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Operational objective 1: Advocacy, awareness raising and education

**CONS-O-1**

Number and size of information events organized on the subject of desertification, land degradation and drought (DLDD) and/or DLDD synergies with climate change and biodiversity, and audience reached by media addressing DLDD and DLDD synergies

**Global target**

Percentage of population informed about DLDD and/or DLDD synergies with climate change and biodiversity

30 %

2018

**National contribution to the global target**

Percentage of national population informed about DLDD and/or DLDD synergies with climate change and biodiversity

50

2011

2013

2015

2017

2019

**Voluntary national target**

Percentage of national population informed about DLDD and/or DLDD synergies with climate change and biodiversity

%

Year

Which national target your country has established to measure progress in achieving the priorities established in the national action programme, if different from the target suggested above?

Awareness increased on NAP Alignment (NAP Alignment takes into consideration Climate Change and Biodiversity)

**Information events**

Year	Number of events	Total estimated participants
2008		
2009		
2010		
2011		
2012	14	180000
2013	9	190000
2014		
2015		
2016		
2017		
2018		

**Mass media articles and radio/television programmes about these events**

Year	Number	Estimated people reached
2012	2	200000
2013	1	150000
2014		
2015		
2016		
2017		
2018		

**Sources of information**

- EPA Reports & website- [www.epaguyana.org](http://www.epaguyana.org) for Land Degradation, Climate Change and Biodiversity
- LCDS Reports, Press Releases and Publications & website- [www.lcds.gov.gy](http://www.lcds.gov.gy)
- Newspaper articles, Brochures, Posters, Environmental Camps, Youth Forum, Teaching Aids/ Games
- Exhibitions, Booklets, School Outreach, Art Competition, Biodiversity Tour, Documentary Night
- Youth Forum, Environmental Camps, Presentations, Media Programmes using Tv and Radio
- GFC outreach and awareness activities on climate change and sustainable forestry management-
- REDD+, Climate change, Guyana's LCDS, Guyana's National Forest Policy Statement and Plan
- Biomass determination & Forest Carbon Stock Reports

## Operational objective 1: Advocacy, awareness raising and education

Qualitative  
assessment

Does your country have a national communication strategy addressing DLDD and/or DLDD synergies with climate change and biodiversity in place?

Yes No 

Provide any complementary information as needed (e.g., regarding the implementation of the Comprehensive Communication Strategy, activities relating to the United Nations Decade for Deserts and the Fight Against Desertification, etc.):

The Strategic Plan of the Environmental Protection Agency would present 5 year work programmes of the Education, Information and Training Division which would plan activities to promote awareness of the Rio Conventions. The Division is mandated to provide information and education to the public regarding the need for and methods of protection of the environment where altered directly or indirectly by human activity, and the benefits of sustainable use of natural resources. This is the national communication strategy which addresses awareness and activities for the 3 Rio Conventions among other environmental issues.

Operational objective 1: Advocacy, awareness raising and education

CONS-O-3

Number of civil society organizations (CSOs) and science and technology institutions (STIs) participating in the Convention processes

Global target

A steady growth in the participation of CSOs and STIs in the Convention processes is recorded along the implementation period of The Strategy.

National contribution to global target: number of CSOs and STIs involved in DLDD-related programmes/projects

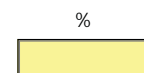
Year	Number of civil society organizations	Number of science and technology institutions
2008		
2009		
2010		
2011		
2012	4	1
2013	4	1
2014		
2015		
2016		
2017		
2018		

Sources of information: name of the CSOs and STIs

Conservation International (Guyana) <a href="http://www.conservation.org.gy">www.conservation.org.gy</a>
World Wildlife Fund <a href="http://www.worldwildlife.org">www.worldwildlife.org</a>
Iwokrama International Centre <a href="http://www.iwokrama.org">www.iwokrama.org</a>
Village Mangrove Action Committee <a href="http://www.lcds.gov.gy">www.lcds.gov.gy</a>
<a href="http://www.guyanatimesgy.com">www.guyanatimesgy.com</a>

Voluntary national target

Percent increase in the number of CSOs and STIs participating in the Convention process at national level, per biennium



Which national target your country has established to measure progress in achieving the priorities established in the national action programme, if different from the target suggested above?

