



IWOKRAMA

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## Iwokama's Mission

To promote conservation and the sustainable and equitable use of tropical rainforests in a manner that will lead to lasting ecological, economic and social benefits to the people of Guyana and to the world in general by undertaking research, training and the development and dissemination of technologies.



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# FROM THE CEO

Forests continue to play a role in global climate change mitigation, 31% of the earth's surface is covered by forests (approximately 4.06 billion hectares) and only 18% of the world's forests are protected from deforestation. Deforestation continued unabated with 2,400 trees being cut down each minute and by the time you finish reading this sentence, another three hectares of forest would have been cut down.

The reality is that the world needs a working model of forest conservation, one that combines people, science, and business to be applied to managing the world's remaining forests to create a balance between livelihoods and conservation – The Iwokrama Model is a testament to the Centre's work and relevance after more than 30 years.

During the year, the Centre's operations rebounded as COVID 19 subsided, markets began to re-open paving the way for growth in our forestry and eco-tourism businesses. The Centre was able to maintain its coveted FSC™ certification and tourism numbers began to return to pre-COVID levels. Training and Learning services also saw recovery as a few educational groups restarted their annual visits to Iwokrama.

Illegal activities in the forest, most notably mining continued on a reduced basis, testament to the continued work of the Centre and its partners - the Ministry of Natural Resources, the Guyana Police Force and the Guyana and Geology and Mines Commission continued monitoring and enforcement activities during the year.

Increased interaction with communities led to a renewed Co-management agreement with the NRDDDB (our community partners). Substantive support from the ExxonMobil Foundation saw a lot of projects being implemented – we restarted 7 wildlife clubs in the communities, conducted a natural resource management course and completed an infomatics project. Our Science programme saw the completion of some key research projects including post-harvest silvicultural surveys, data analysis and Permanent Sample Plots (PSPs). For the first time, we ventured into some coastal work in partnership with Environmental Management Consultants (EMC) to build tourism capacity in coastal communities and provide education and awareness on mangroves. We continue to execute the Biopama Project which provides support for monitoring and wrapped up the ACTO funded project to conduct research on three indicator species in the forest. Repsol Exploracion-Guyana S.A continued their support which allowed the Centre to provide support for the local communities. Donors also supported Iwokrama's Annual Christmas gift drive for Fair View Village.

To support its fundraising programme, Iwokrama is working to complete a Sponsor a Hectare programme which it hopes to launch in the 2nd quarter in 2023 after consultations with Government and its stakeholders.



Our achievements would not have been possible without the valued contributions and collaboration of our partners. I take this opportunity to thank all our friends, supporters, business partners and donors for their contributions during the year. We are very grateful to Repsol Exploracion-Guyana S.A., Evergreen Forest Products Inc, Wilderness Explorers, and other donors for their continued support. Special thanks to the Exxon Mobil Foundation who provided a substantive grant for our 2022 Science and Community Programmes and have already committed to 2023.

I would also like to recognize the hard work of our staff who remained committed despite challenging financial and other personal circumstances - this made it possible for Iwokrama to survive the year. Special thanks to our founding partners, the Government of Guyana which continued to provide financial support over the year and the Commonwealth Secretariat. The strong alliances of our community partners, the NRDDDB, and their unwavering support and understanding was a key factor in Iwokrama's accomplishments for the year.

2023 is already shaping up to be a better year. The Centre will continue to align its work programme to support the Government's new and expanded Low Carbon Development Strategy 2030 (LCDS) which has already yielded positive results such as an innovative carbon agreement with a private sector firm and signature of a VPA agreement with the EU – the first in the Amazon Region.

Best wishes for a successful 2023.

Dane Gobin  
Chief Executive Officer



# SUSTAINABLE ECOTOURISM

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## Good Travel Seal Certification



The Iwokrama River Lodge was selected as one of five lodges by the Guyana Tourism Authority to apply for the Good Travel Seal (GTS) and the Good Travel Seal plus (GTS+) Certification. The GTS and GTS+ certification is a sustainability support program offered by Green Destination.

Iwokrama will be promoted on the Good Travel Guide sustainable travel platform to responsible travelers looking for a green and responsible holiday.

GTS certification consists of 12 themes and 57 general criteria, GTS+ includes an additional 14 criteria.

