

## **ABSTRACT**

This case study illustrates the manner how the drug addiction is treated in the Takiwasi Centre (Tarapoto, Perú). There are for more than seventeen years plant medicines applied in the drug rehabilitation program which combines the traditional indigenous medicine of the Amazon and psychotherapy. The Takiwasi model is based neither on complete abstinence nor substitution. Its key component is the ritual ingestion of *Ayahuasca*, psychoactive substance producing altered states of consciousness. The goal of this work is to verify, if the drug addiction could be treated with this substance, and answer the question about its efficacy.

## **KEYWORDS**

Ayahuasca, traditional indigenous medicine, drug addiction.