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ACRONYMS

CITES Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and

Flora

EPA Environmental Protection Agency

GWCMC Guyana Wildlife Conservation and Management Commission

M&CD Monitoring and Compliance Division

SPAW Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife

SWM Sustainable Wildlife Management

WCMA Wildlife Conservation and Management Act 2016

WSC Wildlife Scientific Committee

1.0 Institutional Background

The Wildlife Conservation and Management Act 2016 (WCMA) provides for the protection, conservation, management, sustainable use, internal and external trade of Guyana's wildlife. The Act repeals the Species Protection Regulations and Section 4 of the WCMA establishes the Guyana Wildlife Conservation and Management Commission (GWCMC) which is also the CITES Management Authority of Guyana. The WCMA was brought into effect on June 1, 2017 by order of the Minister of State. Once the Act was brought into force, the Wildlife Division (which was responsible for implementing the Species Protection Regulations 1999) began the process of transitioning to the Commission.

2.0. Legal and Institutional Framework

2.1. Guyana Wildlife Conservation and Management Commission

The Seventh Schedule of the WCMA outlines the constitution and proceedings of the GWCMC. The Commission comprises the Chairperson, the Commissioner, nominees of the Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Agriculture, Leader of the Parliamentary Opposition and the Private Sector as well as not more than four other persons appointed by the Minister, one of whom shall be the Secretary. There is also provision for a Deputy Chairperson elected by and from the members of the Commission. The members of the Commission for the period June 1, 2017 – March 31, 2018 were:

- 1. Dr. Karen Pilgrim Chairperson;
- 2. Mr. Phillip DaSilva Deputy Chairperson;
- 3. Ms. Kaslyn Holder-Collins Secretary;
- 4. Mr. Rawle Lewis Representative, Guyana Forestry Commission;
- 5. Ms. Odacy Davis Representative, Protected Areas Commission;
- 6. Maj. Gen.(ret'd) Norman McLean Representative, Private Sector Commission;
- 7. Dr. Colbert Bowen Representative, Ministry of Agriculture;
- 8. Mr. Owen Bovell Representative, University of Guyana;
- 9. Ms. Cassandra Rodrigues Representative, Ministry of Finance; and
- 10. Ms. Alona Sankar Commissioner (ag), GWCMC.

The members of the Commission for the period April 1, 2018 – March 31, 2019 were:

- 1. Dr. Karen Pilgrim Chairperson;
- 2. Mr. Phillip DaSilva Deputy Chairperson;
- 3. Ms. Kaslyn Holder-Collins Secretary;
- 4. Mr. Rawle Lewis Representative, Guyana Forestry Commission;
- 5. Ms. Odacy Davis Representative, Protected Areas Commission;
- 6. Ms. Liz Wyatt Representative, Private Sector Commission;
- 7. Mr. Seon Hamer Representative, University of Guyana;
- 8. Ms. Cassandra Rodrigues Representative, Ministry of Finance; and
- 9. Ms. Alona Sankar Commissioner, GWCMC.

2.2. Wildlife Scientific Committee

Section 8 of the WCMA establishes the Wildlife Scientific Committee (WSC) by order of the Minister. The Committee may comprise not less than five nor more than seven qualified persons. The Wildlife Scientific Committee is the CITES Scientific Authority of Guyana. The members of the WSC for the period June 1, 2017 – March 31, 2018 and April 1, 2018 – March 31, 2019 were:

- 1. Mr. Calvin Bernard (Chairman)
- 2. Mr. Lemuel Cromwell
- 3. Dr. Lennox Applewhaite
- 4. Ms. Annalise Bayney
- 5. Mr. Elford Liverpool
- 6. Ms. Shuba Soamandaugh
- 7. Ms. Kaslyn Holder-Collins

2.3. Delegation of Powers

The Act requires the approval of the Minister on several matters. Section 11 of the WCMA provides for the delegation of power other than the power to make subsidiary legislation under the Act. The Minister signed an Instrument of Delegation which delegated responsibility for the following matters to the Director of the Department of Environment, Ministry of the Presidency:

- a. Approval of the advice of the Wildlife Scientific Committee on whether a proposed export of a specimen of wildlife will be detrimental to the survival of the particular species (Section 6(1)(j));
- b. Approval of the terms and conditions of licences, permits and certificates as determined by the GWCMC (Section 6(1)(k));
- c. Approval of ports of exit and entry through which species listed in the First, Second and Third Schedules or any other wildlife shall be imported, exported or re-exported as determined by the GWCMC (Section 6(1)(u));
- d. Approval of fees for services as well as for licences, permits, certificates and other permissions as determined by the GWCMC (Section 6(1)(w)); and
- e. Approval of the amendment of fees for permits and certificates as determined by the GWCMC (Section 30).

2.4. Regulations

Section 83 of the WCMA provides for the making of regulations for the purpose of giving effect to the provisions of the Act. In addition to the general provision, there is specific mention of regulations that may be made under the Act. In 2017, the Commission began the process of developing regulations in accordance with Section 83(1)(a) on the hunting, trapping, trade, protection, conservation, management and sustainable use of wildlife and Section 83(1)(b) on the design, management and operation of wildlife holding premises.