## Guyana Tourism Awards: Best in Sustainable Tourism

The Guyana Tourism Authority hosted its Annual Tourism Awards on December 7<sup>th</sup> under the theme *El Dorado po kó mannà (A Night In El Dorado)*. Tourism establishments, tour operators and guides were all recognised for their sterling contributions to tourism in Guyana.

Thirteen (13) awards were presented including Best New Tourism Product/ Experience of the Year, Best Emerging Tour Guide, Best Tourism Community of the Year, Most Outstanding Contribution to Tourism by an NGO/Company/Individual and Tourism Business of the Year Award. Iwokrama was awarded the **Best in Sustainable Tourism Award**.



## Iwokrama River Lodge listed one of Green Destinations Top 100 Good Practice Stories.

Iwokrama was selected under the Green Destination Top 100 stories for 2022 with the story *“Protection of the Natural and Scenic views of the Iwokrama Forest”*.

Each year the Green Destinations Top 100 stories competition collects sustainable tourism stories and good practices from destinations all over the world to be shared as inspiring examples.

The story seeks to highlight how the Protection of the Natural and Scenic views of the Iwokrama Forest through conservation and rigorous monitoring plans and activities.

The Green Destinations Top 100 Stories has run annually since 2014 (with the expectation of 2015), celebrating and promoting 100 destinations as inspiring examples for other destinations, tour operators and visitors.

The competition is held under the auspices of the Top 100 Partnership, with special contributions by Green Destinations, QualityCoast, Travelife, ITB Berlin, Asian Ecotourism Network, Ecotourism Australia, Global Ecotourism Network, Sustainable First and GLP Films.



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# SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY



## Operations

Harvesting operations were hampered by a very wet year and equipment issues. However, we did manage to complete about 75% of the planned annual harvest. Milling operations were hampered due to power supply issues, resulting in the loss of one mill for half the year.

Fair View Village has continued to pursue their own harvesting program, producing non-FSC logs for sale to local mills.

## Forest Certification



The mark of  
responsible forestry

The Iwokrama Forest has retained its Forest Stewardship Council™ (FSC™) Certification for Forest Management for the Iwokrama Forest after a rigorous 5-year re-assessment audit in August.

Iwokrama received one major and four minor corrective actions. Non-compliances are a normal part of any assessment / audit process and based on the severity of the non-compliance with the standard, it could prevent the applicant from being certified.

*FSC™ Certification is a voluntary global forest certification system which promotes and validates good forest management.*

## Forestry Research

### **The Oxford Project**

The Oxford Carbon Assessment Project, which was co-funded by the Oxford University and the Global Challenges Research Fund, ended this year.

The project assessed the vulnerability of forest carbon stocks to climate change in the Guiana Shield ecoregion.

## Forestry Research

### **Pre-harvest Forest Inventory**

Pre-harvest (operational) forest inventories are a requirement of the Guyana Forestry Commission (GFC) as an integral part of SFM planning. These inventories entail detailed topographic surveys, tree enumeration and mapping.

Pre-harvest forest inventories were carried out on two Management Units in the Kurupukari Compartment: MU K-35 & MU K-36 with a combined area of 1,070 hectares.

### **Carbon Emissions Study**

Iwokrama is interested in generating carbon credits based on their Reduced Impact Logging (RIL) operations. In order to achieve this, IIC would need to show “*additionality*” (i.e., Iwokrama’s logging causes lower emissions than the average across logging concessions in Guyana).

IIC carried out a carbon emissions study on a random selection of their 2020-22 harvesting blocks and compared the results to baseline data from similar studies carried out globally.

### **Forest Regeneration Analysis**

It is a requirement for FSC™ certification that Iwokrama provide evidence that harvested sites are regenerated in a timely manner that:

1. Protects affected environmental values; and
2. Is suitable to recover overall pre-harvest or natural forest composition and structure.

Iwokrama has been collecting data on natural regeneration in their PSPs since 2008; however, this data had never been adequately analyzed to determine forest recovery rates. To this end, IIC contracted a forest data analyst to carry out this study.