CSOs and STIs have been more aggressive and have their operational programmes aligned to the LCDS and Climate Change, Biodiversity and Land Degradation. The period 2012-3 experienced greater collaboration with Government Agencies and more work in the hinterland regions. The CSOs and STIs would be part of the activities related to the awareness of the NAP Alignment and Stakeholder Consultations on the launch of the Reporting process.

Qualitative assessment

Is your country undertaking initiatives to increase the participation of CSOs and STIs in DLDD-related programmes and projects?

Yes

No

Provide a short description of actions taken at the national level to promote participation by CSOs and STIs in the Convention processes.

CSOs are funded and supported by the Focal Points, and when necessary participate in projects and training. In forestry-CSOs receive training-50 persons from 7 communities were trained to conduct forest resources assessment. A total of 124 communities/associations and 50 regional stakeholders, totaling 564 individuals, including saw millers participated in capacity building workshops, and they were provided with relevant information on Increased capacity at national and community level to develop and implement Guyana's REDD+ strategy. Training and sensitization sessions were held with 34 Small Loggers Association (SLA's) covering 346 participants to discuss Sustainable Forest Management.

Operational objective 1: Advocacy, awareness raising and education

CONS-0-4

Number and type of DLDD-related initiatives of civil society organizations (CSOs) and science and technology institutions (STIs) in the field of education

Global target

A steady growth in the number of DLDD-related education initiatives undertaken by CSOs and STIs is recorded along the implementation period of The Strategy

National contribution to the global target: number of DLDD-related initiatives implemented by CSOs and STIs in the field of education

Year	Number of CSOs initiatives	Number of STIs initiatives
2008		
2009		
2010		
2011		
2012	3	0
2013	3	1
2014		
2015		
2016		
2017		
2018		

Sources of information

Conservation International (Guyana) <a href="http://www.conservation.org.gy">www.conservation.org.gy</a> conducts training on the Protected Areas and Climate Change
Iwokrama Rainforest Centre <a href="http://www.iwokrama.org">www.iwokrama.org</a> for tours to the rainforest and training on impact assessments
Guyana Mangrove Restoration Project Public Education & Training on protection/planting of mangrove

Voluntary national target

Percent increase in the number of DLDD-related education initiatives undertaken by CSOs and STIs, per biennium



Which national target your country has established to measure progress in achieving the priorities established in the national action programme, if different from the target suggested above?

Training of Stakeholders on the use of indicator-based monitoring of the NAP would include CSOs and STIs
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Qualitative assessment

Is your country undertaking initiatives to increase the number of DLDD-related initiatives in the education sector implemented by CSOs and STIs?

Yes  No

Provide a short description of actions taken at the national level to increase the number of DLDD-related initiatives of CSOs and STIs in the field of education.

At the national level, the CSOs have programmes to increase awareness and conduct training on protected areas, biodiversity and climate change. Their work is done in the hinterland regions where there is need for more exchange of information. The management of protected areas and use of resources also requires continuous training and exchange of information. The Iwokrama Protected area is managed by the Iwokrama Centre which provides for training to maintain the lodge as a eco-tourism and research centre for biologists and researchers. The Kanuku Mt. Protected Area is managed by Conservation International with a full time trainer, and training of issues of biodiversity protection and climate change is facilitated by their staff at their office near the Protected Area. This is a continuous process which maintains partnership with the indigenous people to manage the resources of the area. Guyana Forestry Commission held 19 workshops to sensitize and disseminate information on Sustainable Forest Management practices to forest communities and Loggers Associations in Regions 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10.
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**CONS-0-5** Number of affected country Parties, subregional and regional entities to have finalized the formulation/revision of national, subregional and regional action programmes (NAPs/SRAPs/RAPs) aligned to The Strategy, taking into account biophysical and socio-economic information, national planning and policies, and integration into investment frameworks

**Global target** Percentage of affected country Parties, subregional and regional entities that have formulated/ revised a NAP/SRAP/RAP aligned to The Strategy **≥ 80 %** **2018**

National contribution to the global target

Does your country have a NAP aligned to the Strategy? Yes  No

Qualitative assessment

Is your NAP being implemented? Yes  No

Please answer the following two questions only if your country has not aligned the NAP to the Strategy

Voluntary national target

When do you plan to align your NAP to the Strategy? 2014-2015   
 2016-2017   
 2018-2019   
 No Plan Yet

Which national target your country has established to measure progress in achieving the priorities established in the national action programme, if different from the target suggested above?

