Ecotourism vs illegal gold mining: Saül, a French Guianese success story
Exceptional natural and cultural patrimonies
Saül : exceptional natural patrimonies
Saül 2004-2009 : invasion of garimpeiros

From 2004 onwards : massive arrival of garimpeiros in Saül

→ Malaria

→ Robbery

→ Feeling of insecurity

→ Some grocers start supplying garimpeiros

→ Some unhabitants leave the village

27th febr 2007 : creation of the national park

« About 15 people in irregular situation come to the village every day either to provision at the groceries or to seek health care » (report of Amazonian park rangers, march 2008)
Saül 2009-2013: reconquest of the village

Military forces (Foreign legion), Gendarmerie and Parc amazonien join forces against illegal goldminers

2009-2010: end of the massive goldmining in Saül

2010: edition of the first mapguide of Saül by Parc amazonien

2010-2013: rehabilitation of the network of hiking trails
A specific development strategy

Isolation
• Promote the first results of ecotourism (3000 visitors)

Illegal goldmining
• Occupation of the territory to repel goldminers (20 km)

Amazonian biodiversity
• Inventory and disseminate… to protect and develop!
Innovation technique: possibility to access the application online and offline.
Innovation: Disabled access (Amazonia for all)

Technologic innovation: digitalisation of the trails for the application NaviRando

Organisational innovation: overtake the constraints of the accessibility chain

Social innovation: overcome the perceptions of handicap
Et si l'arbre fromager du bourg de Saül était élu "Arbre de l'année" ?

VOTEZ et faites voter La Guyane sur :

www.arbredelannee.com
Tree of the year 2015 !!!
Organization of a trail by Parc amazonien
Participatory Science

- Work of the scientists ➔ Knowledge
- Science popularisation ➔ education & awareness raising
- Workshops & debates ➔ Involvement of all stakeholders
- Co-construction of measures & future actions ➔ Ownership

- Municipality
- Scientists
- Pupils
- Unhabitants
- Tourists

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