Three draft regulations were submitted to Cabinet in September, 2018 and were approved for publication in the *Official Gazette*. The regulations to be published are:

- The Wildlife Conservation, Management and Sustainable Use Regulations;

- The Wildlife Holding Premises Regulations; and
- The Zoo Management and Administration Regulations.

In 2018, the Commission contracted Legal Consultant, Mr. Teni Housty to begin drafting regulations on the transportation of wildlife in accordance with Section 83(1)((d) of the WCMA. The final draft is expected to be completed in 2019.

2.5. Strategic Plan

The GWCMC with support from the Protected Areas Commission developed its 10-year Strategic Plan.

The vision of the Commission is **to secure the future of our wildlife** while the mission is to **manage and conserve Guyana's wild flora and fauna in collaboration with stakeholders, using sound scientific principles, responsible regulation and education, for the benefit of all Guyanese now and in the future**. The core values of the Commission are: transparency, accountability, adaptability, reliability and integrity.

The plan focuses on four strategic areas:

- 1. Operations and finance
 - a. Effective human resources structure;
 - b. Infrastructure built and equipment procured;
 - c. Efficient financial systems and sustainable financing; and
 - d. Improved internal procedures.
- 2. Legislation and compliance
 - a. Develop and revise relevant legislation;
 - b. Monitoring; and
 - c. Enforce wildlife laws.
- 3. Awareness and education
 - a. Increase appreciation and understanding of wildlife nationally; and
 - b. Disseminate information on wildlife regulations and procedures to relevant stakeholders.
- 4. Research and interventions
 - a. Carry out and report results on priority research; and
 - b. Respond to and intervene in emergencies in a timely and appropriate way.

2.6. Institutional Framework

During the Commission's strategic planning activities, the organizational structure was developed and approved by the GWCMC. The approved structure is contained in Annex I. The structure broadly divides the Commission into two arms i.e. technical and administrative. The technical arm comprises four divisions: Communications and Outreach, Licensing and Permitting, Monitoring and Compliance and Research. The Administrative arm comprises three divisions: Administrative and Planning, Finance and Information Management. The Administrative and Planning Division will contain three units i.e. Monitoring and Evaluation, Human Resources and Administration.

In 2018, the Commission formalized the Licensing and Permitting, Monitoring and Compliance and Research Divisions.

3.0. Licensing and Permitting

The Licensing and Permitting Division was formalized in June, 2018. It has responsibility for the issuance of licences, permits and certificates in respect of activities related to species of wildlife. The Wildlife Conservation and Management Act requires the issuance of a permit or certificate for the import, export, re-export or introduction from the sea of any specimen of wildlife. Licences are required by persons who engage in the commercial exportation or commercial importation of wildlife. Further, any person engaging in the commercial exportation or commercial importation of wildlife must keep wildlife in premises licensed by the Commission.

3.1. Licences

The GWCMC received 25 applications for commercial exportation and holding premises licences. The Commission approved and issued 23 commercial exportation and 23 holding premises licences for the January 1 – December 31, 2018 trading year.

Preparation for the 2019 trading year began in the last quarter of 2018. The Commission received 28 applications for commercial exportation licences and 27 applications for holding premises licences. Licence applications were reviewed, holding premises inspected and interviews conducted with prospective applicants.

3.2. Permits

The GWCMC is responsible for issuing permits to facilitate the import, export and re-export of wildlife. The Licensing and Permitting Division issued a total of 1,014 permits for the period January 1 – December 31, 2018.

The permits are generated through the wildlife trade management software which was donated to the Wildlife Division by WWF-Guianas. The software was serviced and upgraded in August, 2017. As a result of the upgrades, some glitches were discovered which created serious errors with regard to the permits issued in 2018. This created delays in the issuance of permits and the need to cancel permits as a result of the software not cutting off when the quota reached. The software developer visited Guyana in October to rectify the glitches.

3.3. Quota Management

The annual export quota recommended by the WSC and adopted by the GWCMC is managed in the following manner:

- a. For some species, a portion of the quota is allocated to wildlife exporters as individual export quotas;
- b. A portion of the quota is allocated to the wildlife exporters as performance allocation i.e. it is based on the quota utilization of the individual exporter over the last 3-5 years;

- c. A portion of the quota for species which have been awarded in a. and b. above, is retained for allocation as extra quota; and
- d. For other species, no individual export quota is allocated. Exporters apply as needed and allocation is on a first come, first served basis.

The individual export quotas, performance allocation and extra quotas are awarded by a subcommittee of the GWCMC. The subcommittee comprised the Chairperson, Dr. Karen Pilgrim, GWCMC member Mr. Rawle Lewis and Director (ag), Licensing and Permitting Division, Ms. Adjua Bernard.

Requests for species without individual quotas were reviewed on a monthly basis by the Director (ag) of the Licensing and Permitting Division.

3.4. Registration of Local Wildlife Users

The GWCMC's mandate requires it to regulate the domestic utilization of wildlife. However, the enabling regulations under Section 83(1)(a) are under development and a licensing framework for domestic activities involving wildlife cannot be implemented. Section 69(1) of the WCMA however requires authorization of the Commission for possession, control or sale of specimens to which the Act relates. In this regard, the Commission embarked on an exercise to issue permission documents to persons engaged in the local trade. This activity commenced in 2017 and will continue until the Regulations pursuant to Section 83(1)(a) of the WCMA are enacted. In 2018, a total of 114 permission letters had been issued to allow persons to engage in various activities involving wildlife including trapping and sale of wildlife.

