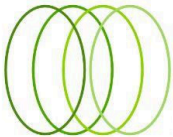


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Report from the Board for 2022

In GGS's journey thus far, we look back at 2019 as the start-up year for the organisation. 2020 was the first full operational year. 2021 marked the year of establishing our footprint in Suriname. And in 2022, GGS started a new phase of creating sustainable models for Suriname.

The board is on track to achieve its goals. In 2022, our organisation was fully prepared to develop our own projects and simultaneously take on new types of assignments. Several organisations partnered with us for specific skills around our engagement model. Both the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization and the Inter-American Development Bank worked with us in stakeholder engagement exercises on, respectively, climate change impacts in the agriculture sector and developing a stakeholder vision on spatial planning for Suriname in the future.



Compared to the first three years of operations, we once again saw a steady increase in our budgets, enabling us to continue our important work for Suriname.

We also categorise 2022 as a year of substantial impact through our partnership, amongst others, with the Government of Suriname and the Trio tribe to establish two elementary schools in remote villages in South Suriname. These villages are the last to receive infrastructure for providing education to children.

In the following report, you will find more information on our organisation's goals, the impact that we were able to create via various projects, and our financial reporting.

On behalf of the Board,

Gwendolyn Smith
Chairperson



Picture: GGS board members in Amatopo
Lindsay (left), Maikel (middle), Gwendolyn (right)

Internal organisational goals

In 2022, with the support of a seed funding program with Re:Wild, the organisation could conduct the following work:

- Continue a highly networked technology suite to run its projects and daily operations,
- Implement a pilot project for the wood crafters in Kambaloea consisting of a capacity-building project and preparing them for the establishment of a business venture
- Design science tests for students on VOJ and VOS levels, which could be implemented in the living labs that are part of the citizen science program. VOJ tests were developed to teach children about the impacts of the environment on animals; VOS tests were developed around bacteria and oil spills. The implementation of tests is planned for late 2023.
- Support vulnerable communities with the organising and planning of their capacity-building activities via community-managed funds:
 - The funds available to the Trio community were used for the building of a new church in Kwamalasamutu, the transportation of the remains of deceased community members to their respective villages, the distribution of gasoline for electricity supply, emergency support during the floodings in May 2022 for Alalapadu, the administrative cost for establishing Stichting Tewe Kwamalasamutu and for a capacity-building trip to Brazil attended by Granman Jimmy Toeroemang and Pildas Tawadi.
- Support projects for general awareness such as:
 - Essay-writing contest about COP-26, the 26th climate conference called Conference of the Parties. The essays were bundled together in an advice report which was handed over to the President of the Republic of Suriname before his departure to participate in COP-26. The report included Suriname's youth vision of climate change and necessary adaptations. GGS supported the essay-writing exercise with a monetary prize for the Top-3 best essays, and reviewed the advice report.
 - A group of Green Growth Ambassadors participated in the WWF Earth Hour Walk in March 2022. GGS supported them with t-shirts and supplies for the walk, which at the same time served as a garbage collection run. The Green Growth Ambassadors were able to help clean up parts of the center of Paramaribo.
 - A group of 10 students from the Anton de Kom University in Suriname responded to a call from GGS to participate in a research project around local indicators for climate change. The 10 students followed two training sessions on the subject and were asked to conduct surveys within an area of their choice. All surveys were finished in 2022; data analysis will continue in 2023.

Publications

In 2022 GGS delivered the following reports:

- Green Growth Suriname (March 2022) The Urgent Need for Scenario Planning in the Land-Rights. Process in Suriname. Published online by GGS.
- Green Growth Suriname (December 2022). Management Plan for the Proposed Protected Area in Kwamalasamutu. Unpublished.

New Partnerships

The following new partnerships were initiated:

A partnership with **TWTIS** (Tarëno Wajana Tinonokon Ikurumane Soire Weinje). During the TWTIS meeting in January 2022, GGS submitted a letter requesting to be part of the partnership. In August 2022, Granman Jimmy Toeroemang convened that the Board of GGS is now a partner of TWTIS. This will be officially acknowledged in the next TWTIS meeting planned for 2023.

