APECA is all about saving the rainforest through sustainable development.

Our vision starts with the people, thousands of people in over 130 villages. They are the key. Like any other creature on Earth, they need food, shelter and safety from predators. These needs don’t change, but hopefully the manner in which these needs are met, are changing.

There is an urgent need for change. We know that and talk about it a lot. We are even making progress to recycle, repurpose, reuse.

At El Fundo, on the banks of the Amazon River, APECA is busy building models to show how to make changes. In 1994, we started with recycling a deserted citrus farm that became thick jungle. First project was the building of fish ponds. Then the endangered species turtle pond, septic systems and rainwater collection system to supply all of El Fundo with clean water through gravity feed. Trees for lumber are great, but we need to eat too, so, we planted vegetable gardens and fruit trees, and raised chickens!

To appreciate the project, you must remember that the majority of communities flood for a period of 2-3 months each year. When all you can see is water and you have no land for your livestock, i.e. chickens, there is no longer a way to secure food for your family. Fish can be very scarce during flood season with lots of places to hide.

We know that the villagers like and understand raising chickens. Diminishing fish population, pollution of the river and flood conditions are all challenges met by APECA’s chicken project raft system.

So you can see that this will provide needed food, year round and can be sold at market or traded for goods as needed.

You can feel good about the fact that we are one step closer to successful sustainable living in the rainforest.

You can help. Contact us to sponsor, hammer or teach. Be part of the action.

Hope to see you down by the river side,
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One of the chicken rafts
This rooster is first to say, “Good Morning.”

Building a chicken raft