



Indigenous Participation in ProBenefit

Why – and how it works

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Why indigenous participation?

- According to the Constitution, traditional knowledge is a collective intellectual heritage of the indigenous peoples.
- Conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity is intimately linked with traditional knowledge.
- This means that the use of this knowledge has to be based on prior, trustful, clear and complete information.
- The decision to use this knowledge has to be collective and in accordance with traditional customs.

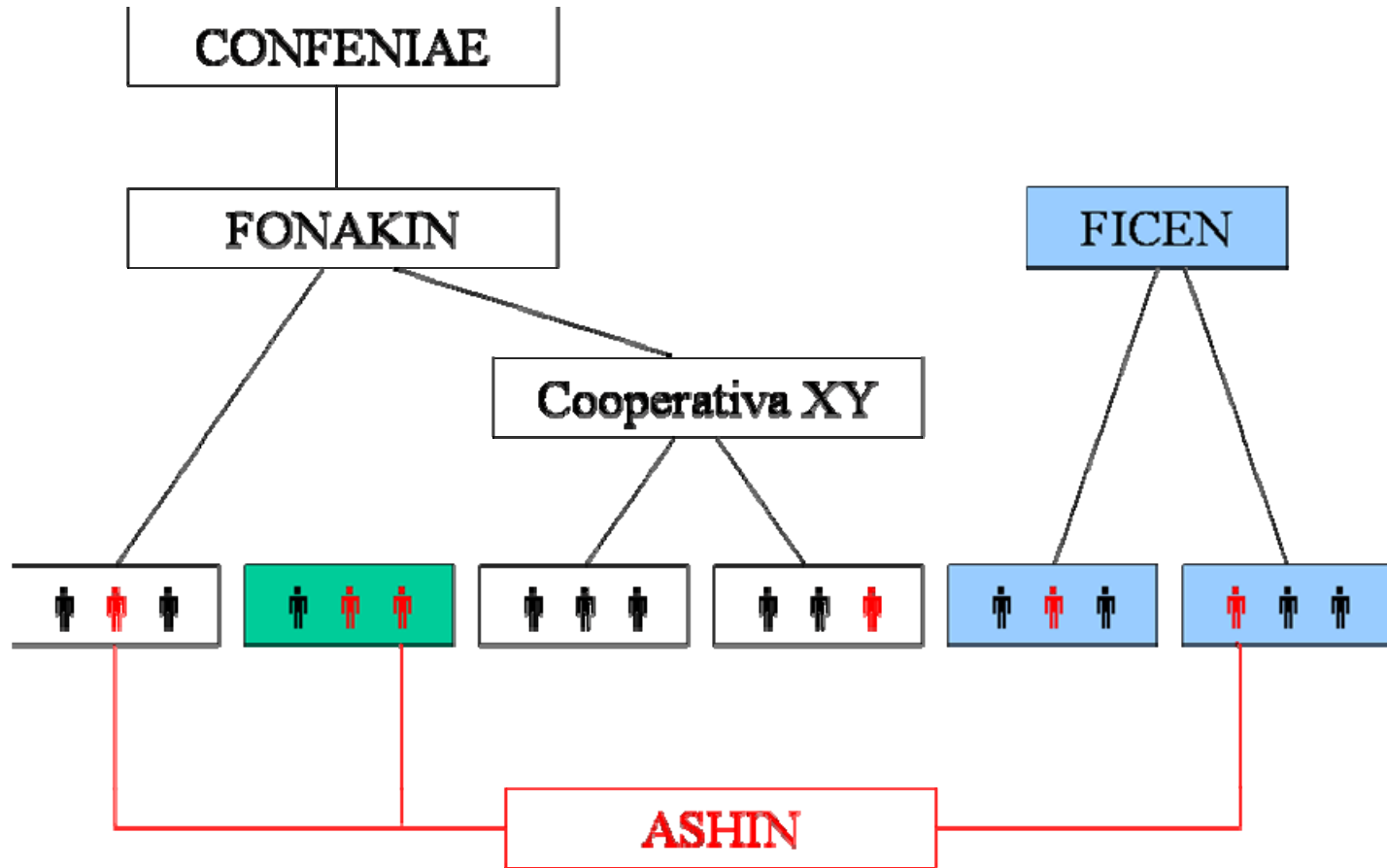


...and how does PIC work in ProBenefit?

- a working group of indigenous representatives of the second grade organizations of the project region is being trained on ABS issues
- These representatives will communicate the results and contents of the training to the local communities and base organizations in the project region.
- Consultation with the local communities and base organizations in a general assembly.
- The traditional indigenous structures are respected, e.g. involvement of women.



Structure of Indigenous Organizations in the project region



→ there is no single authority that represents all communities!



Workshop in the project region

Subject: Consultation und indigenous participation



- more than 25 representatives of local communities, indigenous organisations and professional associations (midwives...) expressed their view on requirements for participation
- the need for more information on ABS was expressed throughout the workshop groups