*This research was funded by the ExxonMobil Foundation.*





# LEARNING SERVICES

## Student Visits

In March, students from [Indiana University](#) engaged with Iwokrama staffers to learn about protected area management. They also visited the Bina Hill Training Institute Surama Village to learn about Indigenous culture.

The [Miami University Earth Expeditions](#) group was hosted in May-June. This Master’s level course in inquiry learning on ‘[Local Wisdom and Conservation](#)’ is an annual experience with Iwokrama and Surama Community. They also visited Kaieteur Falls.

The [Ministry of Natural Resources Young Apprentices](#) were also hosted in July for the 5<sup>th</sup> year with two groups experiencing the capacity building exercises with Iwokrama staffers.



## Natural Resource Management Workshop

As part of Iwokrama’s continued efforts towards sustainable management, an introductory workshop was conducted in September. The five-day course saw over 40 participants from natural resources, agriculture and tourism agencies; university students and environmental NGOs engaged in classroom sessions and field activities.

The curriculum was developed in collaboration with the local firm, Environmental Management Consultants (EMC) and focused on the Concepts and Elements of NRM, NRM in the context of national policies (LCDS 2030) and Introduction to Natural Resources legislation and conventions.

The sessions were delivered by resource persons from the Protected Areas Commission, Guyana Forestry Commission, Guyana Geology and Mines Commission, National Agriculture Research and Extension Institute, Conservation International-Guyana, Iwokrama and a Capacity-Building and Community-Engagement Consultant.

*This workshop was funded by the ExxonMobil Foundation.*

## Internships

Iwokrama continues to support the Bina Hill Institute Youth Learning Centre by providing internships

In May, Iwokrama provided practical skill training for three Interns, 2 in tourism and 1 in forestry. The tourism interns were exposed to tour guiding techniques, research, monitoring, maintenance, culinary skills and housekeeping. The intern assigned to the forestry department learned key forest management skills including forest monitoring, log scaling and data management.

## Commonwealth Games- Queen’s Baton Relay

In March, Iwokrama and Fair View Village, the 46<sup>th</sup> destination on its epic journey across the Commonwealth welcomed the Queen’s Baton for the Commonwealth Games. The Queen’s Baton was carried by representatives of UNICEF, the British High Commission, athletes, schoolchildren and several persons in the indigenous communities.

*The Relay began on 7 October 2021, with Her Majesty The Queen placing her Message to the Commonwealth into the Baton and has been a feature since the inaugural Cardiff 1958 Commonwealth Games.*

## Training

### Natural Resources Study Tour for Region 1

The Study Tour for the five (5) Region 1 participants was facilitated by Guyana Marine Conservation Society (GMCS) in collaboration with Iwokrama with funding from the UNDP Small Grants Programme.

The study tour was designed to immerse the participants in the process of natural resource management. The team also visited Surama to discuss traditional resource management and wildlife club experiences.

### Forest Botany Training

This “*training of trainers*” course targeted women and youth and was aimed at supporting tourism business development in Guyana. Several tourism lodges and communities participated including Atta Lodge, Karanambu, Surama and Fair View. Representatives from the Bina Hill Institute Youth Learning Centre and Guyana Marine Conservation Society were also part of the class.

The five--day course was facilitated by Dr Raquel Thomas with assistance from Linsford Lagadou and funded by New Zealand Government.



# OUTREACH AND AWARENESS



## North Rupununi District Development Board (NRDDB) Meeting

A meeting with the 20 village leaders from the North Rupununi communities was held at the Iwokrama River Lodge (IRL) in June to discuss NRDDB-Iwokrama partnerships and potential projects.

This forum also provided Iwokrama the opportunity for the NRDDB and to discuss ongoing projects, plans and activities.



## Infographics with Heriot Watt University

Working with the NRDDDB, Iwokrama, Heriot Watt University aims to co-develop new knowledge on the 'connectivity' challenge of climate and water using infographics. Two communities were selected: Fair View and Yupukari, 1 private sector company and representatives of commerce.

Community engagement sessions were held in August, November and December. These sessions produced sketch diagrams of the community boundaries which highlighted places of importance including the rivers, creeks, ponds, farmland, and main access roads. Questionnaires were sent to the private sector and commerce partners (Sante Fe Rice and Rupununi Chamber of Commerce respectively). Virtual Engagement was held with Santa Fe Farm in September.

