IWOKRAMA

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The Iwokrama Forest has been certified for Forest Management in accordance with the requirements of the Forest Stewardship Council® A.C. using the Soil Association Certification Adapted Standard for Guyana (v2.4; 2014)

ABOUT IWOKRAMA...

Since its foundation, through an Act of Parliament in 1996, the Iwokrama International Centre for Rain Forest Conservation and Development (*Iwokrama*) has sought to manage the 371,000 ha Iwokrama Forest in Central Guyana to demonstrate how tropical forests can be conserved and sustainably used.

THE IWOKRAMA FOREST AND THE NORTH RUPUNUNI

The combined area boasts an extraordinary biodiversity, it contains the highest number of fish and bat species in the world, for an area of its size.

Faunal diversity: 30% of which is classified as rare and endangered.

- + 130 species of mammals
- ~ 500 species of birds
- ~ 150 species of reptiles and amphibians
- + 420 species of fish
- + 86 species of bats

Floral diversity: There are 9 distinct forest types in the Iwokrama Forest.

- 33% mixed greenheart, black kakaralli and wamara forest
- 20% mixed greenheart, sand baromalli and soft wallaba forest
- 16% mora, manicole, crabwood and trysil forest
- 15% mixed low stature forest
- 7% manicole, kokerite and soft wallaba palm forest

The remainder of the forest is less than 5% each of wallaba, dakama, muri scrub and liana forest.

Botanical surveys of the Iwokrama Forest have found over 1,250 species of plants. However, the total number expected for the area is likely to exceed 2,000 species with additional work in highland areas.

Iwokrama's Core Values

- A people centered approach to conservation and wise use;
- Developing low volume, high value markets for all forest products and services;
- Encouraging local, national and international partnerships for development;
- Active learning by doing

Iwokrama's mission

"To promote the conservation and the sustainable and equitable use of tropical rain forests 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."









FROM THE CEO

As the Centre completed its workplan for 2017, data from the US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) suggested that the period 2014 - 2017 contained the four warmest years in the measurement series since 1980. More importantly, 2017 was the third-warmest year (without any influence from El Nino), following on from the warmest-ever year of 2016, which was influenced by El Niño.

These climate statistics are based on empirical data and prove that the climate is warming and reinforces Iwokrama's work in Sustainable Forest Management. Goal fifteen of the UN'S Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's) speaks specifically to the value of the world's forests and biodiversity.

The Centre continued to align its work with Guyana's Green State Development Strategy (GSDS) and H.E. Brigadier David Granger, MSS. President of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana, continued to reaffirm his support of Iwokrama. The Commonwealth Secretariat, the Centre's other founding partner, also continued to offer support to the Centre with the appointment of two Trustees from the Secretariat to the Centre's International Board of Trustees.

DANE GOBIN



Iwokrama made progress in its work in developing a financial model that would reduce its dependency on donor funding and return the Centre to more sustained viability. A key component of this model is Iwokrama's earned revenue sources which remained an important contributor to financing the Centre's core costs.

The Centre made good progress with the development of Phase II of its sustainable model timber harvesting and processing business and the Iwokrama Forest once again, maintained its status as being the only forest in Guyana to have achieved and maintained Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC®) accreditation for Forest Management. During the year the Centre renegotiated and renewed the joint venture agreement with its partner which allowed for the United Kingdom Government to continue to buy FSC® Certified greenheart from the Iwokrama Forest.

Tourism results were a bit disappointing as revenues dropped from 2016 mainly because of the poor road conditions. The Centre must now concentrate on developing a new strategy to make more use of its upgraded airstrip to help develop its tourism business and so embarked on a search for investors to develop higher end tourism products and services.

The River Lodge maintained its license from the Guyana Tourism Authority under the Interior Lodges and Resort Regulations No. 17 of 2008. Education groups such as Operation Wallacea and Earth Expeditions – University of Miami continued their annual pilgrimage to Iwokrama and this area of relationships with education and training institutions remains one that offers much promise.

We maintained our close working partnership with the communities as we implemented the revised Collaborative Management Agreement, we signed a year earlier. During the year, Iwokrama supported and attended the North Rupununi District Development Board (NRDDB) meetings.

The Centre made substantial progress towards realizing its research and science programme with a major investment by Exxon Mobil in the development of a new 5 year Science programme for the Centre. A new Iwokrama Science Committee (ISC) was formed and work will begin in 2018.

FROM THE CEO

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our friends, supporters, business partners and donors who contributed during the period. I would also like to recognise the hard work of our very committed staff, our founding members, the Government of Guyana and the Commonwealth Secretariat and the communities for their unwavering support and understanding.

Already 2018, looks full of promise with the Centre completing the development of its new Science Programme followed by its implementation.



