

1. Description

1.1 Name of society, language, and language family: **Matsés Language of Peru Panoan Language Family**

1.2 ISO code (3 letter code from ethnologue.com): **639-3: mcf**

1.3 Location (latitude/longitude):

1.4 Brief history: **Contacted by outsiders, violent and wife stealers who extract sap from poisonous snakes.**

1.5 Influence of missionaries/schools/governments/powerful neighbors: **Missionaries have set up schools and provided medicines for malaria and hepatitis.**

1.6 Ecology: **Located in the upper part of Javari River, great soils for crops and growth. Tropical rainforests**

1.7 Population size, mean village size, home ranges size, density: **Pop. 1,400 (2006 SIL)- 2,200 Yaquerana and Brazil**

2. Economy

2.1 Main carbohydrate staple(s): **Hunt fish and farm for chickens, pigs and ducks, collard peccary**

2.2 Main protein-lipid sources: **corn, manioc, bananas, plantains, sweet potatoes, beans, pineapple, papaya, and sugar cane**

2.3 Weapons: Bow and arrow, blowguns?: **Bow and Arrow/ blowguns formally**

2.4 Food storage: **No evidence.**

2.5 Sexual division of production: **Couples work together; women provide more meat than men**

2.6 Land tenure: **Legally owned reserves divided into villages**

2.7 Ceramics: **weaving and ceramic skills**

2.8 Specified (prescribed or proscribed) sharing patterns:

2.9 Food taboos: **If one ingests Sapo one can hunt more sufficient and longer and have great strength.**

2.10 Canoes/watercraft? **Boats recently during contact**

3. Anthropometry

3.1 Mean adult height (m and f): **Not available.**

3.2 Mean adult weight (m and f): **Not available.**

4. Life History, mating, marriage

4.1 Age at menarche (f): **Not available**

4.2 Age at first birth (m and f): **Not available**

4.3 Completed family size (m and f): **Man kids and wives**

4.4 Inter-birth-interval (f): **None**

4.5 Age first marriage (m and f): **Not available**

4.6 Proportion of marriages ending in divorce: **Not available**

4.7 Percent marriages polygynous, percent males married polygynously: **Polygamy most common and wife sharing is occasional among brothers**

4.8 Bride purchase (price), bride service, dowry?: **Wife stealing raids**

4.9 Inheritance patterns: **Passed down from father to son**

4.10 Parent-offspring interactions and conflict: **None**

4.11 Homosexual activities, social attitudes towards homosexuals: **None**

4.12 Pattern of exogamy (endogamy): **Endogamy**

4.13 What is the belief of the role of males in conception; is paternity partible? Are these "other fathers" recognized? **No paternity belief**

4.14 What is the belief of the mother's role in procreation exactly? (e.g., "receptacle in which fetus grows"): **None**

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: **Occasional. Wife stealing raids**

4.17 Preferential category for spouse (e.g., cross cousin): **Cross Cousin**

4.18 Do females enjoy sexual freedoms?: **No**

4.19 Evidence of giving gifts to extramarital partners or extramarital offspring: **None**

4.20 If mother dies, whose raises children?: **Close kinsmen.. Family is most important**

4.21 Adult sex ratio: number of adult males divided by number of (reproductive) females: **Polygamous society**

4.22 Evidence for couvades: **No evidence**

4.23 Different distinctions for potential fathers (e.g., lesser/younger vs. major/older): **Older**

4.24 Kin avoidance and respect? **Respect for kin no avoidance evidence.**

4.24 Joking relationships? **Not available**

4.25 Patterns of descent (e.g., bilateral, matrilineal) for certain rights, names or associations: **Patrilocal**

4.26 Incest avoidance rules: **No evidence.**

4.27 Is there a formal marriage ceremony?: **Not available.**

4.28 In what way(s) does one get a name, change their name, and obtain another name? **Marriage, resettlements (new outside wives)**

4.29 Is marriage usually (or preferred to be) within community or outside community? (m/f difference?) **Marriage can be done within and outside during wife stealing raids. Women marry within community; men can marry outside of community.**

4.30 Are marriages arranged? Who arranges (e.g., parents, close kin)? **Cross cousin marriage of aunt and nephew or uncle and niece and during wife stealing raids men pick their wives and children.**

