

A Comprehensive Project Plan for the
Ancestral Shuar Temple of Wisdom
in Morona Santiago, Ecuador



Preface

In the thriving heart of Morona Santiago, the Shuar have stood as guardians of ancient wisdom and knowledge, nurtured through generations of deep connection with the land and nature. The very spirit of the Earth has whispered secrets to us, gifting us an understanding that weaves the essence of life, nature, and spirituality into an intricate tapestry. This wisdom has been the compass that has guided our understanding of the world's manifold realities.

However, the winds of time have not been merciful. With the encroachment of a capital-driven world, colonial and anthropocentric ideologies have cast long shadows over our sacred knowledge. These foreign impositions have attempted to strip us of our spiritual wisdom and render us ignorant to the divine knowledge bestowed upon us by the Great Spirit, Arutam. Despite the odds, like the resilient roots of the majestic Ceibo tree, we have clung to our ancestral worldview, surviving the tempests of conquest, while maintaining reverence for life, nature, and the divine.

Yet, we stand now at a precipice. Our sacred knowledge and territories are under siege, assaulted by relentless forces driven by self-interest, extractivism, and a careless disregard for social and environmental well-being. We are the children of Great Spirit, and our time to rekindle the flames of our ancient wisdom is upon us.

It is with the strength drawn from our ancestors and the grace and guiding wisdom of Great Spirit, that we, the men and women of the Shuar Nation, present a vision. A vision to build a sanctuary - a Temple of Wisdom - where thought, body, and spirit are united; a sanctum for nurturing the divine knowledge that courses through our veins. This temple will stand as an unwavering beacon in our quest for enlightenment. It shall serve as a conduit for connecting with divinity and will stand as a testament to our unwavering devotion to Great Spirit.

Guided by the wisdom of our elders, our grandfathers and grandmothers will serve as guardians of this sacred temple. Through their stewardship, the Temple of Wisdom will ensure that the sacred fire of our knowledge and reverence for life is passed down through generations. It shall be a place where our youth drink from the wellspring of ancient wisdom and learn the true purpose bestowed upon us by the divine.

As you turn these pages, may you embark on this journey with us. Through understanding and collaboration, let us forge a path towards a future where the ancient echoes of Shuar wisdom resonate throughout the world.

With reverence and hope,
William Shiquii of the Shuar

Executive Summary

Project Overview

The Temple of Shuar Wisdom “Waimiatai” Project encompasses the construction of a sacred temple and supporting structures in the province of Morona Santiago. This initiative, deeply rooted in the cultural heritage and spirituality of the Shuar Tribe, aims to create a sanctuary for thought, physical well-being, and spirituality. The central temple will be complemented by lodging houses, a dining house, a Shuar museum, family residences, a reception, restrooms and showers, a yoga/activity/meditation room, a social area and a space for healing.

Objectives

- To preserve and propagate the ancestral wisdom and spiritual practices of the Shuar Tribe.
- To establish a center for the acquisition of knowledge and ancestral wisdom, thereby empowering the Shuar Tribe and ensuring the transmission of their cultural heritage to future generations.
- To foster socio-economic development within the community by offering education, healthcare through traditional medicine, and sustainable agriculture practices.
- To create a space for spiritual ceremonies and connections with nature, thereby honoring the Great Spirit, Arutam.
- To promote sustainable practices that protect the environment and ensure the sustainable use of natural resources.
- To provide opportunities for cultural exchange and awareness, helping the broader society understand and appreciate the Shuar Tribe’s rich cultural heritage.

Unique Value Proposition

The Temple of Shuar Wisdom “Waimiatai” Project offers a multifaceted approach to cultural preservation, spiritual enrichment, and community development. It is not just a physical structure, but a living embodiment of the Shuar Tribe's heritage and spirituality. Through the construction of this temple and its additional structures, the project contributes to the socio-economic upliftment of the Shuar community while ensuring ecological sustainability. Additionally, by serving as a bridge between ancient wisdom and contemporary society, the project holds the potential to become a global icon and a focal

point for cultural tourism, education, and spiritual well-being.

Background

The Shuar Men and Women knowledgeable of the Wisdom and Coexistence of Nature has given us understanding to decipher the very realities of the world system. We are one of the many Nations that are caretakers of the great Amazon rainforest, a key ecosystem that benefits the entire world. As everyone is well aware, the Amazon has been greatly impacted over the last decades by an economic system that is incapable of seeing the true planetary value of a healthy, fully functioning ecosystem and instead focuses on extraction of the parts, unable to see the forest amongst the trees.. This impact has also had great ripples on the communities living in the Amazon, including the Shuar.

