

Symposium on Protected Areas of the Guiana Shield
In celebration of 50 years of SEPANGUY

12-16 OCTOBER 2014 - CAYENNA, FRENCH GUIANA



In honour of the anniversary of the 50th year of SEPANGUY, the GSF joins with SEPANGUY and the Council of Culture, Education and Environment in French Guiana, to organize a symposium on **Protected Areas of the Guiana Shield**. The Workshop will be held from 10-15 October 2014 in Cayenne, French Guiana.

The symposium will focus on three themes:

- Protected areas – contribution to the knowledge, and the management of biodiversity;
- Protected areas – research, recommendations and actions in the fight against climate change;
- Protected areas – towards a shared governance with indigenous peoples

In addition to the symposium, there will be two days of field trip to:

- Maripasoula in the Parc Amazonien, to meet local inhabitants, observe and discuss issues related to conservation and management of protected areas, and experiences with convergence and implementation in the countries of the Guiana Shield;
- Connectable Island and Roura-Kaw swamps, to observe biodiversity and interact with local inhabitants.

It is anticipated that six delegates from each of the six countries of the Guiana Shield will be invited to participate in the symposium and to contribute to an output document on protected areas of the Guiana Shield as a contribution to global biodiversity and ecosystem services.

SEPANGUY recognizes the GSF as a strong link between the countries of the Guiana Shield, institutions, NGOs and individual experts, fostering collaborative work for the sustainable development of the Guiana Shield.

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