A partnership with **Stichting Tewe Kwamalasamutu**. This foundation was established in March 2022 and focuses on implementing development projects for the villages in south Suriname under the leadership of Granman Jimmy Toeroemang. The first appointed board of Stichting Tewe is Jimmy Toeroemang, Chair; Delnice Reshoede, secretary; Pildas Tawadi, treasurer; Ainiase Koepoeroe, member and Usshukke Toera, member. GGS was instrumental in supporting the establishment of Stichting Tewe.

A partnership with the crafters from the village of **Kambaloea**, united in KambaloeArt, and the Port of Africatown. The **Port of Africatown** (POA) is a community development NGO based in Alabama, USA. The POA's mission is to grow business opportunities for Black founders in the region by providing them with business education, offices, and shared workspaces, connections to trade and commerce, and business financing. The Port of Africatown takes its name from the community of Africatown, a Maroon community on the port of Mobile, Alabama. Africatown was founded by descendants of some of the enslaved people aboard the Clotilda, and it was the home to some of the last survivors of the transatlantic slave trade in the United States. The story of Africatown has been popularised by Zora Neale Hurston's,

Barracoön: The Story of the Last Black Cargo (2018) and the film Descendant which is distributed by Michelle and Barack Obama on Netflix (2022).

A partnership with **Stichting Sprint2Greatness**. The Sprint2Greatness foundation aims to have Surinamese track cyclist Jair Tjon En Fa qualify for the Olympics in Paris in 2024. GGS aims to combine nature messaging with Surinamese sports heroes to reach a wider (international) audience and combine the country's biggest strengths: nature and sports.

The partnership with **Stichting Amazonemarkt Suriname** (SAMS) to support this indigenous organisation in the sales and promotion of arts and crafts was continued until December 2022.

The partnership with the **Organization of Indigenous Suriname** (OIS) was continued. In 2022, GGS supported the OIS with the preparations of a regional meeting for the COICA in November in Paramaribo. OIS hosted this special meeting for the first time. The COICA translates to Coordinator of Indigenous Organizations of the Amazon River Basin and represents nine Amazonian indigenous organisations, amongst others the OIS.



Picture: Partnership signing between Port of Africatown, the village of Kambaloea and Green Growth Suriname; Kambaloea, February 2022

Impact Goals

At Green Growth Suriname, we are committed to putting people at the heart of conservation efforts. By partnering with local communities and leveraging their existing knowledge and social structures, we ensure that our programs are sustainable and have a positive impact on both people and the environment. Together with the Suriname Government and the Trio tribe, we're working to protect 7.2 million hectares of pristine rainforest, which is home to some of the world's most unique and diverse species. With their deep knowledge of the forest and its inhabitants, the Trio tribe is an invaluable partner in our mission to conserve Suriname's precious natural resources.

Green Growth Suriname (GGS) designs its programs around one or more of the following goals:

1. Develop and implement models to include nature in national development processes, based on research.
2. Design and execute socio-economic projects that contribute to GGS's mission.
3. Build capacity for nationals interested in conservation by organising training sessions, workshops, seminars, and socio-cultural excursions.

For 2022 we envisioned doing the following:

- Continue its work on the suite of legal tools to support creating the building blocks for successful implementation of the Environmental Framework Law in Suriname, and build capacity around nature legislation.
- Support the Trio's protection strategy in the south of Suriname in their fight against immediate threats from infrastructure, mining and logging.
- Finish building schools for the indigenous villages of Amatopo and Curuni in Sipaliwini.
- Continue awareness for forest governance through satellite monitoring, citizen science projects, and the Forest93 campaign.
- Support the Green Growth Champions in their projects with technical support, knowledge sharing, and funding.
- Support the national discussion on how to diversify the economy with oil revenues.
- Develop one new project proposal on indigenous health.