Dane Gobin
Chief Executive Officer

IWOKRAMA'S INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Iwokrama is managed by an International Board of Trustees (IBoT) which has ultimate responsibility for the management of the Centre. The IBoT determines the policies and priorities of the Centre, sets operational administrative systems, appoints the CEO and plays a substantial role in fund-raising.

Ms. Katalaina Sapolu : Chairman (ag), Director Governance and Peace Directorate Commonwealth Secretariat, UK

The Honourable Mr. Sydney Allicock: *M.P: Minister of Indigenous Peoples' Affairs, Guyana*

Mr. James Singh: *Commissioner of Forests, Guyana Forestry Commission, Guyana*

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Ms. Frances J Seymour: *Senior Fellow at the Centre for Global Development, Washington D.C.*

Ms. Katherine Kennedy: *Head of Climate Change, Commonwealth Secretariat, UK*

Mr. Dane Gobin: *CEO, Iwokrama, Guyana*



GOOD FOREST GOVERNANCE:

IWOKRAMA'S COLLABORATIVE MANAGEMENT PARTNERSHIPS

One of Iwokrama's major strengths is its continuous collaboration with the local communities and other partners in the management of the Iwokrama Forest and surrounding areas. The foundation for collaborative management has been laid through the recognition of indigenous rights (including intellectual property rights) in the Iwokrama Act and the implementation of shared decision-making mechanisms which include innovative collaborative management and benefit-sharing agreements.















Iwokrama, with support from its partners and donors provided both financial and in-kind support for the NRDDB quarterly statutory meetings in 2017. Iwokrama team members also participated in the meetings by providing updates on Iwokrama's work.

Facilitating Stakeholder Participation













Iwokrama participated in Community meetings at the Bina Hill institute, Annai and in Apoteri, Surama and Fair View villages

CONSERVATION AND WISE USE:



TOURISM

In 2017, more than 1000 guests visited the Iwokrama River Lodge and participated in one or more of 12 different tours - the Turtle Mountain Hike, Canopy Walkway Tour, wildlife spotting trips and birding tours were the most popular.

Guests originated mainly from the United States, United Kingdom and Guyana.

Iwokrama's Marketing Coordinator was part of the CARICOM contingent to the World Expo 2017 held in Astana, Kazakhstan. Iwokrama benefited through direct marketing and promotion to more than 50, 000 visitors who passed through the Guyana booth.

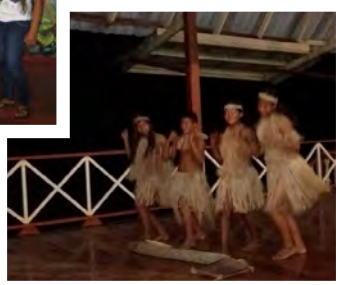


ATTA SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT 2017

In July, Iwokrama applied for and won a one-year Tour Operator Scholarship from the Adventure Travel and Tourism Association (ATTA) which includes complimentary membership in the ATTA for one year, sponsorship to attend the ATTA Annual Tourism Conference and opportunities to market Iwokrama and network with leading travel agencies and tour operators.

Iwokrama staffers and members of Fair View village have formed a new Cultural Group. Practice is ongoing and the group performs on visitor request, for events and on special occassions.





Through Sustainable Forest Management



Students of Fair View Village HEYS [Hinterland Employment and Youth Services] Programme at Iwokrama River Lodge.

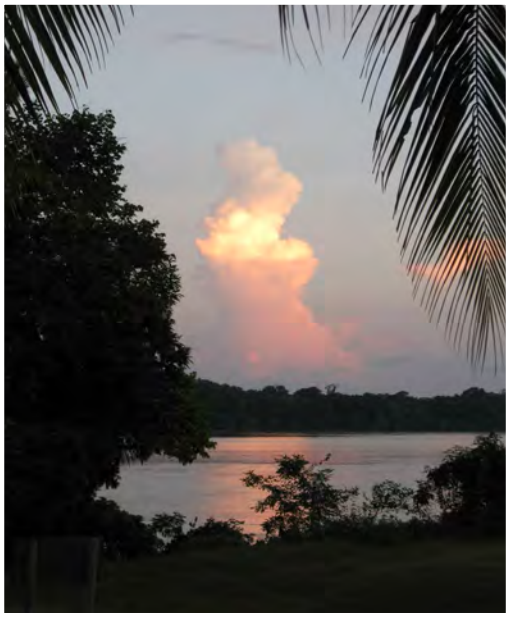
Iwokrama continued to support Fair View's Tourism Development Drive in 2017. Discussions were held at community meetings and the HEYs group, which included a visit to the River Lodge for the group to get a better understanding of Iwokrama's tourism operation.