4.0. Monitoring and Compliance

The Monitoring and Compliance Division (M&CD) was formalized in July, 2018 and Mr. Lemuel Cromwell, Scientific Officer, was appointed the Director (ag) of this Division. The Division is responsible for ensuring that wildlife resources are managed and conserved through effective monitoring for both scientific and enforcement purposes. The Division is therefore responsible for monitoring all forms of utilization of wildlife. It is also responsible for responding to wildlife related reports which include wildlife conflicts, protected species in captivity and injured wildlife. In responding to the reports, the M&CD leads and coordinates the response but the response team may include personnel from other Divisions such as the Research Division.

4.1. Inspections

Commercial exporters of live wild animals must house animals for export in licensed holding premises. Commercial exportation licences are not granted if the applicant does not have premises which meet the minimum licensing requirements. In accordance with Section 56 of the WCMA, holding premises must be inspected by a veterinarian duly authorized by the Commission and the report of the veterinarian must be submitted to the Commission for consideration.

Inspections for the purposes of licensing holding premises for the 2019 trading year were conducted in November, 2018. The report was considered by the GWCMC in December, 2018 and 22 holding premises were recommended for licensing.

4.2. Monitoring of Exports

The Monitoring Officers conducted inspections of wildlife shipments during the period January 1 – December 31, 2018. The shipments are inspected to ensure they comply with the permits issued.

The permits are then endorsed and the endorsed triplicate copies are used to prepare the record of exports. The export summary for 2018 is contained in Annex II.

4.3. Responses to Wildlife-related Reports

The Commission received and responded to 25 wildlife-related reports during 2018. The Monitoring and Compliance Division was given the responsibility of leading and coordinating the responses to reports. Six of the reports received involved big cats; two were instances of cubs being taken by individuals while one instance involved the trapping of a jaguar that was attacking dogs in a community at Mabura. The jaguar was injured and was taken into custody. It is in the care of the Guyana Zoo. The cubs are being cared for under foster agreements between the Commission and entities that have the capability to care for the animals.

4.4. Collaboration with Other Agencies

The Monitoring and Compliance Division established a working relationship with the Corps of Wardens, Ministry of Natural Resources. The Corps of Wardens supported the GWCMC in its response to some incident reports in 2018. In September, the GWCMC conducted a training session for the wardens. The training covered the Wildlife Conservation and Management Act, how to handle violations, documentation, handling live animals and coordination between the GWCMC and the Corps of Wardens.

5.0. Public Awareness, Communications and Outreaches

5.1. World Wildlife Day

World Wildlife Day 2018 was celebrated under the theme "Big Cats: Predators Under Threat". The GWCMC celebrated World Wildlife Day at Mainstay/Whyaka Village. This village was selected because it has been affected by big cat conflict. The celebration took the form of an exhibition which featured displays by the Environmental Protection Agency, Protected Areas Commission, Guyana Geology and Mines Commission, Guyana Forestry Commission, Guyana Geology and Mines Commission, Aurora Gold Mines and Guyana Wildlife Conservation and Management Commission. Presentations were made by Department of Environment on the Green State Development Strategy, Aurora Gold Mines on their efforts in relation to wildlife and the GWCMC regarding the role of the Commission. The exhibition was followed by a friendly football match between Mainstay/Whyaka and Wakapao Villages. Mainstay/Whyaka Village was the winner of the match. The success of the event would not have been possible without the Mainstay/Whyaka Toshao and Village Council. They were instrumental in coordinating the events of the day and in getting residents of the surrounding communities to attend.

Additionally, the GWCMC held a workshop with livestock farmers on March 9, 2018. The workshop was held at the New Amsterdam Town Hall. It was facilitated by Dr. Anthony Cummings, Professor at the University of Texas at Dallas. The workshop centered around developing sustainable solutions for co-existence with big cats.

5.2. Stakeholder Engagement

The Commission engaged in several activities designed to raise awareness and to engage its stakeholders effectively. Activities included:

- Two meetings with wildlife exporters (March and December, 2018);
- A campaign to change the manner in which iguanas are displayed for sale;
- Participation in the Savannah Drive on June 30—July 1 to conduct sensitization exercises; and
- Participation in the environmental awareness and sensitization exercise for participants of Mainstay/Whyaka, Lima Sands, Tapakuma and Capoey Villages.
- Radio interviews on Hits and Jams 94.1 FM and Voice of Guyana 102.5 FM.

5.3. Workshops on Human-Jaguar Conflict

The GWCMC provided support to Dr. Anthony Cummings of the University of Texas at Dallas to conduct a series of workshops aimed at understanding the nature of human-jaguar conflict across Guyana. The specific goals were to explore the types of human-wild cat conflict and measures taken to address same and to examine people's perceptions of wildcats, conditions that trigger trafficking and the potential for conflict in the communities visited. During the period May – July, 2018, a total of 24 localities were visited, with workshops conducted in 16 communities. Interviews were conducted with more than 500 persons. Dr. Cummings is working on developing a toolkit aimed at mitigating human-big cat conflict in Guyana and it is expected that the toolkit will be completed and tested in 2019.