Projects that were ongoing in 2022:

- **Continue the work for Building the foundation for Suriname's Green Future;** which is aimed at helping to create the enabling conditions for sustainability through capacity building, and, to build the pathway to conservation by integrating the full suite of International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) category protected areas into the regulatory framework needed for effective protection.
- **Working Together to Protect Suriname's Tropical Forests: Building Governance and Capacity in the Most Forested Country on Earth;** A three-year program to build governance and capacity. The five main focus areas are: i) forest identification and protection of at least two remaining green urban areas, ii) forest law implementation by supporting NIMOS with its transition process towards a National Environment Authority (NMA), iii) forest governance from above, a partnership with Satelligence and Suriname Foundation for Forest Management and Production Control (SBB) to expand satellite monitoring of Suriname's forests, iv) forest governance from the ground to develop a mobile application to compile hard data on biodiversity to reach areas throughout Suriname, v) forest awareness with the support of selected Surinamese professional athletes.
- **Laying the foundation for Indigenous Community Conservation Areas;** preparatory work to have Indigenous Community Conservation Areas recognized under Suriname law, which includes: i) an assessment of current management structures, ii) an assessment of potential funding sources for a future ICCA in Suriname and a sustainability framework for the management of such area. Under the draft Nature Management Law, all these elements are necessary to opt for a protected status of the south Suriname area.
- **Extended Feasibility Award** to lay the foundation for the establishment of a 5 million-acre Indigenous Community Conservation Area in The Amazon Rainforest.
- **Consultancy to lead and conduct a participatory process for constructing the shared vision of Suriname's Spatial Planning Act for the InterAmerican Development Bank (IADB).** The consultancy aimed at writing a vision on spatial planning for Suriname as seen by Surinamese citizens. The project includes surveys, assessments, engagement sessions, and workshops with stakeholders from all over the country.
- **Conduct a KAP survey and deliver a KAP report in two regions of Suriname: Nickerie, Saramacca, and Coronie for the Food and Agriculture Organization for the United Nations (FAO).** The KAP study aims to find out knowledge levels on climate change, the impacts of climate change, and people's capacity to adapt to climate change, aiming at stakeholders in the agriculture sector in three selected districts. The results of the KAP study will inform the type of capacity-building interventions that need to be designed for stakeholders in the agriculture sector.

- **Conserving 7.2 million hectares of Pristine Rainforest in Suriname.** The project is aimed at supporting the implementation of the dual conservation strategy of policy and field-based conservation for south Suriname, consisting of stakeholder engagement and interventions regarding the nature conservation law, as well as positions on land rights. And, organising a follow-up meeting of South Suriname leaders.
- **Programme Cooperation Agreement Plastic Footprint Suriname with UNICEF** is an awareness program for youths between the ages of 16 and 30 on Climate Action, particularly the reduction of single-use plastics in society. Youths are motivated to become Plastic Footprint Agents, download the mobile application to measure their plastic footprint, and become aware, through information sessions at schools and via social media messaging, of why single-use plastics should be refused, reduced, reused, or recycled.

Models to include nature in national development processes

Green Growth Suriname Foundation aims at developing models to help include nature in national development processes.

Model to support Government initiatives was implemented in the following instances:

- In cooperation with the National Institute for Environment and Development (NIMOS), GGS hired a former police chief to support the incorporation of the “environment corps” as described in the Environmental Framework Law. The corps will help oversee the environmental regulations.
The final report which was delivered: Dompig, Gerold en Isselt-Agard, Rosanna (2022). Rapport instelling milieu controleurs: Inzicht in inrichtingskaders en potentiële samenwerkingspartners bij milieuhandhaving. Unpublished.
- In cooperation with the National Institute for Environment and Development (NIMOS), GGS hired consultants to assess Suriname’s compliance to multilateral environmental agreements. A former diplomat for Suriname with experience in these multilateral environmental agreements was hired to assess these agreements and its application to Suriname’s challenges.
The report was published on the GGS website: Koral Blu Consulting (2022). Compliance study into Suriname’s Multilateral Environmental Agreements. Published online by GGS.

