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ABSTRACT

The general purpose of this article is: to Erecting a theoretical reflection on ancestral knowledge for the preservation and dissemination of the customs and traditions of the Yaruro or Pumé people from Apureño. The study was based on the Theory: Cultural Anthropology by Boas (1981), Social Constructionism by Hoffman (1996), Agricultural Development by Schultz (2000), and Sociocultural by Vygotsky (1979). It is worth noting that the study was based on the interpretive paradigm under a qualitative methodology, traveling the investigative path through the ethnographic method. As scenario, the Pumé de Riecito and Sinaruco people were assumed, located in the Rómulo Gallegos Municipality, Apure State, where there were 3 community leaders as key informants, using participant observation and interview as information collection techniques. in depth, to then interpret the information through the techniques of categorization, structuring, triangulation and theorization. Likewise, the validity was glimpsed through the internal validity referred to the reliability of the findings; and the credibility was carried out based on the triangulation of sources. The conclusions revealed that the Pumé people still persist in their customs and traditions framed in the cultivation of certain items such as topocho, beans, corn, cassava, cambur, and cane. With regard to the animal production component, they are only limited to the raising of pigs, chickens and cows. Also, they complement these practices with hunting and fishing. Likewise, certain religious rituals related to the cure of diseases and protection of the community in general remain in force.

Descriptors: Ancestral knowledge, preservation and disclosure, customs, traditions, Yaruro or Pumé people

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