Moved by the wisdom of God and of men and women of the Great Shuar Nation we propose to the world to create a new structure where the thought, the body and the spiritual life are encompassed throughout our territories acting as an example to the world of an Ancient Future, one that is sustainable and all-considerate. We begin by building a Temple of Wisdom to live in permanent connection with our; creator A place where the acquisition of divine knowledge, of the natural world is our life support, a worthy place to honor Great Spirit and to make our men and women knowledgeable of the true purpose of God.

With the determination of the teachers, the grandfathers and grandmothers will be the guardians of this sacred temple to preserve life across the generations.

The Importance of the Temple to the Shuar

For the Shuar, the Temple of Shuar Wisdom is more than just a building; it represents a return to their roots and a re-establishment of their connection to Great Spirit, Arutam. The temple will serve as a sanctuary where members of the tribe can engage in spiritual ceremonies, acquire divine knowledge, and embrace the wisdom of their ancestors.

It will also act as a repository for ancestral knowledge, ensuring that the teachings and traditions of the Shuar Tribe are preserved for future generations. The additional structures, such as the healing house, training school, and polyculture area, will further support the community's physical, educational, and economic well-being.

Context and Rationale for the Project

The Shuar Nation, despite their rich cultural heritage, faces numerous challenges including poverty, lack of basic services, low productivity, and limited opportunities for sustainable development. This project aims to address these challenges by leveraging the Shuar ancestral wisdom and spirituality. The temple and its supporting structures are envisioned as a holistic ecosystem that combines ecological, spiritual, educational, and economic elements. This initiative is deemed necessary not just for the preservation of the Shuar culture and divination, but also for the empowerment and sustainable development of the

community.

Stakeholder/Beneficiary Analysis

a. The Shuar and their Role/Interest

The primary stakeholder is the Shuar, who will be the main beneficiaries of the project. Their role is multifaceted, encompassing the preservation of their ancestral heritage and spiritual practices. Their interest lies in establishing a sacred space for spiritual practices, education, and community development. Additionally, the Shuar will have a pivotal role in decision-making processes, ensuring that the project aligns with their values and traditions.

b. Shuar / SANE Foundation partnership

The Temple of Wisdom is a collaborative effort between SANE Foundation and the Shuar Nation of Ecuador. SANE and its regenerative economic system that fuels bioregions around the world with the ability to move their human health and ecosystems health towards what is Sustainable, All-considerate - Numinous and Evolutionary. The Shuar Nation and its territory are part of a series of three bio-regions participating in pilot projects aimed at creating templates for regenerative economies around the world. The temple of Wisdom is the first project within Shuar territory. If you are an investor or supporter of regenerating the Amazon Rainforest, empowering the Shuar Nation in creating this Temple of Wisdom and participating in the fueling of the SANE vision, your impact investment can go a long way in helping make this project a reality.

c. Ecuadorian Government

The Shuar Nation and SANE Foundation intend to work with the Ecuadorian government to fuel a vision of regeneration of Amazon ecosystems while empowering the Shuar Nation to be more resilient as a community. Creating the infrastructure for such a vision to unfold will require participation and support by all levels of government. This project will template foundational requirements for the expansion of this vision throughout Shuar territories. It is likely that, if successful, this project could create international attention and help fuel the overall economy of Ecuador by making Ecuador a leader in the Regenerative Economy field, an emerging field that will become predominant as our global economic frame moves away from extraction and towards regeneration over the next decades.

c. Environmental and Social Advocacy Groups

These groups are interested in the social and environmental impacts of the project. They are likely to advocate for the protection of natural resources, the promotion of sustainable practices, and the empowerment of the Shuar community.

d. Local Community

Beyond the Shuar, the local community surrounding the area where the Temple will be built is also a beneficiary. Their interests may include economic opportunities such as jobs and increased local business activity. They may also have an interest in participating in cultural and educational activities at the Temple.