The HEYS programme is run by the Ministry of Indigenous Peoples' Affairs.

Iwokrama was part of the Guyana team that visited the Barbados Tourism Authority and other tourism entities as part of a bilateral agreement to partner with Barbados for a "*Destination Twinning*" experience.

Following the visit, Iwokrama partnered with Accra Beach Hotel and Spa and their sister hotel Abider. A package called '*Sun, Sand, Sea, Serenity and Safari*' is being developed and proposes three days and two nights at Iwokrama and then to the Accra Beach Hotel for three or four nights.

For more details, please contact our reservations department at tourism@iwokrama.org









Tourism Awareness Month is celebrated in November each year. Iwokrama used the opportunities provided by the Guyana Tourism Authority to promote its Christmas Package at their Mini Expo which was held at the Giftland Mall.

Staff also participated in the Tourism Authority's Scavenger Hunt and won.

CONSERVATION AND WISE USE:

TIMBER

- Total annual production was 15,660 m^3 from 19 species including Greenheart, Purpleheart, and Wamaradan
- Total Production from Fair View titled land was 12,798 m^3
- Forest road construction included 14 km of secondary and feeder road
- Forest road maintenance included 29 km of secondary and feeder road
- Successful FSC® Surveillance Certification Audit in September
- Iwokrama and McVantage-Guyana are working on the development of new markets for one timber species – Suya (*Pouteria speciosa*)
- Iwokrama and FML and McVantage-Guyana signed a new Five (5) year agreement for the period 2019-2023



FSC® CERTIFIED SAWN LUMBER FROM THE IWOKRAMA FOREST

Through Sustainable Forest Management



FSC® SURVEILLANCE VISIT

In September 2017, Iwokrama successfully passed its first Forest Management Surveillance Audit. The audit was conducted by Soil Association Certification.

The Iwokrama Forest is currently the only forested area in Guyana that is certified by the Forest Stewardship Council® for Forest Management.













MARKETING AND PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT

Iwokrama and Mc Vantage Guyana Ltd are working together to develop markets for one new timber species - Suya (*Pouteria speciosa*). It is relatively abundant and suitable for general construction, flooring, interior panelling and plywood.



MONITORING:

Iwokrama's monitoring system considers the social and environmental impacts of various activities in the forest. It aims to detect changes and potential impacts of natural and anthropogenic activities within the Iwokrama Forest.





In August, Fair View Village reported that a jaguar was attacking dogs and chickens in the village, some of the residents managed to trap it.

Iwokrama contacted the Wildlife Conservation and Management Commission who quickly mobilized and dispatched a team to assist. The jaguar was successfully relocated approximately 40km from the village with the assistance of Iwokrama Rangers.

The Commission is working on helping to educate communities around Guyana on human-jaguar conflicts to help villages better manage these situations.

Iwokrama has since set up camera traps along the road near the village to help monitor for jaguar presence.

WATER QUALITY MONITORING

Water quality monitoring is done to measure changes in the physical, chemical, biological, and microbiological characteristics of key water sources in the Forest.



BOUNDARY MONITORING

Iwokrama continued to be vigilant about the possibility of illegal or unauthorized activities in the forest particularly mining along river boundaries of the Forest.

In August, a dredge was found operating in the Essequibo River, in the buffer area of the forest. The Guyana Geology and Mines Commission was alerted and acted quickly by issuing a cease order, and escorted the dredge out of the buffer area.





A People Centered Approach to Conservation

CAPACITY BUILDING

In October, a workshop was held with monitoring related staff to review and streamline Iwokrama's monitoring system.

Training was also provided in the use of Microsoft Excel particularly basic analysis and graph production. Other sessions were held to improve reporting and communication skills.









BIRD WATCHING AND WILDLIFE MONITORING WITH FAIR VIEW WILDLIFE CLUB

Iwokrama's rangers have been joining the Fair View Wildlife Club on Saturdays to teach the members about bird watching and wildlife monitoring.



CAPACITY BUILDING:



GRADUATION AT BINA HILL INSTITUTE

The Bina Hill Training Institute held its graduation ceremony in July and Dr. Raquel Thomas of Iwokrama presented a trophy to the Best Graduating student, Ms Angelen Gomes.



TRAINING:CITY TOUR GUIDE

Chauncy McCalmon, Senior Reservations Clerk, participated in the Guyana Tourism Authority's (GTA) annual City Tour Guide Training. The two-day training programme focused on the theoretical and practical skills required for conducting city tours.













AMERINDIAN COOKING CLASS

Iwokrama partnered with Tocuma Indigenous Restaurant and a private sector partner to host Traditional Amerindian Cooking Classes in celebration of Amerindian Heritage Month.

