



RENFORESAP's Regional Workshop on

Transmission of Living Cultural Heritage in the Protected Areas of the Guianas

14th-16th of May 2019

The Guiana Shield contains one of the largest unspoiled rainforests in the world which delivers important ecosystem services to the region and globally (climate regulation and building climate resilience, supporting hydrological cycles, sequestration of several hundred billion tons of carbon) and harboring a unique natural and human heritage. The maintenance of this ecosystem of global importance depends on a balance between sustainable use of its resources, transformation of certain areas, creating new conservation areas, respecting local heritage, cultures and lifestyles, as well as awareness and strengthening of institutions.

Protected areas, covering a total of nearly a third of the Guiana Shield (sometimes more, like in French Guiana) are an important instrument to achieve this balance. Far from the wildernesses they were in the 1970s or 1980s, the objectives of protected areas now include early attention to the needs of the people within their communities or in their periphery. In particular, the contribution of protected areas to the local economy, sustainable development of resources, eco-tourism, capacity building and human capital are systematically implemented by protected area management. Recognition and strengthening Amerindian and Maroon identities have been of importance for protected areas of the Guiana Shield, with major outreach, combining participation and inclusive governance, active support for knowledgeable parties and holders of traditional practices, promotions and visibility of knowledge and know-how.

Objective of the workshop:

Improve the management of protected areas through the sharing of best practices and experiences between stakeholders and communities

Expected outcomes:

Contribute to an action plan for the transmission of living cultural heritage in the Protected Areas of the Guianas and Identify opportunities of cooperation



The Programme

DAY 1: Tuesday May 14 th , 2019	
1:00 – 1:30 pm	Registration
1:30 - 2: 00 pm	Welcoming Address and Opening Remarks
2:00 – 2:20 pm	Presentation of RENFORESAP Project
2: 20 – 2:50 pm	Getting to know the participants and Workshop Logistics
2:50 – 2:55 pm	Introduction of Workshop Theme & Objectives
3:00 – 4:00 pm	Protected Areas and the transmission of Living cultural heritage – <i>Country Perspectives</i> <i>(Presentations by each country followed by brief session for questions/comments)</i>
4 :00 – 4 :15 pm	BREAK
4:15 – 5: 30 pm	Transmission of living cultural heritage in and around protected areas - Sharing experiences <i>(Presentations by each country followed by discussion)</i>
DAY 2: Wednesday 15th May	
8: 00 – 8:30 am	Registration
8: 30 – 10:00 am	Integration of Traditional knowledge into policy, practice and decision-making <i>(Presentations by each country followed by discussion)</i>
10:00 – 10:30 am	Video Presentations & Break
10:30 – 12 pm	Community involvement, Access and Benefit Sharing in Protected Areas Management <i>Panel Discussion</i>
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 – 3:00 pm	How to gather information and safeguard cultural living heritage - <i>Best practices & experiences from the Guianas</i>
3: 00 – 3:30	Video Presentations & Break



3:30 – 5:00	<p>Group Discussions on identified topic e.g “Access and Benefit Sharing in Protected Areas Management”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Common challenges and gaps across the Guianas - opportunities for cooperation and sharing of experiences/best practices - Recommendations for short term and long term actions. - Funding source (known or perceived)
Day 3: Thursday 16th May, 2019	
7:30 – 8: 45 am	Leave Lethem for Nappi Village
9:00 - 9:30 am	Welcome & Opening Remarks Opening
9:30 – 11:00	<p>How to safeguard cultural living heritage through the preservation and promotion of language – Experiences and Recommendations for Protected Areas Management in the Guianas.</p> <p>‘Celebrating UN International Year Indigenous Languages’</p>
11: 00 – 11:30 am	BREAK and Balata Product Making Demonstration
11:30 – 12: 30	<p>Group Discussions on identified topic</p> <p>Language and Strengthening the Network</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Common challenges and gaps across the Guianas - opportunities for cooperation and sharing of experiences/best practices - Recommendations for short term and long term actions. - Funding source (known or perceived)
12:30 – 1:00 pm	Closing Remarks
1:00 - 2 :pm	Departure Nappi for Manri Ranch (opportunity to visit Nappi Water catchment project on the way)
2:00 – 4:00 pm	Lunch and Relaxation at Manari Ranch
6:30 – 8:00 pm	<p>Cultural Night and Closing Event</p> <p><i>Intercultural exchanges between the participants</i></p>

