Workshop on Guiana Shield Biodiversity Corridor to streamline support for the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets

Kurupukari, Guyana
Iwokrama River Lodge and Research Center
21 to 23 May 2014

AGENDA

DRAFT Tuesday, 22 April 2014

Objectives of the Workshop

(i) To review existing examples of biodiversity corridors within the Guiana Shield and best practice guidance from around the world;

(ii) To identify and analyse common opportunities, threats and challenges facing the conservation units within these corridors in the Guiana Shield;

(iii) To agree on the area-based Aichi Targets that could be achieved by implementing transboundary cooperation actions on biodiversity corridors;

(iv) To outline the elements of a strategy, workplan and potential funding opportunities including a CBD LifeWeb Expression of Interest for implementing the agreed transboundary cooperation actions.

Day 1, Wednesday, 21 May

Opening ceremony:

Chairperson: Raquel Thomas, Iwokrama International Centre (IIC)

17:00-17:05 Welcome and introduction – Vanessa Benn, IIC
17:05-17:10 Remarks – Patrick Chesney, UNDP-GSF
17:10-17:15 Remarks – Patrick Williams, WWF Guyana
17:15-17:20 Remarks – Representative of EU Delegation in Guyana
17:20-17:30 Remarks and overview of the workshop – Charles Besançon, CBD Secretariat
17:30-17:35 Introductions (all participants)
17:35-17:45 Presentation on Iwokrama – Raquel Thomas, IIC

Technical session 1: Challenges and opportunities for transboundary conservation and biodiversity corridors in the Guiana Shield
Chairperson: Charles Besançon, CBD Secretariat

17:45-18:30 Transboundary Conservation and Connectivity Conservation – Best Practice Guidance from IUCN WCPA – Olivier Chassot, IUCN WCPA Transboundary Conservation Specialist Group Co-Chair

18:30-18:40 ***Break***

18:40-18:55 Country Presentation – Brazil
18:55-19:10 Country Presentation – Colombia
19:10-19:25 Country Presentation – French Guiana
19:25-19:40 Country Presentation – Suriname
19:40-20:00 Discussion

Day 2, Thursday, 22 May

Technical session 2: Transboundary biodiversity corridors – lessons from the field
Chairperson: Patrick Williams, WWF Guyana

08:00-08:15 Country Presentation – Venezuela
08:15-08:30 Country Presentation – Guyana
08:30-08:45 Biodiversity corridors: French Guiana case study – Bérengère Blin, Parc Amazonien
08:45-09:00 Biodiversity corridors: Suriname case study – Mark Wright, WWF Guianas

Technical session 3: Transboundary biodiversity corridors and Aichi Targets – role of countries and ecoregions
Chairperson: Vanessa Benn, IIC

09:00-09:15 Convention on Biological Diversity and the CBD LifeWeb Initiative – Charles Besançon, CBD Secretariat
09:15-09:30 Guiana Shield Foundation for Biodiversity – Gwen Landburg, IBG
09:30-09:45 Guiana Shield Facility and transboundary cooperation- Patrick Chesney, UNDP

09:45-10:30 ***Coffee Break***

10:30-11:00 Discussion
11:00-12:00 Presentation by Hon. Robert Persaud, Minister of NRE, Guyana

12:00-13:30 ***Lunch***

Technical session 4: Guiana Shield Biodiversity Corridors Plan of Action
Chairperson: Olivier Chassot, IUCN

13:30-15:30 Plenary
- Design elements of transboundary cooperation on biodiversity corridors
- Instrument(s) for cooperation among protected areas and other conservation management units
- Drafting of the plan of action

15:30-15:45 ***Coffee Break***

15:45-17:00 Discussions and conclusions

Day 3, Friday 23 May

Closing ceremony
Chairperson: Bérengère Blin, Parc Amazonien, French Guiana

08:00-08:15 Summary of Day 2
08:15-09:00 Report on the draft Guiana Shield Biodiversity Corridors Plan of Action
09:00-09:30 CBD LifeWeb Expression of Interest
09:30-09:45 Plans for 50th Anniversary of Sepanguy in French Guiana – Claude Suzanon, Sepanguy
09:45-10:00 Next steps
10:00-10:10 Closing remarks – Representative of IBG LOC 2016
10:10-10:20 Closing remarks – UNDP-GSF
10:20-10:30 Closing remarks – CBD Secretariat