

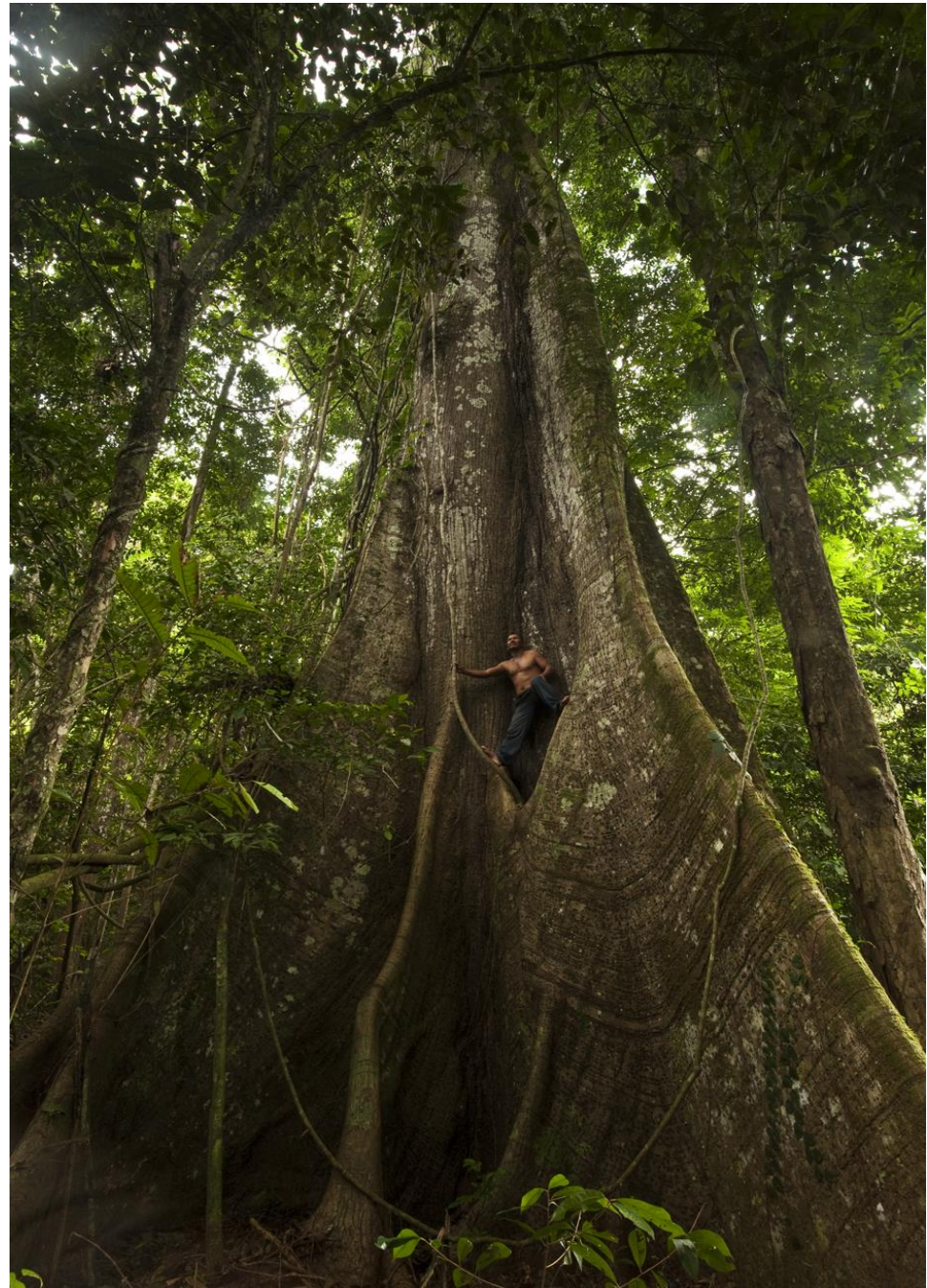


Ecotourism Development in the Protected Areas of the Guianas – Guyana's Perspective

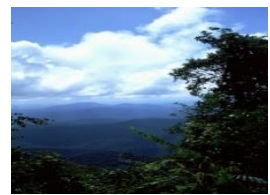
PROTECTED AREAS ACT 2011

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



Kaieteur National Park



Management Plan
2016-2020



Foster increased benefit sharing

Improve local stakeholder support and engagement

Support strong internal financial systems

Increase funds for PA management

Increase national and international appreciation for Guyana's PAs

Improve public education and awareness of PAs

Recruit staff and build capacity

Develop monitoring and administrative systems

Improve planning

Strengthen policy framework

Facilitate priority research

Benefits & Partnerships

Finance

Awareness & Outreach

Admin & Management



Protected Areas Commission

Strategic Plan 2015 – 2019

Protecting nature and improving lives

We strive to effectively manage our Protected Areas, while ensuring that they continue to add value to the lives of present and future generations



Guided by our core values of

Integrity, Transparency, Commitment, Inclusiveness, Innovation, and a focus on Results

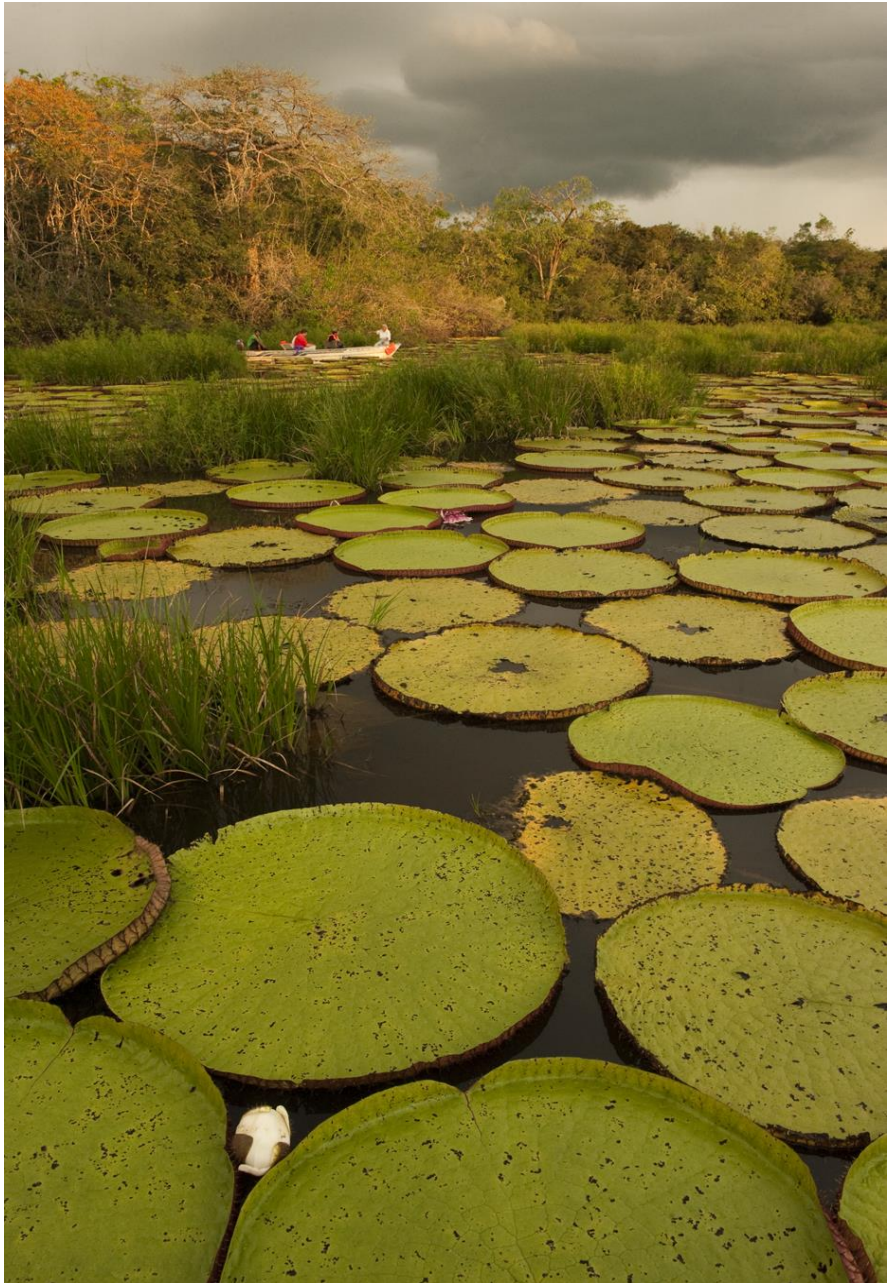
Kanuku Mountains Protected Area



Management Plan



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**

Protecting Nature and Improving Lives...



It's in
OUR
Nature



Successes at the PA Level

- ❖ Iwokrama Model of Conservation
- ❖ Community led eco tourism (e.g Surama, Rewa, Warapoka, Yupukari)
- ❖ Networking and Partnerships

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Challenges & Threats



Opportunities



**DENISE FRASER
COMMISSIONER - PAC**



“It is LOVE” – Thank You

