

Conservation International in the Guyana Shield

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PRESENTATION STRUCTURE

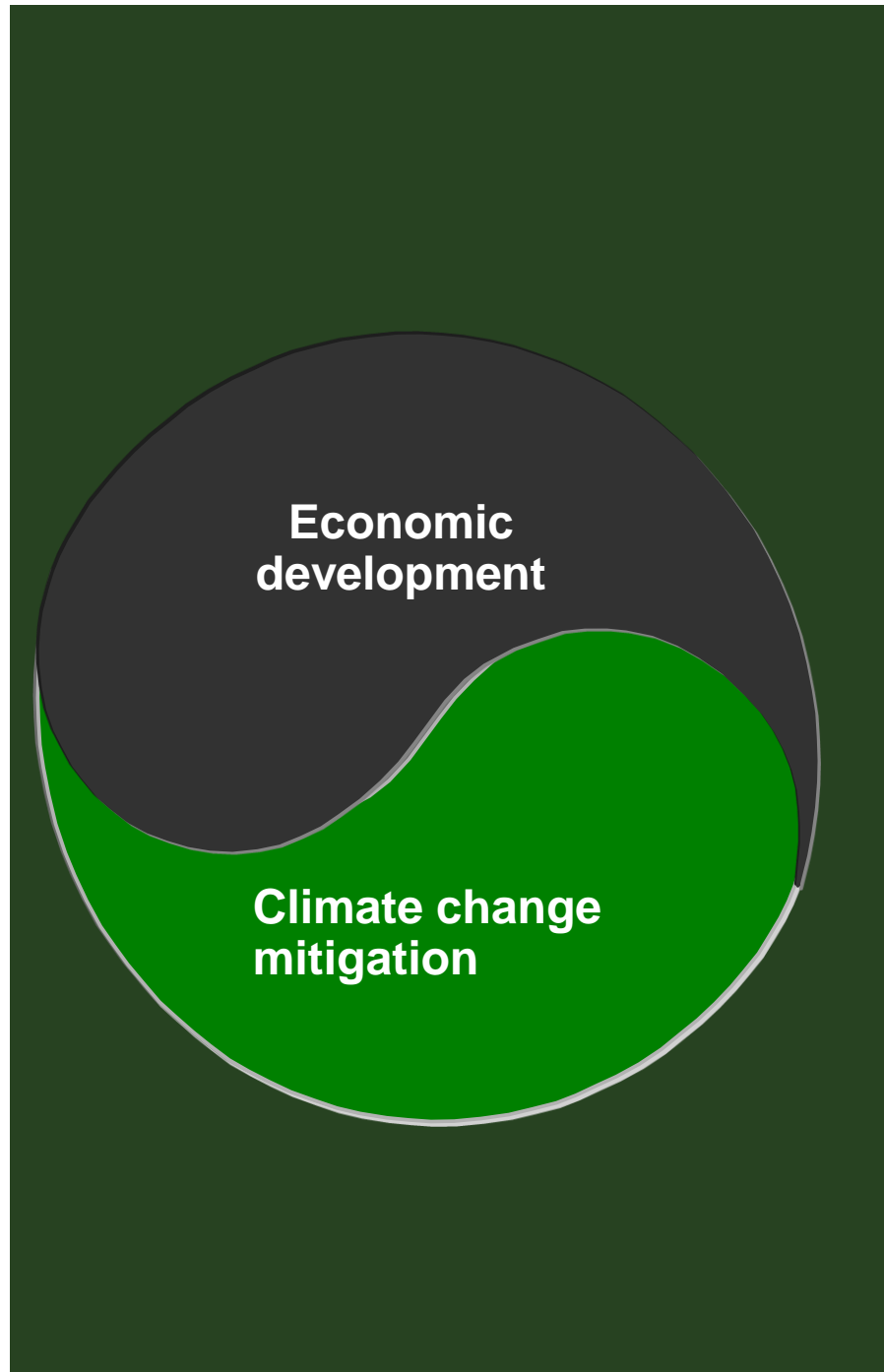
- Summary of CI-Guyana framework, institutional focus areas, and current workplan priorities
- Summary of CI-Guyana's work in the Extractive Industry Sector, Guyana's main driver of deforestation
- A regional perspective and some of CI's work in the Region to date

