



## **SURINAME'S EXPERIENCE WITH DEVELOPING A REDD+ STRATEGY (RPP)**

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# **SURINAME'S EXPERIENCE: THE FIRST STEPS**

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## **× Development of the R-PIN (2008)**

- + Commissioned by the President of Republic of Suriname
- + R-Pin accepted in March 2009 by the World Bank

## **× Experience**

- + Capacity building and awareness were needed to understand REDD(+) for all stakeholders incl. Government
- + Based on policy documents and researchs : National Forest Policy 2003, National Biodiversity Strategy 2005, Multi Annual Development Plan etc.
- + Lack of as well as scattered data
- + Although no budget was allocated, the government was dedicated to develop the R-PIN with a group of dedicated experts
- + Greater involvement of all relevant stakeholders were needed in particular forest based communities

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- ✘ Suriname initiated a series of presentations to relevant stakeholders regarding REDD+ and UNFCCC
- ✘ Various training were conducted in collaboration with NGO's
- ✘ Formal establishment of the National REDD+ Committee, comprises of relevant government institutions
- ✘ Development of the RPP
  - + Submission of the 1<sup>st</sup> draft in August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009

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## × Experience:

- + Considerable interest and preparedness to cooperate and to commit
- + Support from NGO's
- + Feedback from relevant stakeholders
  - × Many discussions about the outcome of the RPP, REDD +
- + Lack of data; scattered data
- + Small budget to conduct comprehensive stakeholder meetings, including in the rural and hinterland areas for the formulation of the RPP
  - × Cooperation with the representative organization of the tribal communities in the city among others to establish the **consultation and outreach plan**
  - × Support from NGO's to formulate consultation & outreach plan
- + Comprehensive implementation of RPP and great impact on society and economy

# SURINAME'S EXPERIENCE: 2<sup>ND</sup> DRAFT RPP

- ✘ **Development of the 2<sup>nd</sup> draft RPP**
  - + Submission of the 2<sup>nd</sup> draft in January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010
  
- ✘ **Experience:**
  - + In general valuable and helpful comments and recommendations from the TAP, however sometimes inconsistent
  - + Should taken into account by TAP the national circumstances. “No one sizes fits all” solution
  - + No clarity which activities must be carried out during the formulation of the RPP and which ones during the implementation of the RPP
  - + Generous time and budget needed, Increased budget for the formulation of RPP
  - + Clarity of FPIC and SESA procedures needed
  - + Up till now, funding from GOS

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## × Continued experience:

- + Increased awareness of REDD+ within the government and other stakeholders
- + Launching of the “Suriname Green Vision”
  - × REDD+ will be integrated in the “Suriname Green Development Strategy “
- + Greater participation at the COP meeting in Copenhagen 2009
- + REDD+ strategy will be integrated in the national policies

# CONSIDERATIONS

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- ✘ Commitment of Suriname at highest level
- ✘ Learning process for Suriname
- ✘ Specific country's circumstances
- ✘ Suriname (HFLD country) is at the early stage of the Forest transition curve.
  - + REDD+ should support Suriname's early bridging in the curve.
- ✘ The UNFCCC negotiations and the options for incentives to maintain and to enhance carbon stocks and or to avoid emissions

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- ✘ RPP no solutions for land tenure related issues
- ✘ Formulation of procedures for FPIC and SESA should in cooperation with all stakeholders
- ✘ The availability to implement RPP and beyond are not clear yet
- ✘ How to proceed and incorporate the Copenhagen Accord



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