



TRANSMISSION OF LIVING CULTURAL HERITAGE IN
AND AROUND PROTECTED AREAS.

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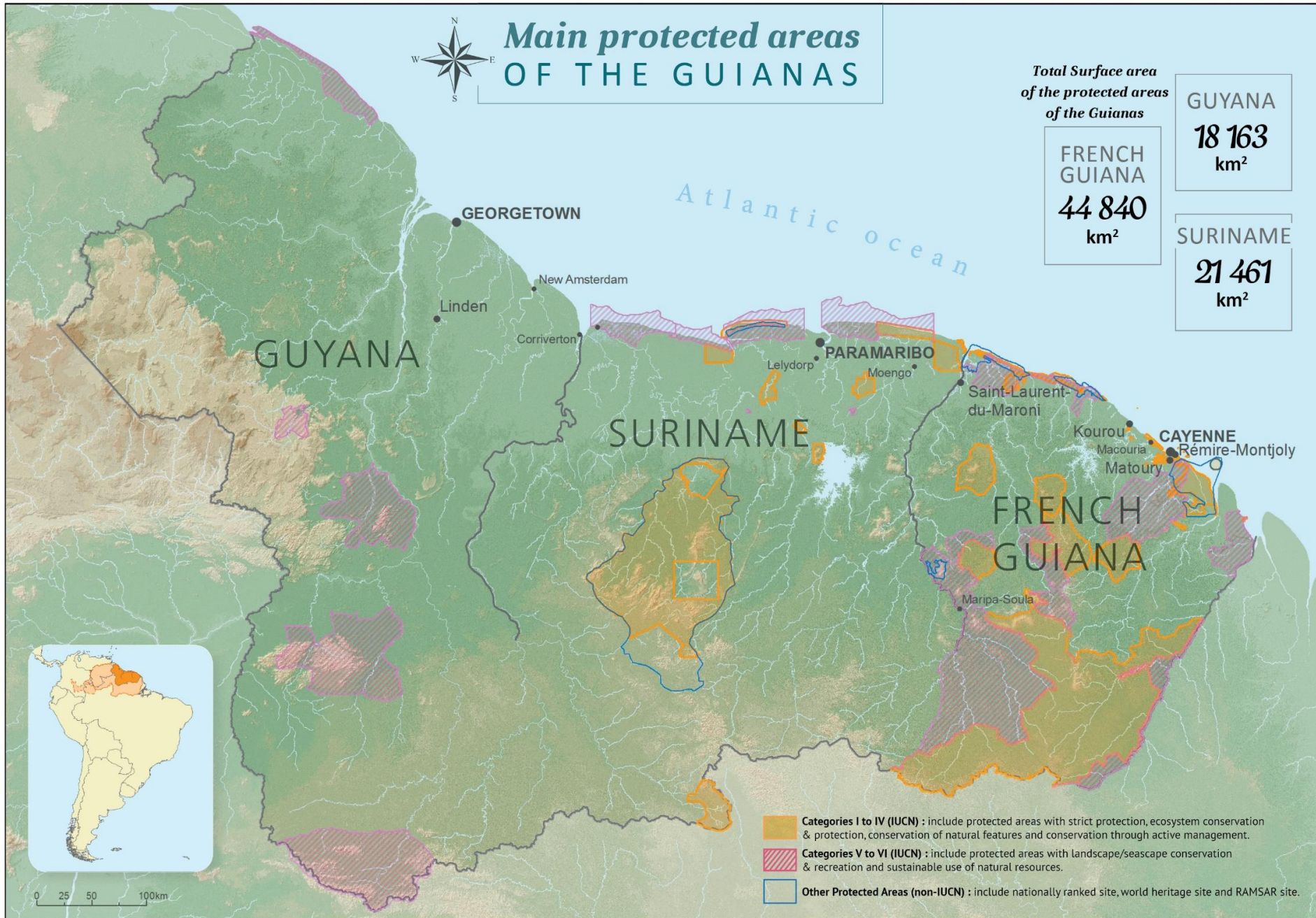
Main protected areas OF THE GUIANAS