**A LOW-CARBON
DEVELOPMENT
STRATEGY**



Transforming Guyana's
Economy While Combating
Climate Change

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Economic
Development

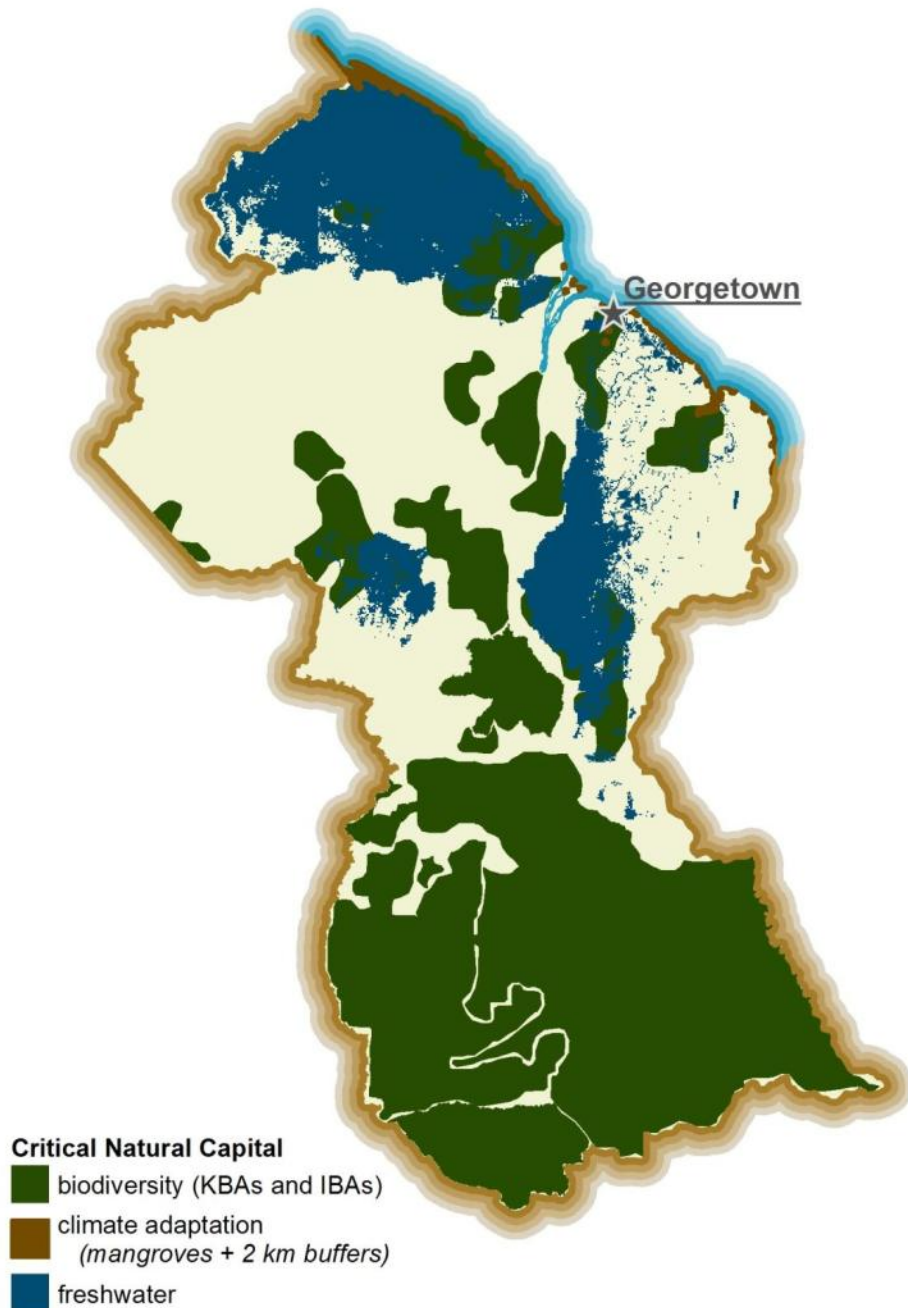
- Low Carbon Inward Investments
- Adaptation
- Stakeholder Participation

