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2015/2016 WORK PROGRAMME

The Department of Natural Resources and the Environment has been tasked with ensuring that the activities of its Sector Agencies are coordinated thus ensuring harmonization between the management in the natural resources-based sectors and better mainstream conversation and environmental management. The DNRE primarily focuses on policy and project level work rather than day-day activities and functions of the regulatory agencies.

In 2015, the Department of Natural Resources and the Environment was responsible for coordinating activities, plans and programmes for the regulatory agencies thus ensuring a constant flow of information and coherence of the actions which provided key strategic inputs for the MNRE Strategic Plan and Monitoring & Evaluation Framework. Below is a list of the project and policy led initiatives by the Department of Natural Resources and the Environment and its reported progress in 2015 and on-going plans for 2016 under the three Programmatic Areas:

Strategic Planning & Administration

- Sovereign Wealth Fund
- ✓ Extractive Industry Transparency Initiative
- ✓ Open Government Partnership
- ✓ Oil and Gas Policy & Workshop
- ✓ Mining Accidents Action Plan
- ✓ Anti-Gold Smuggling Task Force
- ✓ Re-opening of Bartica Office
- ✓ Land Reclamation Project
- ✓ UNFCCC — COP 21
- ✓ Iwokrama Review
- ✓ Barama Negotiations
- ✓ Durban Park
- ✓ Guyana Undiscovered — WWF
- ✓ Public Sector Review Forum
- ✓ MNRE M&E Framework

Natural Resource Management

- ✓ Addressing corruption and inefficiency in Natural Resources Sector
- ✓ Update and amend Oil & Gas policy, legislation and architecture
- ✓ Implementing Minamata Convention'

The major highlights of the Minamata Convention on Mercury include a ban on new mercury mines, the phase-out of existing ones, control measures on air emissions, and the international regulation of the informal sector for artisanal and small-scale gold mining.

- ✓ Environmental Management in the Mining Sector
- ✓ Mainstreaming Biodiversity in the Mining Sector
- ✓ Guyana Mining School and Training Centre
- ✓ Small Miners Conference
- ✓ Monitoring Reporting and Verification System
- European Union on Forest Law Enforcement Governance and Trade
- ✓ Forest Carbon Partnership Facility
- ✓ Alignment of the National Action Plan Project

Environmental Management

- ✓ Three Parks Initiative (National Park, Botanical Gardens and Joe Vieira Park)
- ✓ National Protected Area System (Kaieteur, Shell Beach and Kanuku Mountains)
- ✓ Guyana Protected Area Trust Fund
- ✓ Environmental Protection Compliance and Enforcement Regulations
- ✓ Environmental Awareness Programme

- Styrofoam Ban/ Regulations
- ✓ Wildlife Conservation and Management Authority Bill

- Mainstreaming Rio-Conventions

Project/Initiatives	Agency	Status (2015)	Next Steps (2016)
Strategic Planning & Administration			
Extractive Industry Transparency Initiative	GGMC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Communicated with EITI Secretariat ✓ Comments submitted on 2nd Draft of Scoping Report ✓ Nomination Letters for MSG dispatched 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Inception Meeting with MSG ✓ Finalize Scoping Report ✓ Submit Candidacy Application
Oil and Gas Policy & Workshop	GGMC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Revising 1st Draft Oil & Gas Policy w/ Commonwealth ✓ Hosted UNDP Oil & Gas Workshop ✓ Drafted ToR for Advisor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Finalize Policy ✓ Implement Policy w/ aid of Advisor & Team
Mining Accidents Action Plan	GGMC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Mining Accident Report Completed ✓ Meeting w/ GGMC Board ✓ Draft Mining Court ToRs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GGMC Board to ✓ implement recommendations from report ✓ Establish Mining Court
Land Reclamation Project	GGMC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ On-going works at 3 Sites ✓ Reports compiled 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Schedule Progress Update

			Presentation
Anti-Gold Smuggling Task Force	GGB	sz Established Task Force V Requested Requirements for Gold Dealers	V On-going Task Force Meetings V Publish Gold Dealer Requirements
Re-opening of Bartica Office	GGB	V Opening of the Bartica Office	V Increase the level of Security at the Office
Sovereign Wealth Fund	DNRE	V Hosted SWF Seminar w/ Calgary University V Awaiting Seminar Report	Implement V Recommendations from report V Schedule meeting with GRA & UG
UNFCCC — COP 21	DNRE	V Drafted & Submitted iNDC Report V Drafted Guyana's Position for COP21 V Scheduled Meeting with Norwegians in Paris	V IDB to Review Amaila Falls Hydropower Project V Discussions with Norwegian Ambassador in January to renew JCN
Iworkrama Review	DNRE	V Review completed V Report & Recommendations submitted to Cabinet	V Cabinet's Feedback required
Barama Negotiations	DNRE	Drafted Cabinet Memo for V Government's Negotiating Team V Cabinet Approval received	V Negotiation Meetings scheduled for 2016
Durban Park	DNRE	V Drafted Cabinet Memo — Engineering Works V Cabinet Approval received V Site visits conducted	V Finalize Engineering and Financial Plans
Public Sector Review Forum	DNRE	V Drafted Concept Note	V Scheduled for

