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## Small Island Developing States Community-based Adaptation Programme SIDS-CBA

"This initiative will utilize SGP's mechanisms and experience in Suriname's interior to further support community-level initiatives and programs focusing specially on actions to support women and other vulnerable groups in responding to the impacts of climate change " UNDP Country Director, Thomas Gittens

The national strategy of SIDS-CBA is to reduce vulnerability and increase the adaptive capacity of communities in Suriname to manage the risks of climate change.

Through this initiative Suriname will participate in a special programme for community based adaptation on climate change challenges. With assistance from the National Steering Committee, the CBA strategy was approved in 2011 and will be implemented from 2012 to 2016.

Suriname is particularly susceptible to the harmful impacts of climate change due to rising sea-levels and the country's low-lying coastal

zone. The SGP will work with venerable communities to identify and implement community based adaptation measures, through small grants (up to US\$50,000) and provide technical and capacity building support.

If you are a community based organization or national NGO with funds for adaptation projects, please contact Tanja Lieuw for more detailed information on how to apply.

*SIDS-CBA is funded by the Australian Overseas Development Aid AUSAID. The current funding for the strategy is 170,000 USD.*



## Latin American and Caribbean Regional Workshop

The GEF SGP Regional Workshop was held in November 14-18th in Managua, Nicaragua. Thirty National Coordinators [NCs] came together for a 5 day regional workshop to discuss the implementation of its Fifth Operational Phase in the region. The workshop provided training and guidance on the vision and strategy of the programme, results based management framework and GEF's visibility policy for the next four years.

The meeting also provided an opportunity for NCs to share lessons and good practices on community-based approaches to biodiversity conservation, climate change mitigation and adaptation, land degradation, international waters and chemicals. NCs were able to participate in field visits to project sites in Nicaragua, review their work plan and discuss targets and strategies to address various challenges facing their country's program.



## New Project– Biodiversity Training School

For the next two years the Small Grants Programme will support the Panda Foundation to establish the first biodiversity training school in Suriname. GEF SGP granted the foundation 50,000 USD to conserve the traditional Maroon knowledge regarding biodiversity, nature and culture in Brokopondo. The funding will help establish a training school to promote biodiversity by conducting research on Tonka Island and the surrounding environment. The project also aims to preserve the local Saramacan knowledge by recruiting young Saramacanans from the surrounding villages to be trained as future tree spotters and resource guides for forest management. The project will be lead by Frits van Troon, the chair of Panda Foundation and expert botanist.



# Costa Rica Mission Report

September 19th-23rd

PARTICIPANTS: TANJA LIEUW & NESHA BEHARRY-BORG (NC TRINIDAD & TOBAGO)  
HOSTS: EDUARDO MATA (NC COSTA RICA) & ANA ISABEL CARMONA (PROGRAMME ASSISTANT COSTA RICA)



## SGP Spotlight

The goal of the mission was to obtain a clear overview of the main objectives of the GEF SGP, to receive the lessons learned from the SGP Costa Rica experiences and to understand the role of the Country Programme Strategy, the grants allocation, project cycle, monitoring and evaluation, National Steering Committee, co-financing and forming of partnerships.

The mission was deemed necessary due the following factors: the SGP

Operational Manual is not always clear, and queries through email or skype are not always efficient. The coordinator from Suriname was new to the office and found the mission very enlightening, especially since there was no transfer of information from the previous NC. The coordinator from Trinidad and Tobago also found this to be very useful since it was possible to have a number of questions answered in a more efficient way through face to face meetings instead of email exchanges.

The mission was considered successful by all participants and recommended for future newly installed NC's. It was also noted that participation from Programme Assistants and at least one NSC member would be useful.

Both coordinators recognized their countries faced similar policy challenges. Therefore, efforts would be made to form stronger collaborations between the two SGP programmes.

*National Steering Committee Member*  
**Mayra Esseboom**

*"I think SGP can be an effective way to reach and help (rural) communities with different issues related to our and their environment. What I especially like of SGP is that every country has the possibility to adjust the program to your home situation."*

Ms. Esseboom was appointed to the National Steering Committee in 2009 as a representative of the Anton de Kom University of Suriname, AdeKUS. Currently she is employed at the Centre for Agricultural Research (CELOS) as a Researcher on Non-Timber Forest Products (ntfp's). For her research on the potentials of NTFP's she frequently works with different communities in CELOS' forestry research projects. Her research focuses on the commercialization of ntfp's, traditional knowledge and different environmental awareness projects. Before joining CELOS she worked Foundation for Forest Management and Production Control in Suriname (Stichting voor Bosbeheer en Bostoezicht). After her study at Wageningen University and Research Centre (WUR) she held several functions in the Netherlands.

Prepared by Tanja Lieuw and Nesha Beharry-Borg

## SGP Projects

### Operational Year 4

The following list is a compilation of approved SGP Suriname projects from November 2011- May 2012

For the complete list of SGP Projects please visit [undpsuriname.org](http://undpsuriname.org)

**Project** Planning Grant for the Development of Agro-forestry Activities

*The planning grant will support the local community in the Pusugrunu area (Matawai Maroon tribe) to develop a project proposal to further support the local community to develop economic activities.*

**Applicant** Stichting Avittie Mauw | **Focal Area** Biodiversity | **Location** Pusugrunu Area

**Project** Soap Making Initiative

*The women participating in this project will receive technical training on how to make a variety of soaps, safety training, organizational hands-on training on project management and business planning. The goal of the project to help the women establish a fully function soap making business.*