*The Outreach Activities were funded by the ExxonMobil Foundation*



## Education and Outreach

Repsol Exploración Guyana, S.A. continued to support Iwokrama's education and outreach activities for a sixth year. Support was provided for Graduation activities at the Fair View Nursery (1st graduation in three years). Their support has enabled Fair View to participate in online sessions, participating in the national curriculum.

## Makushi Research Unit

The Makushi Research Unit is a group of skilled indigenous women researchers North Rupununi communities. They are currently involved in teaching oral Makushi language in schools and promoting traditional culture.

Iwokrama provided support for outreach sessions in 11 communities on key social issues including alcoholism, teenage pregnancy and child abuse and a Law and Justice Training Workshop at Bina Hill in October.

*The Outreach Activities were funded by the ExxonMobil Foundation*



## Wildlife Clubs

Iwokrama has partnered with the NRDDDB to provide support for existing clubs in 6 communities - Fair View, Wowetta, Rupertee, Toka, Yupukari, Surama and started 1 new club at the Bina Hill Institute. Club Activities included -Birdwatching, Wildlife Monitoring, Public Speaking Training and Heritage Activities.

The clubs held their 1st cluster meeting in July in Surama village. Representatives from two clubs on the coast travelled to Surama for this meeting: Imbotero in Region 1 and Saxacalli in Region 3.

Each of the clubs has also embarked on Club Project

- Toka – camera traps established for anteater monitoring,
- Yupukari – Interviews on-going,
- Wowetta - Nature Trails completed, Signage and Monitoring of Trails ongoing
- Rupertee – Paurine Trees being labelled along the trail
- Surama – Labelling of Medicinal Plants and Monitoring of Fruiting Trees on-going
- Fair View – Stories of the Elders, recording completed, editing on-going
- Bina Hill Club – Outreach to Communities

*The Outreach Activities were funded by the ExxonMobil Foundation*





# MONITORING

*Iwokrama has implemented a comprehensive monitoring system through which; data is collected and analysed to monitor changes in naturally dynamic systems and the impacts of human activities on the ecosystem. It includes social, bio-physical, road and river, forest impact, wildlife, water quality and boundary monitoring.*

*Social Monitoring applies a Driver-Pressure-State-Impact-Response (DPSIR) framework that allows for the identification of trends and implementation of mitigation measures. Bio-physical monitoring identifies target components to monitor pressures acting upon the ecosystem. The information when analyzed is used to detect and identify trends over the period and informs management systems and forest management planning.*

## Illegal Mining

Gold mining in the Siparuni area has drastically decreased due to the combined efforts of Iwokrama’s rangers and the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Guyana Police Force. However, some persons still continue to defy the law and continue to trespass into the Iwokrama Forest including some errant community members. Continuous monitoring in the area has proven to be the most successful way of reducing this practice.

## Community Co-Monitoring

Iwokrama has existing memorandums for cooperation for community co-monitoring with Surama, Apoteri and Rewa villages, the three indigenous communities located near the rivers that border or pass through the Iwokrama Forest. Iwokrama Rangers met with the communities in April to plan for monitoring activities and Community Monitoring commenced in May on a quarterly basis with support from Iwokrama. Monitoring was impacted by heavy rains and high-waterlevels, but reports identified key species observed which included giant river otters, black caiman.

*Community Monitoring was funded by the ExxonMobil Foundation.*





# PROJECTS

## BIOPAMA

Iwokrama secured funds from Biopama for project titled *‘Improve infrastructure and capacity for monitoring and community development within Iwokrama Forest’*. Under this project, a boat and engine and other equipment to support monitoring team was acquired and a business development workshop was done with women and youth in Fair View Village on Natural Dyes techniques.

This project will also support rehabilitation works at Iwokrama’s Ranger Stations.

*The Biodiversity and Protected Areas Management (BIOPAMA) Programme assists African, Caribbean and Pacific countries to address their priorities for improved management and governance of biodiversity and natural resources.*

## ACTO - Stateholder Engagement on Management Plans for Select Wildlife Species

Iwokrama engaged stakeholders and experts to review draft Management Plans prepared for three (3) faunal species in June. The Plans were prepared by Iwokrama’s Research Team after conducting national population assessments of Spectacled Caiman (*Caiman crocodilus*), Cuvier’s Dwarf Caiman (*Paleosuchus palpebrosus*), Smooth-fronted Caiman (*Paleosuchus trigonatus*), Yellow and Red-footed Tortoises (*Chelonioids spp.*), and the Lowland Tapir (*Tapirus terrestris*).

