

SCN 2003 Report from Center for Indigenous People's Nutrition and Environment

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1. **Dietary Promotion:** In general, the promotion of traditional food resources of Indigenous Peoples invariably promotes iron, zinc and folate. We are talking about local food resources, often wildlife food resources. Wild and cultivated whole grains, fruit, vegetables, and animal food
2. **Research:** We have analyzed many of these foods, and have worked to build capacity with several laboratories in Asia to provide information to indigenous/tribal peoples and their academic partners there. Invariably, folic acid analysis of traditional food resources is a problem. Only Prapasri at Mahidol, in Thailand, can do it. The other labs have trouble with infrastructure for the microbiological assay. The minerals are not a problem in most labs.

What partners or organizations have helped make your projects successful?

FAO, IDRC Canada

Future plans and goals: It is the goal of our center to identify and promote natural food resources of Indigenous Peoples, and to document that these food resources can help to alleviate nutritional problems. By providing good scientific evidence, it is our hope that resources for maintaining traditional food use will be provided by governments, in the true spirit of human rights.

What else do you need? Is there any specific information that would be useful? We need links to potential funders for our work.