- The InterAmerican Development Bank (IADB) assigned GGS to design a vision on Spatial Planning for Suriname 2072 with stakeholders. This project started in 2022, and was completed in 2023. The report was shared with the Ministry of Spatial Planning and Environment (Min ROM) and was published on the GGS website. The final consulting report was used to write the Spatial Planning legislation for Suriname, the final version will be presented in 2023, and will serve as input to the policymaking of the Ministry of Spatial Planning and Environment (Min ROM).
- The Food and Agricultural Organization for the United Nations (FAO) assigned GGS to conduct a Knowledge Attitude and Practices (KAP) study on climate change for the agricultural sector in Nickerie, Saramacca, and Coronie. The KAP study is part of the effort to write a concept note to the Green Climate Fund to make the food production sector in Suriname more resilient to climate change. The assignment started in October 2022; its results will be presented to the FAO and Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Fisheries by March 2023.

Forest Governance

Green Growth Suriname Foundation sets out to include larger groups of society in forest governance. In order to create more engagement by the public to be involved with the governance of nature, it developed a three layered model, consisting of:

1. **Research:** Near-real-time satellite monitoring with the technology of Satelligence
With the support of the Swedish Postcode Foundation, satellite monitoring for Suriname's full land surface was continued in 2022. The information is shared with SBB, Suriname's official forest control institute. Various meetings were organised between Satelligence and SBB to see whether analysis could be further improved to aid information for forest governance in Suriname.
2. **Engagement:** Citizen science through the Green Growth Forests app
Together with Spotteron, a leading global platform for citizen science applications, GGS developed the first app, the Green Growth Forests app, as part of a larger citizen science planning effort to engage the general public in monitoring areas or signs of deforestation throughout the country. After a research phase, in 2022 the technical development of a second app, the Green Growth Wildlife app, started with the aim to monitor biodiversity. The first test version of the app for Android devices was finished in December 2022. The app will be tested and launched in 2023.
3. **Awareness:** Awareness through a weekly web series called Busi Taki
GGS produces a weekly web series by nature enthusiast and journalist Christio Wijnhard. He gives the general public information on all kinds of nature-related topics in Suriname. In 2022, the third season of Busi Taki continued with a total of 20 episodes on nature-related

themes. After a short season break, the production preparations for the fourth season started in the last quarter of 2022 to be able to broadcast the new season's episodes in January 2023. The episodes of season 3 were broadcasted via the Busi Taki social media channels and on national TV channels ATV and Supreme TV.

The triangulation of the three activities helps to create a focus on the forest sector, in particular, governance. The public is educated and receives more readily available information on the activities in the forest. All data is shared with researchers and government institutes to advance their work and/or policies.

TWTIS Meeting in Amatopo

From January 28-31, 2022, a large TWTIS (Tarëno Wajana Tinonokon Ikurumane Soire Weinje) meeting was organised in the village of Amatopo in the south-west of Suriname. The TWTIS partnership aims to protect 7.2 million of undisturbed tropical rainforest and the 3000 indigenous tribal members dispersed over the territory. A total of 48 people from the TWTIS partnership attended the meeting: Trio and Wayana tribes, Amazon Conservation Team, Conservation International, World Wildlife Fund, Organization of American States, University of Suriname-Herbarium, Green Growth Suriname, Rewild, and interested donors.

Under the leadership of chief Jimmy Toeroemang, the indigenous peoples initiated several strategies to improve the protection of the area by adding six more villages as guard posts and also posting warning signs on the borders of the TWTIS area against the ongoing threats of road construction, wood logging, and small-scale gold mining. The indigenous leaders also agreed with the NGOs, academia, and indigenous umbrella organisations to help them in reaching sustainability in the area by supporting their projects – especially the indigenous rangers - for the long term.



GGs was responsible for organising the meeting and received financial support from Re:Wild and local organisations such as Conservation International Suriname and Amazon Conservation Team.



Picture: Participants in the TWTIS meeting in Amatopo
28-31 January 2022

Socio-economic projects

Tembe, wood carving project with Saamaka village Kambaloea

In the summer of 2021, a delegation from Suriname visited Africatown hosted by the Port of Africatown (POA) and Jessica Norwood, a local leader, and a social impact investor. The purpose of the trip was to connect two communities that endured and resisted colonial enslavement and rule.



This trip marked our first “exchange” trip between nations. While in Mobile, Alabama, the delegation honoured the ancestors with rituals near the river, met with community leaders, and learned more about both the black communities of Africatown and Suriname. At dinner, GGS exchanged gifts and at one point, learned that both communities had a “Cudjoe”, who led the peoples’ resistance against the colonisers. The conversations about resistance got us wondering, “what would it look like if black communities were trading with one another?”

In February 2022, a group of 6 people - professionals, leaders, advocates, public officials, artists, and business experts representing POA travelled to Suriname to sign an official trade agreement between Africatown and the Saramaka communities. This agreement is commemorated in the first project, the Boat That Returns Home.

The Boat that Returns Home is a business development program between Africatown and Suriname - the first of its kind. The goal of the program is to grow the sales and promotion of creative artisan entrepreneurs through access to international markets.

To commemorate this project - a boat was carved in the likeness of the ships that captured the history of black peoples. This boat symbolises the history of black communities who are eager “to look back to move forward”. The boat is a symbolic gesture of a healed self, moving forward, together.

GGs organised learning sessions for the woodcarvers in Kambaloea centered on product pricing, marketing, packing and shipping, and other practical business skills. The men organised themselves in KambaloeArt as the brand they will cooperatively use for their art. In November 2022, the first boat was delivered and shipped to Alabama. The boat is hand carved from 1000-year-old wood from the amazon forest wood by the Kambaloea men as a demonstration of their skill, and the mutual kinship, path, ancestors, and endurance. In 2023, the next phase of carving out the cooperation and potential business relationship will continue.



School building projects in Amatopo and Curuni

After obtaining permission from the Ministry of Education, Science, and Culture, Mrs. Marie Levens, GGS started a project to build schools in the last two remaining indigenous villages in south Suriname without education. The project kicked off in late 2021.

In early 2022, GGS and the Ministry decided to first finish the school in Amatopo and subsequently build a school in Curuni. On August 31, 2022, the school in Amatopo opened through a celebratory ceremony with the community, Granman, representatives of the Ministry of Education, and the GGS board. In October 2022, the school year started, together with the rest of Suriname. After finishing the building project in Amatopo, the building team moved to Curuni to start construction in September. By November 2022 the school was finished and ready for opening. The celebratory opening occurred in January 2023. The construction project got quite some coverage in local newspapers, and the minister of Education mentioned the importance of Education on Location for these communities in multiple of her public speeches.



Build capacity for nationals

FOREST93 campaign

To build national awareness of the importance of nature a national campaign was developed under the brand FOREST93. 93% forest. 100% Surinamese. The campaign included the Busi Taki web series, season 3.

After the successful launch of the first 'The Adventures of Bollie de Otter' book in December 2021, the writer continued his efforts to develop a second book in this series about the life of a giant otter and his family in Suriname's forest. The book is for children 5-12 years and will be part of a series of books to stimulate reading and learning about nature. 15% of revenue from the books is reinvested in social projects like clean-ups and restoration of nature.

In an effort to include children from the interior in reading, GGS together with Conservation International Suriname, gifted all captains of nine indigenous villages in the south of Suriname 20 Bollie de Otter books for the children in their communities.



Handing over of Bollie de Otter children books to captains of indigenous villages
January 2022

Green Growth Champions

The Foundation has a focus on building capacity for nationals interested in nature and conservation. Since the start of the foundation, the organisation has used around 25% of its funds to establish its operations for sub-grants to Green Growth Champions. Amongst those are i) the oldest organisation for indigenous in Suriname, the Organisation of Indigenous Suriname (OIS), and ii) the Trio tribe in the south of Suriname, represented by Granman Jimmy Toeroemang. In 2022, the Trio tribe established their own development organisation: Stichting Tewe Kwamalasamutu. Tewe is the Trio-name for the Gonini, the largest bird in Suriname, representing strength. The logo they have developed for their organisation indicates that Tewe will take all ten Trio villages (10 feathers) under its wings.