4.31 Evidence for conflict of interest over who marries who: **No evidence. Brothers share wives occasionally**

Warfare/homicide

- 4.14 Percent adult (male) deaths due to warfare: **Greater part of population**
- 4.15 Outgroup vs ingroup cause of violent death: **Wife stealing raids and war with Peruvian military, and some inter group cause of death.**
- 4.16 Reported causes of in-group and out-group killing: **Inter member violence and warfare**
- 4.17 Number, diversity and relationship with neighboring societies (external relations): **Do not like contact outside of group, violent, and resistant.**
- 4.18 Cannibalism? **No evidence.**

5. Socio-Political organization and interaction

- 5.1 Mean local residential (village) group size: **Very divided and unorganized**
- 5.2 Mobility pattern: (seasonality): **semi- nomadic**
- 5.3 Political system: (chiefs, clans etc, wealth or status classes): **Each village has it's own chief**
- 5.4 Post marital residence: **Virilocal**
- 5.5 Territoriality? (defined boundaries, active defense): **Defined boundaries legally owned.**
- 5.6 Social interaction divisions ? (age and sex): **Not available.**
- 5.7 Special friendships/joking relationships: **Not available.**
- 5.8 Village and house organization: **live in long houses of 100 people**
- 5.9 Specialized village structures (men's houses): **Men's houses**
- 5.10 Sleep in hammocks or on ground or elsewhere? **Malocas**
- 5.11 Social organization, clans, moieties, lineages, etc: **Indigenous non- profit organizations called MATSÈS- The Movement in the Amazon for Tribal Subsistence and Economic Sustainability- helps the people**
- 5.12 Trade: **None**
- 5.13 Indications of social hierarchies? **Men coordinate activities within his family**

6. Ritual/Ceremony/Religion (RCR)

- 6 Time allocation to RCR: **None**
- 6.1 Specialization (shamans and medicine): **Sapo medicine used by many**
- 6.2 Stimulants: **Sapo**
- 6.3 Passage rituals (birth, death, puberty, seasonal): **No evidence.**
- 6.4 Other rituals: **Not a ritual participating tribe.**
- 6.5 Myths (Creation): **extracting poisons from a venomous frog injecting it into their bodies believed to be able to hunt for long periods of time without feeling hungry or exhausted- increases strength, stamina and endurance (hunting magic)**
- 6.6 Cultural material (art, music, games): **facial tattooing, body piercing**
- 6.7 Sex differences in RCR: **None**
- 6.8 Missionary effect: **Create churches and schools, translations and taught other language sectors.**
- 6.9 RCR revival: **None**
- 6.10 Death and afterlife beliefs: **Spirits are in the objects and in the world.**
- 6.11 Taboo of naming dead people? **No evidence.**
- 6.12 Is there teknonymy? **No evidence of naming systems.**
- 6.13 Briefly describe religion (animism, ancestor worship, deism, magic, totems etc.): **Animism- There is no distinction between the physical and spiritual worlds and spirits are present throughout the world.**

7. Adornment

- 7.1 Body paint: **facial tattoos**
- 7.2 Piercings: **Yes**
- 7.3 Haircut: **No evidence.**
- 7.4 Scarification: **None.**
- 7.5 Adornment (beads, feathers, lip plates, etc.): **Arrows, Jaguar whiskers/ pierced lower lips in women**
- 7.6 Ceremonial/Ritual adornment: **extracting poisons (kambo) from a venomous frog injecting it into their bodies believed to be able to hunt for long periods of time without feeling hungry or exhausted- increases strength, stamina and endurance (hunting magic)**
- 7.7 Sex differences in adornment: **None.**
- 7.8 Missionary effect: **Government sponsored teachers improving literacy rate**
- 7.9 Cultural revival in adornment: **No evidence**

8. Kinship systems

- 8.1 Sibling classification system: **None**
- 8.2 Sororate, levirate: **None**
- 8.3 Other notable kinship typology, especially cross-cousin (MBD/FZD) typology (Crow/Hawaiian/Omaha etc.): **Cross cousin**

9. Other interesting cultural features (list them):

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