



IMPACT REPORT

NATIONAL AND SUBNATIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS
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Suriname



We know that human beings are totally dependent on nature — and that when we work to save nature, we're really working to save ourselves. Conservation International is helping to build a healthier, more prosperous and more productive planet, for you and for everyone.

Preserving Suriname's green capital is our main goal. Conservation International is working to keep Suriname the greenest country on earth by promoting green growth. We believe that green growth can generate positive measurable, social and environmental impact alongside economical return towards sustainability and inclusiveness, inducing systemic changes within our Society.

We all need Nature to Thrive!

SRANAN SABI SAN YU ABI HORI WI BUSI
(Suriname, we know the value of our forest, let's keep it intact)

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REVISION AND ENHANCE NATIONAL POLICIES AND LEGISLATION NATURE MANAGEMENT



OUR NATURE FIRST!

"PONO1": Our project 'Onze Natuur op 1' aims at modernizing the Nature Conservation Act of Suriname, that originates from 1954 and fails to comply with latest developments and international conventions to which Suriname is a signatory. The new legislation will make it possible to establish sustainable income from nature without destroying it through the creation of new categories of protected areas that support development and economic activities, will support nature tourism, consider interests of Indigenous and Tribal People and envisage a role for the private sector, knowledge institutes and civil society in nature management. The revised law is ready for review by the Surinamese parliament in 2018.

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HANDING OVER THE DRAFT LEGISLATION

The draft legislation 'Sustainable Nature Management Act' has been submitted over to the National Assembly in August 2018. CI Suriname is currently supporting government in getting the law processed duly. The focus is on demonstrating potential for green growth/ sustainable development on a national level and the numerous economic opportunities the revised law can trigger for Suriname.

From left to right: E. Power (Project Manager PONO 1), J. Goedschalk (Executive Director CI-S), J. Geerlings - Simons (Chairperson National Assembly of Suriname)

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GOVERNMENTAL CAPACITY BUILDING

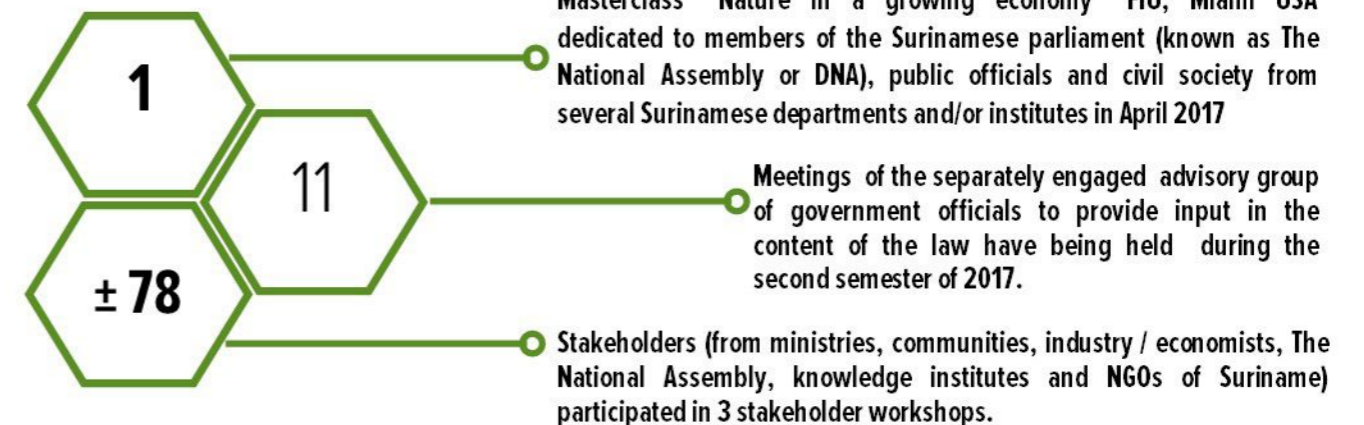
High level representatives of Suriname's private and public sector visited Costa Rica to discuss their model for conservation-based green economic development and experience first-hand their success.

I consider it my duty to increase awareness but also consciously work towards a new direction for the development of the country by means of policy development and necessary revision of nature legislation in the period ahead, so Suriname can make use of the opportunities its forest offers.