The classes provided an opportunity for participants to experience Amerindian Heritage and culture and celebrated both Iwokrama and Tocuma's relationship with Indigenous communities.

TRAINING: CPR / FIRST AID

Staff members: Rohanie Roopnarine, Stephanie Chan-A-Sue and Shara Seelall received CPR/First Aid Training from the American Heart Association last October.

Training was sponsored by the Guyana Tourism Authority (GTA) and each person received certificates valid for two years.





Building Knowledge, Creating Spaces & Bringing People Together











ST CUTHBERT'S MISSION, ST. GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL SUNDAY SCHOOL AND QUEEN'S COLLEGE

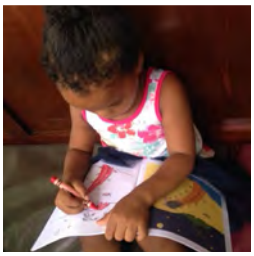
Our Outreach Programme continued with a visit to St. Cuthbert's Mission, in July, the only indigenous community in Region 4. The team included Iwokrama staff and Mrs. Dionne Cush-Barnwell of the Guyana Society for Biodiversity and Ecosystems (GSBE). Students of St. Cuthbert's Primary and Secondary Schools were treated to videos and discussions on Guyana's biodiversity, climate change and protecting our environment. The children shared their views on the animals and trees in their community, and agreed to be champions of the NO LITTERING campaign.

Children of the St. George's Cathedral's Sunday School also benefitted from our Outreach Programme during the August holidays. They had a fun time chatting about their favourite animals and learning about our environment including the need to take care of it. Special time was dedicated to learning about marine turtles and colouring them in books generously donated by our friends at World Wildlife Fund (WWF) Guyana. Thank you WWF!

The Iwokrama Team also participated in the Queen's College Student Conference in February. The team made a presentation titled "*Our Country, Our Hertiage, Our Pride: Inspiring the Next Generation to be Excellent Stewards of Guyana's Rich Natural Resources*."







CELEBRATING 21 YEARS

On May 8th, Iwokrama celebrated 21 years since it was created through an Act of Parliament. Joining the celebration at the Iwokrama Office in High Street, Kingston was H.E. President David Granger and first lady Mrs. Sandra Granger.

The focus for the 21st Anniversary Celebration was outreach for young students and adults with special circumstances, giving them an opportunity to learn more about the environment and climate change.

Residents of Joshua House were invited to the Georgetown Office for presentations on the environment and interactive sessions where they composed poems, made animal figurines using play dough, and were quizzed on various subjects.

OUTREACH



















Outreach continued for persons with special circumstances at the Guyana Society of the Blind, Gifted Hands Learning Centre, Cheshire Home for persons with disabilities and the Prabu Sharan Orphanage on the West Coast of Demerara. Activities at all locations included presentations on Iwokrama and the environment and the use of art and craft to create interest, encourage interaction and showcase each person's favourite plants and animals.

All Activities were supported by Republic Bank Ltd, Banks DIH Limited and Giftland Mall.

Pictures with staff and participants.



















MARCH FOR SCIENCE - Earth Day 2017

On Saturday April 22, Iwokrama joined the rest of the World to celebrate Earth Day under the theme *"Environmental and Global Literacy".*

The main activity planned for 2017 globally was a MARCH FOR SCIENCE and Iwokrama was happy to have led the Guyana chapter. The March for Science was an unprecedented global gathering of scientists and science enthusiasts who joined together to acknowledge the vital role science plays in our lives and the need to respect and encourage research that gives us insight into the world.

The March for Science was not only a celebration of science but a show of respect towards the importance of research and discoveries on our everyday lives.

The March commenced at the National Park and ended in the Botanical Gardens. More than 100 scientists, students and supporters turned out to walk with numerous banners.





BUILDING AWARENESS FOR BIODIVERSITY



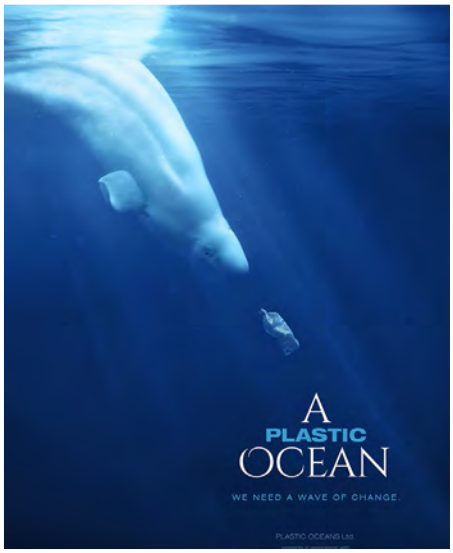


FIRST ENVIRONMENTAL FILM FESTIVAL HELD AT UMANA YANA

Iwokrama partnered with the Caribbean Film Academy to host the first Environmental Film Festival on June 3 at the Umana Yana. The Ministry of Education and Ministry of Indigenous Peoples' Affairs provided support for the event. The one day event featured mainly short documentaries/films from Environmental NGOs and Government agencies.



