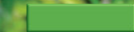


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# The continuous journey to green growth for Suriname





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# INTRODUCTION

**F**our years after the establishment of Friends of Green Suriname in October 2014, we at Conservation International Suriname (CIS) are looking forward to the continuation and evolution of our partnership with the 17 Surinamese companies who are currently part of the program. It's an initiative we started to involve the local private sector in the work we do, trying to promote the idea that there doesn't have to be a choice between either economic development or the conservation of nature. It's not either or. Taking care of nature means taking care of ourselves and our economy, and a better future for ourselves and our children. It's a matter of understanding how to do it in the best way. And we need all the help we can get. Due to the deteriorating financial situation in Suriname, a number of companies have withdrawn over the last 4 years, which we find very unfortunate, but we at CIS have continued to recruit new companies. Last year we welcomed Staatsolie Maatschappij Suriname N.V, GoW2 Energy Suriname and recently Gum Air N.V. Together with all our current and future friends we will continue to invest in local conservation projects with a direct impact on Surinamese society.

**John Goedschalk**

*Executive Director, Conservation International Suriname*





**W**e have one life to live that was given to us as a gift at birth, let's be grateful and appreciative to the beautiful planet we inhabit. It is nature and its magic that keeps us alive. Be mindful of the treasures such as water, fauna and flora, colors of nature and the wonderful sound experienced in the forest. Listen to E.O. Wilson. We should preserve every scrap of biodiversity as priceless, while we learn to use it and come to understand what it means to humanity.

## **Egon von Foidl**

Managing Director, Courtyard  
Marriott Paramaribo



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# FOGS AFTER 4 YEARS:

## THE CONTINUOUS JOURNEY TO GREEN GROWTH

### These years have been crucial to the program of the Friends of Green Suriname

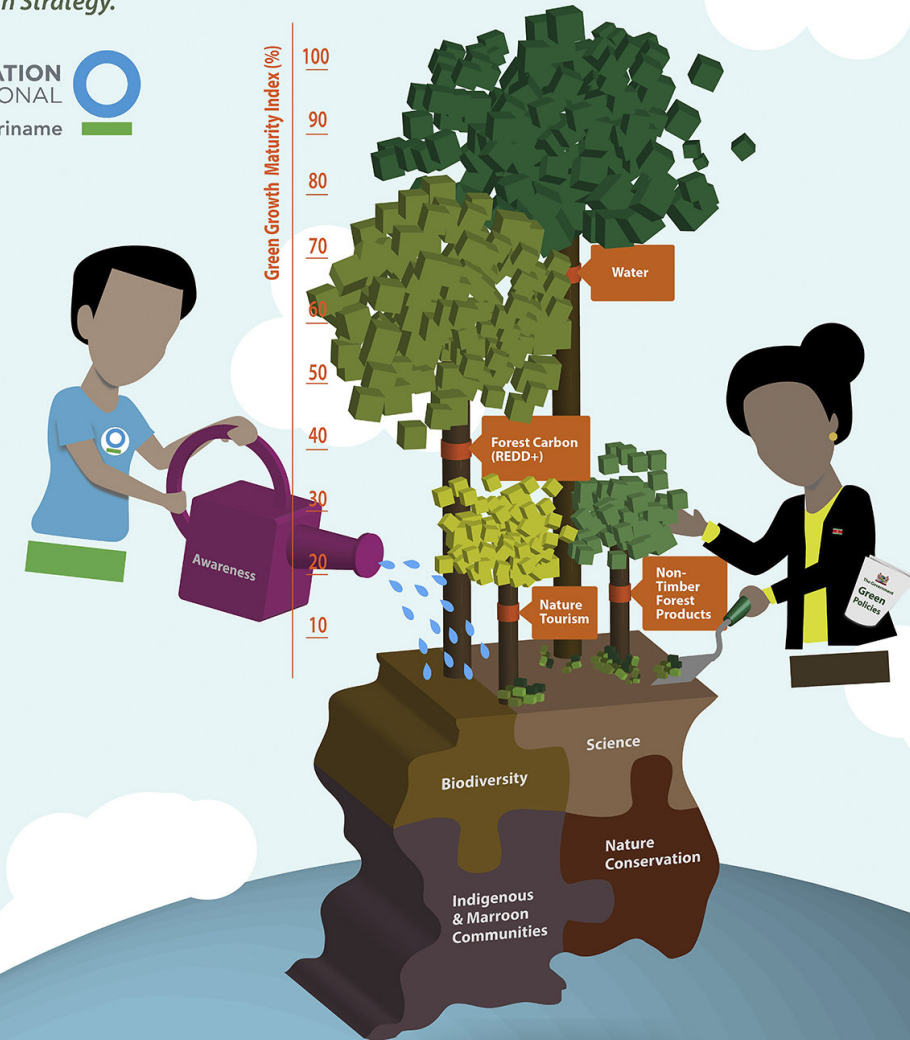
When Conservation International Suriname evaluated the program in September 2017 and determined how together with the Friends, we could take the program to the next level, we were deeply inspired by the suggestion of one of our friends to create a council of Friends of Green Suriname members to enhance their sense of ownership and commitment.