6.0. Research

The Research Division is responsible for promoting scientific research and knowledge of wildlife, assessing species status, devising measures for protection of endangered/threatened species of wildlife and promoting conservation of biodiversity. This Division works closely with the Wildlife Scientific Committee and plays a supporting role to the WSC. The Wildlife Scientific Committee is responsible for advising the GWCMC on matters related to research, trade and conservation of wildlife. During 2018, the Research Division coordinated meetings of the Wildlife Scientific Committee and carried out several activities to support the work of the WSC.

6.1. Psittacine survey

The Research Division commenced its psittacine survey which had been in the planning phase since 2017. The survey aims to provide population estimates of the psittacine species in trade. This will allow for effective management of species in the trade to ensure that Guyana is able to maintain viable populations in the wild while allowing persons to continue to benefit from the resources on which their livelihoods depend.

Counts of the psittacines took place in October in the Demerara River from Linden to Great Falls; in Berbice along the Corentyne River and in the Canje River and Northern Berbice Area; in Southern Berbice up and down river from the Kwakwani Landing. Counts in the Rupununi Region and in the North West District will take place in 2019.

6.2. Captive Breeding Operations

The WCMA provides for three types of production systems, i.e., captive breeding, ranching and artificial propagation. The Research Division is responsible for developing and implementing, in

consultation with the WSC, systems for effectively managing such operations. The Division in 2018, set about developing a new application to capture information from the time of acquisition, fecundity, mortality and removal of species from the operation for domestic or international trade.

Prior to the establishment of the GWCMC, the then Wildlife Division had granted permission to two operations to engage in the breeding of giant anteaters and tortoises (both red-footed and yellow-footed tortoises). The Research Division worked with both operations in 2018 to determine what some of the factors affecting productivity were. Additionally, the Research Division received two expressions of interest to establish captive breeding operations and has begun working with those individuals on the applications. The applications, once completed, will be submitted to the WSC for its review and recommendations.

6.3. Recommendations of the Wildlife Scientific Committee

The Wildlife Scientific Committee considered 7 applications to export species which are not on the annual export quota. Recommendations were made with regard to 6 applications while one application is still under review. Two applications for holding animals locally were also considered. The applicants were invited to resubmit their applications as certain components of both applications were of concern to the WSC.

The Wildlife Scientific Committee also reviewed the methodology for the psittacine survey developed by the Research Division. Feedback on the methodology and recommendations to ensure a more robust method were provided which were incorporated. The WSC is also reviewing the methodology for a caiman assessment which is to take place in 2019.

The WSC provided recommendations for the level of the export quota to be established for 2019. The recommendations of the Animals Committee of CITES with regard to three psittacine species were taken on board. Additionally, the WSC recommended changes to the annual export quota to take effect in 2019. Based on the recommendations of the WSC, the following adjustments were agreed:

- Saguinas midas (marmoset) quota reduced from 200 to 150;
- *Caiman crocodilus* (spectacled caiman) reduce quota from 10,000 to 9,500 to facilitate craft quota of 500;
- Ameiva ameiva (ameiva lizard) reduce quota from 20,000 to 15,000;
- *Anoles roquet* (anoles lizard) reduce quota from 24,000 to 12,000;
- Corallus hortulanus (cook's tree boa) reduce quota from 3,000 to 2,500;
- Chelonoidis carbonaria (red-footed tortoise)- reduce quota from 704 to 500;
- *Eunectes murinus* (anaconda) reduce quota from 2,000 to 1,700 to facilitate a skin quota of 300:
- *Peltocephalus dumeriliana* (river turtle) reduce quota from 500 to 100;
- Theraphosa blondi (bird-eating tarantula) reduce quota from 5,000 to 3,000;
- *Morpho menelaus* (blue-morpho butterfly):
 - o Morpho menelaus quota of 17,000 (previously 20,0000);
 - o Morpho helenor quota of 7,000 (previously no quota set); and
 - o Morpho peleides quota of 5,000 (previously no quota set).

7.0. Agreement and Protocols

The GWCMC is the focal point for the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) as well as the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife (SPAW Protocol).

7.1. CITES

CITES is an international agreement among governments which aims to ensure that the international trade in species of wild fauna and flora does not threaten their survival. The text of the Convention was agreed on March 3, 1973 and the Convention entered into force on July 1, 1975. Guyana became a Party to the Convention in 1977.

Meeting of the Animals Committee of CITES

The 30^{th} meeting of the Animals Committee of CITES met from July 16 - 21, 2018 in Geneva, Switzerland. Guyana participated in the meeting as an observer as was recommended by the GWCMC in 2017. Mr. Lemuel Cromwell, Director (ag), Monitoring and Compliance Division represented Guyana at this meeting.