			January, 2016
Guyana Undiscovered. WWF	DNRE/WWF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> V Flight Plans approved for Photography V Acquired GDF Support 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> V Unveiling — May, 2016
MNRE M&E Framework	DNRE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> V On-going Tracking of Activities/Indicators 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> V Mid-term Review
Natural Resource Management			
Minamata Convention	GGMC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> V Project Document: Minamata Initial Assessment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> V Implementing Year-One Work Plan V 3 On-going Consultancies
Environmental Management in the Mining Sector	GGMC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> V Map — Mercury Distribution V On-going Consultations — National Action Plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> V Finalize National Action Plan V Revise Codes of Practices
Mainstreaming Biodiversity in the Mining Sector	GGMC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> v Implementing Year One Annual Work Plan V Completed Training in Satellite Imagery 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> V Hire Project Coordinator V Execute Training & Hot-Spot Consultancies
Guyana Mining School and Training Center	GGMC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> V On-going Training Sessions v Purchased Equipment V IDB Project Support 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> V Finalize Mining School Curriculum V Hire Lecturers/Trainers
Small Miners Conference	GGMC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> v Draft Concept Note V GGDMA Buy-In 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> V Scheduled for January, 2016
Monitoring Reporting and Verification System	GFC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> s/ 5th MRVS Report (2014) Available V Public Review of MRVS Report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> V 3rd Party Independent Audit
European Union on Forest Law Enforcement Governance and Trade (EU-FLEGT)	GFC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> V Completed Regional Consultations — Annexes/Definitions V Discussions with FLEGT 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> V 3 Rounds of Negotiations scheduled in 2016 V Sign VPA

		Secretariat progressing along the Road Map	
Forest Carbon Partnership Facility	DNRE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> v Technical Co-operation Document Finalize V Discussions w/ IDB on the way forward 	V Awaiting Ministerial Guidance
Alignment of the National Action Plan Project	GLSC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> v Completed 7 Consultancies w/ recommendations to align NAP with UNCCD Strategic Plan 	V Implement Recommendations from Reports
Environmental Management			
Three Parks Initiative	PAC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> v Rehabilitating the Zoological Park, Botanical Gardens and National Park V Drafted ToR for merging of PAC& NPC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> V Continue Rehabilitation Works V Execute Consultancy NPC/PAC
National Protected Area System	PAC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> v Finalized Management Plans for Pas V GPAS II Completed V On-going Training & Monitoring V KNP Security Measures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> V Sign Separate Agreement to execute GPAS III V Finalize Biodiversity Offset – Guyana Goldfields
Guyana Protected Area Trust Fund	PAC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> V Gazetted Regulations for Trust Board/Fund V Nominated Chairperson & Board Members 	V Complete Transfer from CTF to PATF
Environmental Protection Compliance and Enforcement Regulations	EPA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> V Completed Regional Consultations V 5th Draft of Regulations available 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> V AG Chambers to review V Gazette & Negative Resolution
Environmental Awareness Programme	EPA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> V Identify Budget V Identify Communities V Draft ToR for Coordinator 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> V Hire Coordinator V Draft Work Plan
Styrofoam Ban/ Regulations	EPA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> V On-going Awareness V Styrofoam Consultation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> V Gazette Regulations V Implement Ban w/

		V Draft Regulations	GRA
Mainstreaming Rio-Conventions	EPA	V Inception Workshop completed V 1 st Draft of Project Document under review	V Finalize Project Document for GEF Approval
Wildlife Conservation and Management Authority Bill	Wildlife Division	/ Consultation completed V Revised Wildlife Bill	V Submit Bill to Parliament for Reading/Select Committee Review.

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Agency	Legislation	Focus of Legislation	Status
Wildlife Division	Wildlife Conservation and Management Authority Bill	The regulation of import and export of wildlife.	To be re-submitted to Parliament.
	Zoo Regulations	To regulate the establishment of a zoo facility	2 nd Draft regulations available. To be vetted by AG Chambers.
Guyana Lands and Survey Commission	Land Surveyors Act	To reform the law governing the practice of Land/Aerial Surveying	To be re-submitted to Parliament.
	Land Surveyors Regulations	To regulate the practice of Land Surveying	Awaiting Parliamentary passage of the Land Surveyors Act before being gazetted.
	National Land Use Policy	To inform decision making for land-based sector agencies.	National Land Use Policy Committee to provide an update.
Guyana Forestry Commission	Forestry Regulations	The regulation and the management of Guyana's forest.	Re-submit to AG Chambers for vetting.

Guyana Geology and Mines Commission	Mining Regulations	To further establish protocols and regulate mining activities.	With GGMC Board of Directors for review.
Environmental Protection Agency	Access to Genetic Resources and Benefit Sharing Regulations	Regulation of access to genetic resources and benefit-sharing in Guyana.	Awaiting funding to finalize the regulations. Stakeholder Consultations completed.
	Biosafety/ Biotechnology Management Bill &	Management of Biosafety/Biotechnology activities in Guyana	CBD comments received. Final revision on-going.
	Environmental Protection(Hazardous Wastes Management) Regulations 2000	Outlining of standards for hazardous wastes in Guyana; and the regulation of these standards.	Draft amendments completed.
	Environmental Protection (Transit and Export of Hazardous Waste) Regulations 2015	Regulation of import and export of hazardous waste.	Internal Review completed. Revision on-going.
	Regulations for Compliance and Enforcement Regulations	Strengthening environmental compliance and enforcement in Guyana	Final Draft submitted to the Minister.
	Department of Natural Resources and the Environment	GIS Policy	To develop a National Geographic Information System Network
	Environmental Protection (Expanded Polystyrene Ban) Regulations	To impose ban on the importation and usage of Styrofoam Products.	Submitted to Parliament/ Gazette Office.

APPENDIX A

Acronyms Explained

1. UNCCD - United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification - ratified by Guyana in 1997
2. GPAS 2 - Guyana Protected Areas System Phase two
3. GEF - Global Environment Facility.
4. CBD - United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity