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Indigenous Peoples of Northern Amapá

The Indigenous communities of Oiapoque, in northern Amapá, are composed of four peoples: Galibi-Kali'na, Galibi-Marworno, Karipuna, and Palikur. The people of Oiapoque inhabit the Uaçá, Galibi, and Juminã Indigenous Lands, which extend over a large continuous area. The villages and localities are distributed in a landscape that varies between savannah and flooded fields in the east and tropical rainforest in the west.





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Galibi-Marworno

The majority of the Galibi-Marworno population resides in the Uaçá Indigenous Land, in the northern part of Amapá State. The Uaçá River, a major spatial reference for this people, flows into the same estuary as the Oiapoque River, which marks the border between Brazil and French Guiana. Some Galibi-Marworno families live in the Juminã Indigenous Land, along the Juminã creek, which flows into the Oiapoque River. The Juminã Indigenous Land is located between the Uaçá and Galibi Indigenous Areas, with the Uaçá and Oiapoque rivers as its northern limits.



Karipuna

According to 2002 data, the Karipuna population was approximately 1,700 individuals, most of whom resided along the Curipi River, a tributary of the Uaçá River, in the northern part of Amapá state. This region is located in the lower Oiapoque River basin, near Cape Orange, a border area between Brazil and French Guiana.



Palikur

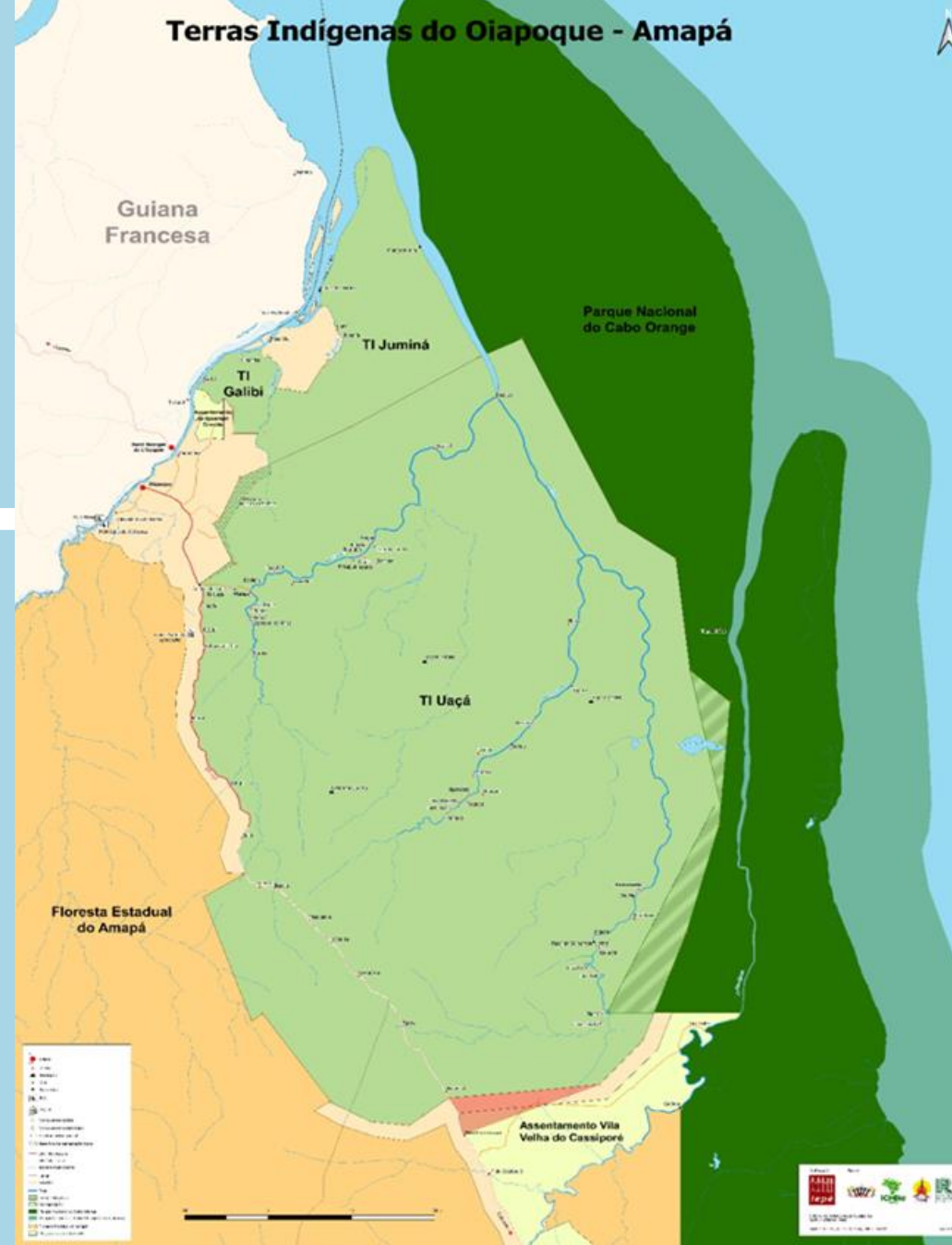
The Palikur people are divided between Brazil and French Guiana. In Brazil, they are located in the extreme north of Amapá State, within the municipality of Oiapoque, in the Uaçá River basin, a tributary of the lower Oiapoque River.



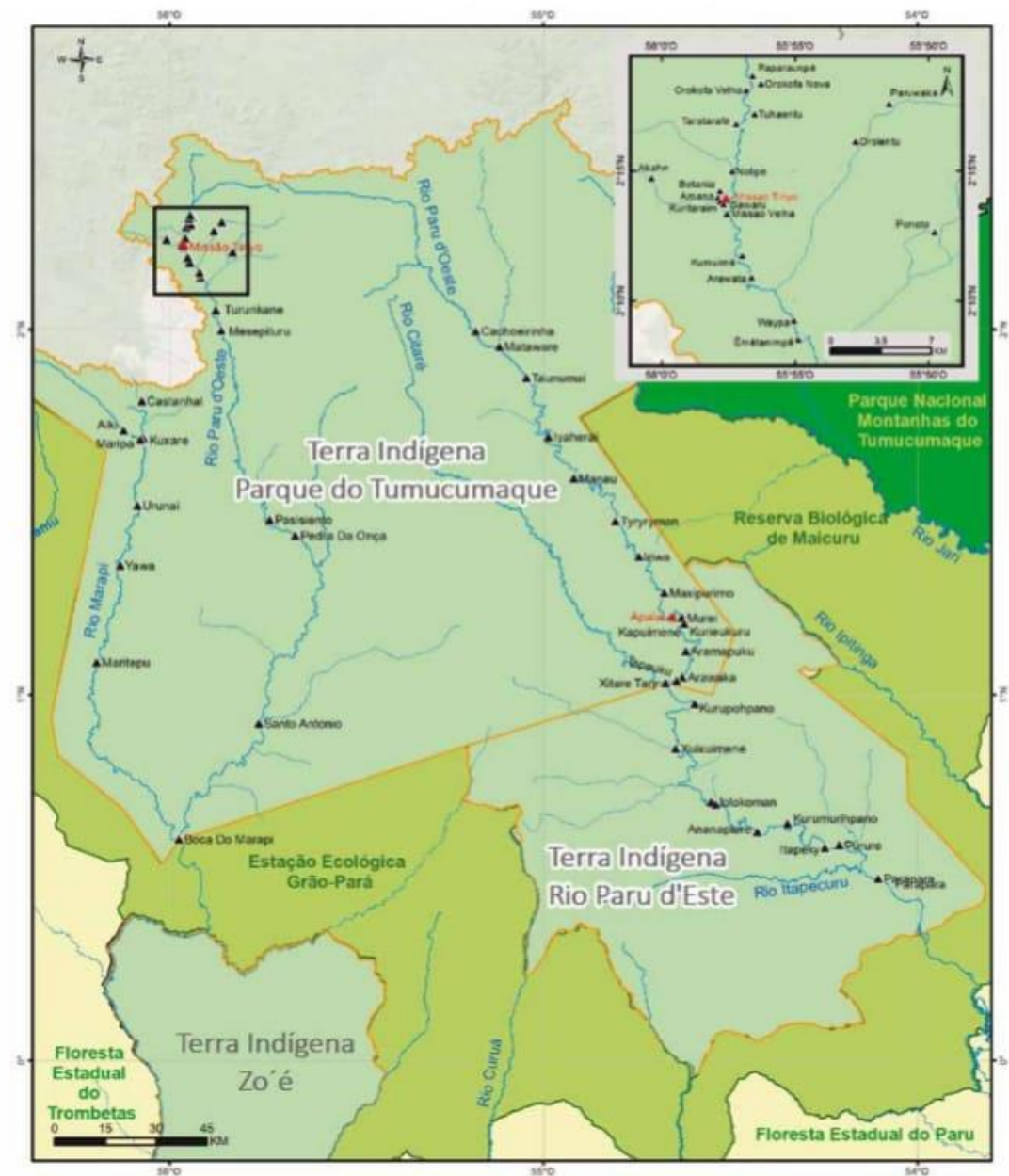
Galibi-Kali'na

The only Galibi of Oiapoque village, São José dos Galibi, remains where it was established in 1950, when the group arrived in the area. It is located on the right bank of the Oiapoque River, just below the city of Saint Georges, between the Morcego and Taparabu creeks. By speedboat, the journey between Oiapoque and the village takes approximately 30 minutes. The village is located on a stretch of firm land surrounded by family farms and forest. It occupies an area of approximately 250 by 400 meters, heavily forested and well-maintained, where houses, orchards, and the facilities of the FUNAI post, infirmary, and school are located





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