We indeed believe deeply that our Friends are not only philanthropic contributors but also stakeholders within an emerging green growth economy in Suriname and we need urgently to unite all forces to keep our country resilient to anthropogenic disturbances and climate change. Deforestation rates are alarming, as is the offshore situation on the coast of Suriname. Subsequently we opted for a new approach, more inclusive, more impactful. ■

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Conservation International's  
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# FOGS IMPACT INVESTMENT FUND BASED ON THE GREEN GROWTH STRATEGY

**CI Suriname believes that investment in bold innovation, the stimulation of a healthy policy and the development of sustainable production makes Green Growth possible for Suriname.**

Through this Green Growth strategy, available resources can be used to develop a thriving economy while keeping nature intact for future generations. As some of these green growth opportunities require immediate action, the Friends of Green Suriname Impact Fund enables quick action in order to make sure opportunities are not lost. Essentially the impact fund serves as seed funding for programs to be developed with measurable activities that can attract other donors for larger follow-up investments.

Investing in the Friends of Green Suriname Impact Investment Fund is therefore crucial for us to tackle some of the most challenging problems in our country. ►





Your contribution is not just financial support; you contribute to social and environmental impact as well by:

- Being a part of the implementation of innovative Green Growth models with a long-term potential for economic success in Suriname;
- Being involved in new opportunities in the green market and greener practices that will give you a competitive edge and thereby boost your financial performance;
- Co-financing new projects, which will give your company a crucial role at the beginning of innovative approaches to preserve the nature of Suriname; and
- Contributing to raising public awareness and exploring new discussions and ideas between Surinamese society regarding conservation challenges and actions. ■



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# WHERE DO WE WANT TO GO?

## SCALING UP CONSERVATION INTERNATIONAL SURINAME PORTFOLIO IN 2018 AND BEYOND

**With a view to keeping Suriname the greenest country on earth, CI Suriname works at the national level by working together with the government towards a green growth economy by identifying and developing laws that enable this.**

At the sub-national level, we work with local communities in three identified areas: the coastal and marine area, the mid-region or forest belt, and the southern part of Suriname.

Through the Friends of Green Suriname investments, projects that require a quick approach can be implemented with the participation of local companies without going through lengthy searches for international funders. For example, 4 programs have been set up within the Friends of Green Suriname, which we continue to develop together with Surinamese companies.

**The Wildlife Conservation Program** ensures that our forests stay healthy by protecting the animals that live in them and are part of the whole ecological system. Based on this, 9 priority species have been identified which will be focused on by CI Suriname in the coming period.



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Through **the nature-tourism program**, we will contribute to the position of Suriname as the greenest country in the world. In order to achieve this, it is important to carry out feasibility studies within communities with which CI Suriname cooperates in order to identify areas that can function as tourist attractions.





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**The Community Fisheries Improvement Project's** main goal is to facilitate the transition from overfished or collapsed fisheries to sustainable ecological fisheries that are both profitable and socially just. That is why we are working together with the Commewijne & Paramaribo Fishers Collective and the Ministry of LVV by mapping out the master plan with further research, capacity building of the coast guards and equipping the craft vessels with tracking systems.

### **The development of non-timber forest products (NTFPs)**

in Suriname enables indigenous communities in the south to participate in sustainable livelihood activities in order to maintain the 7.2 million hectares of forest they live in. CI Suriname has made the commitment to support their decision and enable the effective conservation of this forest.



