Suriname’s Priority Species

Outcome
By 2025, legal and illegal wildlife trade and hunting exploitation is brought to sustainable levels for nine priority species.

Work program
CIS will address overexploitation by influencing regulatory frameworks, driving market incentives and shifting consumer behavior, and supporting enforcement efforts against wildlife crime.

The sixth great extinction

We are now in the middle of a “sixth great extinction” of animal species. Suriname and neighboring country Guyana are two countries in the region still exporting large quantities of wildlife. In Suriname in 2016, export quotas were ranging from: 3600 orange winged Amazon parrots, 100 scarlet macaws, 1886 Dyeing dart frogs, 1010 boa constrictors, 1000 live squirrel monkeys etc.

Legal export often facilitates wildlife trafficking. Other threats to wildlife in Suriname are bushmeat consumption, sports hunting and habitat destruction and degradation due to logging and gold mining activities.

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Deliverables by 2025

1. Consumptive utilization/ hunting is reduced to sustainable levels.
2. Sports hunting regulations are enforced.
3. Decline in illegal wildlife trade and crime.
4. Legal trade is brought to sustainable level and quota based on population data.
5. Communities have an alternative source of income and all sectors of society understand the value of conservation.
6. Government officials are law abiding and work in partnership with all sectors of society without suspicion or mistrust.
7. Recovering or stable populations of formerly hunted/ poached species (of the 9 selected species).
8. Regional collaboration enhanced and structured with regards to trafficking and poaching issues.

Activities include

- Continue fact finding research.
- Continue collecting baseline data on species populations.
- Formulate set of laws and regulations to support law enforcement, institutional and socio-economic practices.
- Formulate and implement an education awareness program to influence and inform demand reduction and create awareness on intrinsic value of wildlife conservation.
- Perform capacity building initiatives of government and communities and resilience to counter wildlife crime and trade.
- Design wildlife and hunting protocol for TWTIS and Matawai communities according to participatory & FPIC methods.
- Implement Conservation Stewards Program related to wildlife program in the areas of TWTIS and Matawai community forest.
- Work with the relevant agencies and organizations to establish effective and implementable transborder enforcement efforts and cross border collaboration.

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