

## 1. Description

- 1.1 Name of society, language, and language family: Mandahuaca, Mandawaka
- 1.2 ISO code (3 letter code from ethnologue.com): mht
- 1.3 Location (latitude/longitude): Venezuela (75/-66.83); also in Brazil
- 1.4 Brief history: In Venezuela, also some in Brazil. Highly isolated, have a strong tribal identity and an aboriginal lifestyle.
- 1.5 Influence of missionaries/schools/governments/powerful neighbors: Joshua Project Christian Missionaries
- 1.6 Ecology:
- 1.7 Population size, mean village size, home range size, density: 3,000 in Venezuela, 3 in Brazil

## 2. Economy

- 2.1 Main carbohydrate staple(s): nuts, flour
- 2.2 Main protein-lipid sources:
- 2.3 Weapons: Bow and arrow, blowguns?: both
- 2.4 Food storage:
- 2.5 Sexual division of production: men hunt, women gather
- 2.6 Land tenure: piassava
- 2.7 Ceramics:
- 2.8 Specified (prescribed or proscribed) sharing patterns: ceremonial exchange of goods
- 2.9 Food taboos:
- 2.10 Canoes/watercraft? Mention of watercraft, motorized in more modern times

## 3. Anthropometry

- 3.1 Mean adult height (m and f):
- 3.2 Mean adult weight (m and f):

## 4. Life History, mating, marriage

- 4.1 Age at menarche (f):
- 4.2 Age at first birth (m and f):
- 4.3 Completed family size (m and f):
- 4.4 Inter-birth-interval (f):
- 4.5 Age first marriage (m and f):
- 4.6 Proportion of marriages ending in divorce: none
- 4.7 Percent marriages polygynous, percent males married polygynously: mentions of women running the tribes and taking one husband for all tribe, inseminating all the females, raising the baby girls, and killing the baby boys.
- 4.8 Bride purchase (price), bride service, dowry?:
- 4.9 Inheritance patterns:
- 4.10 Parent-offspring interactions and conflict: females killing male offspring
- 4.11 Homosexual activities, social attitudes towards homosexuals: none
- 4.12 Pattern of exogamy (endogamy):
- 4.13 What is the belief of the role of males in conception; is paternity partible? Are these "other fathers" recognized? Role of the man is to inseminate the female. One man.
- 4.14 What is the belief of the mother's role in procreation exactly? (e.g., "receptacle in which fetus grows") more investment than just a vesicle.
- 4.15 Is conception believed to be an incremental process (i.e., semen builds up over time)? no
- 4.16 Occurrence of sexual coercion, rape: mention of possible forcible rape from white settlers.
- 4.17 Preferential category for spouse (e.g., cross cousin):
- 4.18 Do females enjoy sexual freedoms? yes
- 4.19 Evidence of giving gifts to extramarital partners or extramarital offspring: no evidence.
- 4.20 If mother dies, whose raises children?
- 4.21 Adult sex ratio: number of adult males divided by number of (reproductive) females:
- 4.22 Evidence for couvades: no
- 4.23 Different distinctions for potential fathers (e.g., lesser/younger vs. major/older):
- 4.24 Kin avoidance and respect?
- 4.24 Joking relationships?
- 4.25 Patterns of descent (e.g., bilateral, matrilineal) for certain rights, names or associations
- 4.26 Incest avoidance rules:
- 4.27 Is there a formal marriage ceremony?
- 4.28 In what way(s) does one get a name, change their name, and obtain another name?
- 4.29 Is marriage usually (or preferred to be) within community or outside community? (m/f difference?): within community
- 4.30 Are marriages arranged? Who arranges (e.g., parents, close kin)?
- 4.31 Evidence for conflict of interest over who marries who: no evidence

## Warfare/homicide

- 4.14 Percent adult (male) deaths due to warfare:
- 4.15 Outgroup vs ingroup cause of violent death:
- 4.16 Reported causes of in-group and out-group killing:
- 4.17 Number, diversity and relationship with neighboring societies (external relations): remain highly isolated
- 4.18 Cannibalism? none

## 5. Socio-Political organization and interaction

- 5.1 Mean local residential (village) group size:
- 5.2 Mobility pattern: (seasonality):
- 5.3 Political system: (chiefs, clans etc, wealth or status classes): chiefs
- 5.4 Post marital residence:
- 5.5 Territoriality? (defined boundaries, active defense): highly isolated, to themselves...only leave to get metal tools
- 5.6 Social interaction divisions ? (age and sex):
- 5.7 Special friendships/joking relationships:
- 5.8 Village and house organization:
- 5.9 Specialized village structures (mens' houses):
- 5.10 Sleep in hammocks or on ground or elsewhere?
- 5.11 Social organization, clans, moieties, lineages, etc: possible all female clans.
- 5.12 Trade: trade for metal tools
- 5.13 Indications of social hierarchies? Yes, chiefs.

## 6. Ritual/Ceremony/Religion (RCR)

- 6 Time allocation to RCR:
- 6.1 Specialization (shamans and medicine): shamans
- 6.2 Stimulants:
- 6.3 Passage rituals (birth, death, puberty, seasonal): preparation rituals for the young and their ways of paying homage to the universe's great creator.
- 6.4 Other rituals: cures, Dabucury celebrations (ceremonial exchange of goods)
- 6.5 Myths (Creation):
- 6.6 Cultural material (art, music, games):
- 6.7 Sex differences in RCR:
- 6.8 Missionary effect: Christian influences. >5% Christian
- 6.9 RCR revival:
- 6.10 Death and afterlife beliefs: belief in the afterlife, Catholicism and Christian beliefs.
- 6.11 Taboo of naming dead people?
- 6.12 Is there teknonymy?
- 6.13 Briefly describe religion (animism, ancestor worship, deism, magic, totems etc.): Catholic/Christian, with Christian values.

## 7. Adornment

- 7.1 Body paint:
- 7.2 Piercings:
- 7.3 Haircut:
- 7.4 Scarification:
- 7.5 Adornment (beads, feathers, lip plates, etc.):
- 7.6 Ceremonial/Ritual adornment:
- 7.7 Sex differences in adornment:
- 7.8 Missionary effect: made to stop with tribal rituals and abide by catholic ways
- 7.9 Cultural revival in adornment:

## 8. Kinship systems

- 8.1 Sibling classification system:
- 8.2 Sororate, levirate:
- 8.3 Other notable kinship typology, especially cross-cousin (MBD/FZD) typology (Crow/Hawaiian/Omaha etc.):

## 9. Other interesting cultural features (list them):

- Genocide from Europeans
- Enslaved for rubber plantations

## Numbered references

1. [www.joshuaproject.com](http://www.joshuaproject.com)
2. [www.ethnologue.com](http://www.ethnologue.com)
3. **The Indians of Central and South America: an ethnohistorical dictionary** by James Stuart Olson
4. **We Were Not Indians** by Bráz de Oliveira França
5. <http://worldmap.org/maps/other/profiles/venezuela/VENEZUELA.pdf>
6. **Encyclopedia of the world's endangered languages** by Christopher Moseley
7. **The Amazonian languages** edited by Robert M. W. Dixon, Aleksandra
8. **American anthropologist, Volume 23** By American Anthropological Association, Anthropological Society of Washington
9. **The Cambridge History of the Native Peoples of the Americas, Volumes 2-3** By Frank Salomon
10. [www.native-languages.org](http://www.native-languages.org)