**Guianas**

**Regional Profile**
- 2m people = combined population.
- 85%+ forest cover and deforestation < 0.1%
- Forest carbon stocks at densities of twice the global average.
- Guyana (2nd) and Suriname (3rd) globally for per capita renewable freshwater resources.
- High species diversity and significant endemism.
- GDP highly dependent on mining and natural resource sectors.

**Priority Places and Species**
- Amazon: the Guianas represent the least disturbed forests in the Amazon.
- Leatherback, green and olive ridley turtles: more than 30,000 nests laid per year.
- Sotalia dolphin: classified as IUCN Data deficient.

**Influencing Global/Regional/National Policies**
- Low carbon development models.
- Minamata Convention and mercury phase out from mining.
- REDD+ and Community MRV.
- Land use planning.
- Reducing bycatch and IUU fishing.

**Our Footprint Priorities**
- Reduce impact of small-scale gold mining – 40,000 miners in the region.
- Sustainable fisheries – highly productive whitefish, tuna and shrimp.
- Seabob shrimp – first tropical shrimp fishery to be MSC certified.
- Minimise turtle bycatch – full TED adoption and on-going research.

**Additional Sources of Value and Expertise**
- Work with indigenous peoples.
- Transboundary working.
- Promoting ‘responsible’ gold.
- Environmental awareness and Communications.

**Preparing for Our Future**
- Strengthening environmental governance.
- Tracking foreign investment in natural resource sector.
- Establishing local WWF Advisory Boards.
- Deepening links with civil society.
- Supporting development of national energy options.

**Priority Places and Species**
- Tall herbaceous plants (Cyclanthus bipartitus), French Guiana
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