Ecotourism Development in the Protected Areas of the Guianas – Guyana’s Perspective
PROTECTED AREAS ACT 2011

Establishes:

• National Protected Areas System;

• Protected Areas Commission (PAC);

• Board of Directors to oversee the PAC;

• National Protected Areas Trust
National Protected Areas System
PAC Mandate

Establish  Manage  Maintain  Promote  Expand
To effectively manage our Protected Areas, we strive to improve local stakeholder support and engagement, develop monitoring and administrative systems, strengthen policy framework, facilitate priority research, recruit staff and build capacity, increase funds for PA management, support strong internal financial systems, improve public education and awareness of PAs, increase national and international appreciation for Guyana’s PAs, foster increased benefit sharing, improve local stakeholder support and engagement, increase national and international appreciation for Guyana’s PAs, improve local stakeholder support and engagement.

Guided by our core values of Integrity, Transparency, Commitment, Inclusiveness, Innovation, and a focus on Results.

We strive to effectively manage our Protected Areas, while ensuring that they continue to add value to the lives of present and future generations.
Evolution of Tourism Development in Protected Areas
Successes at the National Level

❖ Contributes to Economy (GDP)

❖ Increased National and Policy Focus on Tourism

❖ Top Eco Tourism Destination in the World
Successes at the PA Level

❖ Iwokrama Model of Conservation

❖ Community led eco tourism (e.g. Surama, Rewa, Warapoka, Yupukari)

❖ Networking and Partnerships
Challenges & Threats
Opportunities
“It is LOVE” – Thank You