Total Surface area of the protected areas of the Guianas

GUYANA
18 163
km²

FRENCH GUIANA
44 840
km²

SURINAME
21 461
km²

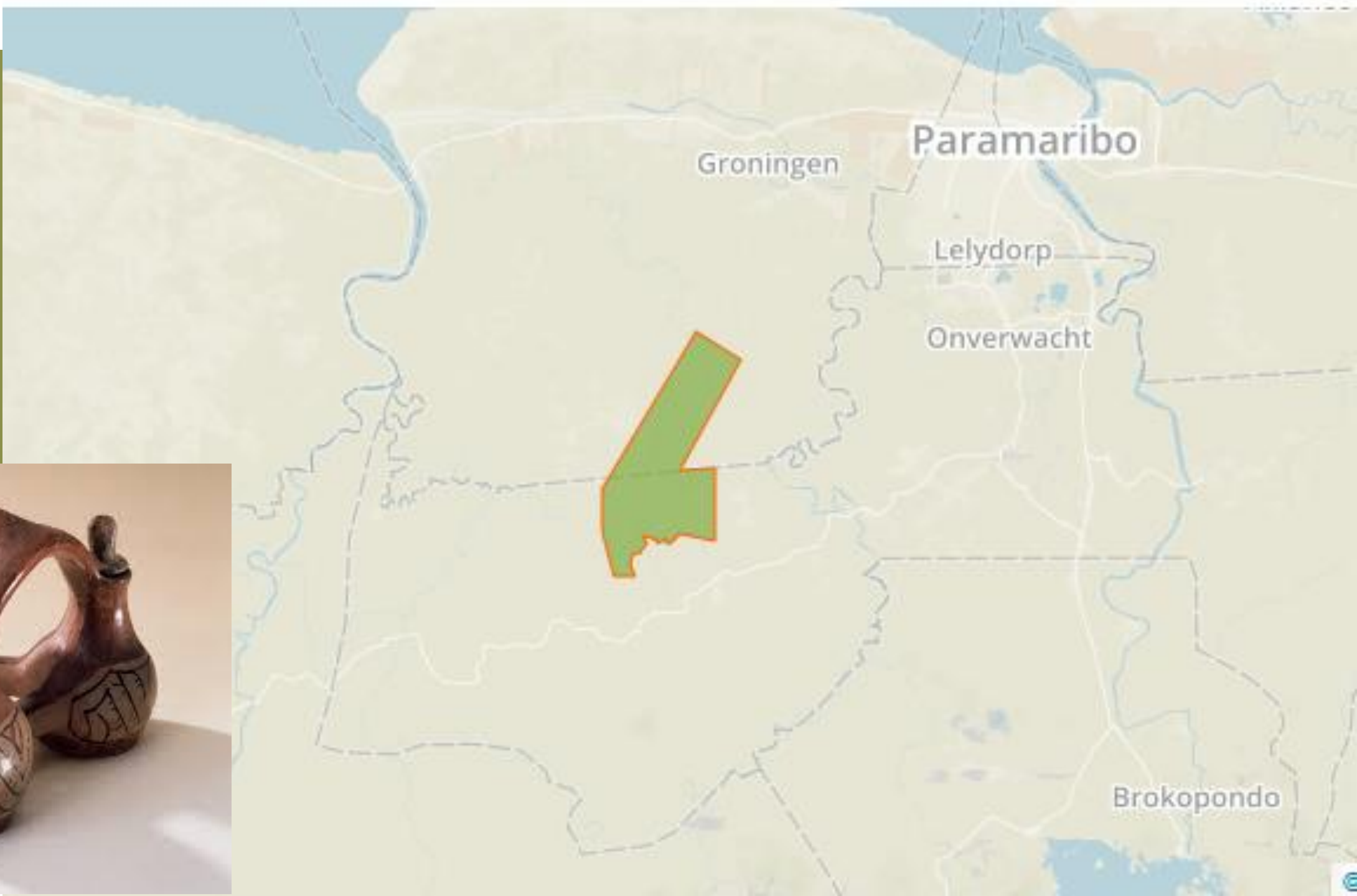


- Categories I to IV (IUCN)** : include protected areas with strict protection, ecosystem conservation & protection, conservation of natural features and conservation through active management.
- Categories V to VI (IUCN)** : include protected areas with landscape/seascape conservation & recreation and sustainable use of natural resources.
- Other Protected Areas (non-IUCN)** : include nationally ranked site, world heritage site and RAMSAR site.