Participants included wildlife trappers and traders, representatives of regulatory agencies, academic and research institutions, forest concessionaires, and environmental NGOs amongst others. Feedback was also received from persons who accessed the Plans on an online portal. Gratitude is extended to the general public, and local and international experts who contributed to and validated this process.

*The project was commissioned in 2021 by the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization’s (ACTO) Regional Project for the Management, Monitoring and Control of Species of Wild Fauna and Flora Threatened by Trade. The Guyana Wildlife Conservation and Management Commission (GWCMC) functioned as the project’s oversight agency in Guyana.*



## Guyana Conservation Inititaive

Iwokrama has received a multi- year grant from the ExxonMobilFoundation: *Guyana Conservation Initiative* to support coastal and hinterland conservation activities. Specific activities include monitoring, sustainable livelihood support, local indigenous community support, education and awareness, ecosystem and mangrove restoration and capacity building and training programs and forestry research.

Environmental Management Consultants Inc. (EMC) is providing technical support on project implementation.

- Awareness and sensitization on marine and conservation issues
- Ecosystem restoration
- Livelihood initiatives
- Forest / Social monitoring
- Community support – wildlife clubs
- Training and capacity building - a) natural resources management course b) local community capacity on forest values and livelihoods c) PhD scholarship
- Funding for biodiversity conservation





# SCIENCE AND RESEARCH

## Forest Impact Monitoring

An assessment of the long-term impacts of Iwokrama’s sustainable harvesting operation on faunal diversity mainly birds and bats by University of Guyana student Arianne Harris (PhD). She is currently in her 4<sup>th</sup> year of the biodiversity program at the University, with 2022-2023 slated for full analysis and write up.

In September, Arianne travelled to the United Kingdom for a research visit at the University of Kent, where she had the opportunity to work with Dr Jake Bicknell who provided critical feedback on previously completed chapters. She aims to complete the full dissertation by end of January with the ultimate aim to submit and defend by May-June 2023.

*This research project is funded by the ExxonMobil Foundation*

## Research on Gender and Forests

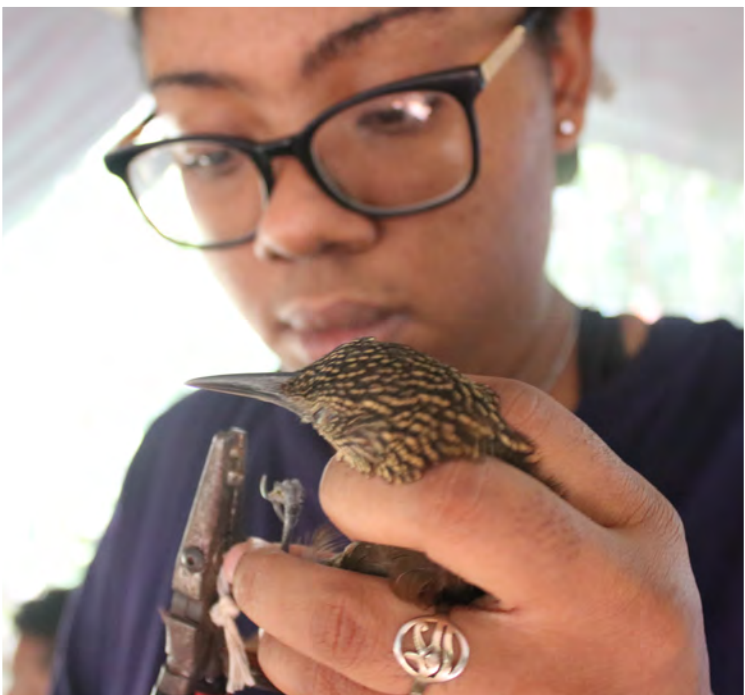
An informal group has been set up to gather information on the role and recognition of women’s contribution in the forestry sector. The ‘Gender and Forests Group’ acquired funding in July from the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) to gather and analyse data that would support policies and local development actions to addressing gendered economic opportunities. Those resources enabled rapid assessments of three forest-dependent locations (Mainstay/Whyaka Village (Region 2), Yarrowkabra (Region 4), and Coomacka/Three Friends/Maria Elizabeth (Region 10). Preliminary findings were presented at a Validation Workshop in September and a report submitted to FAO.