In March 2021, the 4 youngsters that completed the curriculum at the Green Growth Academy started their own green projects. They aimed at developing a green project with a social signature. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the economic crisis, the Champions decided to develop a gardening project for children's homes teaching them the joy of gardening, the importance of plants and healthy diets, and more important, the homes could save on their food spending by growing their own food on so-called food tables. The champions set up a fundraising campaign and executed it through social media. In December 2021, the Green Growth Champions handed over a cheque of SRD 24,000 to the Kari-Yu Foundation which produces the food tables through a resocialization project for inmates at the national prison. With the raised amount, ambassador Christio Wijnhard visited 6 children's homes throughout 2022 to set up the food tables and have training in planting. These children's homes now grow their own vegetables and spices and send regular updates on their progress.



The research project on researching local indicators for climate change started in 2021. 10 students participated in this study, and received an opportunity to participate in the scientific paper-writing process. Results will be presented in an academic paper. The paper will help us understand the impacts of climate change in real life in various areas within the country, and is expected in 2023.

Groene-Groei-Doe-Speur-Spaar project

In 2022, members of the GGS board returned to the classroom of the elementary school Stap Vooruit to report back on the school building process in Amatopo and Curuni. Children from this school helped to raise funds for school supplies, backpacks, and uniforms for the students in Amatopo and Curuni. The children in Amatopo, who now are attending school, sent a video message to the children in Paramaribo thanking them for their efforts to support them in attending school. The children in Paramaribo were touched and sent a video message back to the children in Amatopo encouraging them to do their best in school. With the donations from the children in Paramaribo, all 20+ students in Amatopo received a backpack, uniform, and school supplies at the school's opening ceremony in August 2022.



Outlook 2023

In 2023 the Green Growth Suriname Foundation will conduct the following:

- Continue its work on the suite of legal tools to support creating the building blocks for successful implementation of the Environmental Framework Law in Suriname, and, build capacity around nature legislation.
- Support the Trio's protection strategy in the south of Suriname in their fight against immediate threats from infrastructure, mining and logging.
- Support the building of a water tower and water distribution in Kwamalasamutu.
- Continue awareness for forest governance through satellite monitoring, citizen science projects and the Forest93 campaign.
- Publish a paper on local indicators for climate change.
- Support the Green Growth Champions in their projects with technical support, knowledge sharing and funding; focussing on the tiny gardens projects for children's homes.
- Continue the cooperation with Port of Africatown for the establishment of a business venture for the crafters of KambaloeArt.
- Support the national discussion on how to diversify the economy with oil revenues.
- Develop one new project proposal on indigenous health.
- GGS will move its accounting procedures from GAAP standards to IFRS SME standards to comply with Suriname regulations.

Profile of the Green Growth Suriname Foundation

93% forest is 100% Surinamese. When the Government of the Republic of Suriname pledged, during the COP-23 conference in 2017 in Bonn, that it is their ambition to remain the most forested country on earth with a forest cover of 93%, we found a compelling opportunity to unite Suriname around this goal.

Green Growth Suriname Foundation is a non-governmental organisation established in 2018 with a mission to safeguard the well-being of the Surinamese people and generate economic profits while conserving nature. Suriname is the only country on earth that has managed to keep over 90% of its forests standing. GGS strongly believes that nature is the single most connecting issue across the wide variety of cultures, religions, and age groups in Suriname. GGS was established to fill the gap as the only Surinamese green organisation working at the nexus of conservation and development. With a team of nationals possessing a high level of expertise, working in nature conservation and sustainable development, GGS created structures and systems to effectively implement projects and activities to help Suriname remain the most forested country on earth while generating economic growth.

NGO 2.0 model

GGS's operational strategy is different from other conservation organisations because it adheres to the following core values when working with partners to execute projects and programs:

- **LEAN OVERHEAD.** GGS keeps overhead to an absolute minimum by outsourcing non-core tasks as much as possible, having no payroll and only virtual workspaces (no office).
- **MAXIMISE INVESTMENT.** GGS looks for flexible funding to fit the needs of the beneficiaries flawlessly. Each project or program is perfectly built on the local cultural systems to maximise investment. A systems approach is used to interconnect projects. There is a direct connection between the board and the field, thus limiting bureaucracy.
- **HIGH IMPACT.** Projects and programs have a high impact because of GGS's balanced expertise of science and practice, matched together with the investment of the donors.
- **NEW MODELS.** We focus on finding and/or developing new models to solve real-time problems. We combine NGO goals with an entrepreneurial mindset. Image for the organisation itself is not the driver. Impact is. We use tools and approaches from others as long as they work.