BUILDING AWARENESS FOR BIODIVERSITY

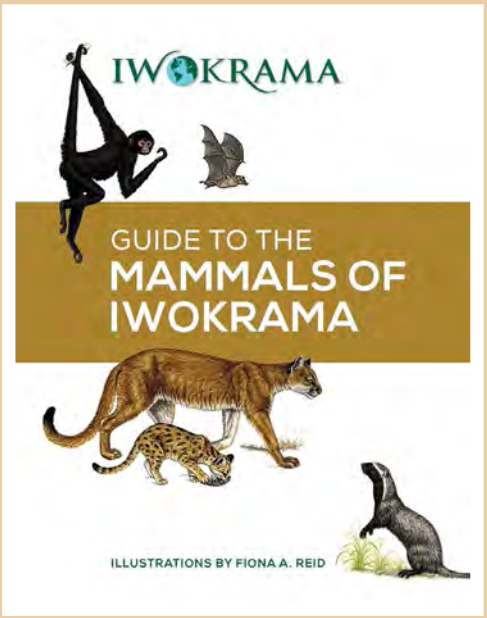




FILM SCREENING: A PLASTIC OCEAN

Iwokrama partnered with Repsol Exploración Guyana S.A. to host a Film Screening Exercise at the Giftland Mall on Sunday December 3, 2017.

The film screened was *"A Plastic Ocean,"* a documentary highlighting the dangers of littering and the effect plastic waste has on the environment, particularly marine life and the food chain. The aim of this public screening was to encourage change in human behaviour towards the use and disposal of plastics and to encourage protection of the marine environment.



REPRINT: MAMMAL GUIDE

Iwokrama partnered with Repsol Exploración Guyana S.A. to update and reprint the Guide to the Mammals of the Iwokrama Forest. The guide was first published in 1999. It identifies 71 of the most distinctive mammals found in the 371,000 ha Iwokrama Forest.

Copies of the Guide can be downloaded from the Iwokrama website: https://iwokrama.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/Iwokrama-Mammal-Guide-2017-Web.pdf





Earth Hour Activities

Earth Hour is the World's largest demonstration of support for action on climate change. To "*shine a light*" on Earth Hour 2017, Iwokrama collaborated with WWF and other partner organizations to conduct several activities in March including

- a Secondary School Debate Competition
- School Visits - Iwokrama collaborated with CYEN visited schools in Georgetown, Linden and Berbice
- Candle lit dinners at the Iwokrama River Lodge during Earth hour itself-(all non-essential lights were turned off)

The main activity for Earth Hour itself, was a "*Lights Out*" Concert at the National Park at 7:30pm, in time for Earth Hour at 8:30pm when all non-essential lights were switched off. The concert included live performances, cultural presentations and pledges from WWF and local partners.

EARTH OPTIMISM

Earth Optimism is a dialogue about conservation and sustainability which is focused on solutions instead of problems.

Dr Raquel Thomas, Iwokrama's Director (Resource Management and Training), presented at the prestigious Smithsonian sponsored event in Washington DC in April 2017. Minister Sydney Allicock of Ministry of Indigenous Peoples' Affairs also presented at the event which focused on positive stories about conservation around the world.

The trip to Washington also included a visit to the Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute (SCBI) and a tour of the Red Siskin conservation breeding project being run by SCBI with the National Zoo.







ROTARACT Recycle Fair

Iwokrama joined with Food for the Poor (Guyana), Impressions and Star Party Rental to support the Recycle Fair organized by the Rotaract Club of Georgetown (District 7030). School supplies, books, household goods and other items were donated for the fair which was held in March.

BUILDING AWARENESS FOR BIODIVERSITY

VALUING NATURAL RESOURCES



Iwokrama hosted more than 385 students and researchers from schools and universities in 2017.

Operation Wallacea, Earth Expeditions (Miami University) and University of Central Lancashire continued to make annual visits.
Several local schools and the University of Guyana were also among the institutions that visited Iwokrama during the year.

