

Regional Workshop:
"Improving knowledge sharing on tree species identification in the Guiana Shield"

Tonka Island, Suriname, 29 September to 2 October 2015

REDD+ for the Guiana Shield project

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Day 1 - Tuesday 29 September 2015

TRAVEL TO TONKA ISLAND

Breakfast in hotel or self-organized

08:30 – 09:00 **Loading the bus outside Greenheart Hotel, Costerstraat 68, Paramaribo**

09:00 – 11:00 **Bus trip from Paramaribo to Afobaka landing**

11:30 – 12:30 **Boat trip from Afobaka to Tonka Island**

12:30 – 13:30 *Lunch*

13:30 – 16:30 **Free time**

16:00 – 16:30 *Coffee and snacks*

OPENING SESSION

16:30 – 16:45 **Introduction by ONF International - REDD+ for the Guiana Shield project** *by Sara Svensson*

16:45 – 17:00 **Workshop objectives** *by consultant Dominiek Plouvier*

17:00 – 17:30 **Round of introductions of attending participants and institutions**

17:30 – 18:00 **Introduction to Tonka Island** *by owner and key botanist Frits van Troon*

19:00 *Dinner*

Day 2 - Wednesday 30 September 2015

Moderator Dominiek Plouvier

07:30 – 08:30 *Breakfast*

SESSION 1 - GUIANA SHIELD TREE SPECIES AND LITERATURE FOR RECOGNITION

09:00 – 09:30 **Plants and trees in the Guiana Shield - an overview** *by D. Plouvier*

09:30 – 10:15 **Draft List of tree species of the Guianas and Amapá** *by O. Brunaux and B. Hoffman*

10:15 – 10:30 *Coffee break*

10:30 – 11:00 **Draft list of literature and websites useful for tree species identification in the Guiana Shield**

- an overview by D. Plouvier and B. Hoffman

11:00 – 11:30 **New book on tree species of French Guiana developed by ONF** by O. Brunaux

11:30 – 12:00 **New book on trees of Suriname by Naturalis, Leiden** by C. Bhikhi

12:00 – 13:30 *Lunch*

SESSION 2 - ONGOING RESEARCH PROJECTS ON TREE SPECIES IDENTIFICATION RELEVANT FOR THE REGION

13:30 – 14:15 **Research and training on tree species identification in Iwokrama and Guyana** by R. Thomas

14:15 – 15:00 **Research in French Guiana regarding tree species identification** by J. Engel

15:00 – 15:30 **'Flora of the Guianas' programme** by S. Arias

15:30 – 16:00 **Research on tree species in Amapá and Brazil - Herbarium HAMAB, IEPA** by P. Cantuária

16:00 – 16:15 **Other research projects, wrap-up, questions and answers**

16:15 – 16:45 *Coffee Break*

NATURE WALK (OPTIONAL)

16:45 – 18:15 **Walking the tree species trail on Tonka Island** with Frits van Troon

19:00 *Dinner*

Day 3 - Thursday 1 October 2015

Moderator Bruce Hoffman

07:30 – 08:30 *Breakfast*

SESSION 3 - GUIANA SHIELD FORESTRY SERVICES SKILLS AND CHALLENGES FOR TREE SPECIES IDENTIFICATION

09:00 – 09:15 **Introduction to the session**

09:15 – 09:45 **Guyana - presentation by GFC**

09:45 – 10:15 **Suriname - presentation by SBB**

10:15 – 10:30 *Coffee break*

10:30 – 11:00 **Amapá - presentation by IEF**

11:00 – 11:30 **French Guiana - presentation by ONF**

11:30 – 12:00 **Roundtable discussion to compare the situations**
What are the main gaps that need to be filled in each country and in the region as a whole?

12:00 – 13:30 *Lunch*

SESSION 4 - SEEKING SOLUTIONS FOR THE WAY FORWARD

13:30 – 16:15 **Panel discussion guided by moderator:**
How can we improve knowledge on tree species identification in the Guiana Shield?
Is there need for more regional cooperation on this topic? If so, of what kind?

How to strengthen the interaction between the Guiana Shield region and programs abroad? What is needed - for example a book to be translated and adapted for the region? Regional or national training courses on tree species identification? Sending people to courses overseas? Which websites can be made for the region based on existing websites? Which donors can be approached for fundraising? Possible cooperation with Flora of the Guianas, other initiatives? Need to establish a network to continue collaboration on this topic?

16:15 – 16:30 *Coffee break*

16:30 – 17:00 **Final conclusions and wrap-up by consultant and ONFI**

FREE TIME

19:00 *Dinner*

Day 4 - Friday 2 October 2015

NATURE WALK (OPTIONAL)

07:00 – 08:30 *Breakfast (optional: pack and bring on the walk)*

07:00 – 10:00 **Walking the tree species trail on Tonka Island with Frits van Troon**

10:00 – 12:00 **Free time / packing**

12:00 – 13:00 *Lunch*

TRAVEL FROM TONKA ISLAND

13:00 – 14:00 **Boat trip from Tonka Island to Afobaka landing**

14:15 – 16:15 **Bus trip from Afobaka to Paramaribo**

16:30 **Goodbye / check-in to Greenheart Hotel for international participants**

Self-organized dinner in Paramaribo

23:00, 2 October *Pick-up for transport from Greenheart hotel to the airport for participants going to Cayenne*

06:15, 3 October *Pick-up for transport from Greenheart hotel to the airport for passengers to Georgetown*

13:00, 3 October *Pick-up for transport from Greenheart hotel to the airport for Belem and Amsterdam flights*

Note to speakers: All presentations include time for questions and answers, so presentations should be short and succinct. Please keep in mind that there will be simultaneous translation between English, French and Portuguese, so use the microphone and don't speak too fast.