

Introduction:

We know that much of the interaction between the Tainos and the Kalinagos was hostile and involved violence, bloodshed and death. Through this constant warfare the Kalinagos obtained Tainos as prisoners and they were used as slaves.

They also captured some of the women and used them as their wives or took away their parts of their land occupied it as we see in Trinidad and Puerto Rico. In instances such as these the people in these territories spoke a mixture of Arawak and Carib language. There was also a mixing of cultures in the diet since the women were the ones who prepared the food. It is also said that the Tainos on these two islands were not as docile as the others and that in fact they were quite hostile.

Children born out of this force union also helped in the interaction. Some Kalinagos came to have Tainos name and so on. The cultivation of food crops also increased as more and more Taino women were captured and brought to live with the Kalinagos.