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Case Study Report: Peru
PROGRAM QHAPAQ ÑAN - COMPONENT ETHNOGRAPHIC
CAMPAIGN 2003 - 2005

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Background of the project area

Born as Project Qhapaq Ñan period in 2002, the ethnographic component began its activities in the following year, with a first work: the recognition ethnographic (not yet in-depth study) from population centres (possibly with a system of internal management, from the annex to the provincial capital) that exist within a radius of 10 kilometres around the Inca trail identified by the archaeological component. This project was therefore a national scope.

Introduction of the target ICH

The recognition ethnography had a key role as a succinct appreciation of the peoples of the ICH visited, and then areas of in-depth studies were established, which were initiated in 2008.

Objectives of the project

- Identification of the peoples of the ICH Qhapaq Ñan.
- Creating a database with the digital and interactive information and context of the current ICH in these villages.
- Mapping and identification of cultural areas where cultural events are distributed in the area Qhapaq Ñan.
- Set ethnographic component from the foundation for future studies in depth and cultural development programmes established by the INC or in conjunction with it.

Methods of execution (implementation) project

- Field work for identification of the peoples of the ICH Qhapaq Nan, a direct interview with authorities and key informants.
- Implementation of a pickup ethnographic sheet, which covers data of context (economy, internal organisation and services) and culture (crafts, calendar of festivals, music, dance, traditional medicine, oral)
- Complement visual (picture) and audio (audio cassette)
- Identification from the maps Qhapaq Ñan created by the office of geomatics and data provided by the archaeological component. Using GPS to the location of towns identified.

Project results

Results counted:

	Chips	Photo neg.	Digital Photos	Reports
2003	342			14
2004	141			33
2005	204	3523+4000*		45

2006	295	4230		29
2007	136		4500**	28
TOTAL	1118	11753*	4500**	164

(*) Approximate details

- This information covers all regions of the country, except for the lowland (Loreto, Pucallpa and Madre de Dios).

Work currently in progress:

- Archive of oral literature from all regions of the country where records have been made.
- Data are being introduced from the chips in a digital database.
- A first report on the ICH identified along the route of the Andean backbone Qhapaq Nan (from Ayabaca in Piura to the margins of the Titicaca in Puno).

Conclusions and summary

1. The ethnographic component of Qhapaq Ñan has launched an identification work of ICH living in the localities near the Qhapaq Ñan within a radius that includes all regions of the country, even apart from that of lowland.
2. This information base, still in process, will serve as a first step to establishing a database nationwide.