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SOCIAL EQUITY THROUGH AN ECO-CULTURAL TRAIL:
THE NGÄBE-BUGLÉ MIGRATION UNDER CAPITALISM IN WESTERN PANAMA.

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Media Statement

Western Panama was analyzed using Think Pad, an experimental research method that allowed for a multilayer analysis of the social, environmental and economic aspects of the region. This study analyzed the provinces of Bocas del Toro, Chiriquí and the “Comarca” (indigenous autonomous territory) Ngäbe-Buglé in the context of capitalist growth models imposed on them. It reveals the migratory challenges of the Ngäbe-Buglé community as the primary issues. To understand these problems, interviews were held with indigenous people and Latinos from the region revealing specific risks along the journey. These risks were mapped and graphically analyzed, and a design solution was proposed.

Graphic Abstract:

