

# Using the MRVS to help build a healthy and sustainable society

addressing the extractive industry sector as a deforestation driver

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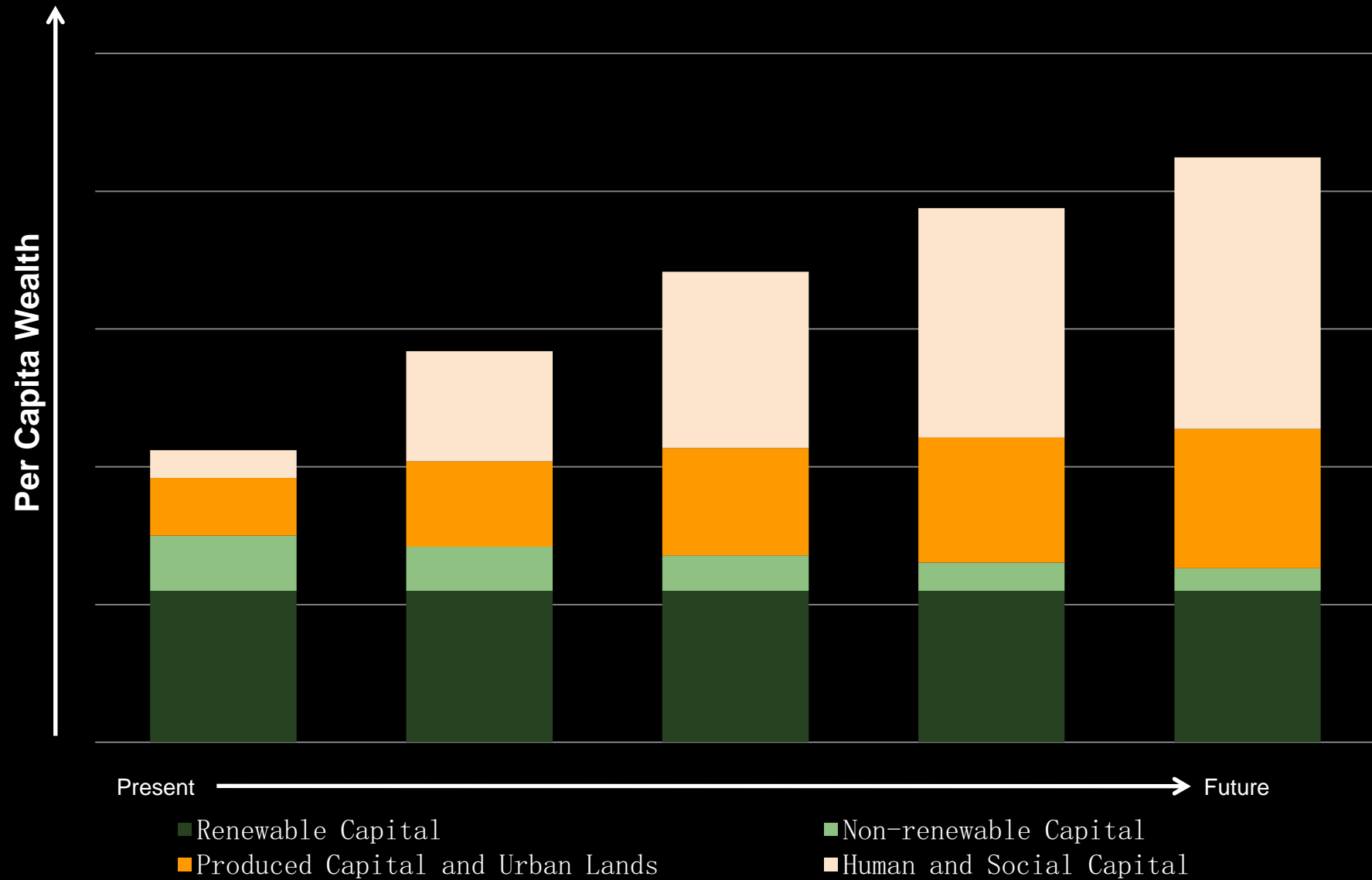
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