

The Kulina and the Kanamari of the Amazon



The non-profit foundation, “GEO protects the rainforest,” invests in sustainable forestation in an effort to protect the rainforests. Because rainforests and Katadyn is a connection that goes well together, Katadyn supports the foundation financially and helps them to accomplish their projects.

The Kulina and Kanamari are two tribes native to the western area of the Brazilian Amazon. Together these tribes total just over 1000 people who occupy a territory about one-third the size of Switzerland.

This area is constantly being damaged by tree unauthorized lumber harvesting and illegal fishing.

OPAN is a local organisation dedicated to the protections of these tribes. They aim to make the borders of this protected area more visible, develop medical and school facilities and work together with the natives to establish sustainable projects for healthy use of the forest.

Through these efforts the habitation of this area should be insured because the natives will not need to move to the city. Their presence in the area will reduce and possibly end the illegal misuse of the forest.

The Katadyn Group is supporting this project with the financing it needs to begin and supply the Kulina and the Kanamari with the basic equipment they need so that they will not need to move during the development phases.

This project is under the patronage of the German magazine GEO. (GEO can be compared to National Geographic magazine)