Osvaldo Munguia

Osvaldo Munguia is co-founder of MOPAWI (1985) and its director since 1990. He was part of team leading the defence of the Moskitia region against three threats to indigenous peoples territory: i) A Concession granted to Stone container on one million hectares of forest territory to 40 years (1991); ii) An Executive Decree for Induced Settlement of one hundred thousand people on Sico-Paulaya Valley next door to Rio Platano Biosphere (1995); iii) The Concession granted to Harza and Panda companies, to build the Pataua II Dam on the Pataua-Tawahka Biological Corridor (1997-1998). The three defence campaigns were successful. Those projects were not carried out. This was key to obtain territorial titles in favour of La Moskitia Indigenous Peoples. He studied forestry at ESNACIFOR, Honduras (1977-1979); a Diploma on Silviculture at the Institute of Forestry, University of Oxford (1982); and a Masters degree in Community Economic Development at the New Hampshire College (1989-1990). He speaks Spanish, Miskitu, and English.