Market and Feasibility Analysis

a. Need for the Temple

The Temple of Shuar Wisdom addresses several needs of the Shuar, the broader community, and the world. Firstly, it serves as a sacred space for spiritual practices and connection with ancestral wisdom and heritage. Secondly, it functions as a hub for the preservation and transmission of traditional knowledge through education. The Temple also addresses the Nations need for a communal space that fosters unity, identity, and resilience in the face of external challenges such as cultural erosion and environmental threats.

b. Cultural Significance

The Temple holds immense cultural and spiritual significance for the Shuar. It symbolizes their identity, traditions, and spiritual beliefs. The very design and architecture of the Temple reflect the Shuar's cosmovision, paying homage to Great Spirit. It is not merely a structure; it represents the soul and heritage of the Shuar people. Furthermore, it acts as a repository for ancestral knowledge, traditional medicine, and spiritual practices.

c. Potential Benefits to the Local Community and Broader Society

The Temple is expected to yield a host of benefits for both the local community and broader society. For the Shuar Tribe, it will serve as a center for spiritual growth, education, and cultural preservation. For the local community, it can generate economic opportunities through job creation in construction, maintenance, cultural and spiritual tourism. For the broader society, the Temple can act as a focal point for cross-cultural exchange, understanding, and appreciation of Shuar culture. Moreover, the traditional knowledge

preserved here can contribute to broader understanding and innovations, especially in natural medicine and sustainability practices.

d. Environmental Impact and Sustainability Considerations

Given that the Temple will be built in a region rich in natural resources, it is essential to minimize its environmental footprint. The choice of construction materials and methods should be eco-friendly and, ideally, sourced locally. Furthermore, the project will consider implementing renewable energy sources, water conservation practices, and sustainable land-use. Additionally, the creation of a polyculture garden as part of the project could have positive environmental impacts by promoting biodiversity and sustainable agricultural practices.

Design Concept and Plans

a. Design Philosophy (ensuring cultural sensitivity)

The design philosophy for the Temple of Shuar Wisdom revolves around reflecting and honoring the wisdom of the Shuar cosmology and values. It will integrate traditional elements with modern construction practices. Ensuring cultural sensitivity is paramount; the design will be developed in consultation with the elders and members of the Shuar. The pyramidal shape of the temple, use of natural materials, and the incorporation of sacred elements like the central fire all contribute to a design that resonates with the spiritual beliefs and ancestral heritage of the Shuar people.

b. Site Selection Criteria

The site for the temple has already been selected in the province of Morona Santiago in the Morona Canton. It is essential that the site respects the natural landscape and is in harmony with the environment. Furthermore, the site has a spiritual significance for the tribe and provides sufficient space for the temple, lodging houses, dining house, family residence, reception, restrooms and showers, healing house, gardens and a food forest.

c. Architectural Drawings and Renderings

While the text provided does not include architectural drawings and renderings, these would be an essential component of the project plan. Architectural drawings should include detailed plans for the temple, lodging houses, and other structures. These plans should highlight the use of traditional design elements and materials. Renderings, or visual representations, are also crucial for stakeholders/beneficiaries to visualize the final appearance of the structures.

c. Material Selection (emphasis on sustainability and local sourcing)

Material selection for the Temple and associated structures should prioritize sustainability and cultural relevance. Materials such as pambil, guadua cane, and other locally sourced materials are both eco-friendly and culturally significant. The walls of the temple will be

made of mixed materials, with a metallic structure, and the roof will be made of chova, a traditional material. The platform will be made of earth, and interior furnishings will be made of wood.

Budget and Financial Projections

a. Cost Estimation (construction, labor, materials, etc.)

Please note that the values provided are rough estimations based on general construction costs and may vary significantly based on specific conditions.

- Land Preparation and Infrastructure Development: \$50,000
- Construction Costs (including Temple, housing units, dining house, reception booth, restrooms, healing house. This includes material and labor costs): \$500,000
- Polyculture Development (gardens and aquaponics with fish tanks): \$30,000
- Permits and Legal Expenses: \$10,000
- Marketing and Communications: \$10,000
- Miscellaneous Expenses: \$15,000
- Contingency: \$150,000

Total Estimated Cost: \$765,000

Legal and Ethical Considerations

a. Land Rights

- Ensure that the land on which the temple and associated structures are to be built is legally acquired, with proper documentation.
- Consult with the Shuar and respect their traditional land rights.
- Secure consent from the community and work out an agreement that respects their rights and benefits both parties.
- In all these aspects, transparency, respect for Shuar rights, and cultural sensitivity should be maintained throughout the project. Additionally, an ethic of stewardship towards the environment and the cultural heritage of

the Shuar community should guide decision-making and actions.

b. Permits and Licenses

- Obtain all necessary construction permits and licenses from local authorities.
- Seek authorization from cultural heritage bodies if the construction is on culturally significant land.
- Ensure licenses for the sale and distribution of traditional medicines are acquired and adhere to health regulations.

