

CLIMATE SMART MANAGEMENT AND PRODUCTION

Community Conservation Program (CCP)



Outcome

By 2025, 40% of forest concessions in Suriname will have adopted **Climate Smart Forestry Management practices**.



Forest management

Suriname is currently the greenest country on earth: Over 93% of the land surface is forested area with 15.2 million hectares covered. However, global deforestation and degradation continues at an alarming rate, as is also the case for Suriname. The integrity of Suriname's intact forest and protected areas are at high risk: (illegal) economic activities such as mining, logging and poaching are on the rise: the government had low institutional capacity for sustainable forest management.



Matawai

Since 2016, CI's Suriname strategy is focused on the Matawai community forest, in the mid region of Suriname. CI Suriname's selection of this community forest is driven by the fact that 97.000 - hectare community forestry concession was granted adjacent to the CSNR, putting the integrity of this renowned, world heritage protected area at risk.

Work program

CIS aims to empower the Matawai and local authorities to sustainably manage their community forest through the implementation of Climate Smart Forestry (CSF) practices, resulting in reduced emissions, while creating sustainable finance and livelihood opportunities.

Deliverables by 2025:

1. Conservation agreements with owners of community forests.
2. Improved social and economic information and data available for sustainable development of community forests.
3. Conservation of approximately 272,000 ha of community forest.
4. Community forest of a total of 466,000 ha sustainably managed.
5. Reduced impact economic activities for the livelihood of the community developed.
6. An approved Verra carbon pilot

Activities include:

- Sign conservation agreement with the Matawai community.
- Implement and monitor the landscape interventions in Matawai community forest.
- Develop reduced impact economic activities for the livelihood of the Matawai community.
- Report on lessons-learned for replication in other community forests.
- Develop an awareness program.
- Replicate Matawai project to other community forests.
- Collect data and information especially on economic and social issues within communities.
- Design and implement a voluntary carbon pilot with Matawai and the government.

Sustainable landscape program

Since 2017 CIS started a sustainable landscape program with the Matawai community. The community has set aside a third part of their community forest for conservation and the remaining part for sustainable use. The geographical location of Matawai community forest is crucial for the conservation of a much larger area – the Central Suriname Nature Reserve (CSNR). The Matawai community forest works as a buffer, obstructing the advancement of deforestation in to the CSNR.

A road was constructed, linking the Matawai to areas severely affected by gold mining activities. Further exploration is necessary to confirm deposits of gold in the Matawai community forest, but it is already known that it overlaps with the Greenstone belt, an area rich in precious stones and minerals, and intense migration and degradation is expected in the next few years.



Conservation International Suriname

For over 25 years, we have worked across Suriname to protect nature for the benefit of all Surinamese people and the rest of the world. Being the greenest country in the world, Suriname harbors unrivaled natural resources and globally significant biodiversity. We work to conserve natural capital, the foundation of socio-economic development. We work together with the Surinamese government, local communities, civil society, the University of Suriname and public and private owned companies through (multi-stakeholder) partnership.

Our Mission

Building upon a strong foundation of science, partnership and field demonstration, CIS empowers societies to responsibility and sustainably care for nature, our global biodiversity, for the well-being of humanity.



Our Vision

We imagine a healthy, prosperous world in which societies are forever committed to caring for and valuing nature, our global biodiversity, for the long-term benefit of people and all life on Earth.



Will you join us?

We welcome discussions with potential donors, civil society groups and governments about opportunities to collaborate and multiply our conservation efforts in Suriname.



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