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CONSERVATION INTERNATIONAL SURINAME

Conservation International Suriname (CI-Suriname) is a non-profit, non-governmental organization established in Suriname in 1992. CI-Suriname's present focus is centered on the creation and improved management of protected areas, as well as ecotourism development, all underpinned by research, policy support and capacity building of Government institutions, local communities and academia. In Kwamalasamutu, we have been supporting the development and management of a community ecolodge and the wildlife sanctuary created in 2005.

CI-Suriname works in the Kwamalasamutu area with Stichting Meu (Meu Foundation). This is the local development organization, established by the people of Kwamalasamutu, whose responsibility includes the management of the community ecolodge and the Werehpai/Iwana Saamu sanctuary.

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CONSERVATION INTERNATIONAL

Conservation International (CI) is an international, nonprofit organization based in Arlington, VA. CI believes that the Earth's natural heritage must be maintained if future generations are to thrive spiritually, culturally and economically. Building upon a strong foundation of science, partnership and field demonstration, CI empowers societies to responsibly and sustainably care for nature, our global biodiversity, for the well-being of humanity.

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ANTON DE KOM UNIVERSITY OF SURINAME

Anton de Kom University of Suriname was founded on 1 November 1968 and offers studies in the fields of social, technological and medical sciences. There are five research centers conducting research and rendering services to the community. The Center for Agricultural Research (CELOS) is promoting agricultural scientific education at the faculty of Technological Sciences, Institute for Applied Technology (INTEC), Biomedical Research Institute, Institute for Development Planning and Management (IDPM), Institute for Research in Social Sciences (IMWO), the Library of ADEK, University Computer Center (UCC), National Zoological Collection (NZCS) and National Herbarium of Suriname (BBS).

The primary goals of the NZCS and BBS are to develop an overview of the flora and fauna of Suriname, and build a reference collection for scientific and educational purposes. The NZCS also conducts research on the biology, ecology, and distribution of certain animal species or on the composition and status of certain ecosystems.

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AMAZON CONSERVATION TEAM

The Amazon Conservation Team (ACT) was founded in 1996 by ethnobotanist Mark Plotkin and conservationist Liliana Madrigal. ACT is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization supported by individuals, private foundations, and government grants. ACT achieves its conservation successes by working in true partnership with indigenous peoples of the Amazon to protect both their cultures and their ancestral lands - some of the largest tracts of both pristine and

sustainably managed rainforest on the planet. Our work begins in the forest—with the people who actually live there—and then expands to the state, national, regional and international level.

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The Alcoa Foundation can be reached at <http://www.alcoa.com/global/en/community/foundation/contact.asp>

SURINAME FORESTRY SERVICE (LBB/SBB)

The Forestry Service (LBB) within the Ministry of Physical Planning, Land and Forest Management is responsible for forest management and nature conservation. One of its agencies is the Nature Conservation Department, which is assigned the task of managing all protected areas. As the CITES authority in Suriname, it also issues all permits for research and for the export of species, as well as enforcement within the framework of the laws on hunting and wildlife. The second agency is the Foundation for Forest Management and Production Control (SBB), which is mandated to manage production forests and is responsible for supervision and control of all logging.

PANTHERA

Panthera's mission is to ensure the future of wild cats through scientific leadership and global conservation action. Panthera develops, implements, and oversees range-wide species conservation strategies for the world's largest, most imperiled cats—tigers, lions, jaguars and snow leopards. Through partnerships with local and international NGO's, scientific institutions, and government agencies we apply conservation actions driven to secure key habitat and vital corridors for threatened species. The Jaguar Corridor Initiative is a unique strategy for range-wide long term conservation of the jaguar, as well as vast landscapes and ecosystem functions. In Northern South America we have secured kilometers of land designated as jaguar corridor, strengthened and created new protected areas and work hand-in-hand with our on the ground allies, such as ranchers and indigenous communities.

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STINASU

The Foundation for Nature Conservation in Suriname (STINASU) was founded in June 1969 and contributes to the protection of Suriname's natural resources and cultural heritage by supporting local and international partnerships in the fields of scientific research, nature education and ecotourism.

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