



# Suriname

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## SGP marketing event: Art fair



SGP was involved with an art fair held at De Hal in December 2012. Artisans from all over Suriname vended their wares at the event. SGP sponsored a booth to sell products created by three women's organizations, two of which are ongoing SGP projects and a prospective one. It was the ideal opportunity to showcase SGP as a community development organization and tell more about our work in Suriname.

The women's group from Wageningen is a prospective SGP project, and they sold various products crafted from re-used plastic bags including baskets, key chains, hats and lady's handbags. An organization from Pikin Santi

on the Cottica River sold hand-made linen purses and wallets and a group from Godo on the Upper Suriname River sold hand made soap made from self extracted maripa and coconut oil. Almost all of the items offered for sale were purchased by the end of the event. Several volunteers from Peace Corps, PAHO, Conservation International and Green Heritage Fund Suriname assisted with all the logistics for the booth and with selling items and a local artist, Miguel Keerveld, volunteered to design and decorate the booth. The event was very successful and each of the artisan groups were very pleased by the near sell-out of their products.

## SGP Spotlight

*National Steering Committee Member*

### **NSC member Marie-Josee Artist receives international award**



Ms. Marie-Josee Artist was appointed to the National Steering Committee in 2009. Since 2004 Josee has served as a Community Development Specialist at the Association of Indigenous Village Leaders in Suriname (Dutch acronym; VIDS) and works part-time as Project Coordinator at Skanfonds. Ms. Artist has contributed to a number of studies focusing on women's and indigenous rights and is a part time lecturer Anthropology at the University of Suriname. She earned a Masters in Cultural Anthropology/Sociology of non-western societies and a Bachelor in social-cultural work.

In this newsletter we would like to highlight the prestigious award Ms. Artist received for her innovative work in the area of women's leadership for sustainable development from the Women's Environment and Development Organization (WEDO). The celebration and award presentation was held in Rio De Janeiro in June, 2012 and was organized in partnership with the Global Gender Office of IUCN and the Global Gender and Climate Alliance, with UNDP and the Rio Conventions Pavilion. Congratulations and thank you for your continued efforts on behalf of sustainable development!

# SGP Global 20 Year Report



SGP is commemorating 20 years of “Community Action for the Global Development” with the launch of this same-titled publication. The document presents the history of the SGP followed by a review of the portfolio of projects supported in each of the 6 program focus areas. Sections on the structure and governance of SGP, the approaches to sustainable development and a discussion about partnerships are followed by a summary of results and benefits. The results section provides some statistics that quantify some SGP efforts, but it’s the excellent accounts of dozens of projects that have been completed with the help of the SGP and its partners that really tell the story of SGP successes. The GEF SGP Global Manager, Mr Delphin Ganapin sums up the document content in the following way: “This publication recounts the ground gained in the course of the last twenty (20) years in supporting communities and civil society organizations in their efforts to implement environment-cum-development initiatives. In essence, it is a celebration of two decades of communities and civil society organizations proving themselves capable of the task, of their hard work, of the risks they took together with their partners and supporters, and of all SGP stakeholders demonstrating that sustainable development can be achieved.” Find a copy at [http://www.sgp.undp.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=272](http://www.sgp.undp.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=272)

## SGP trainees at Award-Winning Sustainable Agri-

Foundation d'ONS and HAK, with support from the Ministry of Economic Affairs, Agriculture and Innovation (ELI) in the Netherlands, for the first time in Suriname, have awarded prizes for the most sustainable small scale agricultural businesses in Suriname. Two farmers of our SGP project in the district of Saramacca received the two runner-up prizes. Marlene Tima and Robert Kriomtani are both farmers that have participated in the SGP supported project “Promotion of organic agriculture: the answer to land degradation and persistent organic pollutants (POPs) with farmers in the District of Saramacca”. They have received training and guidance during this project to implement the transition from conventional agricultural practices –use of pesticides – to a more safe practice, without the use of pesticides. The Caribbean Institute is the foundation implementing this project. The award ceremony took place on 16 November 2012. Both runner ups have won € 5,000, to be used for the provision of knowledge and experience of the company HAK in the field of sustainable crop cultivation and breeding.