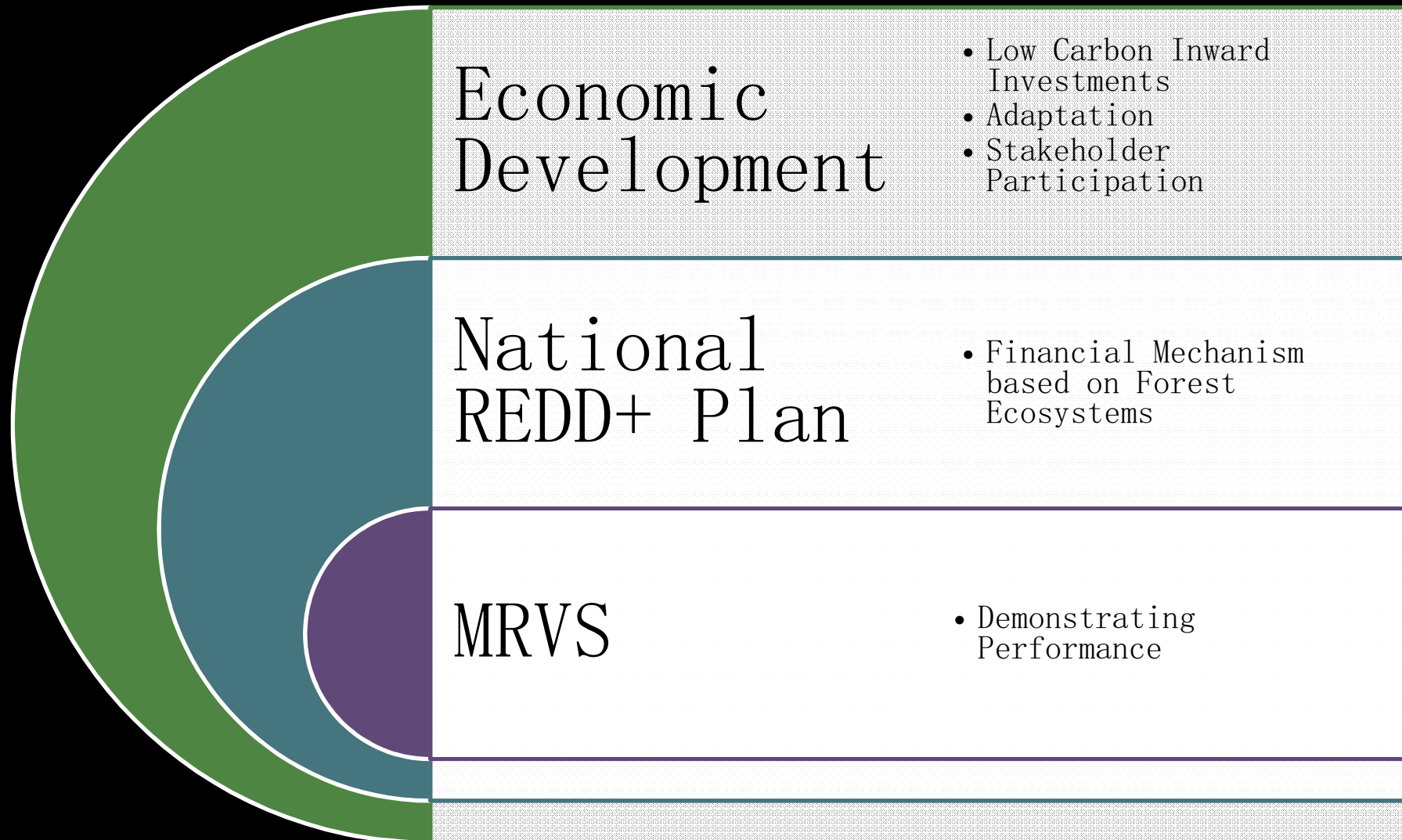
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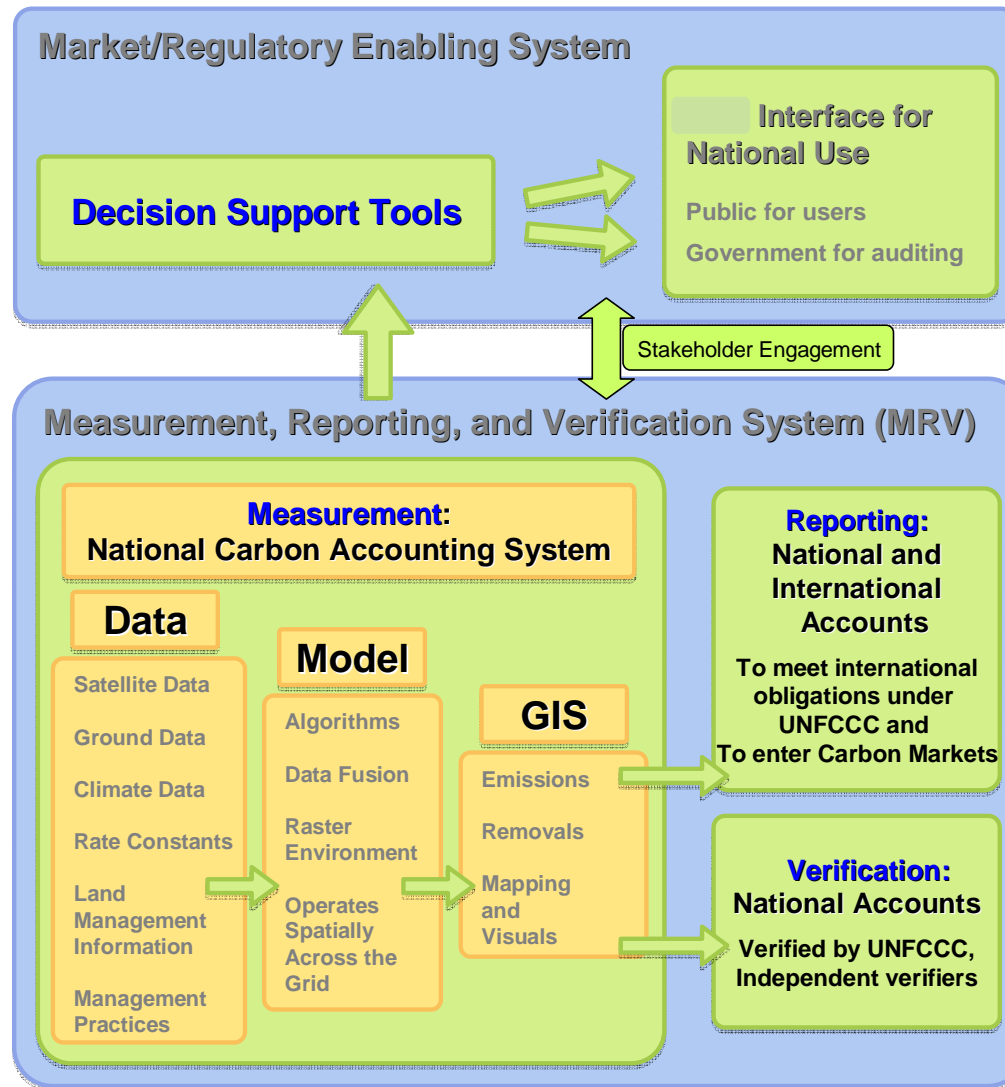