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## Project Onze Natuur op 1 (Pono 1)

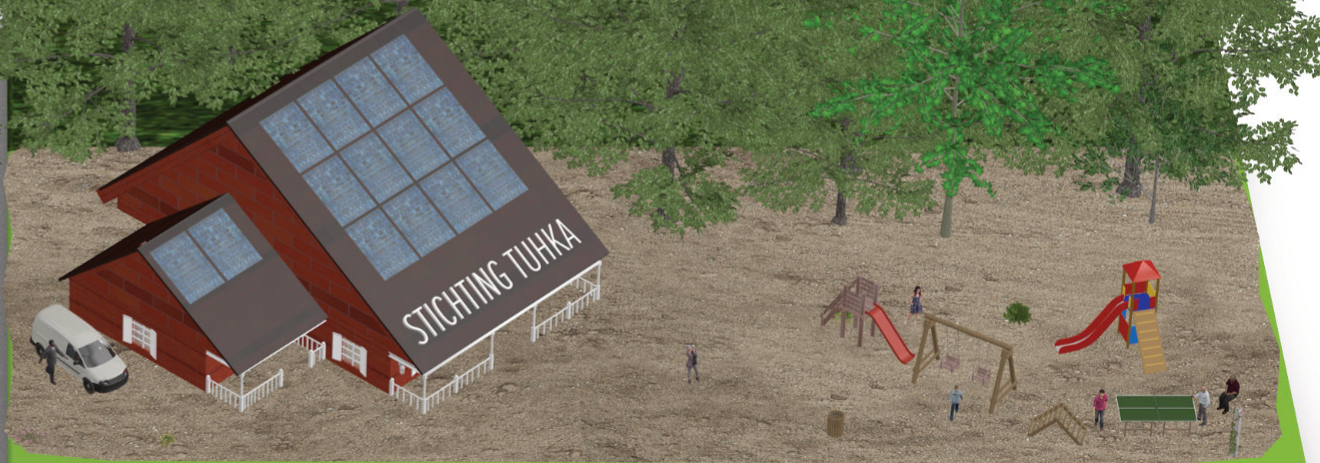
In order for our conservation programs to function well, CI Suriname has submitted de draft legislation ‘Sustainable Nature Management Act’ to the National Assembly in August 2018. The passing of this law will unleash the potential of Green Growth for Suriname and will support sustainable development on a national level while triggering numerous economic opportunities for Suriname.

### STARTING POINTS FOR RENEWED NATURE LEGISLATION



**Nature Conservation Act**

- Protection
- Restrictions
- Internationally established rights not adopted
- Doesn't meet modern international developments



**SUSTAINABLE Nature Conservation Act**

- + More than protection
- + Modern views on nature conservation
- + Rights of communities
- + International protocols
- + Value of nature



# Current friends of green Suriname

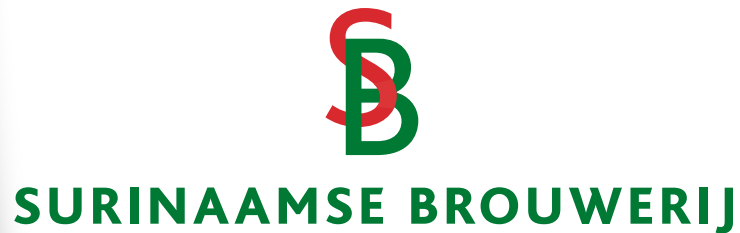
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# Friends of Green Suriname activities:

## FOGS & BEYOND EVENT

On November 16, 2018 the FoGS & Beyond Event was held at Courtyard Marriott Paramaribo. The event was organized with the aim of presenting the new FoGS structure to the members, including the proposals of the FoGS council and the Young Friends of Green Suriname. The evening was opened by CI Communications and Development Manager Loes Trustfull, who then gave the floor to the host and FoGS member Egon von Foidl, Managing Director of Courtyard Marriott Paramaribo.



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One of the goals for the evening was to get more input from the Friends for the restructuring of the FoGS program. Guests were also given the opportunity to fill in a survey to indicate if they were interested to join the FoGS or were interested in conservation projects that CI carries out. The surveys were conducted by the Young Friends of Green Suriname, so that they too could become acquainted with the FoGS and could further network for their activities.