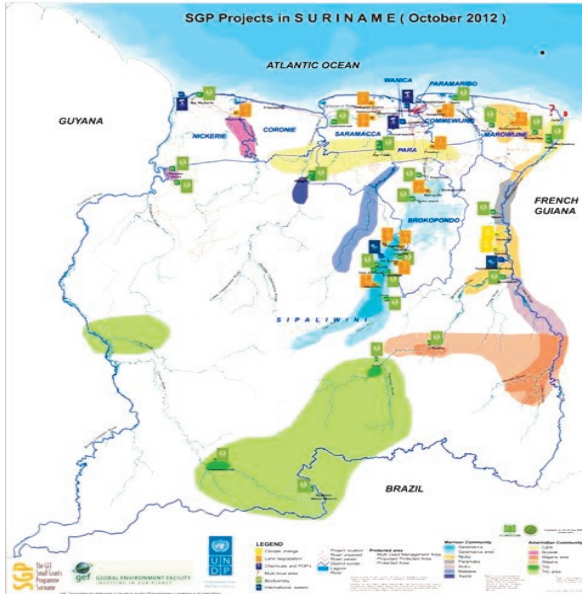


## SGP Knowledge Management Products

From the same Organic agriculture project with the Stichting the Caribbean Institute, the SGP produced a KM product, being a DVD in Dutch and in English. Link of the video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=POXWO-PTITw>. This video raises the awareness on using pesticides in the agriculture and will be shared with national government and other organizations.



## SGP Knowledge Management Products



In December 2012, the SGP office produced another Knowledge Management product, a SGP map displaying the locations of all SGP projects in the period from 1997 - October 2012. The map has already been printed and shared with the National Steering Committee and our respective partners, such as the different ministries.

In the picture on the left, the text of this poster has been left out. On the bottom of the map, there is a whole list of all the project numbers, titles, name of project applicant, SGP grant

## SGP National Steering Committee (NSC) retreat

Friday 10 and Saturday 11 January, the National Steering Committee (NSC) went to Bigipan on a new years field visit as an annual event, with 5 of the 7 NSC members. Bigipan was chosen because of its magnificent landscapes and because of the location of a prospective project for the SGP, comprising a special biodiversity area with many unique species. All of the participants were of the opinion that the highlight was witnessing hundreds of the scarlet ibis at sunset, just a 30 minute boat ride from our Bigipan lodging. The Bigipan accommodation of Stephanie Kramawitana was excellent.

On our way back home on Saturday 11 January 2013, we made a stop at the farmer Robert Kriomtani, one of the farmers included in the Safe agriculture project of Stichting The Caribbean Institute. Robert Kriomtani is one of the successful farmers receiving training for organic agriculture farming, as well as support with the marketing of the produce on the local market.

Quote from Andre Misiekaba Sr.: "With the 'Bigi Pan' visit a great opportunity was created for NSC Member to interact socially and by doing so get know one another better. This will have a positive impact on the performance of the NSC. I have admired nature, the divine art. I have enjoyed the company of the participants as well as the peace. I wish all NSC Members can participate next time".

Quote from Mayra Esseboom: "This Bigipan trip was a very unique personal experience because of the scarlet ibis we witnessed. I have never been able to see these beautiful and protected birds this close, and the combination with sunset made it a very special sight. I became aware that even if you have seen the scarlet ibis different times, every time is unique, depending on the physical conditions, the company participating, etc."





# New SGP Projects

The following list is a compilation of approved projects in the period May 2012—January 2013 for Operational Periods 5. For a complete list of SGP projects, please visit our website

**Project** Improving effectiveness and efficiency of Small Grants Programme

*This project aims to improve the efficiency of the Small Grants Programme, and has several outputs, such as a more transparent review methodology of project proposals, simplified project proposal formats, an updated SGP brochure, evaluation of the SGP programme as a whole, etc.*

**Applicant** Stichting Projekta | **Focal Area** Capacity Development | **Location** Suriname | **Grant Amount** USD 50,000

**Project** Sustainable use of forest areas Pokigron

*The project will support the village of Pokigron to sustainably utilize their forest areas, specifically the palm trees used to extract palm oils such as amana, awarra and maripa, as well as strengthening their capacities to market these non timber forest products.*

**Applicant** Stichting Wederopbouw Pokigron | **Focal Area** Land degradation | **Location** Village Pokigron, upper Suriname river | **Grant Amount** USD 18,000

**Project** Sustainable use of Non timber forest products

*The project will support the village of Nieuw Aurora in improving their capacity to produce handicrafts made out of non timber forest products, such as fans, kalebas products, seeds. The handicrafts are sold in the local tourist shop, managed by a local organization.*

**Applicant** Stichting Denki Ju Libi | **Focal Area** Land degradation | **Location** Village of Nieuw Aurora, upper Suriname river | **Grant Amount** USD 20,000

