Expanding the Scope of Tourism For Protected Areas

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Background on Guyana

- Population: 770,000
- Land Area: 21.6 Million Ha
- Total Forest: 18 Million Ha
- Forested Area: 87%

Ethnically - Ancestry

- East Indian, African, Amerindian, Chinese, European including Portuguese

9 Amerindian Nations

- Wapishana
- Macushi
- Wai Wai
- Carib
- Arawak
- Patamona
- Warrau
- Arecuna
- Akawaio

Agriculture, Mining, Forestry, Fisheries, Oil (new)

Number of tourists 2018: 247,000 (3rd sector after gold and rice)
Background

**Suriname**
- Population - approx. 500,000
- Forest cover - 90% 
- Economic - gold, oil, bauxite, forestry, fisheries, rice 
- 3 Amerindian Nations 
- 6 Maroon Nations 
- Annual tourist no - 260,000

**French Guiana**
- Population – 280,000
- Forest cover - 84% 
- Economic - gold, space centre services, public service 
- 6 Amerindian Nations 
- 4 Maroon Nations 
- Annual tourist no - 120,000
Positioning the Three Guianas
Guiana Shield/Amazon?
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Any tourism related to protected areas MUST BE Conservation Focused
Biodiversity
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- Shell Beach Protected Area- Guyana
- Amana Nature Reserve- Fr Guyane
- Galibi Protected Area/Braamspunt- Suriname

- Mangrove forests/ Marine turtles (four species)
Potential for birding tourism enormous
Sport Fishing
Scenic beauty
Kaieteur National Park
Kanuku Mountains - Protected Area
Cultural Heritage
Boni Traditional House - Fr Guiana
Food (Culinary)
Agriculture Tourism
Educational
Research/Science
Operation Wallacea Expeditions - Annual research expeditions to Iwokrama since 2011 - Faunal Surveys
http://opwall.com/
Do not try this at home, you have to be specially trained to do this
Seven new species to science discovered over the past 10 years in the Iwokrama Forest
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