CASE 1: POTTERY

KARI'NA





CASE 2:
ORAL HISTORY
MATAWAAI







MATAWAI ORAL HISTORIES BY THE NUMBERS...

700 place names mapped along **350** kilometers of the Saramacca river

300 oral histories recorded for **150** important places

35 elders interviewed producing **17** hours of audiovisual footage

1st comprehensive Matawai ancestral lands map,
and **1st** use of ACT's innovative Terrastories application

The Amazon Conservation Team

Partnering with Indigenous Peoples and Other Local Communities to Protect Tropical Rainforests



About the Matawai Maroons

Over five centuries ago, fleeing Dutch colonial rule in Suriname, African slaves fled to the interior from a cruel and enslaving life of bondage on the sugar plantations in order to carve out their own destiny in the dense rainforest of the Guayana Highlands. Some fled alone but along the way, they were joined by the enslaved and free people of other plantations. They evaded and hid from the Dutch soldiers who sought to capture them, and over time, they established a community of free people. They eventually found the Dutch line taking a point agreement with them.

Subsequent generations of Matawai slaves and their descendants in the interior of the country became known as the Matawai Maroons. These Maroons, known as the "Matawai Maroons," are known as the "Matawai Maroons" and they call their land "Matawai" — and we invite you to discover the story of the first time their ancestors arrived in what are now their ancestral lands.

The Maroons are one of the smallest and best known of three in primary Maroon groups. They speak a Portuguese and English-based creole language closely related to the language of the Surinamese Maroons, but distinguishable by the fact that they speak their own language. The population of the Matawai Maroons is estimated to be around 1,000. Dispersed across six villages along the Saramacca River, they are known for their traditional music, dance, and crafts.



Mapping "first-time" geographical knowledge of Matawai ancestral lands

Since February 2010, the Amazon Conservation Team (ACT) has been partnering with the Matawai to collect biodiversity and ecological data on their ancestral lands. This project is a collaborative effort between the Matawai and ACT. The project is a collaborative effort between the Matawai and ACT. The project is a collaborative effort between the Matawai and ACT.

ACT first began this work in partnership with the Matawai of the Upper Saramacca (US) Maroon group. Following several participatory mapping exercises, we began to map the ancestral lands of the Matawai. We used a participatory mapping approach, where the Matawai and ACT worked together to map the ancestral lands. We used a participatory mapping approach, where the Matawai and ACT worked together to map the ancestral lands.

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Map legend

- Matawai village
- Old village site (Dutch period)
- Water approximation only
- Specific named sites (Dutch)
- Non-Matawai settlement
- Road
- Old school track
- Geological region
- Present-day plantation
- Exact boundary
- Disputed area
- Other land owners
- Settling region
- Forest



Recording and mapping oral histories

However, the past few generations have had a long and complex history of displacement and loss. The Matawai have a rich and diverse history. The Matawai have a rich and diverse history. The Matawai have a rich and diverse history.

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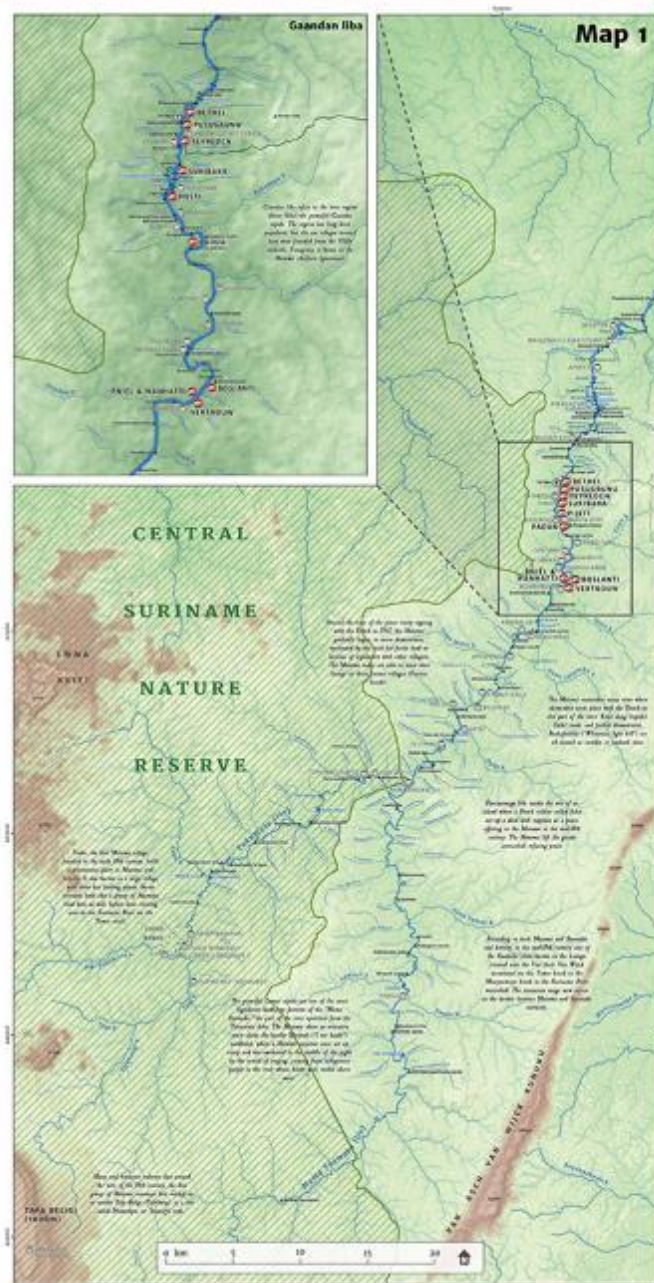
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Map 1