Qualitative assessment

Provide any complementary information as needed (e.g., national circumstances affecting the NAP alignment and implementation process)

The Project Proposal on the Alignment of the NAP was approved by the UNDP/GEF Sub-Regional Office.

Sources of information

UNDP Guyana Office, NAP PIF, NAP Project Document

**CONS-0-7**

Number of initiatives for synergistic planning/programming of the three Rio conventions or mechanisms for joint implementation, at all levels

**Global target**

Each affected country Party has either one joint national plan in place or functional mechanism(s) to ensure synergies among the three Rio conventions

2014

**National contribution to the global target**

Was your country implementing joint planning/programming initiatives for the three Rio conventions in the current reporting period?

Yes

Yes, but for only two of the Rio conventions

No

Were there any operational mechanisms that facilitated joint implementation of the three Rio Conventions during the current reporting period?

Yes

Yes, but for only two of the Rio conventions

No

Please answer the following questions if your country has such initiatives or mechanisms in place

**Qualitative assessment**

If your country has initiatives for synergistic planning/programming of the three Rio conventions, specify the type of joint initiative(s):

Evaluation of national plans and identification of gaps in synergies

Identification of national sectors and policies that could benefit from synergies and cooperation

Review of national policies to enhance cooperation and synergies

Enhancement of the institutional and scientific capacities and awareness of relevant stakeholders

Other (please describe below):

The Environmental Protection Agency has meetings with the other Focal Points regarding work on the Conventions, and reports on the work done on the CBD. This is done at GEF Meetings with other sector Agencies.

**Qualitative assessment**

If your country has mechanisms for joint implementation, specify the type of mechanism(s):

Regular meetings between focal points and focal point teams of the Rio conventions

A national coordinating committee for the implementation of the Rio conventions

National coordination on synergies in reporting under the Rio conventions

Other (please describe below):

The GEF Focal Point, EPA would indicate the status of planning, programmes and projects, and status of Reports under the Rio Conventions

Provide any complementary information as needed:

Minutes of GEF Meetings and Progress Reports on biodiversity, climate change and land degradation under the Rio Conventions

**Sources of information**





**CONS-0-8** Number of affected country Parties, subregional and regional entities to have established and supported a national/subregional/regional monitoring system for DLDD

<b>Global target</b>	Percentage of affected country Parties, subregional and regional reporting entities that have established and supported national monitoring systems for DLDD	≥ 60 %	2018
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**National contribution to the global target**

Is a monitoring system specifically dedicated to DLDD established in your country? Yes  No

If yes, is the monitoring system regularly updated and functional? Yes  No

Please answer the following questions if your country has not established and supported national monitoring systems for DLDD by the end of the current reporting period

**Voluntary national target**

When does your country plan to establish and support a national monitoring system for DLDD?

2014-2015

2016-2017

2018-2019

No Plan Yet

Which national target your country has established to measure progress in achieving the priorities established in the national action programme, if different from the target suggested above?

The NAP Alignment Project would review existing frameworks and recommend actions.

**Sources of information**

MRVS Study / Reports provided deforestation rates and degradation using a national monitoring system for REDD+

<http://www.nre.gov.gy/bulletin.html>

**Qualitative assessment**

Does your country have a monitoring system partially covering DLDD? Yes  No

Provide any complementary information as needed (e.g., major difficulties experienced, how the system is being supported, etc.):

The national monitoring system is supported by the Guyana Forestry Commission, as a REDD+ requirement to provide reports on deforestation for payments from Norway. The system is supported with the use of satellite imagery and GIS to determine forest and land use change. Methodology for integrating Remote Sensing and GIS into MRVS and to manage tabular data and standards for Meta data management have been established.

**Knowledge-sharing systems**

List any DLDD-relevant knowledge-sharing system in your country, providing an Internet link and estimated number of users per year (add as many rows as necessary).

