Vice-President of the Public Works and Services Sector and Minister of Electric Energy (Mppee), G/J Néstor Luis Reverol, highlighted

the progress of the “master plan that has to do with the rescue, conservation and sustainable development of Lake Maracaibo. That is why this meeting is fundamental. The master plan has been approved by the President, that is why we call to definitely not to turn our backs to the lake anymore”, said Reverol.

He pointed out that this Technical-Scientific-Educational Meeting is part of a transversal axis in environmental education to plan the education that we are going to take, of all the content and all the information that refers to Lake Maracaibo to all the children in early education, primary education, high school and university students”.

For his part, the Minister of People's Power for Ecosocialism, Josué Lorca, added that the idea is to generate an educational plan that is transversal at all levels of our education. “That our Zulian boys and girls from the time they enter the Simoncito, in preschool, in their passage through primary education until they leave our universities, have as their north, as their main vision, the deep knowledge of Lake Maracaibo,” he said.

During the two-day conference, a total of six multidisciplinary work tables were formed in which practical

strategic responses were promoted for the creation and projection of proposals to be exercised in each of the educational fields.

Many of the proposals generated by the working groups are based on creativity, methodology, perseverance, training and a multifactorial approach to the problems and their solutions, which involve all social groups, families, schools and environments, stated the Executive Director of Environment of Petróleos de Venezuela S.A. (PDVSA), Delhy Echevarreneta.

Minec and Corpozulia sign commodatum for environmental adaptation of the Puerto Concha Tourist Parador

The agreement is part of the Master Plan for the Rescue, Conservation and Sustainable Development of Lake Maracaibo and its purpose is to reaffirm the work of integral recovery and conditioning of all the infrastructure from Puerto Concha, Uribarrí parish, in the municipality of Colón, to the Ologá inlet, a wildlife reserve area outside the limits of the Ciénagas de Juan Manuel National Park.

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A day of national pride, the last game in the MLB of one of the most outstanding Venezuelan baseball players, Miguel Cabrera, an athlete who dazzled in the Florida Marlins, the Aragua Tigers and the Detroit Tigers, more than demonstrating his level and professionalism. From Venezuela, especially Baseball lovers, we say Congratulations #Miggy!



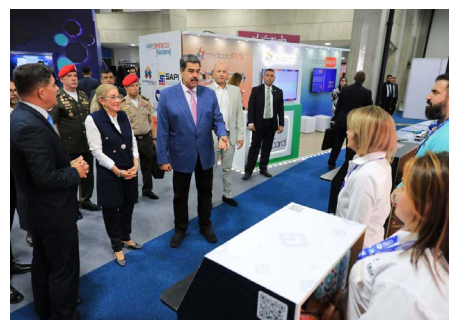
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We are going to a new phase of liberation of all the territory in the Amazon. We must move forward with the Special Plan for Reforestation, Afforestation and Recovery of the balances together with the biologists and scientists of the country, to reverse the damage and destruction done by criminal gangs against our sacred forest.



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