Asiskumar Gajadien, member of the Surinamese parliament

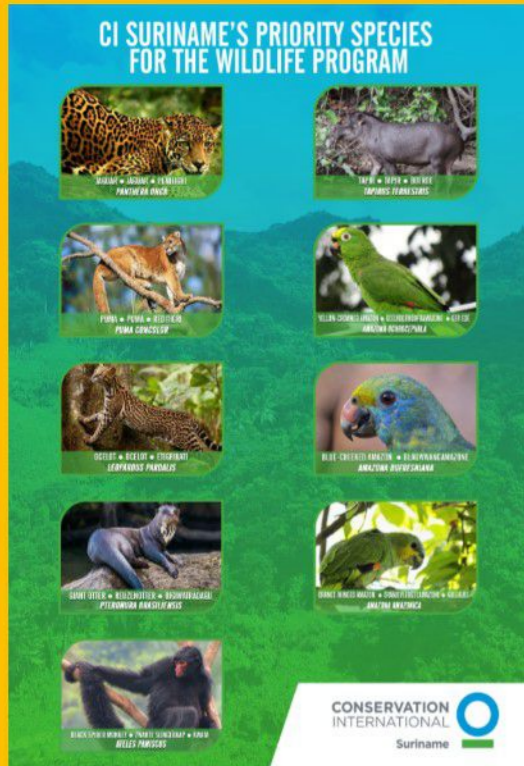
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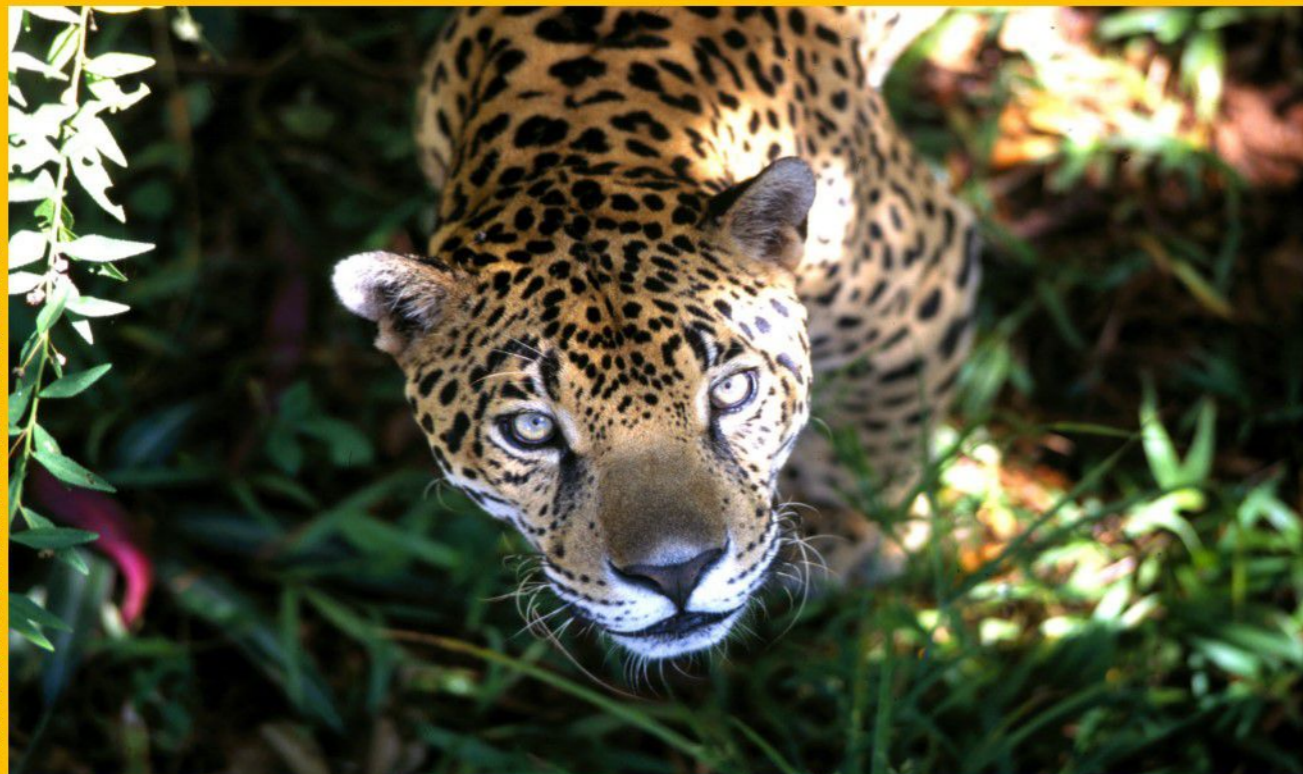
CI-SURINAME'S FIRST NATIONAL WILDLIFE PROGRAM