Name of the system:	Guyana Forestry Commission
Internet link:	<a href="http://www.forestry.gov.gy">www.forestry.gov.gy</a>
Estimated number of users per year:	

Operational objective 3: Science, technology and knowledge

Name of the system:	Office of Climate Change Low Carbon Development Strategy
Internet link:	<a href="http://www.lcds.gov.gy">www.lcds.gov.gy</a>
Estimated number of users per year:	57429

Name of the system:	Forest Carbon Partnership under REDD+
Internet link:	<a href="http://www.forestcarbonpartnership.org/guyana">www.forestcarbonpartnership.org/guyana</a>
Estimated number of users per year:	

Operational objective 3: Science, technology and knowledge

<b>CONS-0-10</b>	Number of revised NAPs/SRAPs/RAPs reflecting knowledge of DLDD drivers and their interactions, and of the interaction of DLDD with climate change and biodiversity			
<b>Global target</b>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td data-bbox="343 297 1212 392">Percentage of revised NAPs/SRAPs/RAPs that have successfully gone through a quality self-assessment.</td> <td data-bbox="1212 297 1372 392">≥ 70 %</td> <td data-bbox="1372 297 1556 392">2018</td> </tr> </table>	Percentage of revised NAPs/SRAPs/RAPs that have successfully gone through a quality self-assessment.	≥ 70 %	2018
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CONS-0-13

Number of countries, subregional and regional reporting entities engaged in building capacity to combat DLDD on the basis of the National Capacity Self-Assessment (NCSA) or other methodologies and instruments

Global target

Percentage of affected country Parties, subregional and regional reporting entities that implement DLDD-specific capacity-building plans or programmes/projects

≥ 90 %

National contribution to the global target

Is your country implementing DLDD-specific capacity-building plans or programmes/projects on the basis of the NCSA?

Yes

No

Is your country implementing DLDD-specific capacity-building plans or programmes/projects on the basis of other methodologies and instruments to assess national capacity-building needs?

Yes

No

Provide any relevant information on the size, scope, effectiveness and status of the initiatives implemented, or other complementary information as needed

The Capacity Development and Mainstreaming for Sustainable Land Management Project provided training and consultations in 5 areas- land degradation assessment, watershed management and modeling, early warning systems, resource valuation and integration of sustainable land management into the Secondary School Curricula in 4 subjects, namely agriculture, biology, integrated science and geography.

The Second National Communication provided training in Greenhouse Gas inventory and had consultations in mitigation and adaptation to climate change among other areas.

The Focal Point for the CBD has prepared a capacity assessment in the Fourth National Report to the CBD for 2012-2013.

Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS) Capacity Development Initiative was done in 2012, the Focal Point provided training in the hinterland areas to build capacity for Amerindian communities and their leaders who may grant access to their resources without obtaining a fair share of the benefits. Capacity was enhanced among Amerindian communities, and an exploratory workshop was held in 2013 to enable key stakeholders to understand the issues relating to ABS.

Guyana has developed a National Forest Monitoring System for SFM and REDD+ and has enhanced capacity in Support of Guyana's Low Carbon Development Strategy Project has been to address the impacts of Climate Change, ensure the effective implementation of the Low Carbon Development Strategy (LCDS), and meet its commitments under interim Reducing Emissions from Deforestation, Forest Degradation and Sustainable Forest Management (REDD+) partnerships.

Capacity building activities was done by the Guyana Forestry Commission (GFC) in the areas of REDD+, Climate change, Guyana's Low Carbon Development Strategy, Guyana's National Forest Policy Statement, Guyana's National Forest Plan, GFC's Operating Procedures, GIS and Remote Sensing, Biomass determination, Forest Carbon Stock assessment and Forest Resource Assessment in relation to Sustainable Forest Management and Governance, Forest Monitoring and MRVS reporting in addition to 50 persons from 7 communities were trained to conduct forest resources assessment, 564 individuals, including saw millers and Training and sensitization sessions were held with 34 Small Loggers Association (SLA's) covering 346 participants. REDD Secretariat capacity in forest carbon stock and monitoring was also completed. 289 participants from 10 Community Forestry Organisations (CFOs) have received training in

1. Managing Forest Resources for Timber Production
2. Forest Management Practices – Code of Practice for Timber Harvesting, etc.
3. Community Administrative Management and Governance

The Guyana Forestry Commission on behalf of the Government of Guyana in collaboration with the Inter-American Development Bank (IADB), completed capacity building under "Developing Capacities in Implementing REDD+", to build capacities in key areas at the institutional level to effectively implement REDD+ preparedness initiatives, and improve in the level of sustainable management of forest resources at the community level by enabling more effective planning and awareness of resource for over 623 members from approximately 50 CFOs.