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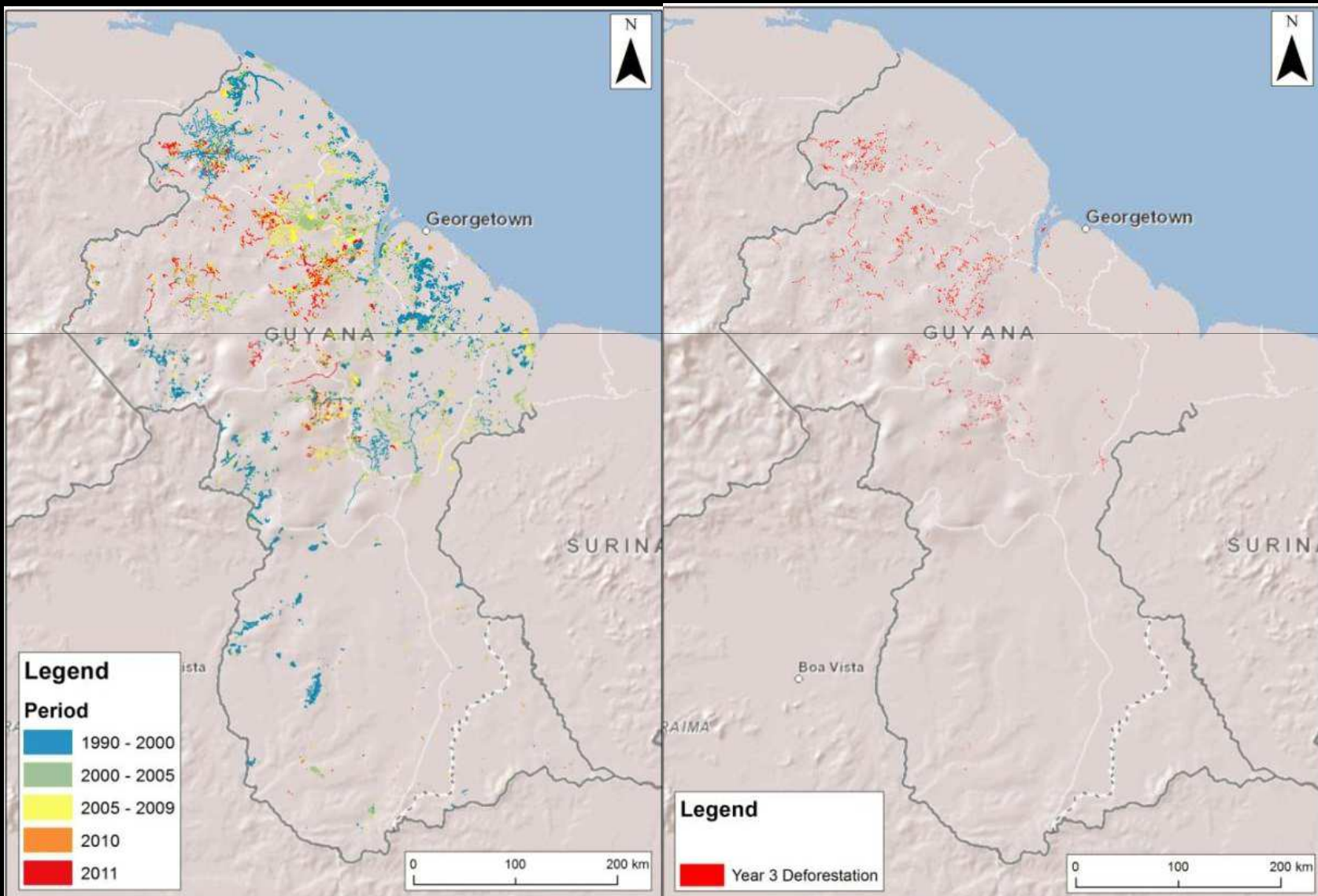
# The Elements of Guyana's LCDS