GGG's mission, goals, and values

Green Growth Suriname Foundation's mission is to further advance the people of Suriname's well-being and welfare by conserving the biological and cultural richness of the country. GGS envisions Suriname as a country that recognizes and maintains its ecological and cultural balance, populated by its citizens that are enabled and recognized as cornerstones of a sustainable society.

GGG maintains a set of core values that guide the initiation and development of all programs and projects. These are depicted in the 4 interconnecting circles in our logo:

1. **Dedication to socio-cultural balance;** bridging the worldviews at play in project design and implementation to the ultimate benefit of Suriname's people,
2. **Love of communities;** capacity building guided by local needs, knowledge, and customs to make vulnerable communities more resilient,
3. **Appreciation of Biodiversity;** conservation of biodiversity and data collection to mainstream the economic benefit of nature and forest stewardship,
4. **Respect for Science;** use evidence-based research in project design to add to national knowledge on bio-wealth and/or socio-cultural developments and inspire informed decision-making.

In the execution of all of its projects Green Growth Suriname adheres to its five core values: Respect Ownership, Transparency, Integrity, and Empowerment.

We design our programs around the following goals:

1. Develop and implement models to include nature in national development processes.
2. Design and execute socio-economic projects that contribute to GGS's mission.
3. Build capacity for nationals interested in conservation by organising training sessions, workshops, seminars and socio-cultural excursions.

Our theory of change can be summarised as follows: If one **increases the awareness** and engagement of citizens, **build capacity in government**, and **strengthen the stewardship of forest-dependent communities**, these actors will be able to take full responsibility for the protection of the forest, which will ultimately lead to ecological and cultural balance in the sustainable growth of Suriname.

NGO 2.0 concept for sustainable growth

WHY

Suriname: most forested country on earth!

93%

HOW

Programs built upon existing social systems

Projects designed for growth, driven by local needs and knowledge

Emergent strategy

Partners: Suriname Government + Trio Tribe

Monitoring: strategy reviews + cross-functional programming and performance reports

4 Values
Dedication to socio-cultural balance

Love for communities

Appreciation of Biodiversity

Respect for Science

3 Pillars:

Research

Stakeholder engagement

Awareness

Responsibility

THEORY OF CHANGE



Increase awareness and engage citizens

Build capacity in government

Strengthen stewardship forest-dependent communities

Ecological and cultural balance

FORMULA 2.0

15% max. overhead

Entrepreneurial mindset

Cause-driven (shared vision)

Measure SROI

Built investible communities

Develop + implement models to include nature in development processes

Design + execute socio-economic projects

Build capacity for nationals

Workshops, training, excursions

Influencers

What do we do to achieve goals?

Donors

GGG's role in Suriname and the World

Suriname, one of the only two carbon-negative countries in the world, is home to the third largest renewable freshwater resources per capita in the world and the highest per capita forest resources of any country. Having led the world in conservation practices as recently as 1998, with the establishment of the World Heritage listed Central Suriname Nature reserve as the largest wilderness reserve in the world at the time, Suriname is now ready to embark on a new era of conservation. An era that holds the promise of serving as the undisputed green growth leader in a world where environmental leadership is scarce.

We, at Green Growth Suriname, stand ready to serve as not only trusted advisors to the country and its people, we are also ready and keen to be the conduit for the much-needed technical and financial support that will be necessary over the coming years, to turn opportunity into reality.

Board of Directors and Partners

In 2022 the Green Growth Suriname Foundation's Board worked with various partners and consultants on their projects. We are thankful for all contributions to our joint goals.