## INTRODUCING THE FOGS COUNCIL

As part of restructuring the FoGS program, a council has been set up to act as ambassadors for the four components that the FoGS program focuses on. After consultation with the council members about the functioning of the council within the program, they were presented to the other FoGS members at the event. After a presentation from the Executive Director of CI-Suriname, John Goedschalk, he invited the members to the stage to present

them. Egon von Foidl, Managing Director of Courtyard Marriott, will act as ambassador of Fisheries, Enid Bergval, who will be a representative of both Staatsolie (NTFPs) and GoW2 (Wildlife) and the third member, Margarita van der Zwart as representative of the Surinaamse Brouwerij that will focus on Nature Tourism.



## YOUNG FRIENDS OF GREEN SURINAME

The idea for setting up the Young Friends of Green Suriname (YFoGS) came from Loes Trustfull, the Development & Communications Manager of CI Suriname. She strongly believes that young people should also be given the opportunity to contribute to the future of Suriname. The YFoGS are young Surinamese, 15-30 years old, with a love for nature. They set an example and raise awareness amongst their peers by emphasizing the importance of our beautiful Surinamese forest. Currently, the YFoGS consists of 26 members, including a 5 person board. The Young Friends of Green Suriname Program will mainly serve to train young ambassadors to convey the green message to peers, but also allow them to work together with the Friends of Green Suriname.



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# HIGHLIGHTS PROJECTS IN 2017 - 2018

## MARINE

### FISHERIES

C-IS 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" took place on November 8 and 9th 2017. Participants agreed 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.





## BUILDING WITH NATURE

In 2015, the Friends of Green Suriname Program provided financial support for the

start-up of the Building With Nature project, in which a sediment trapping unit (STU) was built that proved to be very

effective in retaining mud. After this success, a second phase of the project was started from July 2016 to May ▶





2017, in which another 6 STUs were built through funds from KOSMOS Energy. In the 3rd phase of this project, capacity

building of the community was done, where a workshop of 4 days was organized, to raise awareness and give

the public the opportunity to place their own mangrove tree and thus contribute to the building with nature project. ■



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## NATIONAL WILDLIFE PROGRAM

Since its inception in January 2018, we focused on data gathering (science, social, legal), training, and raising awareness. We were able to:

- Identify 9 key species for trade and hunting (legal and illegal) in Suriname.
- Execute a wildlife trade fact finding of those specific species, and design of a wildlife database.
- Assess laws and regulations about wildlife related issues.
- Establish a community monitoring program with the Trio people of Alalapadu in South Suriname to monitor Brazil nut seed dispersers (such as agouti) and assessing the impact of hunting on larger primates.
- Contribute and article to the National Geographic and other scientific journals on Jaguar illegal trade in Suriname.



## CI SURINAME'S PRIORITY SPECIES FOR THE WILDLIFE PROGRAM







On March 1, 2018, Suriname signed a declaration together with 14 other countries to protect the jaguar and the

communities to which they belong. And on October 30, 2018 a Jaguar conservation workshop was organized with regard to

organized and non-organized actors/ individuals led by religious leaders and environmental organizations. ■



## TUHKA OIL PRODUCTION FACILITY

In 2017, partly thanks to donations from the Friends of Green Suriname, the community of Alalapadu set up the community enterprise Stichting Tuhka for the production and sale of Brazil nut oil and the introduction and implementation of a conservation agreement to guarantee the sustainability of the activities related to the production of Brazil nut oil in collaboration with Conservation International Suriname. They were trained to run the newly set up enterprise and perform such processes as processing oil from Brazilnuts.



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# LOCAL BRAZIL NUT OIL PRODUCTION AND MARKET GROWS

In March 2018, the community of Alalapadu started the commercial production of Brazil nut (Tuhka) oil, with the first 36 liters being delivered to Jomi Cosmetics. On August 11, 2018, the official sales launch of the Tuhka oil took place in all 7 Dio Pharmacies, the largest pharmacy chain in Suriname. With the revenues of the oil sales, Stichting Tuhka, Alalapadu's community foundation, was able to buy their first hydraulic nut press in September 2018 which will enable them to produce more oil, more efficiently.

By the end of November 2018, Stichting Tuhka was able to produce a total of 1501 liters in 9 months. Through the set-up of the Tuhka oil facility, 43 people were employed. On Monday March 4, 2019, HEM Suriname

(a major distributor in Suriname) has signed a delivery agreement with Stichting Tuhka to buy Tuhka oil and distribute to different stores, pharmacies, etc. in Suriname.





# FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

As part of the new paradigm of Friends of Green Suriname Impact fund based on the green growth strategy, the goal was to raise \$200,000 for 3 years. As of March 2019, a total of \$224, 473 has been committed by our current 17 friends. The goal is to reach \$250,000 during the upcoming financial year.

## Financial reporting fiscal year 2018

Between the period of July 2017 – June 2018, we have received a total of \$ 68,317 from the Friends of Green Suriname Program in kind and financial donations. The illustration on the next page shows the total income and expenditure for the fiscal year 2018.

July 2017 - June 2018

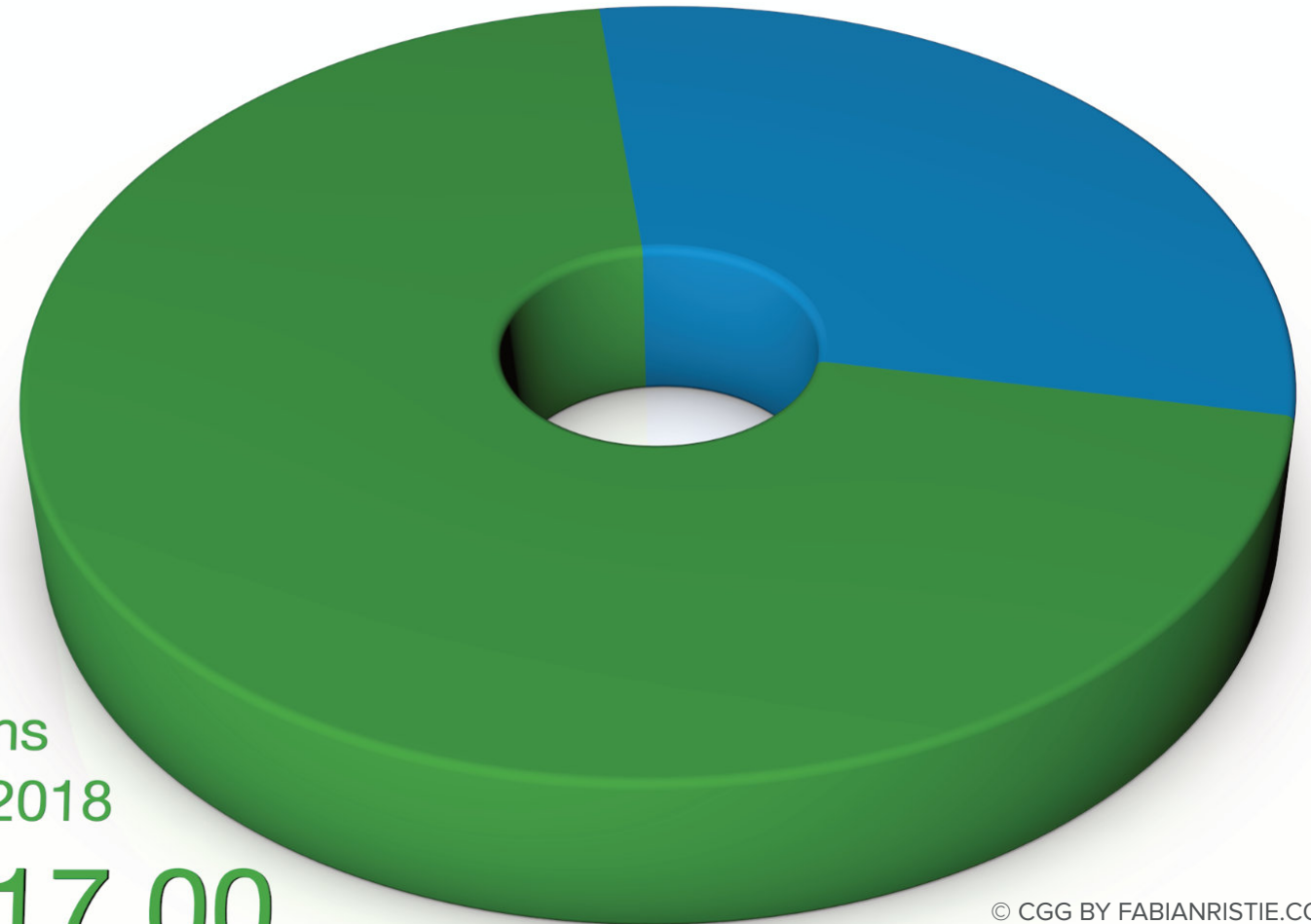
**INCOME**

**TOTAL RECEIVED:**

**US\$68,317.00**

In-Kind Donations  
July 2017 - June 2018

**US\$20,500.00**



**Financial Donations**  
July 2017 - June 2018

**US\$47,817.00**

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**OUTPUT**

**FINANCIAL INPUT:**  
**US\$47,817.00**

8.1% BwN  
**US\$3,891.86**

OUTPUT → 1 STU maintenance at Weg naar Zee

OUTPUT → 2 Community engagement sessions held

26.1% Fisheries  
**US\$12,500.00**

OUTPUT → 1 Multi-stakeholder workshop

OUTPUT → 1 Value chain analysis

4.5% Communicatie & Events  
**US\$2,168.83**

5.0% Wildlife  
**US\$2375.50**

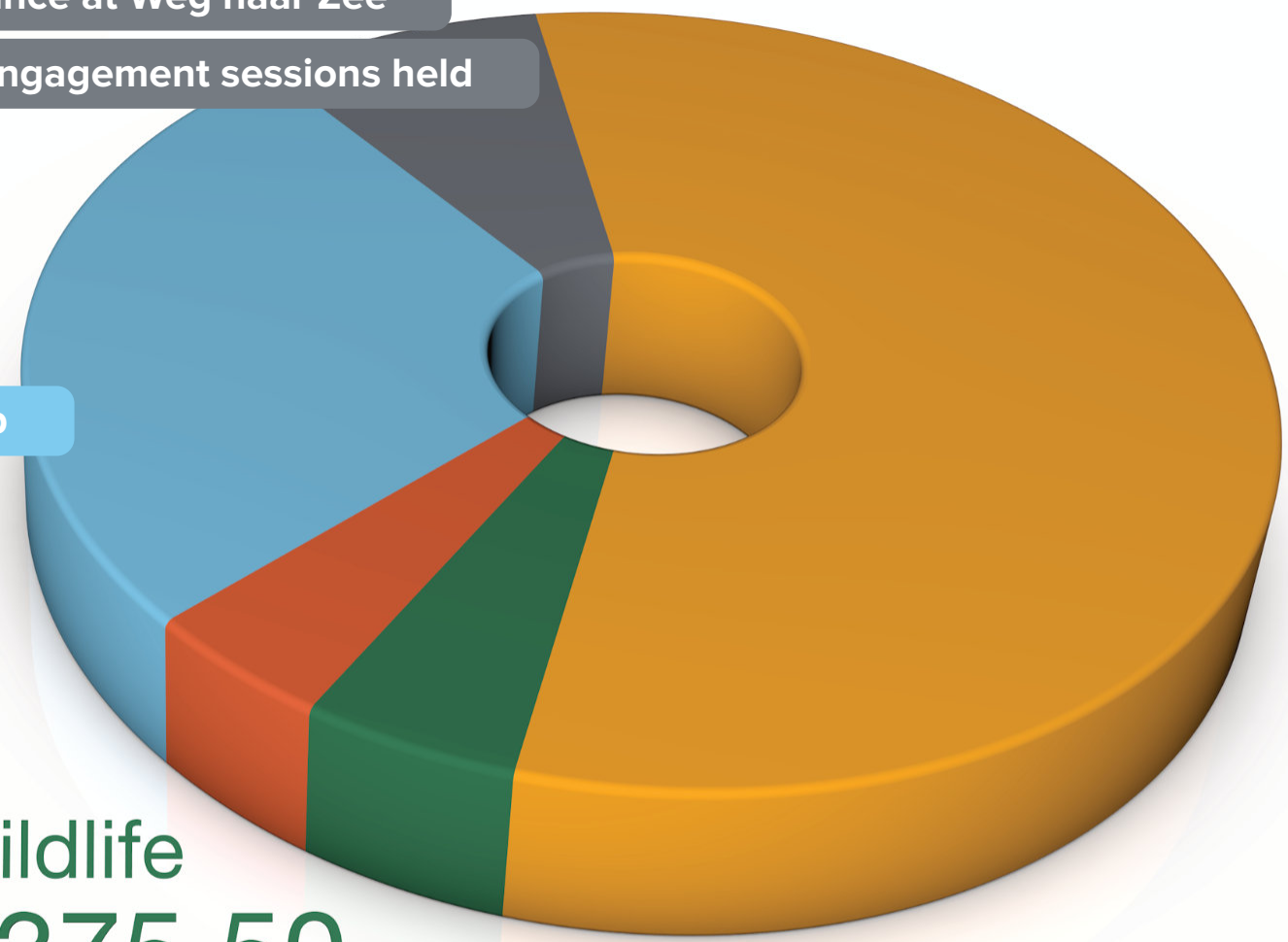
OUTPUT → 1 Wildlife database

OUTPUT → 1 Monitoring program in Alalapadu

OUTPUT → 1 Conference on jaguar illegal trade

56.2% NTFP's  
**US\$26,880.81**

OUTPUT → 1 Tuhka oil production facility









# INTRODUCING...

## TEAM CONSERVATION INTERNATIONAL SURINAME

Conservation International Suriname has been able to expand its portfolio in terms of projects and has grown to become an organization of 20 team members.

As a project organization, we work primarily in multidisciplinary teams. Per project there is a project leader who is supported by colleagues depending on the type of project.

**1**

**Executive  
Director**

**10**

**Technical  
Team**

**7**

**Operations  
Team**

**2**

**Development &  
Communications  
Team**