SCIENCE & RESEARCH

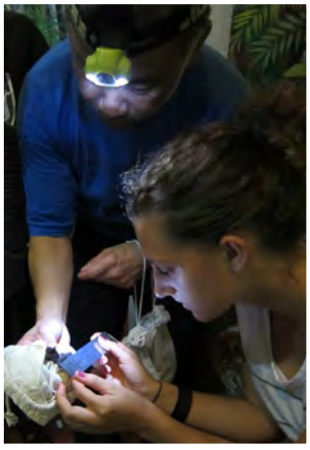












VALUING NATURAL RESOURCES

World Science Day Lecture and the re-launch of IWOKRAMA's Science Programme

Iwokrama hosted a Public Lecture in celebration of World Science Day on November 8.

The event hosted more than 150 persons and was led by Dr. Patrick Chesney, who guided the audience through an interesting programme which included remarks from Mr. Dane Gobin (CEO, Iwokrama), Rod Henson (Country Manager, ExxonMobil Guyana), Honourable Minister David Patterson, Minister of Public Infrastructure and the Keynote Speaker: Mr. Andrew Mitchell, who delivered an engaging and informative presentation on 'Iwokrama's place in the world'.

The event concluded with active discussions around the future of Science at Iwokrama and its role in both local and global green development.

Mr. Mitchell is an international thought leader on tropical forests, climate change and natural capital. Starting his career as a zoologist, he advanced to gain 40-years' experience spanning scientific research, conservation and finance for forests. Mr. Mitchell is currently Founder Director of the innovative Global Canopy Programme in the United Kingdom.













Every year in November, World Science Day for Peace and Development is celebrated globally. The day seeks to highlight the important role that science plays in society and underscores the need for wide public information sharing and debates on emerging issues. Such issues include, green economy development, climate change, application-based scientific knowledge generation, new species discoveries and species conservation, to name a few.

With the support of Exxon, Iwokrama is in the process of restarting its science programme in 2018.

SCIENCE & RESEARCH



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IWOKRAMA:

PARTNERING FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

ECCAM SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

Three staff members; Shara Seelall, Jason Dick-Grant and Purnanand Lalbachan were successful in their applications for scholarships through the Education for Climate Change Adaptation & Mitigation (ECCAM) scholarship programme funded by the European Union. This Master's Programme will be undertaken at the Fiji National University (FNU), Fiji.

ECCAM –Education for Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation project is funded by the ACP (African, Caribbean and Pacific) and European Union from the European Development Fund. The project offers opportunities for study in several partnering ACP countries' universities. Partner universities include University of Guyana, Fiji National University and University of the West Indies.



Secretary –General, ACP, Dr Patrick I Gomes with recipients Jason and Purnanad during his courtesy call to the Iwokrama Office in Georgetown





Iwokrama in partnership with Republic Bank and Giftland Mall provided school supplies to students of Fair View Primary School



Iwokrama's Forest Manager, Mr. Ken Rodney showcasing Greenheart from the Iwokrama Forest. The Greenheart is being used in the renovations of the St George's Cathedral.



The Greenheart was sawn in the Iwokrama Forest and dressed at the McVantage Guyana Facility at Coverden, EBD.

IWOKRAMA:

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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL (SDG) WORKSHOPS





Iwokrama, Biomimicry Roraima and the University of Massachusetts, Boston held a series of half-day workshops to launch the Guyana 'Green Growth' SDG Lab 2017. The workshops identified key challenges of transitioning Guyana to a Green State, discussed potential opportunities and generated actionable ideas to support the development and implementation of the Green State Development Strategy (GSDS).

These Sustainable Development Goal Laboratory (SDG Lab) workshops were conducted in association with the Department of Environment, Ministry of the Presidency (MoTP) during May 2017.



VISIT BY UAPB STUDENTS AND FACULTY MEMBERS

A team from the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff (UAPB) visited our Georgetown Office to participate in an information exchange session on Iwokrama's work and partnership opportunities.

The visitors were part of UAPB's Education Abroad Programme to learn about agriculture practices and the biodiversity, history and culture of different countries. The team disclosed that Guyana was one of 5 countries of the programme, including China, Ghana, Mexico and the Dominican Republic.

The visit was coordinated by Partners of the Americas (Guyana Chapter) in association with the University of Guyana and the National Agricultural Research and Extension Institute (NAREI).

IWOKRAMA and GFC partner with CIFOR on GCS REDD+ Country Profile



Iwokrama is compiling a profile on Guyana as part of a Global Comparative Study (GCS) on REDD+ lead by the Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR).

Development of the profile included the conduct of two Knowledge Sharing Events (June and December 2017), interviews and desk reviews. The Guyana Forestry Commission (GFC) has supported this process by co-hosting the events with IIC and CIFOR, and facilitating a presentation of the preliminary results at a GFC in-house forum. Two staff members from GFC's REDD Secretariat also participated in specialized training on developing the country profile.

