

## Suriname

### SEA profile

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#### Overview SEA procedure

An SEA is required for all government policies, plans and programs:

a) that are prepared for various sectors such as agriculture, forestry, fishing, energy, industry, transport, waste management, water management, tourism, spatial planning or land use;

(b) for which an assessment is required in view of the potential effects on the environment.

The procedures still need to be elaborated.

#### Establishing context

#### Implementing SEA

#### Informing decision making

#### Follow-up

#### SEA practice

#### NCEA's capacity development activities

Suriname aimed to improve its ESIA and SEA systems. IUCN-NL, WWF and their local partners wanted to contribute to this, in the framework of the 'Shared Resources, Joint Solutions' programme. The NCEA was asked to organise a workshop, titled "Making SEA and ESIA work for oil and gas development". The 3-day workshop in December 2017 was well attended by representatives of government, private sector and NGOs.

#### Background information

#### History of SEA

There is hardly any SEA experience in Suriname. In the past a so-called regional environmental assessment was carried out for the Greenstone Belt (mining) and an SEA scoping exercise was done for the tourism sector

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## Legal framework

### Enabling law

Environmental Framework Law 2020, article 24

### National detailed regulation

Not yet available: procedures and criteria will be established by State Decree.

### Guidelines

Draft SEA guidelines have been developed in 2019, but NIMOS/NMA will consider these SEA guidelines mainly as an internal working document and will develop it further on SEA practice they expect to get in the next 4-5 years. There is a printed SEA brochure available of a couple of pages.

### Scope of application

Any governmental policy or programme with potential environmental impacts.

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Article 24, Environmental Framework Law 2020

## Institutional setting

### Central SEA authority

National Environmental Authority

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Environmental Framework Law 2020

### Initiator of the SEA

The National Environmental Authority is authorized to do (or have it done) an SEA pertaining to a proposed government policy, plan or program.

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