Sources of information

- SLM & SNC Project Reports, Report from Guyana Forestry Commission (GFC)
- Fourth National Report to CBD, Report on ABS



Qualitative assessment

Has your country assessed DLDD-related capacity-building needs? Yes  No

Did your country receive technical and/or financial assistance to build capacities to combat DLDD? Yes  No

From which institutions and which type of assistance was provided?	Financial	Technical
UNCCD Secretariat	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Global Mechanism	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Global Environment Facility	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bilateral agencies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other multilateral organizations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**CONS-O-14**

Number of affected country Parties, subregional and regional entities whose investment frameworks, established within the integrated financing strategy (IFS) devised by the Global Mechanism (GM) or within other IFSs, reflect leveraging national, bilateral and multilateral resources to combat DLDD

**Global target**

Percentage of affected country Parties, subregional and regional reporting entities that have developed integrated investment frameworks (IIFs)

≥ 50 %

2014

National contribution to the global target

Does your country have an integrated investment framework?

Yes

No

Provide any complementary information as needed (e.g. is the IIF based on the NAP; non-traditional and innovative financing targeted by the IIF; overview of the progress in implementing the IIF in your country; assistance received in the development or implementation of the IIF from the GM or other development partners, etc.)

The Finance and Technology framework for NAP implementation would be established. Financial resources available for NAP implementation analyzed and an Integrated Financial Strategy (IFS) and the Integrated Investment Framework (IIF) for NAP implementation developed. The Aligned NAP would be updated to accommodate priorities, including national targets for investment

Sources of information

NAP PIF

Please answer the following questions only if your country has not developed an IIF by the end of the reporting period

Voluntary national target

When does your country plan to establish an IIF?

2014-2015

2016-2017

2018-2019

No Plan Yet

Which national target your country has established to measure progress in achieving the priorities established in the national action programme, if different from the target suggested above?

**CONS-O-16**

Degree of adequacy, timeliness and predictability of financial resources made available by developed country Parties to combat DLDD

Rating of the bilateral assistance received for the implementation of the Convention and its Strategy during the reporting period

Adequacy of bilateral assistance received	Adequate	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Fairly adequate	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Not adequate	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Timeliness of bilateral assistance received	Timely	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Fairly timely	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Not timely	<input type="checkbox"/>
<hr/>		
Predictability of bilateral assistance received	Predictable	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Fairly predictable	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Not predictable	<input type="checkbox"/>

Provide any complementary information (e.g., additional information on other aspects beyond those mentioned above which impact proper planning and effective implementation of the Convention in your country, etc.)

No assistance was requested for the preparation of the Fifth Reporting Cycle 2014-2015 Leg. UNCCD provided funds to prepare the Fifth Report using PRAIS in 2012.

Qualitative assessment

Did your country receive assistance in raising resources from bilateral donors?      Yes       No



**CONS-0-18**

Amount of financial resources and type of incentives which have enabled access to technology by affected country Parties

**Global target**

A steady growth in the financial resources allocated to facilitate access to technology by affected country Parties is recorded along the implementation period of the Strategy

A steady growth in the number of economic and policy incentives reported upon is recorded along the implementation period of the Strategy

National contribution to the target: estimated amount of financial resources allocated to facilitate access to technology

Year	Currency	Amount
2008		
2009		
2010		
2011		
2012	USD - US Dollar	115000000
2013		
2014		
2015		
2016		
2017		
2018		

Has your country established economic and policy incentives intended to facilitate access to technology? Yes  No

Sources of information

Forest carbon partnership- the deforestation rates are calculated using GIS/ Remote Sensing and 5m Rapideye imagery. MRVS Reports , LCDS Reports
<a href="http://www.forestcarbonpartnership.org">www.forestcarbonpartnership.org</a> , <a href="http://www.lcds.gov.gy">www.lcds.gov.gy</a> , <a href="http://www.forestry.gov.gy">www.forestry.gov.gy</a> , <a href="http://www.guyanareddfund.org">www.guyanareddfund.org</a>
<a href="http://www.nre.gov.gy/bulletin.html">http://www.nre.gov.gy/bulletin.html</a>
IADB Project Document on Environmental Policy

Voluntary national target

Percentage increase of financial resources allocated to facilitate access to technology by a given year	%	Year
	3	2013

Which national target your country has established to measure progress in achieving the priorities established in the national action programme, if different from the target suggested above?