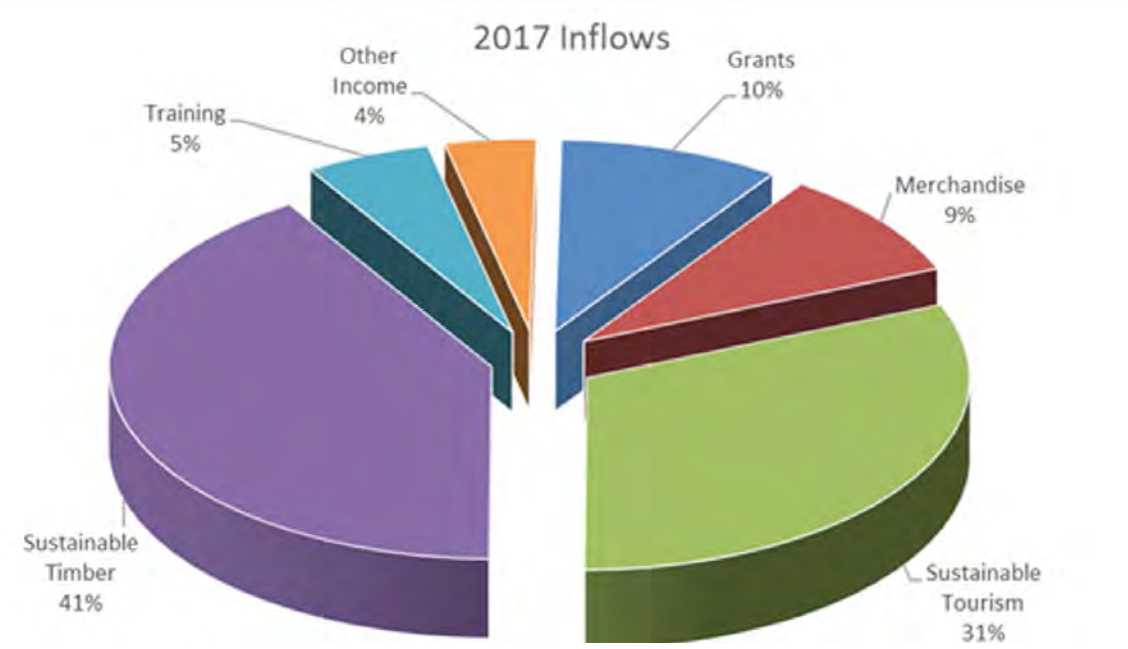
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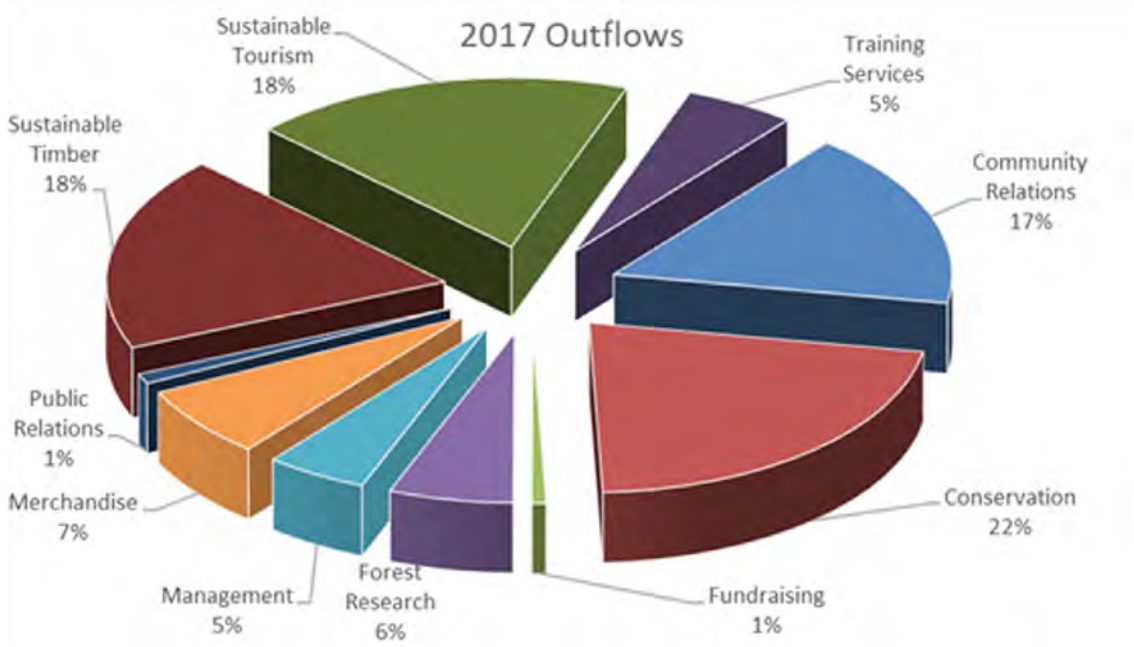
Overview

Earned revenues led by ecotourism and sustainable forestry made good contributions to the Centre's core costs over the period.

