

AMAZON WATERWAY:

INO DREDGING!

Dredging is the main activity of the Amazon Waterway Project promoted by the Cohidro consortium, with funds from the Chinese government.

DREDGING IMPACTS
It can generate uncontrollable and unpredictable negative impacts, because nature surpasses science.

Environmental
Alteration of the natural course of rivers, pollution, imbalance of the Amazon ecosystem and loss of fauna and flora.

Cultural
Impact on cultural identity, worldview and spirituality of the indigenous peoples.

Economy and nutrition
Dredging will reduce fish reproduction, which will seriously affect the fishing activity and the food source for the indigenous and local population.

NOTE
The number of local jobs is 30, between indigenous and non-indigenous. There are 184 people for the different tasks of the megaproject, in 2600km of the waterway and foreign manpower will be used.

WHAT IS THE DREDGING?



It is a technique that consists of cutting and removing the sediments that are found in the bottom of the rivers and opening the channel for large draft vessels.



LOCATION

Departments: Loreto and Ucayali.

Rivers: Amazonas, Ucayali, Marañón and Huallaga.

The opening dredging in the rivers is 8 feet (2.44 meters) and the entrance dredging to the port of Iquitos is 11 feet (3.35 meters).

REASONS TO STOP THE DREDGING

Incomplete studies
The detailed Environmental Impact Study was finished before the Definitive Engineering Study and therefore, the location of the flaws is not precise or definitive, consequently neither the volume to be dredged nor the impacts are clear.

Technical deficiency
There is no information or complete research on the variability of the Amazonian rivers from the physical and biological point of view, nor are there studies of the flow of sediments and dunes, which are indispensable for predicting the impacts of the Amazon Waterway.

Poor social base line
It is deficient for the cultural aspect of the affected population.

Latent danger of corruption
The company Construcción y Administración S.A. (CASA), part of the Cohidro consortium, is part of the "Club de la construcción" ("Construction Club"), involved in corruption scandals.

Great cost of the mega project
The initial budget is US\$ 95 million, but it is very likely that addenda and unforeseen additional expenses will end up costing the country much more, and therefore all of us, as it happened with the highway, Interoceánica Sur.

