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The importance of wildlife to the food sovereignty of Amazonian Indians

Talk by Dr. Wendy Townsend
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Biography:
Dr. Wendy R. Townsend began her biology career at the College of Marin and then transferred to the University of California at Berkeley for a BS in Conservation of Natural Resources. She traveled to the tropics after completing an MA from California State University Fresno, and this experience focused the rest of her life. For more than 35 years, she has pursued her interest in Latin American wildlife and empowering the people who depend upon it through guiding the design and implementation of participatory research projects about Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and natural resource management.

She completed her PhD from the UF at Gainesville with a dissertation about the Sirionó Indian’s game harvest (Bolivia) and the land extension required for sustainable use of wildlife. Since then, she has worked with Indigenous People supporting education; training and participatory research in community planning and management of natural resources. As an educator Dr. Townsend has produced local guides to wildlife management and she has helped strengthen capacity in planning skills and natural resource management of local indigenous people in Colombia, Bolivia, Ecuador, Peru and Venezuela. Dr. Townsend has also published scientific articles on participatory management and monitoring, and serves on the editorial committee of the Revista Boliviana de Ecología y Conservation, and is a research advisor to the Bolivian National Academy of Science, Santa Cruz (ANCB-SC) and the Noel Kempff Mercado Natural History Museum in Santa Cruz, Bolivia.

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