Grants accounted for 10% of our revenues whilst earned income accounted for 90% for the year as against 60% in 2016, a significant increase. We are confident that the Centre's businesses will continue to make more substantive contributions to the Centre's core costs thus continuing to reduce its dependency on donor receipts.

The pie-charts which follow show the contributions to total revenue from the various revenue sources and the percentage of programmatic expenditure of overall expenditure.

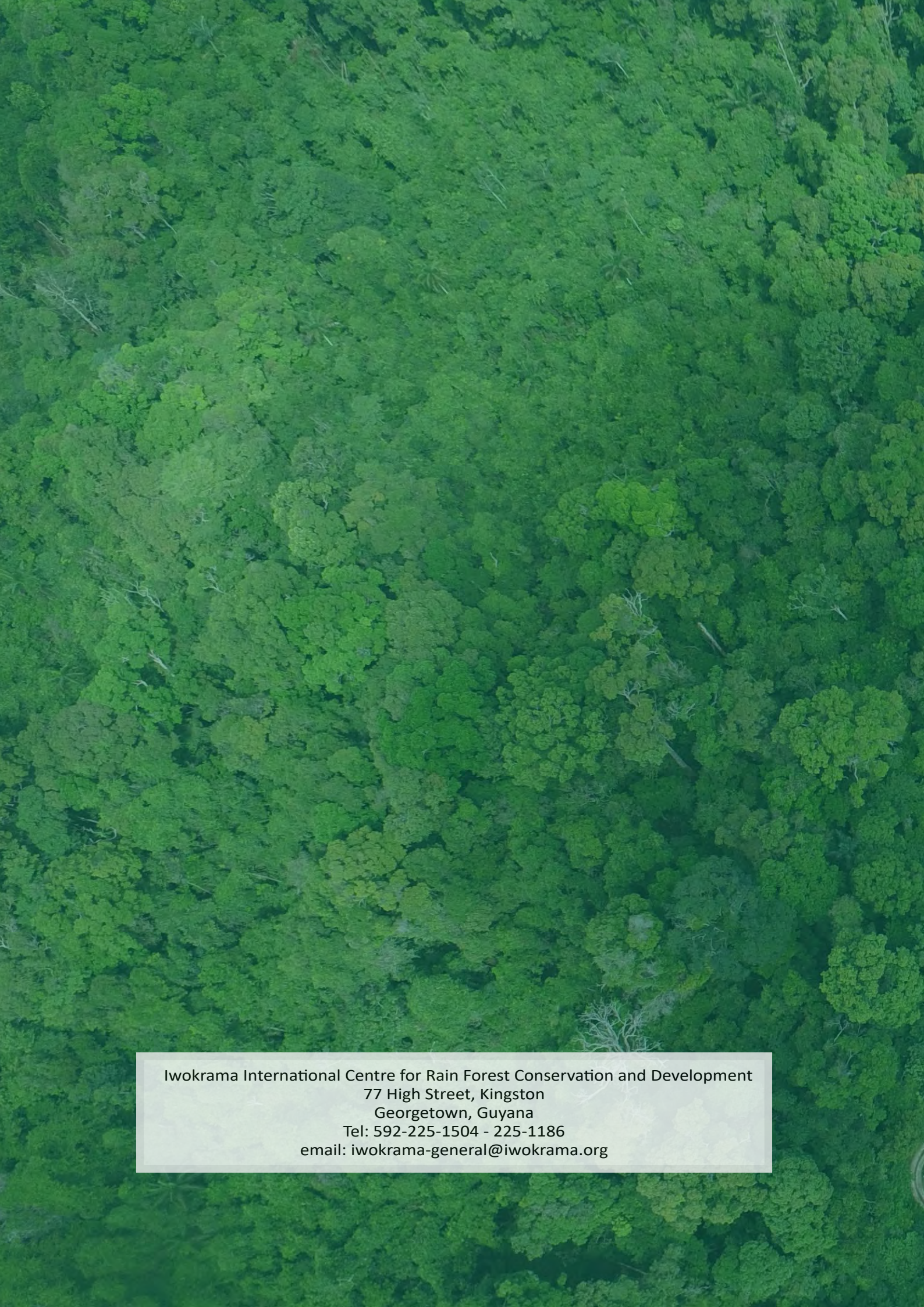




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