# CI VALUES: STORYTELLING MANAGERS



## COURAGE

2018 has pushed us past our comfort zone! It was a year that demanded courage from each and every team member. It took courage to see challenges as opportunities for empowering others and to move forward. It demanded courage to uphold the clarity of our strategy through the unknowns and uncertainties in the conservation context in Suriname. It called on all of our courage to celebrate the wins and our improvements this year, while the team itself was the greatest and sometimes only cheerleader. It took courage from all of us to embrace the peculiarities of one another and to use them as energy for living out our mission. I'm happy to be part of this courageous team.



## PASSION

People with great passion can make the impossible happen. Passion is a value that comes naturally in our line of work. The passion our team has for nature, for wildlife, and for the wellbeing of the communities that we work with is inexhaustible. It is passion that make us get out of bed every morning and work long and very busy hours, both within and outside of normal working hours. Without passion one could not keep up with this pace and the constant new challenges and needs in conservation. Passion is energy, and that's what our team has, day in day out to fight for a better world.



## INTEGRITY

As an integral part of the organization, our Operations team has focused on achieving the highest international standards in complying with CI Global policies, while at the same time improving efficiency and nourishing team spirit with integrity. Thus far, we have been able to achieve improvements in all areas of operations ranging from upgrading the safety and security of the facilities from which we work, to working more closely with the technical and communications teams and fostering a more collaborative and inclusive work environment. Through integrity, we will continue to enable our colleagues to meet project and donor objectives in a transparent and constructive way.