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Qualitative assessment

Provide any complementary information as needed (e.g., a short overview of specific aspects and the nature of technology transfer in your country, aspects in which there is a need to increase the level of technology transfer, etc.)

Guyana is involved in monitoring deforestation under the initiatives of “Reduction of Emission from Forest Degradation and Deforestation (REDD) and Sustainable Forest Management (SFM). One of the objectives is the development and implementation of a national Monitoring, Reporting & Verification System (MRVS) on deforestation, forest degradation and carbon stock estimations/reforestation. The use of Satellite imagery and GIS datasets, and processing of this data, are a major component of the periodic reports on Guyana's progress towards reducing degradation. The technology transfer enables Guyana to earn financial incentives for its forest carbon stock by preparing rates of deforestation using GIS under REDD+. Forest change was determined using high resolution 5 m satellite imagery processed using GIS and Remote Sensing for Guyana. The use of a national coverage of 5 m imagery is a significant improvement to achieve national coverage. This improvement has allowed the boundaries and the drivers of land cover change to be mapped with greater certainty. RapidEye imagery (at 5m resolution) assisted with the identification of degradation events. A set of GIS-based rules were developed, as well as an operational GIS-based method for identifying and monitoring forest degradation. This is achieved using remote sensing and geospatial information system applications. The technologies currently being utilized for this project include:

1. IDRISI-16.0 (carbon stock modelling and estimation software)
2. ENVI 4.7 (image processing software used to interpret satellite imagery)
3. ARCGIS 10.0 (map creation and vector geo-processing software)

RapidEye was used to acquire wall-to-wall coverage of their 5m resolution satellite imagery. This imagery is the main remote sensing monitoring data source for conducting the Annual Forest Area Assessment. Training has been received on the application and use of this software is based on the Brazilian project "PRODES -Annual mapping of deforestation of the Amazon regions".

Incentives- Communities and small scale forest enterprises for Community Forestry and Social Development supports the building of policy and economic incentives for sustainable land management. Community members form Community Forestry Organizations and apply for and operate on State Forest Permissions as a group, with benefits of such activities flowing to community members and the community. This allows for direct benefits to flow to community members from using forest resources. Approximately 2,000 members from 73 Community Forestry Organisation/Associations, benefit from the assistance and technical support offered through this programme. 128 concessions totalling 488,015 hectares of forest land were issued to these Associations, providing direct and indirect means of earning a livelihood for members of the various Associations and others residing in and around the respective concessions issued to these Associations. Community forestry activities assist in reducing pressure on forest through communal use and management by a larger number of operators. This creates opportunities for larger number of beneficiaries per area of forest.

Strong forest legality in supply chains to provide an incentive to attract and retain lucrative export markets- Guyana has initiated Independent Forest Monitoring at the national level which will give buyers a national level verification of compliance level. This programme creates an incentive for the higher demand for Guyana's forest products as at national scale, there is an assurance of strong forest legality practices.

Training on reduced impact logging techniques- In 2013, 228 persons were trained in 18 courses covering eight training courses. Reduced Impact Logging training included as part of large concessions' annual operational planning achieved higher scores in the annual and management planning review process, since specific sections that rewards points for appropriate plans of training of staff and management. This enabled the maintaining of a high standard of forest legality thereby lowering possible occurrences of illegal forestry activities that could lead to forest degradation and unsustainable practices, and overall supports strong land management practices.

Guyana has a National Log Export Policy (2009-2011) and a phased approach was taken to a graduated increase in the rates of export commission on targeted species of logs that have been reflecting high volumes of export in log form, and that have been demanded or has the potential to stimulate demand in manufactured wood products. A number of species that were in demand for added value end uses that were being exported in log form were subject to the increased rates of export commission. This policy would add more value to forest products and to contribute positively towards the economic development of Guyana's forest sector. Further with enhanced added value generated from forest based output; there will be a higher value generated per output produced thereby creating higher economic benefits as well as potentially reducing the pressure on forest to produce more were it to be a lower benefit per unit producer. In addition to this policy, added value forestry activities are further promoted by the zero rating of export commission on kiln dried lumber.

