



CONSULTANCY SCOPE OF WORK

Interventions to support nature-positive agriculture in the Guianas

February, 2026

A. OBJECTIVE:

The objective of this consultancy is to support WWF-Guianas in defining its programme strategy for large-scale agriculture (crops and livestock), complementary to the Climate, Biodiversity, and food security goals of Guyana and Suriname.

B. Background and Context

Agriculture is an emerging and growing sector in Guyana and Suriname, despite not having been developed at the scale observed in other Amazon countries. Both countries have ambitious goals for agricultural expansion to contribute to food security at national and regional levels, as part of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) "25 by 2025" initiative, which aims to increase agricultural output and reduce the region's food import bill by 25% by 2025. Including the expanded objective confirmed in February 2025 to achieve the objectives of food security, sustainability, climate resilience and competitiveness, and now will include enhanced technology and greater participation among women and youth by 2030.

While large-scale agricultural expansion offers opportunities for economic development and food security, it presents significant environmental and social challenges (see Connectivity of the Amazon for a Living Planet; SPA, 2025), including deforestation and degradation, freshwater pollution, soil degradation, and impacts on indigenous and local communities.

Balancing large-scale agricultural expansion with environmental conservation is critical to maintaining the country's low-carbon and green development pathways. Within the Better Production thematic area, WWF-Guianas' interest is to support the two countries in striving for food security for the nation and region, while deforestation and conversion, or other environmental and social risks, are not intensified. This project will draw upon the expertise and experiences of WWF offices such as Brazil and Colombia, as well as the Deforestation and Conversion Commodities initiative.

C. Statement of Work

General tasks:

This consultancy is expected to conduct a detailed assessment of the large-scale agricultural sector (crops and livestock) in Suriname and Guyana, and investigate experiences from the region- Latin America and the Caribbean, and then draft a programme recommended for WWF-Guianas intervention on this topic.

Specific tasks

Specifically, the consultancy will address these broad areas:

1. Engage stakeholders and actors who are and intend to have a role in the large-scale agriculture sector across both countries
2. Assess the current and future trajectory of largescale agriculture in Guyana and Suriname, identifying details such as the geographic landscapes, ecosystem types and connections to IP and LCs communities including any deforestation that may be related to large scale agriculture, the target commodities (crops or livestock), active or planned institutions and initiatives, legal frameworks and policy, research focus, and the key decision makers, partners, investors and other actors.
3. Provide analyses of any of the associated social and environmental impacts and risks on key ecosystems, including deforestation, freshwater and biodiversity loss
4. Document relevant experiences and technological approaches from other Amazon countries and experts to design and propose innovative, low-impact, and climate-smart models of large-scale agriculture tailored to the contexts of Guyana and Suriname.
5. Propose a targeted strategy for WWF to consider with partners for supporting the agricultural sector in both countries, that supports the achievement of the national and regional food security goals within CARICOM, considers especially limiting deforestation and forest degradation, and includes models and enables conditions for climate-smart agriculture, agroforestry, and sustainable land use planning;
 - Takes into consideration the enabling conditions at a local, national and regional scale, necessary to address the growth of large-scale agriculture, including institutional frameworks, policies and regulatory frameworks to mainstream biodiversity and climate considerations in agriculture expansion.
 - Elaborates on the potential for a strategic market approach for increasing benefits to local communities and contributing to the national economy.
 - Leverages WWF's Deforestation and Conversion Free Commodities initiative relevant to the region to inform and guide the development of more sustainable agricultural models, ensuring alignment with the countries' food security goals, and climate and biodiversity commitments.
 - The necessary actors and stakeholders WWF needs to involve, and the extent of their involvement in various aspects of the strategy
 - Identify possible future trajectory of agriculture, which supports safeguarding forest and natural ecosystems, at the community level in Suriname and Guyana
6. Engage and consult with relevant members of the WWF team (Guianas, LAC, Netherlands, US, Food and Markets practice, etc.; government institution leads, private sector groups and investors, NGOs, CBOs and other relevant actors and resource persons.

Deliverables

Consultancy candidate to provide details based on their perspective of the Scope above

Deliverables	Details	Due date
1. 1 st Technical assessment report		6 weeks from contracting
2. Final technical assessment report		
3. Draft Proposed Strategy		
4. Final Strategy for Large scale agriculture		Not later than June 15, 2026

D. QUALIFICATIONS

The ideal candidate should demonstrate a combination of these qualifications and experience:

- Postgraduate or advanced degree in Agricultural Science, Agronomy, Agribusiness, Environmental Sciences, Sustainable Development, Nature-based solutions, and/or other specialised agriculture and sciences-related disciplines.
- 5-10 years Industry, including climate-smart and nature-positive approaches and practical experience in agriculture management, agribusiness operations, or agricultural research, is an asset
- Experience with working in the Guianas and in the Amazon region, demonstrating connections with networks in Guyana and Suriname, is an asset.
- Experience in research, data analysis and writing reports, scientific journals, preparation of strategic plans and action plans would be important
- Skills in stakeholder engagement, multi-stakeholder dynamics, problem solving, analytical and interpreting complexities
- Excellent oral and written communication skills in English is required; Dutch is an asset

E. SUPERVISION

The Consultant will report to the WWF-Guianas Conservation Director and will work together with the Manager of Better Production in Natural Resources as technical lead.

F. DETAILED BUDGET & METHOD OF PAYMENT

Payment will be made in US Dollars (or other local currency) upon completion of contractual requirements and the submission of an invoice with receipts.

Table: Budget should not exceed [the equivalent] USD 20K.

Candidate must propose their fees to be paid per deliverable and reimbursable (advanced) expenses necessary to complete the SOW.

1. Fees per Deliverable & per unit

Fees subtotal: up to USD

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2. Expenses (estimated)

Expenses, workshops/meetings, travel, etc	USD
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Expenses subtotal: up to USD

Total budget: up to USD

NOTE: Reimbursements are limited to actual expenditures up to the allowed maximum amount. Receipts must be presented for all expenses. If film is purchased and processed, the pictures, negatives and raw material must be submitted to WWF.

Interested consultancy candidates are invited to submit CVs with relevant experience and a letter of expression of interest that outlines the proposed cost and a simple schedule of work.

Submit to: info@wwf.gy

Submit: on or before March 02, 2026

