Nouragues reserve & goldmining

CONTEXT

Renforesap project, Cayenne, February 11th 2020
1. Protection tool: Nouragues National Natural Reserve (RNN)

Natural reserve has been created in 1995 to protect 105 800 ha of forest, around an international scientific station, which has been created in 1986.
2. Historic and actuals impacts of goldmining

- **Surface of forest destroyed**
  - Starts at a low level in 1997.
  - Increases gradually to reach 345 hectares by 2015.

- **Linear of streams destroyed**
  - Starts at a low level in 1997.
  - Increases gradually to reach 55 km by 2015.

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**Map Highlights**

- **Impacted areas** (outside of the reserve)
- **Montagnes Balarlotis**
- **Linéaire détruit en km**

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**Legend**

- Orange: Impacted areas
- Dark grey: Impacted areas (outside of the reserve)
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Number of illegal yards evolution since 2002

- Illegal yards
- Illegal yards non reactivated since 2014
- CNRS scientific station
- Reserve public camp

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Andoe Saakie (Capi) et Domingos Ribamar Da Silva, the rangers of the reserve, have been murdered on the reserve on May 16th 2006 by illegal goldminers.
3. Limited resources of the natural reserve to fight against illegal goldmining

3 main missions
245 000 € / year
3,5 personns

**SCIENCE**

→ Monitoring and evolution of conservation issues

**TERRITORY**

→ Education, *on-site* reception, partnership projects

**PROTECTION**

→ Information, partnership work (15 000€/an)

Just 2 agents with basic police power but no power of judicial police officer (no possibility to destroy illegal sites)
4. Partnerships and territorial projects are crucial to fight against illegal goldmining

- Informations – work with ONF
- Partnerships between Army – Gendarmerie – ONF to destroy sites
- Alert deciders
- Developping territory projects (ecotourism...)

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