Board of Directors

Gwendolyn Smith, Ph.D.	<i>Chair/ Director of Science</i>
Lindsay Goossens	<i>Secretary/ Director of Policy & Governance</i>
Maikel Reeder	<i>Treasurer/ Director of Communications</i>

Board of Patrons

The Board is supported by a Board of Patrons composed of a group of selected people with outstanding track records around the globe in conservation, wildlife or socio-economic work. They act as trusted advisors to the board.

The current Board of Patrons has one member:

Dr. Russell Mittermeier *Chair*

Partners and Consultants

The following organisations and individuals contributed to reaching our goals.

Fiscal Sponsorship

Re:wild (formerly known as Global Wildlife Conservation)
Together with Re:wild we worked on projects for Rainforest Trust, Swedish Postcode Foundation, Amazon Andes Fund, National Philanthropic Trust and others.



Donors and project partners

In 2022 we executed projects for or in cooperation with the following organisations:



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Financial Report on the year 2022

Statement of Financial Position as at

	Notes	December 31, 2022 USD	December 31, 2021 USD
ASSETS			
Receivables	5	86,500	-
Cash and cash equivalent	6	541,516	299,725
Total Asset		628,016	299,725
FUND			
Endowment fund	7	110	110
Cumulative Surplus		47,814	32,829
Total Fund		47,924	32,939
LIABILITIES			
Deferred revenue	8	557,695	210,407
Payables	9	22,397	56,379
Total liabilities		580,092	266,786
Total fund and liabilities		628,016	299,725

Statement of Revenue and Expenditures over the year

	Notes	December 31, 2022 USD	December 31, 2021 USD
REVENUE			
Grants	10	555,797	774,587
Donations	11	23,664	26,157
Other income	12	107,070	37,609
Total Revenue		686,531	838,353
EXPENDITURES			
Project expenditures	13	666,963	800,744
Program Management Unit (PMU)	14	4,583	1,749
Total Expenditures		671,546	802,493
Surplus revenue and expenditures		14,985	35,860

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW OVER THE YEAR

	Notes	2022		2021	
		USD	USD	USD	USD
Cash flow from operating activities					
Surplus over the year			14,985		35,860
<i>Changes in assets and liabilities</i>					
Grants and accounts receivable		-86,500		4,063	
Accounts payable and accrued expenditures		<u>313,306</u>		<u>-169,145</u>	
Net cash used in operating activities			<u>226,806</u>		<u>-165,082</u>
Net in cash and cash equivalents			241,791		-129,222
Cash equivalent, beginning of year			<u>299,725</u>		<u>428,947</u>
Cash and cash equivalent, end of year	6		<u>541,516</u>		<u>299,725</u>

Other Information



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To: The Board of Green Growth Suriname Foundation

Our opinion

The summary financial statements as at 31st of December 2022, of Green Growth Suriname Foundation, based in Paramaribo, is derived from the audited financial statements 2022 of Green Growth Suriname Foundation.

In our opinion the accompanying financial statements are consistent, in all material respect, with the audited financial statements 2022 of Green Growth Suriname Foundation.

The summary financial statements comprise:

1. The statement of Financial Position as at December 31st, 2022;
2. The statement of Revenue and Expenditures over the year ending December 31st, 2022; and
3. The statement of Cash Flow over the year ending December 31st, 2022

Summary financial statements

The summary financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by generally accepted accounting principles. Reading the summary financial statements and our report thereon, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited financial statements of Green Growth Suriname Foundation and our auditor's report thereon. The summary financial statements and the audited financial statements do not reflect the effects of events that occurred subsequent to the date of our auditor's report on those financial statements of January 25th, 2024.

The audited financial statements and our auditor's report thereon

We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on the audited financial statements 2022 of Green Growth Suriname Foundation in our auditor's report of January 25th, 2024. That report also includes a paragraph emphasizing that the financial statements 2022 have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and not yet in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards small and medium-sized entities (IFRS- SME).

Responsibilities of the board for the financial statements

The board is responsible for the preparation of the summary financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Our responsibilities

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on whether the summary financial statements are consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements based on our procedures, which we conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing including Standard 810, "Engagements to report on summary financial statements".

Paramaribo, February 22nd, 2024
Exlent Accountancy & Financial Services N.V.

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