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WHAT IS AT STAKE?

We are experiencing unprecedented demands on wildlife and natural resources as our global population grows. By 2050, the human population is pegged to reach 10 billion. We are now in the middle of a "sixth great extinction" of animal species, scientists warn, with loss of species about 1,000 times higher than it would have been without human impact. Wildlife and biodiversity are worldwide threatened by habitat loss, poaching and few funding to protect them. Ensuring that forests remain healthy includes ensuring that the wildlife that lives within it thrives. Therefore, CI Suriname decided to implement its first Wildlife program.

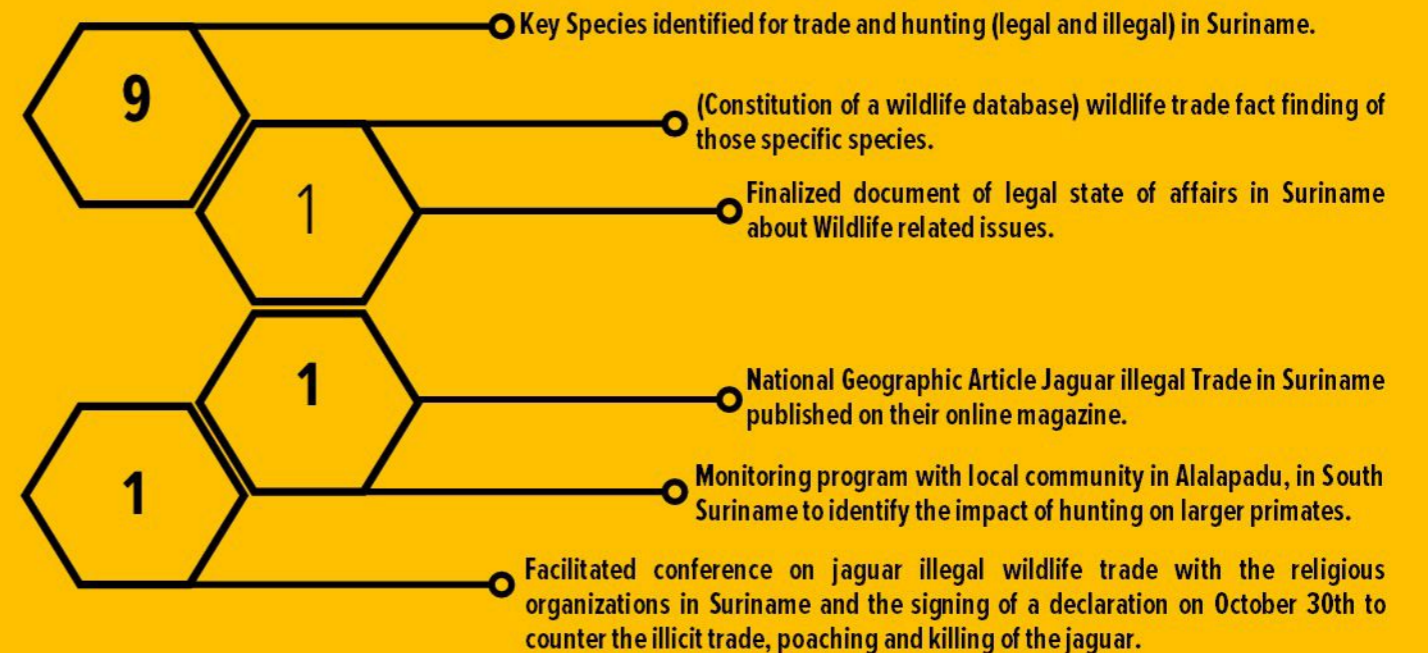


The jaguar in Suriname is threatened with extinction because of illegal trade of entire body (especially teeth & fangs) for traditional medicinal benefits especially meant for export to China. Goldmining caused loss of habitat of the jaguar and put it more often in contact with humans who either feel endangered or benefiting from the traffic.