Three species from Guyana were selected for review at this meeting i.e. mealy parrot (*Amazona farinosa*), blue and gold macaw (*Ara ararauna*) and red and green macaw (*Ara chloropterus*). The outcomes of the meeting are as follows:

- The quotas for each species will be reduced in 2019 as outlined below:
 - o Mealy parrot: 300
 - o Blue and gold macaw: 660
 - o Red and green macaw: 845
- The quotas are not to be adjusted until a new non-detriment finding based on survey data (to be provided within one year)
- Initiate appropriate harvest measures within 2 years to ensure sustainability
- Undertake science-based studies on status of the species within 2 years
- Undertake qualitative monitoring of the scale and trends of all harvest within 2 years.

7.2. SPAW Protocol

Guyana is a contracting Party to the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife (SPAW Protocol) having ratified the Protocol on July 14, 2010. The Protocol entered into force on August 13, 2010. The 8th meeting of the Science and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) to the SPAW Protocol took place from December 5-7, 2018 in Panama. Guyana was represented by its focal point, Ms. Alona Sankar.

8.0. Sustainable Wildlife Management Programme

The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) with funding from the European Union is implementing a Sustainable Wildlife Management (SWM) Programme in several African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) countries. Region 9 of Guyana was selected as one of the sites for the project. The SWM Programme aims to:

- Reduce hunting to sustainable levels;

- Protect endangered wildlife species;
- Conserve biodiversity;
- Maintain essential ecological roles of wildlife within forested and savannah ecosystems; and
- Secure stocks and flows of essential provisioning ecosystem services (i.e. food).

The project will be implemented in the various countries by FAO through its various partners. In the case of Guyana, the site coordinator is the Centre for International Forestry Research (CIFOR) while the GWCMC is the implementing agency. A project coordinator, site manager, finance officer and administrative assistant were employed to deal with project implementation. The project was launched in Region 9 on November 9, 2018.

9.0. Administration

The approved organizational structure provides for the Administrative arm of the Commission with three divisions which include Information Management, Finance and Administrative and Planning Divisions. The Administrative and Planning Division will contain three units i.e. Administration, Human Resources and Monitoring and Evaluation.

During the course of 2018, important support services were provided by the administrative arm of the GWCMC. These include procurement, maintenance, monitoring of contracts and sanitation.

9.1. Maintenance

Routine servicing of vehicles and of office equipment was done throughout 2018. Additionally, remedial carpentry, electrical and plumbing works were undertaken as necessary.

9.2. Procurement

The GWCMC received a subvention of four million, nine hundred thousand dollars (\$4,900,000) for its 2018 capital procurement. This budget included office and field equipment such as printers, PBX system, chainsaw, GPS, animal restraint equipment, camera, water dispensers, drone, binder and shredders. The GWCMC utilized its entire allocation. Additionally, approval was received from the Commission's board and the Ministerial Tender Board to procure two safes and three L-shaped partitions.

9.3. Human Resources

The GWCMC began 2018 with a staff complement of eighteen (18). There were two resignations in 2018 and one employee walked off of the job. With the further expansion of the Commission, thirteen new staff were employed. The posts filled included Monitoring Officer, Communications Officer, Research Officer, Research Assistant, Legal Officer, Driver and Permit Officer. Staff of the Commission are now offered 3-year employment contracts instead of one year as was previously done. The full staff list at December 31, 2018 can be found in Annex III.

9.4. Health Insurance

The GWCMC as of October 1, 2018 acquired a Personal Accident plan from the Guyana Trinidad Mutual Company (GTM) which provides compensation for injuries, death and permanent disability that may occur while staff are on duty. Additionally, on November 1, 2018, all eligible employees were insured under the Group Medical Scheme, provided by GTM as well.

9.5. Staff Training

Staff of the Commission benefited from training during the course of 2018. Training included the following:

- Professionalism Workshop six employees benefitted from this workshop conducted by Class and Elegance;
- Requirements for the Operation of Various Types of Bodies Performing Inspections –two five-day training sessions were conducted by the Guyana National Bureau of Standards. One officer of the Monitoring and Compliance Division attended both sessions;
- Field Guide Workshop One Research Assistant attended this course which was offered by the Centre for the Study of Biological Diversity in collaboration with the Field Museum, Chicago, USA;
- Statistical Methods Course One Research Officer benefitted from this course which was offered by the Centre for the Study of Biological Diversity in collaboration with the University of Florida and WWF-Guianas;
- Free Prior and Informed Consent a training session on Free Prior and Informed Consent was conducted by Dr. Marta Gruca of the Food and Agriculture Organisation. Fifteen employees of the Commission participated in this training;
- Capacity Development Workshop on Applying CITES Source Codes and Monitoring and Controlling Captive-Breeding and Ranching Facilities – this workshop took place in San Salvador, El Salvador and was attended by a Research Officer and a Monitoring Officer; and
- GIS Training Nine officers from two Divisions (Research and the Monitoring and Compliance Divisions) benefitted from a GIS training conducted by Dr. Anthony Cummings from the University of Texas at Dallas.

9.6. Accommodation for Staff

The GWCMC has an extensive mandate and it requires a rapid expansion in order to be able to fulfill its mandate. However, the expansion is limited by space as the Commission has now fully utilized all of its available space. It was agreed that additional space will be provided once the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) occupies its new building. However, the timeline for the move by EPA is unclear. This will affect the GWCMC's performance in 2019 if it is unable to hire new staff.