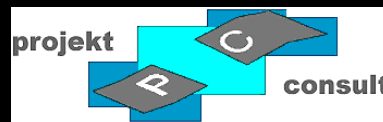
# Conceptual Framework for a National MRVS



# National MRVS Year 3 Assessment

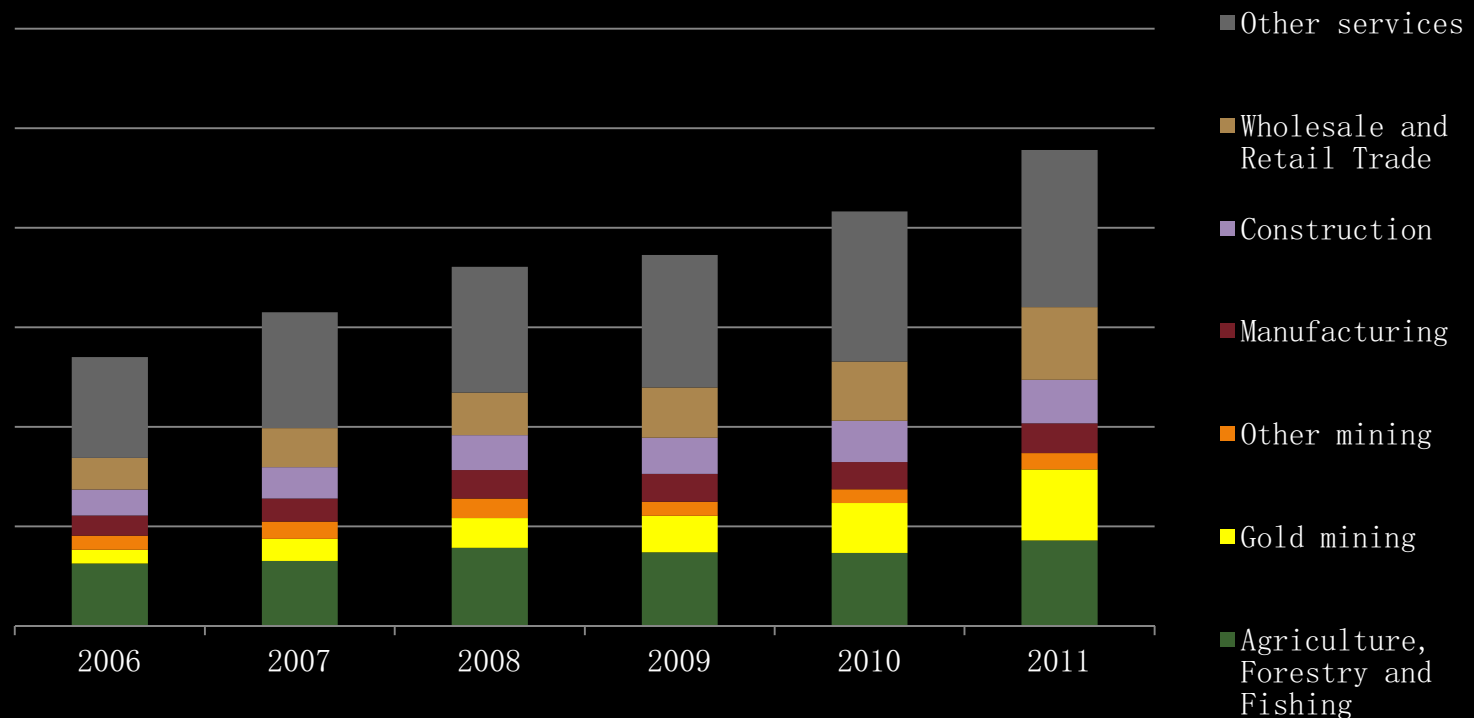


# Extractive Industry Sector (EIS) in Guyana



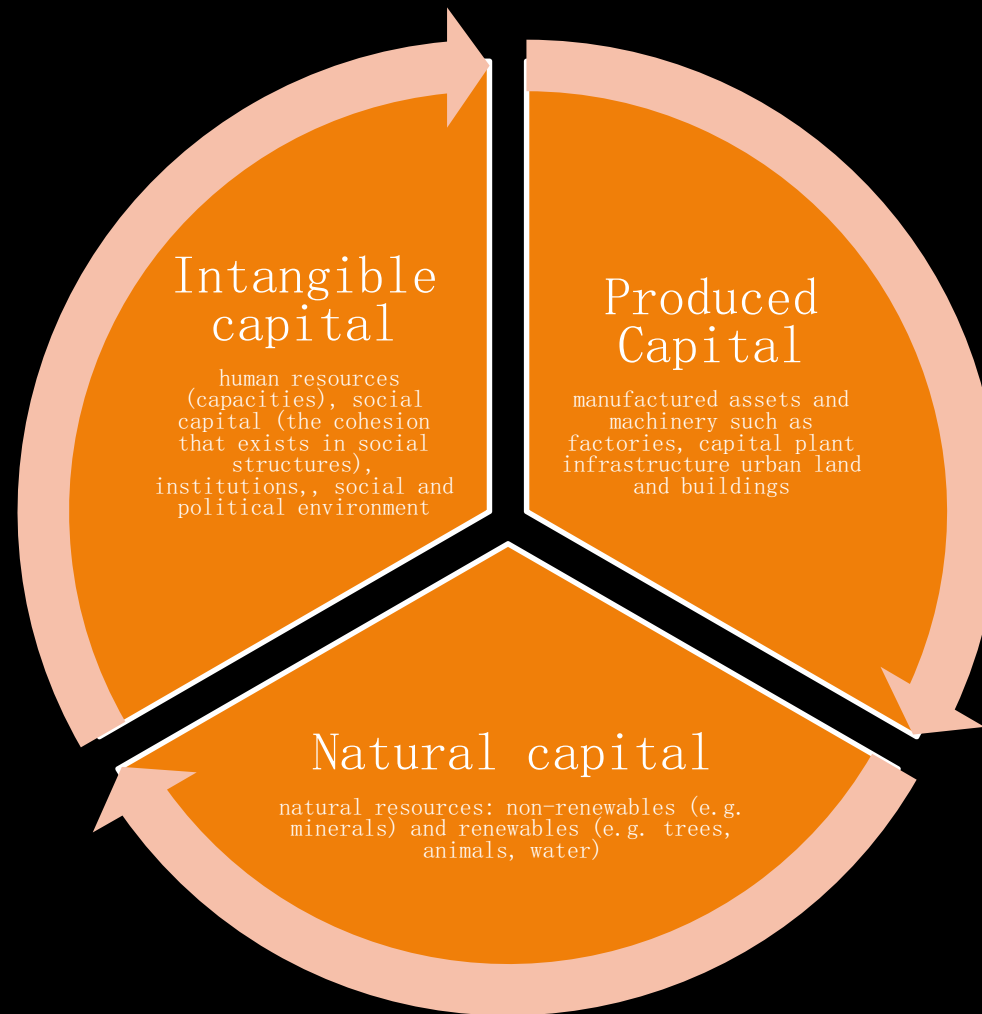
# Mining is important to Guyana's development

- Large contributor to GDP
- Large number of families depend on the industry
- Strong contributor to poverty alleviation
- Good potentials for growth