National
REDD+ Plan

- Financial Mechanism based on Forest Ecosystems

MRVS

- Demonstrating Performance

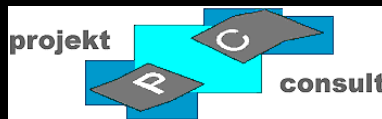


- Reform of Legislation
- Enabling Financing for Public Investments
- Promoting Regional Collaboration
- Providing “Thought Leadership” through Consultancies and Relevant Technical Papers
- Promoting green development through sustainable land use

WORKPLAN PRIORITIES

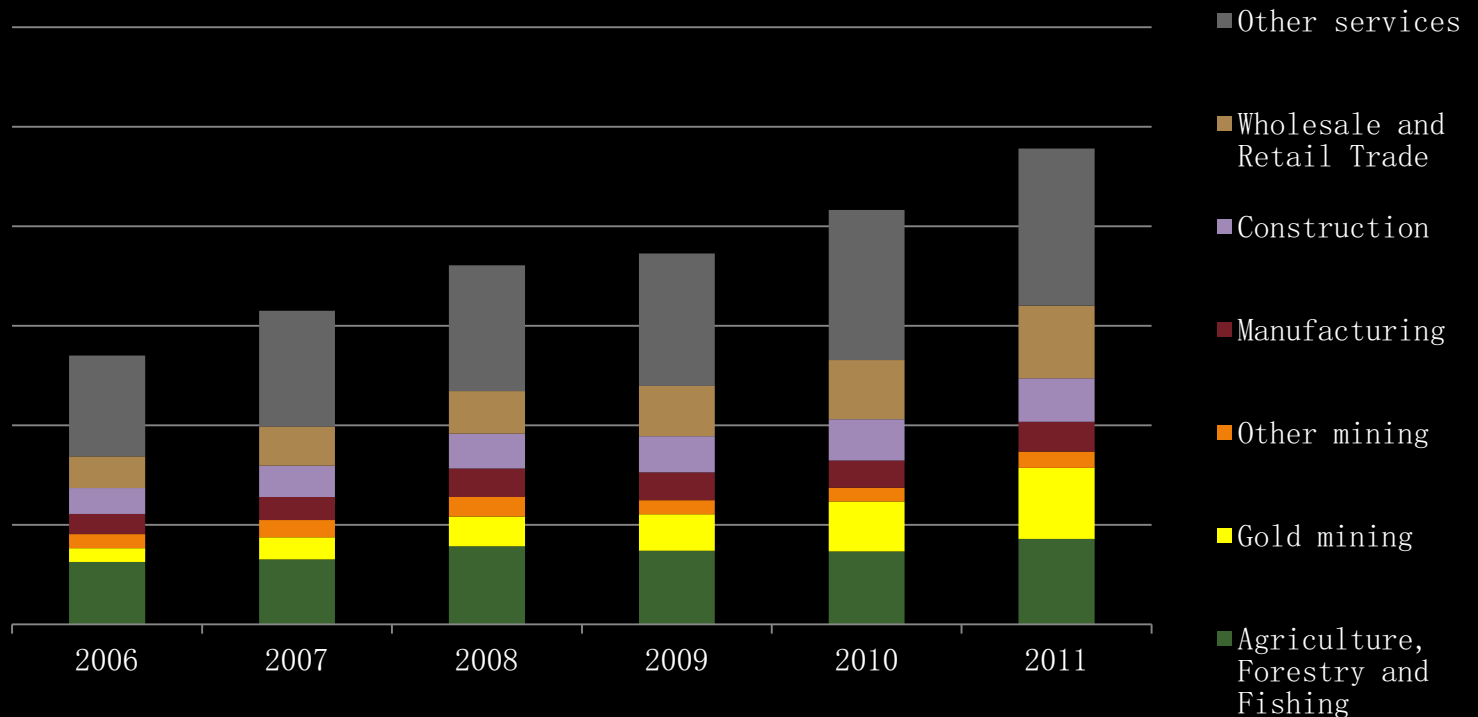
1. Extractive sector
2. Sustainable land use and integrated natural resources management
3. Support for REDD+ activities (GY-NO Agreement)