Since the inception of the program in January 2018, CI-Suriname has been mainly focusing on the initial training, recruitment and networking components necessary for the formation of our Wildlife Program.

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TWTIS PROGRAM

Trio & Wayana protect ground and nature Suriname

Trio: Tarëno Wajana Tinonokon Ikurumane Soire weinje

Wayana: Tarëno Wajana Tilonkom Ikulunmahe Soitüna

Dutch: Tarëno Wajana natuurbescherming in Zuid Suriname in ontwikkeling

The TWTIS program, formerly known as SSCC (South Suriname Conservation Corridor), has the following overarching objectives: the legal recognition of the area, the development of sustainable livelihood projects as well as strengthening leadership and capacity of indigenous communities. A TWTIS priority setting meeting was held in July 2015 in the TWTIS village of Tepu where representatives of the 9 Indigenous villages discussed the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) benefits and needs of each village. Through a successful partnership, it is expected that 'Trijana' (the organized heads of all 9 Trio and Wayana villages), representing all the communities, will have the skills and capacity to implement the Trio and Wayana's self-determined vision.



In November 2018, the annual meeting (krutu) took place in the Trio village of Alalapadu uniting all partners, NGO's, communities and indigenous -led organizations. During this meeting a very important decision has been taken to change the name of SSCC to TWTIS, which means Trio & Wayana protect ground and nature Suriname.

Our Trio and Wayana partners expressed that the English name was not reflecting their vision and that they have been accepting it for 3 years without fully understanding it. They demanded more ownership and better representation for this process and came up with a more culturally appropriate title, TWTIS. The communities have requested that all partners exclusively use this new name from now on and we will honour this request in this report and all future communications.

Pilot project In Alalapadu



The community of Alalapadu committed through the conservation agreement to protect the Brazil nut trees through sustainable harvesting of nuts and other conservation monitoring actions, such as regulated hunting of agouti and rules on the burning of vegetation on the agricultural plots that are close to the Brazil nut trees. TWTIS team of CI-Suriname is constantly in the field since beginning 2018 to train the engagement team of Alalapadu teams in monitoring techniques.



Timeline of a successfully operating livelihood facility in South Suriname: the production of Tuhka or (Brazil nut) oil (Non-Timber Forest Product) in Alalapadu.

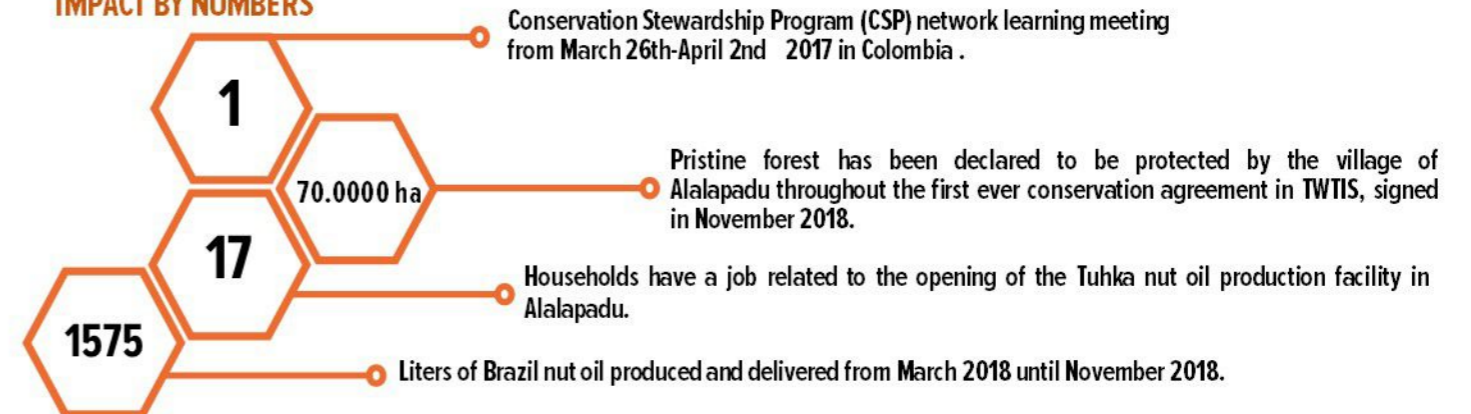


Alalapadu started the commercial production of Para nut oil also known as Brazil nut oil, with the first 36 liters of Tuhka oil being delivered to Jomi Cosmetics in March 2018.