Map 2

Map 3





Matawai Konde

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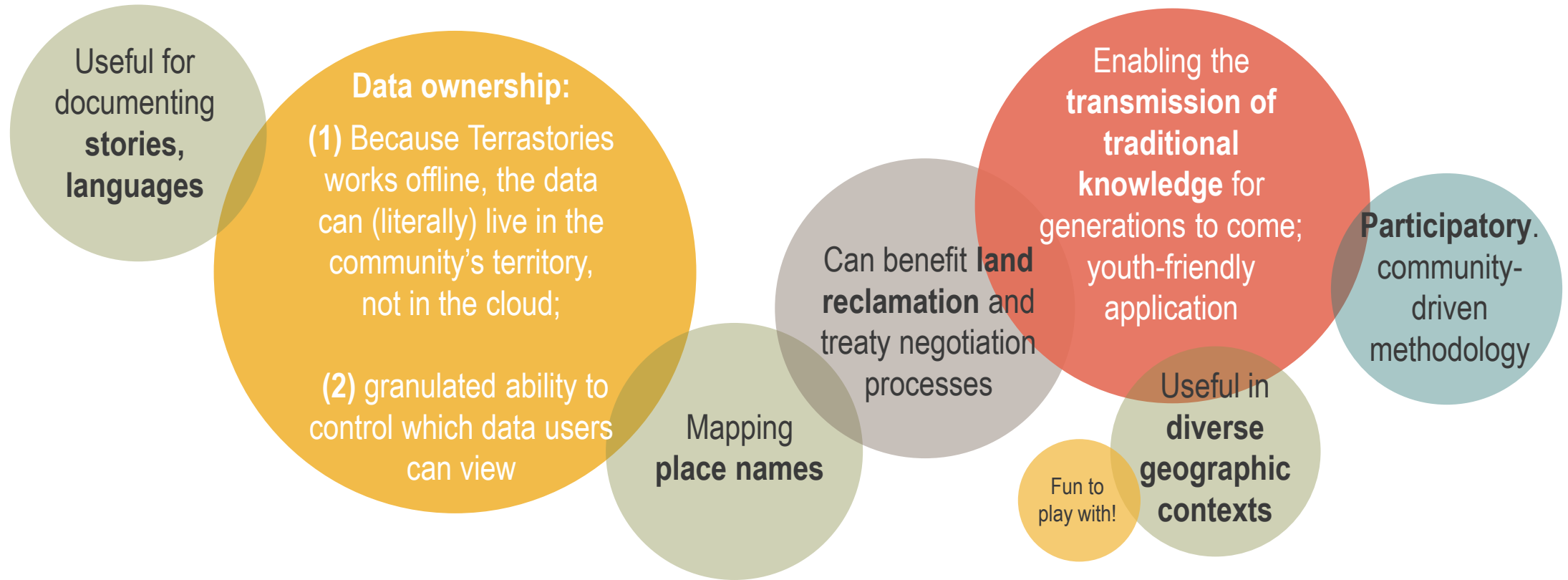


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