Extractive Industry Sector (EIS) in Guyana

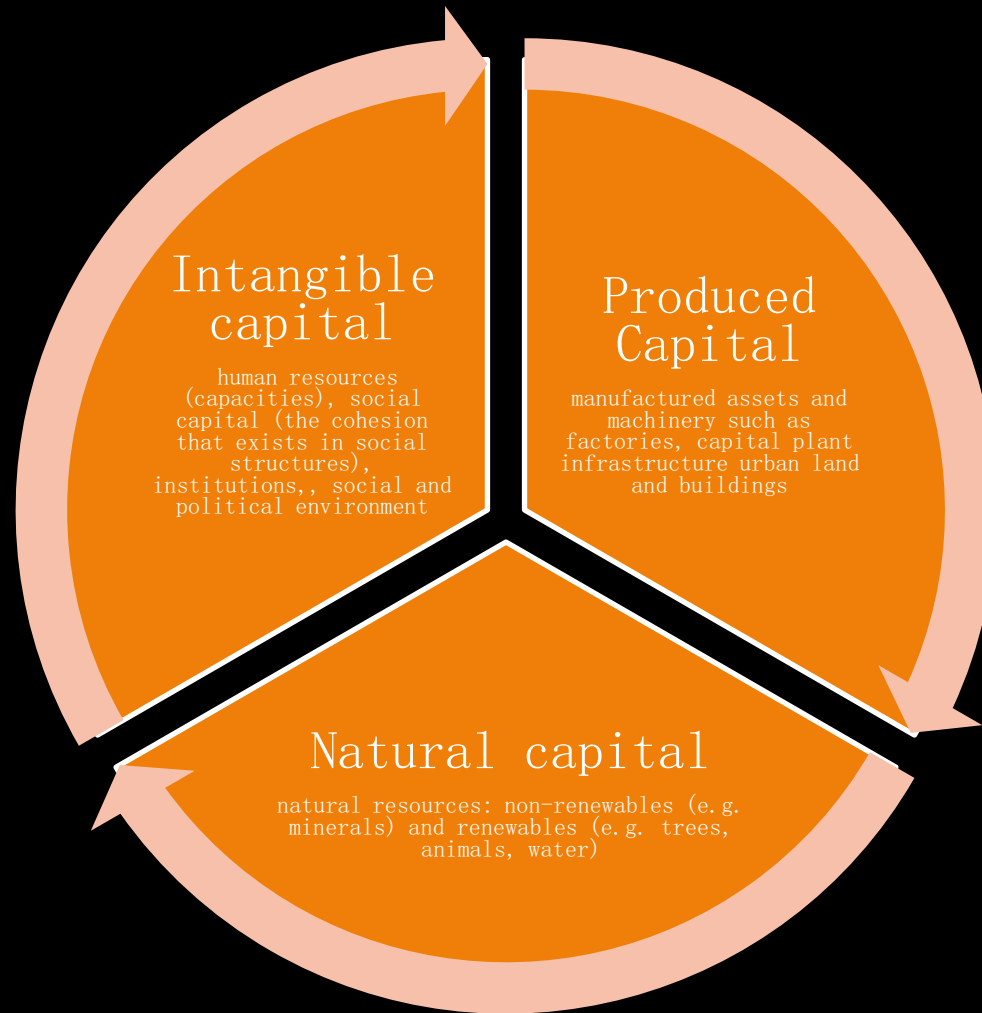


Mining is important to Guyana's development

- 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



Key Impacts Associated with Mining

Extraction reduces 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

A REGIONAL PERSPECTIVE

Threats:

- Limited consensus and collaboration
- Weak governance
- Infrastructure
- Under-regulated private investments

Opportunities:

- Regional consensus
- Unified Legislation/Policies/Regulations
- Financing
- Transformative change