**Project** Planning grant for Bamboo Community project

*This planning grant will aid the applicant in organizing orientation workshops in the district of Wanica and Para on the use of Bamboo for different purposes, for example for handicrafts, but also for furniture, etc. The aim is to attract other organizations to participate in a full grant project.*

**Applicant** Stichting Caribamboo | **Focal Area** Biodiversity | **Location** District Wanica and Para (e.g. Domburg) | **Grant Amount** USD 2,000

**Project** Sustainable use of Non timber forest products

*This project will further support the women of the village of Pikien Santie with improving their skills to produce handbags which they sell to earn an income. The first support came from a peace corps volunteer, and the aim now is to utilize local raw materials (non timber forest products) to incorporate in their hand bag making.*

**Applicant** Stichting Wi E Meki Moiti | **Focal Area** Biodiversity | **Location** Village of Pikien Santie, Cottica river | **Grant Amount** USD 13,000

**Project** Planning Grant for the use of solar cookers upper Suriname river

*The planning grant aims to develop a pilot project proposal together with the elderly care initiative of Stichting Bonama in several communities along the upper Suriname river, to switch to a more environmentally sustainable source of energy for cooking the meals for the elderly. Ultimately, the goal will be to explore the possibilities to have the local households cook with solar energy.*

**Applicant** Stichting Bonama | **Focal Area** Climate Change | **Location** Several Communities, upper Suriname river | **Grant Amount** USD 2,000

**Project** Planning grant for sustainable use of non timber forest products Pikin Slee

*The planning grant is to develop a project proposal for the local women's handicraft organization in the village of Pikin Slee. This organization has already received training from the National Women's Organization, especially in crafting with kalebas and seeds. The idea is to further develop their skills to utilize non timber forest products in producing handicrafts.*

**Applicant** Stichting Totomboti | **Focal Area** Biodiversity | **Location** Village Pikin Slee, upper Suriname river | **Grant Amount** USD 2,000

**Project** Biodiversity awareness for the public

*This project will result in a number of public awareness activities, such as organizing movie trips for school children, but also printing biodiversity booklets for the youth, organizing a marine biology course with the university, etc.*

**Applicant** Stichting Green Heritage Fund Suriname | **Focal Area** Biodiversity | **Location** Suriname | **Grant Amount** USD 50,000

**Project** SGP Knowledge fair and grantee capacity strengthening

*This project will aim to organize the first SGP knowledge fair, where most of our SGP projects (completed and ongoing) will be showcased. At the same time, SGP grantees will receive training to further develop their initiatives, to create regional and national networks, etc.*

**Applicant** Stichting Innovative Approaches and Solutions | **Focal Area** Capacity Development | **Location** Suriname | **Grant Amount** USD 50,000

**Project** Solar energy for Radio Pakaatie and climate change awareness training

*This project will support the radio Pakaatie in Drietabiki (Tapanahony river) to replace their carbon fueled electricity source (diesel generator) with a zero carbon emission source, being solar energy. Also, cooperating with UNDP, there will be a training on climate change awareness for the radio personnel, to be able to create radio programs to be broadcasted.*

**Applicant** Stichting Ontsluiting Binnenland | **Focal Area** Climate Change | **Location** Village of Drietabiki, Tapanahony river | **Grant Amount** USD 37,000

## SGP Volunteers



### David Keough – United States Peace Corps Response Volunteer

I am working for both SGP Suriname and The Green Heritage Fund Suriname (GHFS). I was a volunteer in Suriname previously (2009-2011) when I lived and worked in an Aucan village in District Marowijne. I liked Suriname so much I had to come back! I returned in October, 2012 for a 6 month assignment. While working in the city is very different than working and living in the interior, both experiences have been fantastic. I have assisted the SGP with managing a variety of current projects in Marowijne and Sipaliwini as well as helping prospective applicants with initial project review and grant writing. I speak both Aucan (local tribal language) and Sranan Tongo which has helped a lot in doing project work with interior communities.

### Peace Corps Suriname:

Peace Corps is a United States organization that provides trained men and women volunteers to interested countries around the world (over 75 currently) to assist with development and capacity building activities. More than 420 volunteers have served in Suriname since the Peace Corps was invited to come here in 1995. There are now 27 volunteers serving in Suriname. Suriname volunteers work in community health and community economic development which are the focus areas requested by the Surinamese government. Volunteers are trained and work in the following languages: Aucan, Sranan Tongo and Saramaccan. Volunteers have served all over the country including the Districts, Paramaribo and the Interior.



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