9.7. Finance

The WCMA establishes the Wildlife General Fund and the resources of the fund are outlined in Section 13. These resources include revenue obtained under the Act including penalties paid under Parts XIII and XIV of the Act, sums that may be provided by Parliament, grants, subsidies, bequests, donations or gifts.

In 2018, the Commission earned revenue from licences and levies from exports. The WCMA stipulates the licence fees for holding premises and commercial export as \$100,000 each. The

GWCMC earned seventy-three million, eight hundred thousand and sixty-five dollars (\$73,800,065) from licences, levies and other fees. In addition to the revenue obtained from the wildlife trade, the Commission received a thirty-one million, five hundred thousand dollars (\$31,500,000) subvention for recurrent expenditure and four million, nine hundred thousand dollars (\$4,900,000) for capital expenditure.

As the Commission expands and undertakes activities to fulfill the responsibilities outlined in the WCMA, there is a need to widen its revenue base. With the enactment of regulations to licence domestic activities in 2019, there are opportunities for the Commission to increase its revenue in order to effectively secure the future of our wildlife.

9.8. Unaudited Statement of Financial Position in the Year Ended December 31, 2018

31, 2010			2018	2017
	Note	G \$	G \$	G \$
Non Current Asset				
Tangible Fixed Assets	9		34,032,905	32,319,839
			34,032,703	32,317,037
Current Assets				
D ' 11	10			
Receivables	10	5,413,517		677,527
Cash at Bank	8			
Cash in Hand		82,282,862		75,937,798
Cash in Hand		74,663		11,479
			87,771,042	76,626,804
Total Assets			121,803,947	108,946,643
Equity				
Government Contribution		4,899,954		14,813,935
Accumulated Surplus				
G 1 2010		107,546,442		99,318,256
Surplus 2018		6,398,608		(6,585,749)
			118,845,004	107,546,442
Non Current Liability				

Current Liability				
Payables	11			
			2,958,943	1,400,201
Total Equity and			121,803,947	108,946,643
Liability				

9.9. Unaudited Statement of Income for the Year Ended December 31, 2018

		2018		2017
	Note	G \$		G \$
Income:				
Revenue from Operations	1	111,410,859		65,783,877
Less Expenses:				
Employment Costs	2	64,992,851		42,983,270
Materials, Equipment & Supplies	3	4,504,114		1,923,728
Maintenance of Building	4	569,301		376,686
Transport, Travel & Postage	5	7,756,097		2,151,620
Other Goods & Services	6	3,054,999		2,713,430
Other Operating Expenses	7	14,504,381		14,669,055
Training & Scholarships		117,573		-
Security		1,086,436		1,663,725
Fuel &Lubricant		1,840,848		767,667
Utility charges		2,462,396		2,519,444
Depreciation	9	3,921,834		2,457,589
Bank Charges		149,961		73,998
Total Expenses		104,960,791	#	72,300,212
Net Surplus for the Year		6,450,068	#	(6,516,335)
Witholding tax		(51,460)		(69,414)
Net Surplus for the year after tax		6,398,608	#	(6,585,749)

9.10. Unaudited Statement of Changes in Equity for the Year Ended December 31, 2018

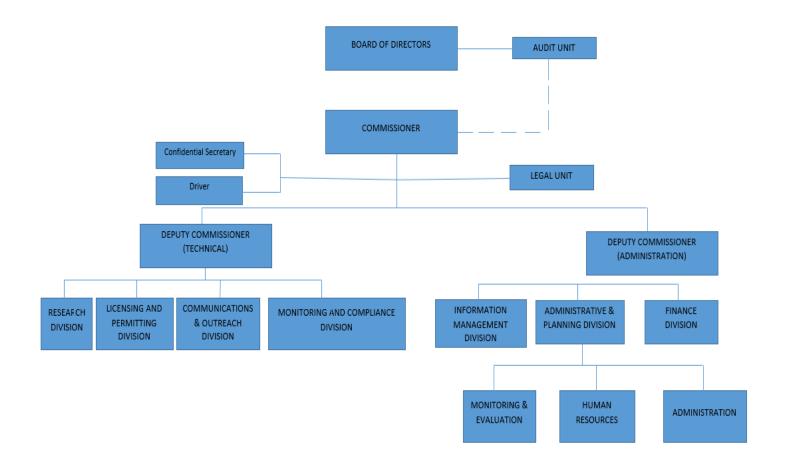
	Government	Accumulated	
	Contribution	Surplus	Total
	G\$	G\$	G\$
Balance at Dec 31, 2017	24,710,868	82,835,574	107,546,442
Prior Period Adjustment		-	-
Surplus for the year	4,899,954	6,398,608	11,298,562
Balance at December 31, 2018	29,610,822	89,234,182	118,845,004