On Saturday 11 August 2018, the official launch of Tuhka oil took place in all the 7 Dio Drugstore outlets.



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HOLD THE LINE PROGRAM

working with the Matawai Maroon tribe

WHAT IS AT STAKE?

With no less than 1.5% of global forest carbon stored in Suriname's intact tropical rainforest, Suriname stores around 11 Gigatons and absorbs more than 8.8 million tons of carbon annually. Losing a portion of this storage capacity will irrevocably prevent the world from meeting the goals set forth in the Paris Climate Accord.



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A COMMUNITY DRIVEN PILOT CONSERVATION PROJECT IN THE PUSUGRUNU COMMUNITY FOREST

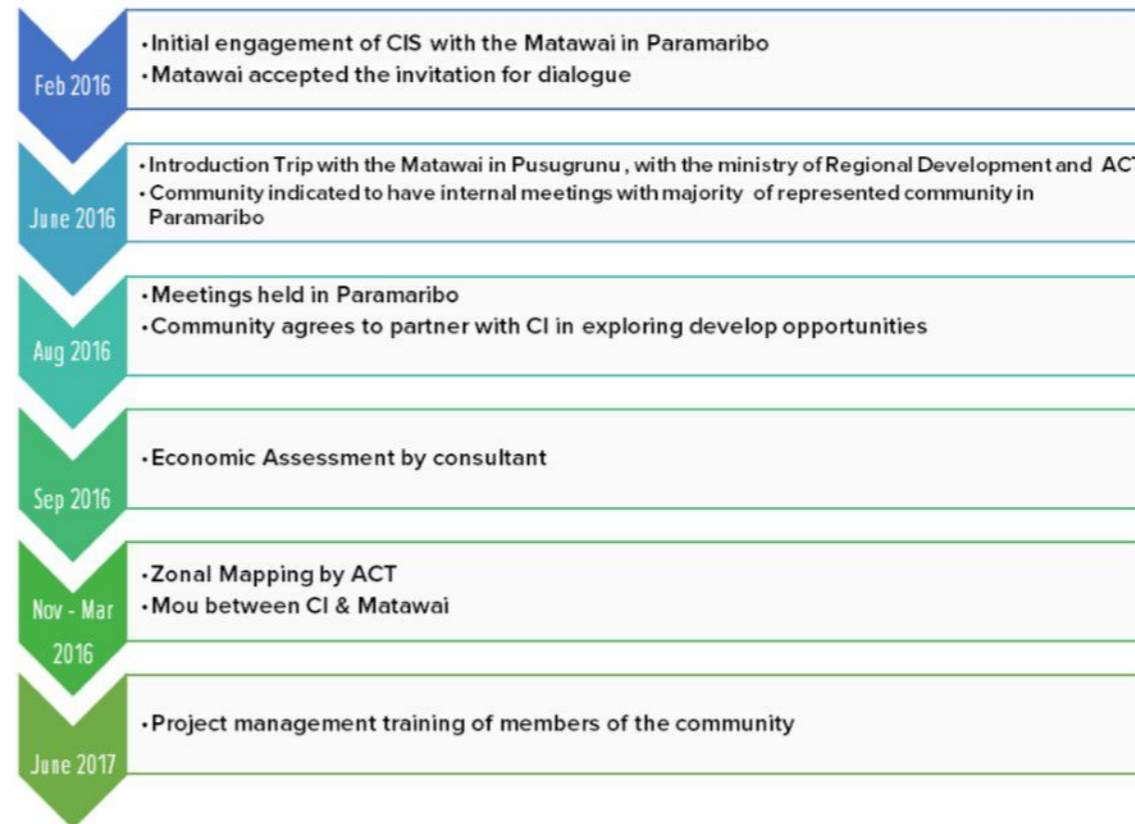
In 2015, Matawai tribal communities along the upper Saramacca River were granted community forest concession of 97,000 hectares by the government which neighbors the 1.6M hectares Central Suriname Nature Reserve putting the integrity of this renowned, world heritage protected area at risk.

ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY

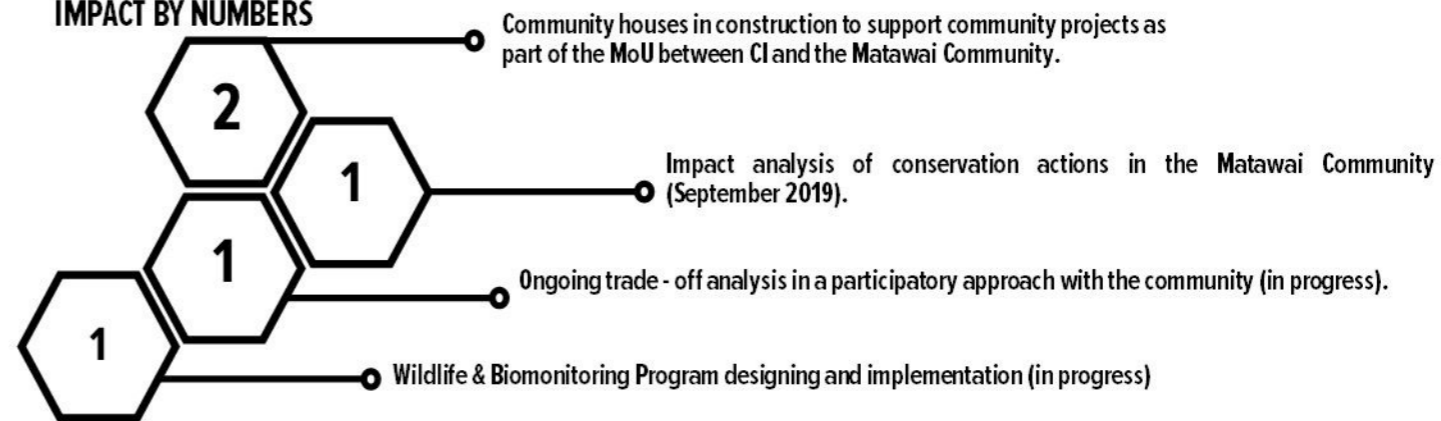


Conservation international Suriname together with the Community is initiating a community led conservation program in the Matawai community forest, which will directly function as a buffer zone for the Central Suriname Nature Reserve by sustainably managing 97,000 ha of forest and reserve 39,000 ha for conservation purposes, while livelihood alternatives are being created.

COMMITMENTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS WITH THE MATAWAI COMMUNITY FOREST



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SUSTAINABLE OCEANS CAPE SURINAME (SOS)

WHAT IS AT STAKE?

Suriname has a low population, yet without integrated planning and policy measures, urban development, dams, oil infrastructure, and agriculture along an unprotected coast will threaten coastal and marine ecosystems. Protection and proper management of marine and coastal ecosystems is a necessity to enable them to fulfil their role in climate change mitigation, adaptation, and their role in providing a source of protein and livelihoods for the local communities.

THE COMMUNITY-BASED FISHERY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

CI Suriname is working on starting a Community Fishery Improvement Project (C-FIP) with the driftnet small scale fishery in Suriname that targets Bang Bang and Kandratiki. CI Suriname collaborates with the Commewijne & Paramaribo Fishermen's Collective and the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

RESULTS

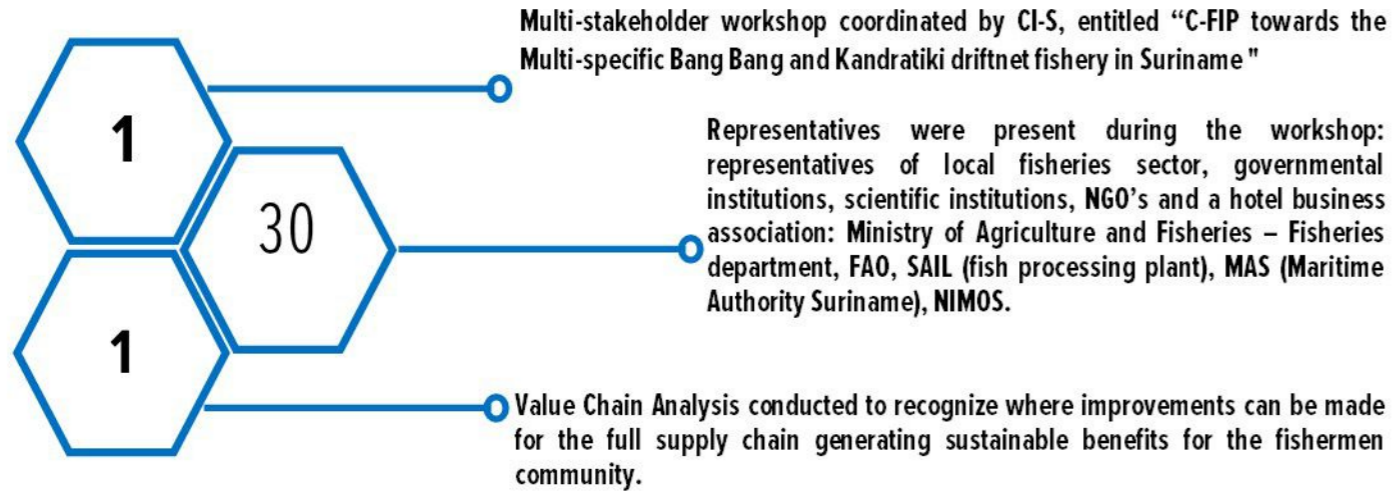
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C-FIP Workshop Session at the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, Department Fisheries

CI-S conducted a Marine Stewardship Council Plus (MSC+) pre-assessment for the artisanal weakfish driftnet fishery in Suriname that targets Bang Bang (*Cynoscion acoupa*) and Kandratiki (*C. virescens*) captured by the fisheries collective Commewijne / Paramaribo in Suriname from May 2017 to August 2017. This pre-assessment shows the gaps of the fishery in its current state to reach certification level. A multi-stakeholder workshop coordinated by CI-S, entitled "C-FIP towards the Multi-specific Bang Bang and Kandratiki driftnet fishery in Suriname" in November 8 and 9th 2017 took place to agree in a participatory manner on a roadmap for the development and implementation of a Community Fishery Improvement Project (C-FIP) based on the input of the result of the pre-assessment of the adapted MSC + standards.

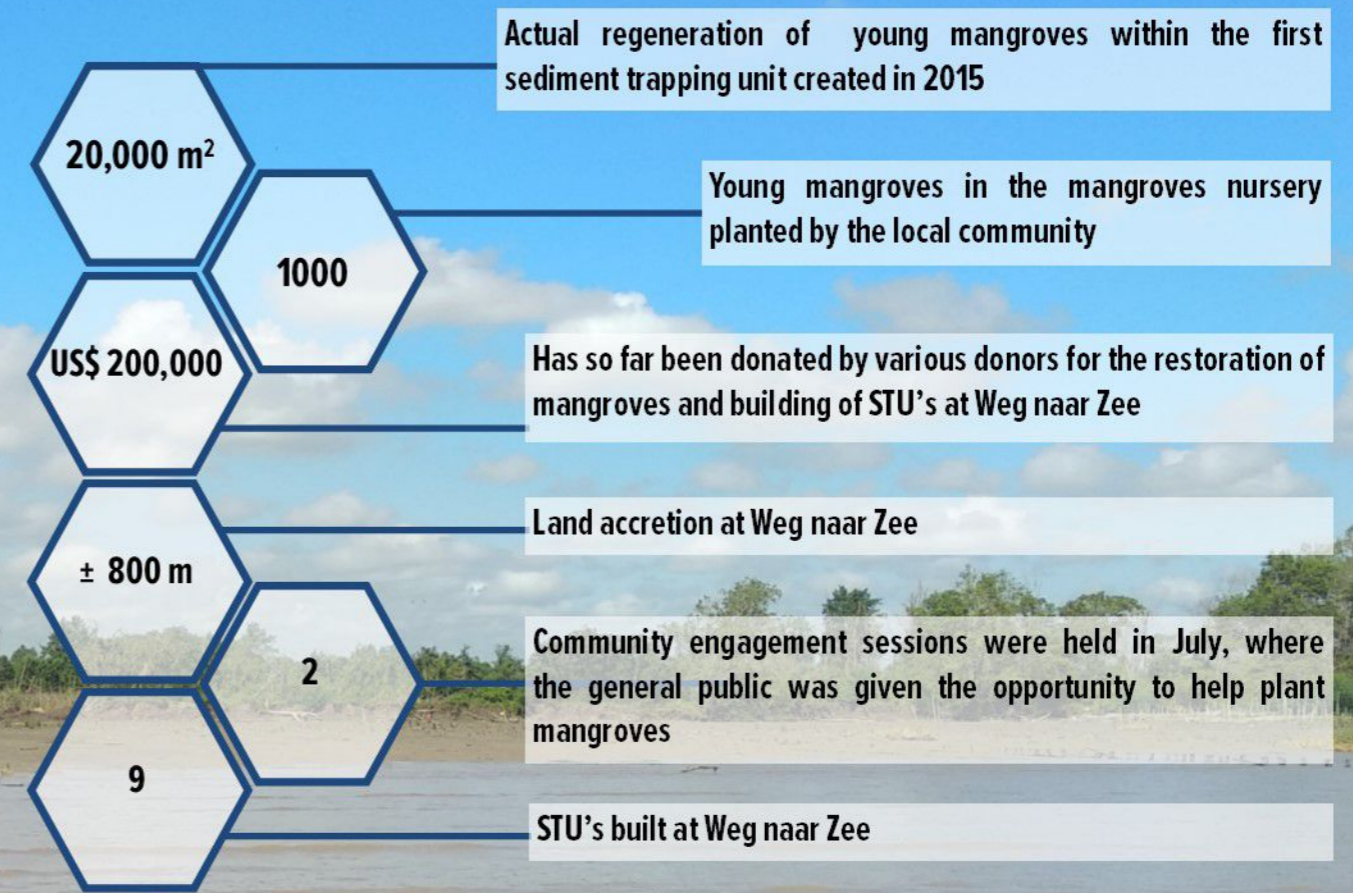
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THE BUILDING WITH NATURE PROGRAM

A nature-based solution for coastal resilience & mangrove restoration in Suriname



Since 2015, CI-S and the Anton de Kom University of Suriname (AdeKUS) are mitigating coastal erosion through application of wave breaking and sediment trapping techniques.

A Sediment Trapping Unit (STU) is a cost effective soft structure built of walaba wood and bamboo that filters out sediment from seawater during the ebb tide, when water draws back into the sea.

The STUs have successfully shown improvement in stabilizing the coastline and protecting the site from further erosion and land degradation due to a considerable accumulation of sediment in the STUs. This has resulted in a large increase in numbers of coastal bird sightings in the area and growth of juvenile mangroves.

7 LEADERSHIP & CAPACITY BUILDING ENHANCEMENT THROUGHOUT CI-S PROGRAMS



VOLTZBERG RESEARCH STATION

The University of Florida operates a primate research station near Raleighvallen.



KAYAPO EXCHANGE PROGRAM

In September 2017, the Kayapo indigenous people of Brazil graciously hosted an exchange with young indigenous leaders from South Suriname.

MASTER-CLASS 'SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT'

In Feb 2018, CIS provided a one week course on "Natural Resources for Sustainable Development" at AdeKUS.



FIRECAST WORKSHOP

In March 2018, the staff of the fire brigade in Suriname (KBS) participated on Firecast systems at CI-S Office.



PONO1 PRESENTATION FOR ABOP POLITICAL PARTY

PONO1 PRESENTATION FOR VHP POLITICAL PARTY



CONSERVATION BIOLOGY

In November 2018, 29 participants received a certificate for successfully completing the Conservation Biology Course held at the Anton de Kom University of Suriname.

FOGS & BEYOND EVENT

On November 16 2018, the FoGS & Beyond Event was held at the Marriott Hotel with the FoGS members and Young Friends of Green Suriname (YFoGS).



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