Identification

Identification code

Enter the Identification Code (ID), number or acronym given to the activity funded (if known)

00076255

Name of the activity funded

Enter the name or title of the activity, project, programme, organization or initiative

The Guiana Shield Facility (GSF) is a multi-donor funding facility that aims to support the conservation and sustainable development of the Guiana Shield eco-region. The GSF is being designed to enable the six Guiana Shield countries and their local communities to finance, develop, manage and benefit from their natural resources. This is expected to be achieved through delivery of support to activities that contribute to the design of financing mechanisms for forest and nature conservation and management, information sharing as well as sustainable livelihood generation

Basic data

Recipient country, subregion and region

Enter the name of the country(ies), subregion(s) or region(s) in which the activity is taking place or is due to take place. Indicate "global" if the activity is of global scale or has no specific geographical focus

Category	Location
Country	Guyana

Status

Indicate the status of the activity at the time of completing this form

- Committed
- Proposal
- On-going
- Completed

Co-financing

Source	Currency	Amount
EU, Government of the Netherlands & UNDP	EUR - Euro	4698477

Type of funding

Indicate the instruments used to finance the activity

- Grant
- Loan (commercial)
- Loan (concessional)
- Budget authority
- Debt swap/relief
- Basket funding
- Sectoral support
- Sovereign wealth fund
- Payments for Environmental Services (PES)
- Results based financing
- Equity
- Venture capital
- Remittances
- Derivatives
- Blended value products
- Impact investments
- Microcredit
- Bonds
- Insurance
- Mortgages/guarantees
- Advance market commitments
- Other (please describe below):

Classification

Rio Markers

Assign the appropriate Rio Marker for desertification to the funded activity  
(tick only one of the boxes below)

UNCCD		1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>
UNFCCC	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	
CBD	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

Relevant Activity Code (RAC)	Indicate all the RACs that may apply to the funded activity
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	<p>Enabling Activities</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Capacity building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Governance and institutions <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Policies, strategies and regulations <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Economic valuation of land use/change options <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Incentives and market-based mechanisms <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Resource mobilization <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Development assistance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
	<p>Land Degradation Prevention</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Adaptation to climate change <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Natural resource conservation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Enhancing ecosystem resilience <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Sustainable land and natural resource management <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Sustainable production <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Sustainable consumption <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
	<p>Restoration and recovery</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Afforestation/reforestation for carbon sequestration <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Ecosystem rehabilitation <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Infrastructure reconstruction/rehabilitation <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Land restoration/reclamation <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Emergency response <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Relocation/rescue/relief operations <input type="checkbox"/></p>

Strategic and operational objectives targeted	Indicate which strategic and/or operational objective of the Strategy is addressed by the funded activity
	<p>Strategic objective 1: living conditions of affected populations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Strategic objective 2: condition of affected ecosystems <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Strategic objective 3: global benefits <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Strategic objective 4: resource mobilization and partnership building <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Operational objective 1: advocacy, awareness raising and education <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Operational objective 2: policy framework <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Operational objective 3: Science, technology and knowledge <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Operational objective 4: capacity-building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Operational objective 5: financing and technology transfer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>

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Identification

Identification code

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GPAS KfW Small-Grants Component

Name of the activity funded

Enter the name or title of the activity, project, programme, organization or initiative

KfW Small-Grants Component of the Guyana Protected Areas System Project (GPAS), 22 Sub-projects were completed in 3 Protected areas and 1 Forest Reserve to promote the conservation of ecosystems and the enhancement of livelihoods of Amerindian communities living in and within close proximity to protected areas and would support emission reduction and climate change adaptation

Basic data

Recipient country, subregion and region

Enter the name of the country(ies), subregion(s) or region(s) in which the activity is taking place or is due to take place. Indicate "global" if the activity is of global scale or has no specific geographical focus

Category	Location
Country	Guyana

Status

Indicate the status of the activity at the time of completing this form

- Committed
- Proposal
- On-going
- Completed

Co-financing

Source	Currency	Amount
kfw German Development Bank	EUR - Euro	515000000

Type of funding

Indicate the instruments used to finance the activity

- Grant
- Loan (commercial)
- Loan (concessional)
- Budget authority
- Debt swap/relief
- Basket funding
- Sectoral support
- Sovereign wealth fund
- Payments for Environmental Services (PES)
- Results based financing
- Equity
- Venture capital
- Remittances
- Derivatives
- Blended value products
- Impact investments
- Microcredit
- Bonds
- Insurance
- Mortgages/guarantees
- Advance market commitments
- Other (please describe below):