## Fisheries Study

This study ‘*Insights into the historical biogeography, population structure, and conservation genetics of Neotropical river systems*’ was led by PhD candidate Thomas Morgan, University of Michigan in collaboration with University of Guyana and Iwokrama. It is expected to lead to a better understanding of the drivers of freshwater fish diversity in the Guiana and further, to research the historical connections between large rivers systems in the Guianas compared with neighbouring river systems in Northern South America.

## Frog related Study

This Masters Degree project “*Distribution and prevalence of chytrid fungus (Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis) on anurans at the Iwokrama Forest*” was led by Mark Bastian of the University of Guyana. The aim was to investigate the factors that affect the distribution and prevalence of chytrid fungus (*Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis*) on anurans (a tailless amphibian of the order Anura) in the Iwokrama Forest.





# FINANCIAL REPORT

The post-COVID period starting from March brought a welcome movement towards the Centre’s operations returning to normalcy. Both our business and project activities began to pick up and we started very quickly to rebuild capacity in our staff.

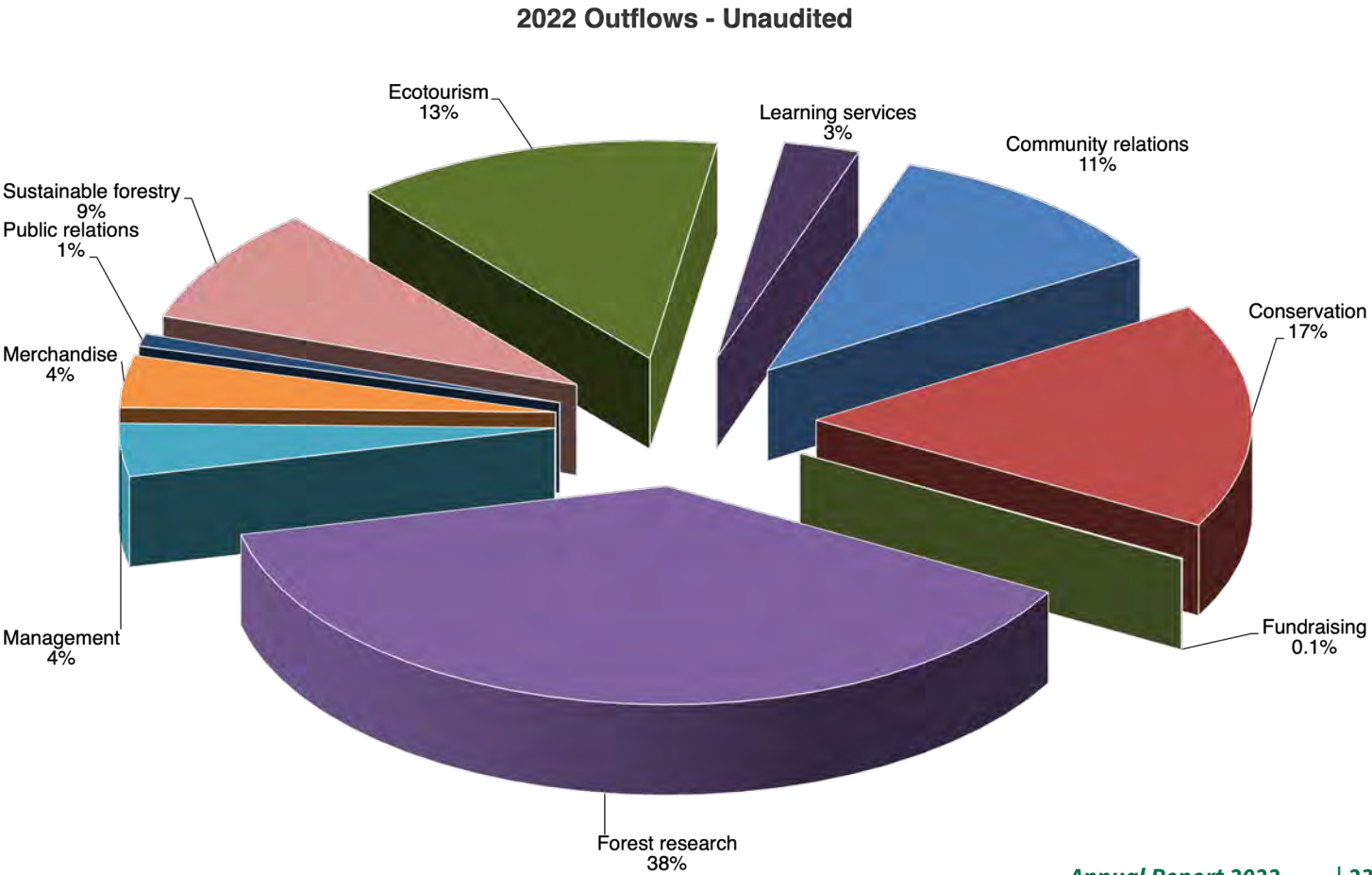
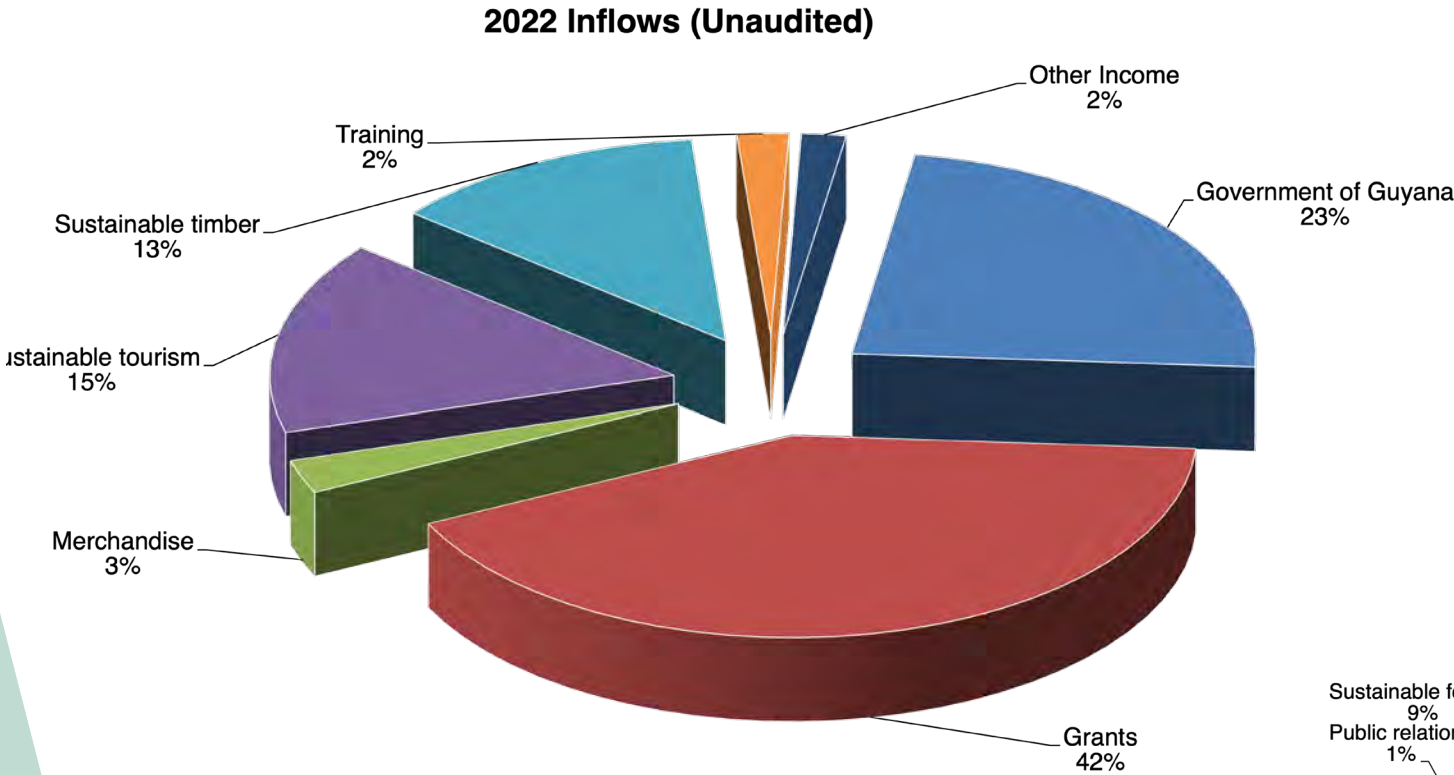
Most travel restrictions have been removed and so tourism numbers began to increase. Markets for our timber also reopened and so timber operations started to ramp up. The Centre will be engaging a new partner in early 2023 as the previous agreement expired in December. Project activity also picked up and the Centre continued to execute a few projects including ExxonMobil Foundation, Biopama and ACTO.