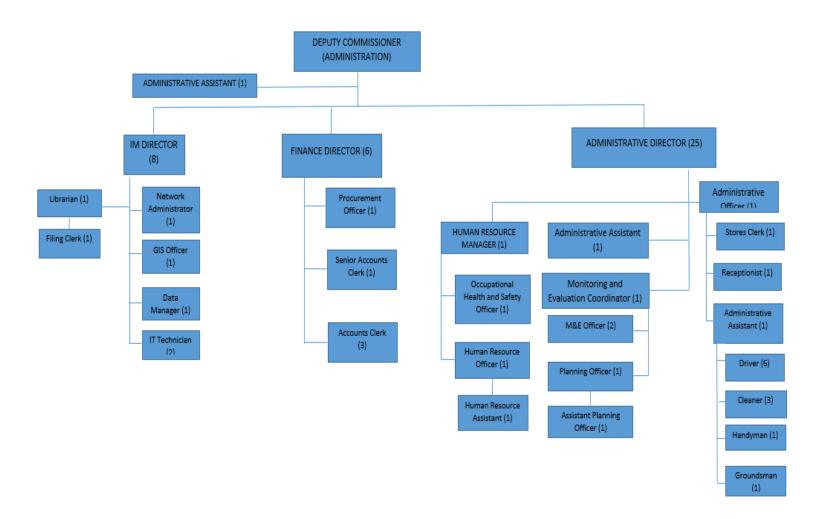
9.11. Unaudited Statement of Cash Flows

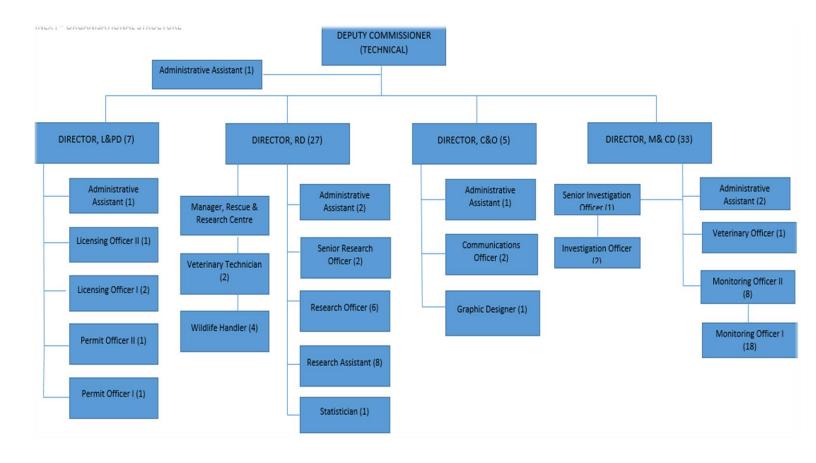
	2018	2017
	G \$	G \$
Operating Surplus before Tax	6,450,068	(6,516,335)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation	3,921,834	2,457,589
Prior Year Adjustment	3,721,034	2,437,307
Deferred Income		
Receivables	(4,735,990)	(530,685)
Payables	1,558,742	(4,428,368)
	7,194,654	(9,017,799)
Taxation		
Witholding Tax Paid	(51,460)	(69,414)
Cash Flow From Investing Activity		
Purchase of Tangible Fixed Asset	(5,634,900)	(14,813,935)
Cash Flow From Financing Activity		
Capital contribution for Government	4,899,954	14,813,935
Net Increase in Cash & Cash Equivalents		
Cash and Cash Equivalents - January 01	6,408,248	(9,087,213)
Cash and Cash Equivalents - December 31	75,949,277	85,036,490
	82,357,525	75,949,277
Analysis of Cash and Cash Equivalents - Decemb	per 31	

Cash at Bank		
	82,282,862	75,937,798
Cash in Hand	74,663	
		11,479
	82,357,525	75,949,277

ANNEX I - ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE







Annex IIA – 2018 Export Summary – Wildlife with Export Quotas

SCIENTIFIC	COMMON	APPENDIX	NATIONAL	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
NAME	NAME	NUMBER	QUOTA													
Parrots/Macaws																
Amazona amazonica	Orange-	II	9900	475	40	477	200	300		80	40	751	97	100	105	2665
	winged															
	parrot															
Amazona	Blue-cheek	II	520									29	14			43
dufresniana	parrot															
Amazona farinose	Mealy	II	1100	84		58	15	15		20		111	37		16	356
	parrot															
Amazona festiva	Festive	II	130													0
-	parrot															
Amazona	Yellow-	II	1000	85	49	386	20	26		62		86	227		70	1011
ochrocephala	headed															
	parrot															
Ara ararauna	Blue and	II	792	54	18	332		28	12	25		57	159	30	119	834
	Gold															
	macaw															
Ara chloropterus	Red and	II	990	40	26	392		25	6	62		57	184	58	113	963
	Green															
	macaw															
Orthopsittaca	Red-bellied	II	1650	53	20	108						17	20			218
manilata	macaw															
Diopsittaca nobilis	Red-	II	1100	17	72	167				44	30	107	103		70	610
	shouldered															
	macaw															
Deroptyus	Hawk-	II	780	21	13	69						44	49		11	207
accipitrinus	headed															
	parrot															
Pionus menstruus	Blue-	II	900	30		98		14				67	60		33	302
	headed															
	parrot															
Pionites	Black-	II	600	45		171		22		47		84	157		41	567
melanocephalus	headed															
	parrot															
Pionus fuscus	Dusky	II	780			6		20					15			41
	parrot															