**Applicant** Rotary Club Paramaribo | **Focal Area** Biodiversity | **Location** Goejaba

**Project** Tourism Development

*This project aims to increase livelihood and awareness of the local community through construction of infrastructure works (proper drainage and strengthening the embankments) as well as capacity building (awareness and training for local community).*

**Applicant** Stichting Warappa | **Focal Area** Biodiversity | **Location** Bakkie



**Project** Protection and Conservation of Biodiversity

*This project aims to develop a botanical garden in the village of Lespansie that will attract the already visiting tourists (a number of tourist lodges already exist around Lespansie), as well as create awareness among the local community in protecting and conserving the environment*

**Applicant** Stichting voor de Jonge Generatie | **Focal Area** Biodiversity | **Location** Lespansie

**Project** Alternative Use for Plastic Bags

*The planning grant aims to develop an alternative for plastic bags (crocheting used bags to fashion durable new ones) in the region.*

**Applicant** Stichting Lust en Rust | **Focal Area** Biodiversity | **Location** Commewijne

**Project** Environmental Friendly Corantijn Beach

*The organization from Nieuw Nickerie aims to develop the Corantijn beach into a attraction for locals and tourists. The area will receive a thorough cleaning, face-lift, and will undergo construction of a play yard and tourist shop. A waste management plan will be incorporated, as well as an awareness program to keep the place clean.*

**Applicant** Stichting Sari | **Focal Area** Biodiversity & Land Degradation | **Location** Nieuw Nickerie

**Project** Rehabilitation of Degraded Forests

*The Maroon Community of Marshall kreek aims to develop a sustainable forest management plan for a plot of community forest. Stichting Centrum Landbouwkundig Onderzoek Suriname (CELOS) is a well known institute in Suriname, directly linked to the University of Suriname will be the technical institute guiding the local community in this project.*

**Applicant** Stichting Ma Sosie | **Focal Area** Biodiversity | **Location** Brokopondo

**Project** Biodiversity Eco-tourism and Assessment

*This project aims to support the Indigenous community of Washabo. The stichting will assist the community in preparing an assessment of relevant biodiversity eco-tourism opportunities.*

**Applicant** Stichting Washabo | **Focal Area** Biodiversity | **Location** Sipaliwini

## Operational Year 5

**Project** Organic Agriculture Project

*This project aims to support local farmers with sustainable agricultural techniques, such as abandoning the use of chemicals, and learning to make compost. Participants will also receive training in business administration to ensure the sustainability of their business.*

**Applicant** Stichting Ontwikkeling Rurale Giebiden | **Focal Area** Persistent Organic Pollutants | **Location** Wanica

**Project** Development of Organic Agriculture

*The planning grant aims to perform an assessment in the area of Koewarasan (district of Wanica). The assessment will determine the need for training, the current use of chemicals, the current crops being harvested and sold, the selling points of the harvest. The results will be used to help farmers determine future crops rotations and environmentally friendly farming techniques.*

**Applicant** Organisatie van Haitianen | **Focal Area** Persistent Organic Pollutants | **Location** Koewarasan

**Project** Planning Grant for the Supply of Planting Material

*The planning grant aims to develop a project with different communities in Suriname who are active in traditional agriculture, but lack the knowledge of expanding their agriculture activities.*

**Applicant** Stichting Centrum voor Landbouwkundig Onderzoek | **Focal Area** Biodiversity | **Location** Several Communities

**Project** Capacity Strengthening of Krappa Oil Producers

*This project aims to strengthen the capacity of the Indigenous women who extract oil from Krappa nuts living in the Apoera village. The methodology of extracting the oil is a very old Indigenous tradition. The project will support training local people on optimizing the extraction methodology of the krappa oil, supporting in branding and marketing of their products, as well as recruiting young local women to learn this tradition.*

**Applicant** Stichting Uma Jepi Makandra | **Focal Area** Biodiversity | **Location** Apoera

**Project** Community Waste Management

The community suffers heavily from garbage/waste that is illegally being dumped on street corners. The project will invest in awareness and promotion material to make sure that the community will be aware of the effects on their health and the environment.

**Applicant** Stichting Samarja | **Focal Area** Persistent Organic Pollutants | **Location** Paramaribo

**Project** Sustainable use of Agricultural Products

This project will support the women who produce grated coconut, chutney and chili sauce and train them to use organic waste in their small production unit.

**Applicant** Stichting Moederhart | **Focal Area** Persistent Organic Pollutants | **Location** Nickerie

**Project** Pamboko Agriculture Project

The women participating in this project will receive training on forest maintenance and small business practices. The aim of the project is to give the women the necessary skills to establish and run a small village nursery.

**Applicant** Stichting U Sa Du | **Focal Area** Land Degradation & Biodiversity | **Location** Pamboko

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## SGP Volunteers



**Cassandra Casillas– United States Peace Corps Response Volunteer**

Hello! For the last six months I've had the exciting opportunity to work at SGP Suriname. During my time here I had the chance to see first hand the kind of support the SGP provides Suriname's interior communities. I've worked closely with Peace Corps Volunteers living in the interior by providing technical assistance in the grant writing process *and even had the chance to write a couple grants myself!* My Peace Corps service will come to a close at the end of June and I wish nothing but the best for Tanja, Harold and SGP Suriname.



**Harold Gerds– Financial Intern**

Hello, my name is Harold Gerds and I will be interning at the SGP office for three months. I'm from The Netherlands where I'm currently studying Banking and Insurance at Hanze University at the School of Applied Sciences. As an intern at the SGP office I will apply my knowledge about finance to projects by evaluating budgets and help ongoing projects with their financial issues, such as cost calculations and providing recommendations.



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