An unaudited income analysis reveals that 42% of our revenues came from grants, 33% came from our businesses (forestry, merchandising, tourism and training), 2% from other sources and 23% from the Government of Guyana. It is important to recognize that the Government of Guyana remained the most stable source of funding to the Centre throughout the COVID years.

Our unaudited expenditure profile shows that 38% was for forestry research (mainly project related), 29% on business related 11% on our community work, 17 % on our conservation work and 0.1% on fundraising activities. Our overheads represented a mere 4% of our total expenditure.

The Centre maintained its austerity programme and continued to seek additional funding in support of research and science.

We hope that the sustainable businesses, will make a full recovery in 2023 thus allowing them to make substantive contributions to core operating costs in the longer term. To reduce our dependency on Government, we are also planning to launch our Sponsor a Hectare Programme by mid 2023 and this programme is expected to provide substantial resources towards the Centre’s core costs.





# PARTNERS

- Africa, Caribbean, and Pacific Group of States
- Amazon Conservation Team, Suriname
- Anton de Kon University, Suriname
- Backpack International Inc.
- Banks DIH Ltd.
- Biomimicry Roraima
- Boise State University
- Brookfield Zoo, Chicago
- Calgary Zoo
- Caribbean Youth Environment Network
- Center for International Forestry Research
- Chicago Zoological Society
- Commonwealth Secretariat
- Community and Tourism Services Inc.
- Conservation International - Guyana
- Darwin Initiative
- Earth Expeditions - Miami University
- Environmental Management Consultants
- Environmental Protection Agency-Guyana
- Environmental Resources Management Foundation
- European Union
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- Flying Doctors of America
- Forestry Training Centre Inc.
- German Government under the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)
- Giftland Mall
- Global Canopy Programme (Oxford)
- Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation
- Guyana Forestry Commission
- Guyana Geology and Mines Commission
- Guyana Marine Conservation Society
- Guyana Police Force
- Guyana School of Agriculture
- Guyana Shield Initiative
- Guyana Society for Biodiversity and Ecosystems
- Guyana Tourism Authority
- Guyana Trade and Investment Services
- Guyana Wildlife Conservation and Management Commission
- Horniman Museum
- Hydrometeorological Service
- Inter-American Development Bank
- International Development and Research Centre
- International Tropical Timber Organisation
- International Union for Conservation of Nature
- Jacksonville Zoo
- Lyell Centre, Heriot Watt University
- Mamiraua Institute for Sustainable Development
- McArthur Foundation
- Ministry of Amerindian Affairs
- Ministry of Natural Resources
- Ministry of Public Works
- National Agricultural Research & Extension Institute
- National Audubon Society
- National Communications Network
- National Parks Commission, Guyana
- New Era Bookshop
- New GPC Inc.
- Newcastle University
- North Rupununi District Development Board
- Office of HRH The Prince of Wales (until September 2022)
- Office of the Climate Change
- Office of the First Lady
- Open University
- Operation Wallacea
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- The Government of Guyana
- The World Bank
- Tourism and Hospitality Association of Guyana
- Tropical managed Forests Observatory
- United Nations Development Programme
- University of Central Lancashire
- University of Guyana
- University of Kent
- University of Oxford
- University of the West Indies
- US Agency for International Development
- Warwick University
- Wilderness Explorers
- World Wildlife Fund









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