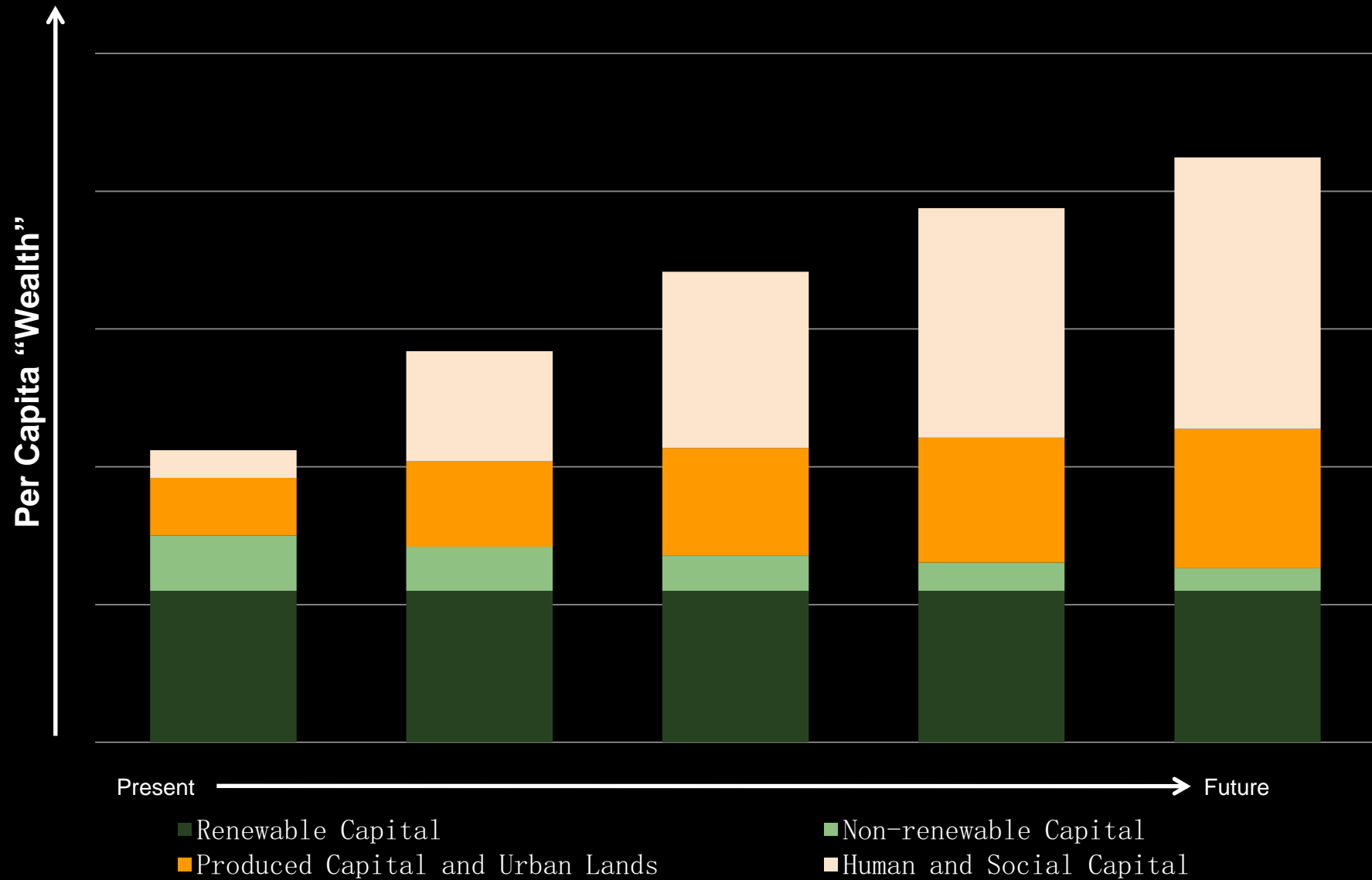




# As a Critically Important Sector, Mining must Contribute to Total Wealth



# A realistic future.



# Key Impacts Associated with Mining

# Extraction reduces non-renewable natural capital

The amount of deposits are finite

Forests and other ecosystems are cleared to access deposits

Water, land and air can be polluted with waste

Animals are affected (killed or displaced)

Other ecosystem goods and services are affected

# Social Impacts



Source of livelihood

Contribute to social dislocation

Increase transmission of malaria

Increase exposure to mercury

# KEY RECOMMENDATION: Push-pull scenario

Push-side

**Empower Governmental**  
stakeholders to  
effectively supervise  
and guide the sector

Pull-side

**Empower miners** to  
voluntarily implement  
safe and responsible  
working practice

# Binding elements



A **multi-stakeholder platform** to exchange information and work a common understanding and approach on the greening of the mining industry

Development and approval of **benchmarks** for responsible mining practice with respect to the LCDS

**Academic support** of the initiative

# Fundamental Principles or Points of Convergence

Crucial role to economic growth

Great potential in growing total wealth for citizens

Meeting international commitments

Contribution to the social, economic, and institutional development of local people

Benefits from the integrated management of natural resources

Implementation of ethical, robust and equitable business practices