CI's Regional Efforts

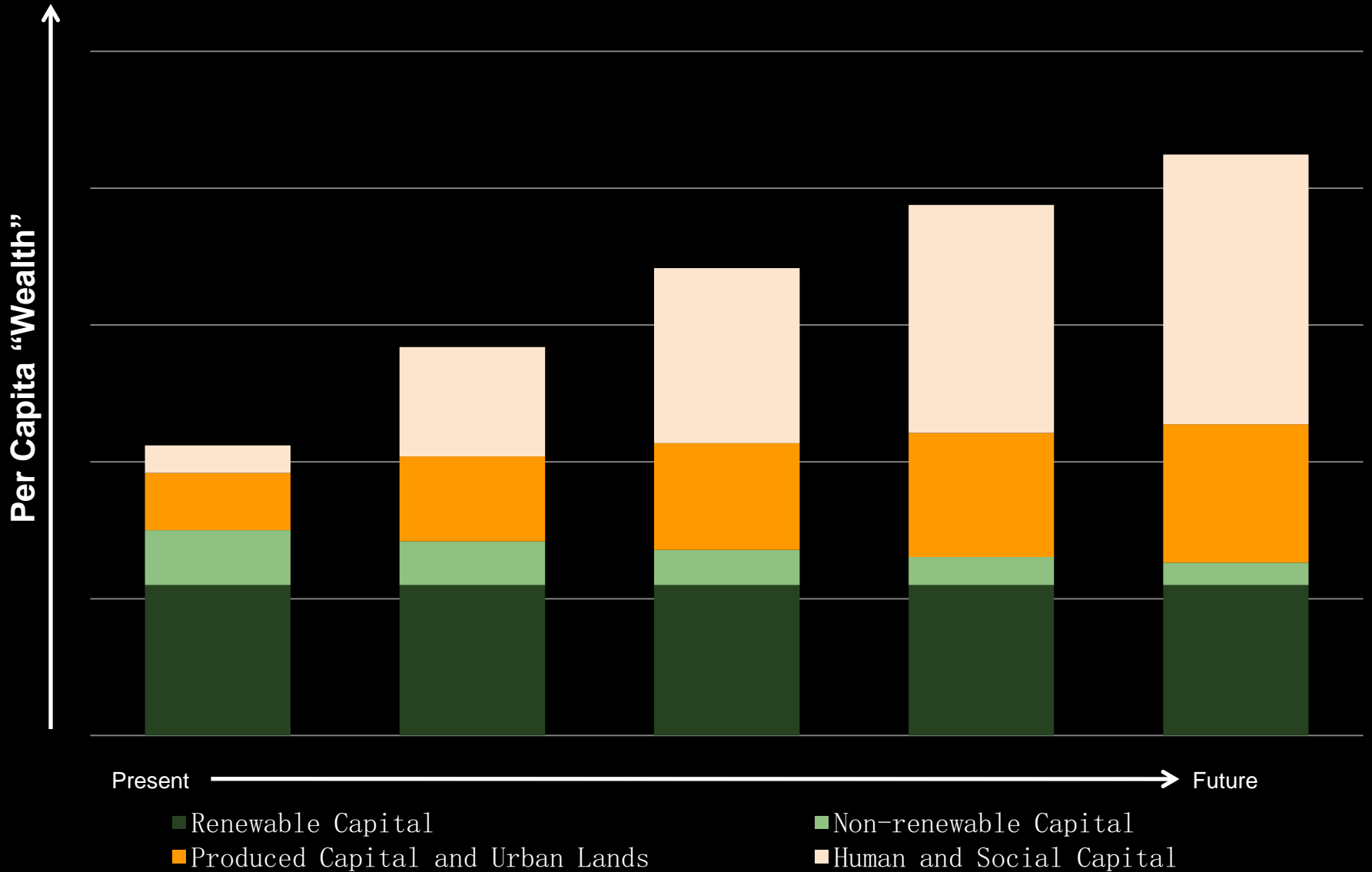
- *Avoided Deforestation Project (KfW)*

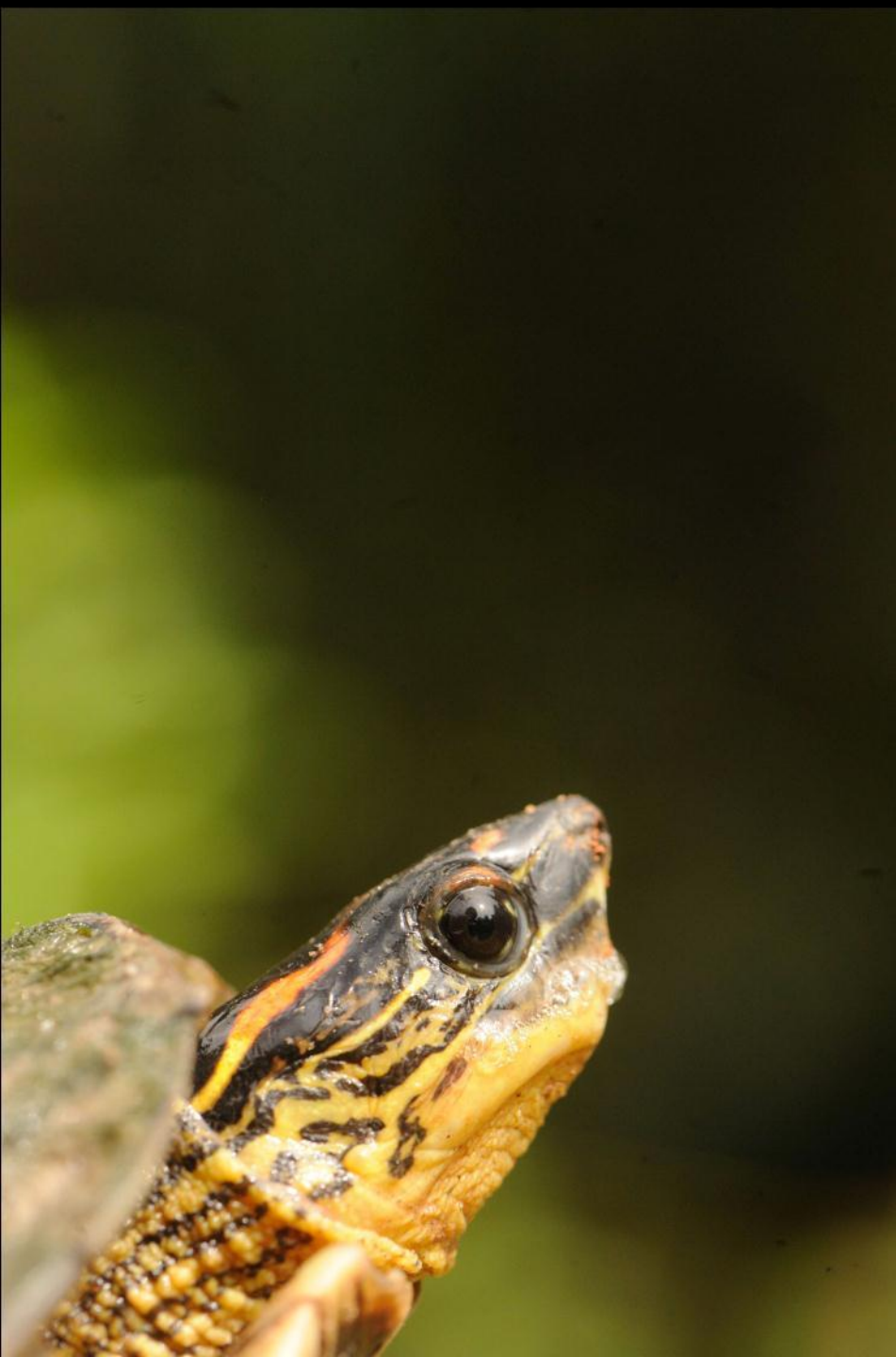
- Regional technical exchange
- Facilitation of regional participation in high level meetings
- Regional Scenarios Modeling

- *Widening Informed Stakeholder Engagement for REDD+ (US Department of State)*

- Broaden and strengthen informed stakeholder engagement in national REDD+ readiness programs

A realistic future





Thank-you

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