

Guyana is home to unique and globally important ecosystems, including everything from pristine rainforests, to tropical savannahs, ancient tower-like mountain ranges, and large stretches of coastal mangroves. Not surprisingly, Guyana's protected areas are full of plants and animals found nowhere else on earth. These areas cover about 8.5% of the country's landmass, providing important refuges for biodiversity and livelihoods for indigenous communities.

The Guyana Protected Areas Trust provides co-financing for the management of Kaieteur National Park, Kanuku Mountains Protected Area and the coastal Shell Beach Protected Area. It also supports the new and innovative Kanashen Amerindian Protected Area, a community-owned park covering 3% of the country.

Guyana's protected areas system is now poised to double in size, with the recent pledge by the country's government to protect an additional two million hectares. The Trust has a vital role to play in conserving these globally important ecosystems and will continue to support the growth and long-term sustainability of Guyana's protected areas.



Guyana's Protected Areas System, with Trust Fund supported protected areas in yellow.



The Trust raises and invests funds to support Guyana's Protected Areas.



It is governed by a Board of Trustees with a non-governmental majority and was established under the Protected Areas Act 2011.



The Trust co-finances the work of the Protected Areas Commission, and the management of the National Protected Areas System (NPAS).



These funds are used to **protect over 1.4 million hectares of globally important habitats**, filled with rare and endangered species.



The Trust supports Guyana's commitment to establish an additional 2 million hectares of protected areas under the NPAS.