## TEAMWORK

This past year we have seen that teamwork was important as never before. The last few years it has been hard to find funds for all the work that needs to be done in our country to keep our nature healthy. Our team came together and worked hard to write good proposals where everyone's contribution helped to get them approved. The team spirit was also very important, because it gave individuals that faced many challenges wings to successfully cope with difficult situations.



# CI VALUES: STORYTELLING MANAGERS

## OPTIMISM

Is it foolish to be optimistic about our environment and its future prospects? Well, if you look at science about what is happening on earth and you aren't pessimistic, you don't understand the data. But if you meet the people who are working to restore this earth and the lives of the most vulnerable among us, and you aren't optimistic, you haven't got a pulse. Rather than seeing the situation we are in as an insurmountable problem, see it, instead, as a challenge. We must realize that if we want to leave Earth habitable for future generations, now is not the time to shirk our responsibilities, but to act.



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## RESPECT

CI Suriname entered its One Thousand Day plan around mid-2017, a strategic plan with ambitious goals. There are one thousand days for CI Suriname to make an impact, because that was then the amount of days left to the national election year 2020. The period in which we had to make maximum use of the relationships we had established with Government and policy makers. One thousand days ahead of us to help prepare Government for the Paris Agreement that will come into force in 2020 and to achieve the Biodiversity Goals (Aichi targets). The last 365 days have been entered. Our team, known for its teamwork, passion, integrity, respect, courage and optimism, is continuing to contribute to the sustainable management of Suriname's natural capital. The One Thousand Day plan is giving direction in our search for funds. With your contribution you have helped us to realize this strategic plan. Significant milestones have been achieved as can be read in this report. I thank you for your support and count on your continued contribution.



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