

Proclamation from the “Meeting of Healers”

June 2025 – Cajamarca, Peru

Within the framework of the month of the celebration of the winter solstice and the Inti Raymi festival in the Andean community and in the context of promoting integration between healers, health professionals and students, and the social sciences and the general public, the participants in the discussion called “Encuentro de Curanderismo,” with the aim of strengthening the brotherhood and integration of those who share the essence of the Andean Cosmovision, as well as being able to hear opinions and concerns about social commitment, with the knowledge and traditional uses of the San Pedro - Huachuma cactus in the practices of cuanderismo, declared as Cultural Heritage of the Nation, do declare:

We, the members of the Meeting, express our deep concern for the conservation status of the sacred cactus and master plant San Pedro (Huachuma) and the negative impact of its over-exploitation in our territories.

We also propose:

1. **Call for Conservation:** We ask all practitioners of San Pedro ceremonies, both in Peru and abroad, to cease using the wild cactus and to promote its sustainable cultivation from cuttings and seeds.
2. **Recognition and Respect:** We request that the Andean communities of northern Peru be recognized and honored as the traditional guardians of this ancestral medicine. We ask for a commitment of reciprocity, including financial support for our communities.
3. **Rejection of Commercial Exploitation:** We strongly oppose the commercial use of “San Pedro powder” or “San Pedro chips” which exploits our communities and does not respect the sacredness of the cactus.
4. **Training Schools:** We the participants commit to promoting training schools for the identity and ethics of working with Huachuma for the common good.

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5. Alliances: We want to strengthen public-private alliances in the North Amazon route to value ancestral knowledge and the sustainable use of medicinal plants, linking them with sacred places of ancestral healing.

6. Public Policies: We call on the state to promote public policies and/or strategic actions that promote the conservation and respectful use and generation of evidence around San Pedro / Huachuma in the different areas of knowledge.

7. Platform: We propose the creation of an interdisciplinary platform for the convergence of projects, standards and experiences for the strengthening and dissemination of the natural, cultural, tangible and intangible heritage of San Pedro / Huachuma, both at the national level and as a world heritage proposal.

We urge all those who benefit from Huachuma to take responsibility for protecting this sacred plant and to support the traditional peoples who have been its guardians for millennia.

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