c. Compliance with Local, National, and International Laws

- Comply with local zoning laws, construction codes, and environmental regulations.
- Adhere to national laws on labor, health, safety, and cultural preservation.
- Familiarize with and respect any international conventions on indigenous rights, cultural preservation, and environment that Ecuador is a part of, such as the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP).

d. Cultural Preservation and Respect

- Engage with the Shuar community and ensure their cultural values, traditions, and sacred spaces are respected during construction and operation.
- Ensure that the design, construction materials, and practices align with the cultural heritage of the Shuar people.
- Seek guidance and input from the community, especially elders and cultural leaders, throughout the project.

d. Environmental Compliance

- Conduct an environmental impact assessment before commencing construction.
- Develop and implement sustainable practices such as waste management, conservation of natural resources, and using eco-friendly materials.
- Adhere to environmental protection laws, including regulations on the protection of biodiversity and natural habitats.

- Monitor and mitigate any adverse environmental impacts during construction and operation.

Monitoring and Evaluation

a. Performance Indicators

- Construction progress: Monitor construction milestones such as completion of foundations, roofing, and utilities.
- Budget compliance: Track expenses and compare them against the budget to ensure the project is within financial allocations.
- Community engagement: Measure the level of involvement and satisfaction of the Shuar community in construction processes.
- Environmental impact: Monitor environmental parameters such as waste generation, natural resource use, and ecosystem health.
- Cultural preservation: Assess the integration of cultural aspects in design and construction, and the extent to which cultural values are respected.

b. Monitoring Schedule

- Construction progress should be monitored on a weekly basis.
- Financial monitoring should be conducted monthly, with an in-depth quarterly review.
- Community engagement should be continuously monitored with formal feedback sessions every two months.
- Cultural preservation monitoring should be conducted in collaboration with Shuar community leaders and should be reviewed quarterly.
- Safety and regulatory compliance should be monitored on a weekly basis.

c. Evaluation Criteria and Methods

- The completion of construction phases as per the planned schedule is a critical evaluation criteria.
- Environmental assessments will be conducted using scientifically recognized

tools and methods.

- Safety and compliance will be evaluated through internal audits and inspections.

d. Reporting Procedures

- A monthly report will be prepared that includes construction progress, safety incidents, and any immediate issues.
- Bi-monthly reports should include financial performance, environmental impact, community engagement status, and regulatory compliance.
- Quarterly reports should provide an in-depth analysis of all performance indicators.
- Annual reports should include a comprehensive evaluation of the project's achievements, challenges, financial performance, and future plans.
- Reports should be made accessible to stakeholders, including the Shuar community, investors, contributors and regulatory authorities. Transparent communication channels should be established to ensure timely dissemination of information.

This Monitoring and Evaluation section is designed to ensure the project is carried out efficiently, respecting cultural values, with minimal environmental impact, and in compliance with laws and regulations. Regular monitoring and evaluation are essential to ensure accountability and the continuous improvement of the project.

Conclusion and Next Steps

a. Summary of Key Points

This project involves the construction and development of an Ancestral Sacred Temple for the Shuar tribe in the province of Morona Santiago, Ecuador. The temple will serve as a hub for divination, cultural preservation, community engagement, education, and sustainable living. With a focus on using locally-sourced materials and respecting the cultural significance of the temple, the project aims to enhance the well-being of the Shuar community and surrounding areas. It includes infrastructural elements such as the Shuar Temple of wisdom, lodgings, a cultural museum, restrooms, a healing house, and a reception. The project has taken into account stakeholder interests, environmental sustainability, and legal compliance. It has been planned meticulously, with defined objectives, budget allocations, and a comprehensive implementation plan.

b. Call to Action for Investors and Contributors

We invite investors and contributors who are passionate about cultural preservation,

sustainable development, and community upliftment to be part of this noble project. Your investment will not only facilitate the construction of the Ancestral Sacred Temple but also contribute to the broader societal impact by supporting the Shuar community in preserving their heritage and improving their quality of life. This is an opportunity to make a meaningful difference and to be part of a project that values history, culture, and sustainability.

c. Contact Information

For more information or to discuss investment opportunities, please contact:

SANE CONTACT INFO

We welcome inquiries and are happy to provide additional information or arrange meetings to discuss collaboration possibilities.

Please email us at: connect@sanefuture.io

In conclusion, this project is an opportunity to make a lasting and positive impact on the Shuar community and to safeguard their rich cultural heritage for future generations. Through thoughtful design, sustainability practices, and community engagement, the Ancestral Sacred Temple will be a beacon of cultural preservation and education.

Conceptual images