Classification

Rio Markers

Assign the appropriate Rio Marker for desertification to the funded activity  
(tick only one of the boxes below)

- |        |                            |                                       |                                       |                            |
|--------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| UNCCD  |                            | 1 <input type="checkbox"/>            | 2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 3 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| UNFCCC | 0 <input type="checkbox"/> | 1 <input type="checkbox"/>            | 2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                            |
| CBD    | 0 <input type="checkbox"/> | 1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/>            |                            |

Relevant Activity Code (RAC)

Indicate all the RACs that may apply to the funded activity

Knowledge Management

- Research
- Information campaigns
- Advocacy/Mainstreaming
- Natural capital accounting
- Land degradation monitoring
- Reporting

Enabling Activities

- Capacity building
- Governance and institutions
- Policies, strategies and regulations
- Economic valuation of land use/change options
- Incentives and market-based mechanisms
- Resource mobilization
- Development assistance

Land Degradation Prevention

- Adaptation to climate change
- Natural resource conservation
- Enhancing ecosystem resilience
- Sustainable land and natural resource management
- Sustainable production
- Sustainable consumption

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- Strategic objective 3: global benefits
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- Operational objective 1: advocacy, awareness raising and education
- Operational objective 2: policy framework
- Operational objective 3: Science, technology and knowledge
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Category	Location
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IADB	USD - US Dollar	16920

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UNCCD		1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>
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Reporting process-related issues

Financial resources

Could your country count on sufficient financial resources to meet UNCCD reporting obligations? Yes  No

Provide an estimate of the amount invested from your country's national budget into the current UNCCD reporting process

Year	Currency	Amount
2008		
2009		
2010		
2011		
2012	USD - US Dollar	2000
2013		
2014		
2015		
2016		
2017		
2018		

Human resources

Provide an estimate of the people involved in your country in the UNCCD reporting process, and of the total number of months dedicated by these persons to the reporting process

Year	Number of people	Number of months
2008		
2009		
2010		
2011		
2012	8	3
2013		
2014		
2015		
2016		
2017		
2018		

Knowledge

Could your country count on sufficient technical and scientific knowledge to meet UNCCD reporting obligations? Yes  No

Coordination

Was coordination at the national level with the relevant line ministries satisfactory in order to report comprehensively and coherently? Yes  No

Participation and consultation

Was a participatory or consultative approach applied to involve all relevant stakeholders in the reporting process? Yes  No

Validation

Was a validation meeting held as a part of the reporting process? Yes  No

Subregional and regional processes

Did your country cooperate with the entities entrusted with preparing the subregional and regional action programme reports? Yes  No

Accommodation of specific requests within decisions taken by the Conference of the Parties

Reporting on specific COP requests: iterative process on indicators

Tick the boxes only if you have experienced difficulties in reporting on one or more performance indicator(s). When doing so, place the tick mark under the e-SMART criterion for which the difficulty occurred.

	Economic	Specific	Measurable	Achievable	Relevant	Time-bound
CONS-0-1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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CONS-0-5	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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CONS-0-14	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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CONS-0-18	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Any other country-specific issues

Does your country have any specific issue to bring to the attention of the Conference of the Parties? Yes  No

If yes, please specify under which of the following broad categories it can be classified

- Policy, legislative and/or institutional framework
- Capacity-building and awareness-raising
- Desertification/land degradation and drought and sustainable land management monitoring and assessment/research
- Funding/resource mobilization
- Knowledge management and decision-making support
- Participation, collaboration and networking
- Reporting and review process
- Other

Please describe below:

Policy guidance is required for Sustainable Land Management and Land Policy to combat land degradation

Capacity building and awareness raising is required on a continuous basis. The public awareness materials posted by UNCCD is very useful for re-printing and production to use for awareness work and reduces the need to spend funds to create these items.

There is a need to establish research stations to monitor intensive land use areas for land degradation and SLM interventions. These could be used as Case Studies for other areas or regions.

There is a need to provide more funding for resources to conduct pilot studies of land degradation and SLM Best Practices.

The timely training provided to countries who are undertaking their Fifth Reporting Cycle 2014/2015 Leg was important for the completion of this Report. There was also clarification and explanation of the indicators by the Team of GM, UNCCD and CNIRD. The UNCCD Website, Glossary and Sample report were also useful for the preparation of this Report.

## Submission form

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