

TRIO WAYANA NATURE PROTECTION AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN SOUTH SURINAME

TWTIS

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Geography

TWTIS is the cultural home of the indigenous Trio and Wayana communities. TWTIS is about the size of Washington State.



72.000 KM²



TWTIS

Nature

In 2010 and 2012, a CI Rapid Assessment Program (RAP) expedition documented more than 1300 species - 100 of which were new to science. Also 70% of Suriname's fresh water is found within TWTIS.



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Work program

South Suriname's 7.2 million ha so called TWTIS generates over 70% of Suriname's freshwater resources, stores approximately 5.8 Gigatons of CO₂e and sequesters roughly 3.8 million tons of CO₂e annually. TWTIS is home to vast biodiversity, and houses unique cultural heritage from the Trio and Wayana tribes. As the main stakeholders, local custodians and inhabitants of TWTIS, the communities themselves have committed to conserving TWTIS and have indicated that they want to be actively involved in the management of the area.



CIS will lead a participatory management planning process for TWTIS. This process will be carried out through stakeholder engagement with Indigenous communities, and other TWTIS partners to define zoning and management guidelines, and to formulate a capacity building plan for Indigenous communities to co-manage the reserve. Through engagement of stakeholders input will be collected to develop a grievance mechanism. A financial mechanism will also be designed and endowed to ensure funding for management of TWTIS in perpetuity.

Deliverables by 2025:

1. Management plan and zoning plans.
2. Capacity of communities built to manage TWTIS.
3. Long-term financial mechanism developed.
4. Potential funding sources and opportunities identified.

Activities include

- Lead a participatory management planning process for TWTIS.
- Hire expertise to design a financial mechanism that will ensure the effective conservation and long-term management of TWTIS.
- Design communication campaign and promotional material to create awareness about TWTIS and support fundraising for the endowment.
- Engage with CI network and identify potential financing sources and opportunities.
- Support the set up and exploitation of indigenous businesses in the communities to improve the livelihoods of the people. The community of Alalapadu has been producing and selling Brazil nut oil for three years now



Finance

The revised nature conservation legislation will provide legal grounds for TWTIS as a protected area and will enable co-management by indigenous communities. But lack of sustainable finance and incentives to better protect and manage irreplaceable ecosystems leaves critical areas unprotected, mismanaged, or threatened.

Creating a long-term financial mechanism to support annual recurrent costs is essential for the lasting success of TWTIS and the well-being of its communities. CIS will support the design and implementation of a financial mechanism that will ensure the effective conservation and long-term accomplishment of management objectives. After the initial investment, the recurrent management costs of TWTIS are estimated at approximately US\$ 1 million per year.



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Building upon a strong foundation of science, partnership and field demonstration, CIS empowers societies to 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.



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