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SCIENTIFIC NAME Parakeets/Toucans etc	COMMON NAME	APPENDIX NUMBER	NATIONAL QUOTA	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Aratinga leucophthalma	White-eyed parakeet	II	300			15										15
Aratinga pertinax	Brown- throated parakeet	II	500			100						51				151
Brotogeris chrysoptera	Golden- winged parakeet	II	180													0
Craxs alector	Powis	N/c	52	4		4					2					10
Forpus passerinus	Green- rumped parrotlet	II	600													0
Penelope jacquacu	Marudi	II	18													
Psophia crepitans	Grey - winged trumpeter	N/c	90	5		5					2					12
Pteroglossus aracari	Blacked- necked aracari	II	300													0
Pteroglossus viridis	Green aracari	II	52			3										3
Pyrrhura egregia	Fiery- shouldered parakeet	II	120													0
Pyrrhura picta	Painted parakeet	II	300			25										25
Ramphastos toco	Toco toucan	II	200	7		37	4	13		13	6	7	25	7	5	124
Ramphastos tucanus	Red-billed toucan	II	170	9		26		5		8		14	5		12	79

Ramphastos vitellinus	Channel- billed toucan	II	120	6		25				5		7	3		10	56
Selenidera culik	Guianan toucanet	N/c	260			7										7
SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME	APPENDIX NUMBER	NATIONAL QUOTA	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Song birds	14121422	TO HILLE	Quality													
Oryzoborus angolensis	Towa towa	N/c	200			20		20					2		50	92
Oryzoborus crassirostris	Twa twa	N/c	200			10		20							20	50
Sporophila plumbea	Mountain canary	N/c	200					25								25
Sporophila minuta	Fire-red		5			5					l'					

SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME	APPENDIX NUMBER	NATIONAL	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
	NAME	NUMBER	QUOTA					-	1							
Reptiles																
Ameiva ameiva	Ameiva, Luboo lizard	N/c	20000	112		579	106	228	183	519	56	66	140	160	350	2499
Amphisbaena fuliginosa	Legless lizard	N/c	500													0
Anolis roquet	Anoles lizard	N/c	24000	100		100		100		330					150	780
Boa constrictor	Land camudi	II	2000	48	6	85	13	126	23	79	8	15	47	38	174	662
Chelus fimbriatus	Mata mata turtle	N/c	132	5		15	1	16	2	1	10	6	1	6	7	70
Chironius carinatus	Black racer, Fire snake	N/c	105					1		10		11			16	38
Cnemidophorus lemniscatus	Rainbow- coloured lizard	N/c	2000			36	183	165		201					52	637
Corallus caninus	Emerald boa	II	880	52	15	102	42	90	29	75	61	77	61	53	138	795

Corallus	Cook's tree boa	II	3000	417		480	60	307	76	15	95	174	202	91	456	2373
hortulanus	D 1	NT /		_			-		_			1				
Drymarchon corais	Drymarchon, Yellow tail	N/c	100	9		16	1	17	3	12	1	4	11	13	5	92
Epicrates	Rainbow boa	II	500	14		35	27	72	27	34	5	22	24	23	99	382
cenchria	(cc)			'												
Epicrates	Rainbow boa	II	500	3		1			5	8						17
maurus	(cm)															,
Eunectes	Anaconda.	II	2000					10		5			1		16	32
murinus	Water camudi															
Chelonoidis	Red-footed	II	704	98	22	162	26	92	25	38	25	41	50	56	141	776
carbonaria	tortoise															
Chelonoidis	Yellow footed	II	0													0
denticulata	tortoise															
Helicops	Green water	N/c	100													
angulatus	snake															
Iguana iguana	Iguana	II	1000				10			90						100
Kinosternon	Scorpion mud	N/c	250	26		4		5		16		3		3	25	82
scorpioides	turtle															
Мавиуа	Skink lizard	N/c	700													
nigropunctatus																
Phrynops	Side-necked	N/c	600									8				
tuberosus	turtle															
Phrynops	Side-necked	N/c	600	31		17		41	9	15			1	2	22	138
gibbus	turtle															
Phrynops	Toad headed	N/c	600													
nasutus	turtle															
Platemys	Twist-necked	N/c	500	6		14		6	1	23	41		3		31	125
platycephala	turtle															
Plica plica	Plica lizard	N/c	2800	46		21		56	25	28			26	13	28	243
	(plica plica)															
Plica umbra	Plica lizard	N/c	2800	48		17		25	32	35			15	14	30	216
	(plica umbra)															
Podocnemis	Side-necked	II	50												4	4
erythrocephala	turtle															
Polychrus	Polychrus lizard	N/c	2000			102		29		16			8	8	75	238
marmoratus																
Pseustes	Pseutes	N/c	100					2	6	1	2	3				14
sulphureus							<u> </u>									

Rhinoclemmys punctularia	Labarya turtle	N/c	1500	164	60		73	46	29		25	5		67	469
Spilotes pullatus	Salipenter snake	N/c	200	18	46	2	48	7	13	2	8	15	16	29	204
Thecadactylus rapicauda	Knot-tailed lizard	N/c	450												
Tropidurus hispidus	Collared lizard.	N/c	20000		130	100	226	65	263	37				180	1001
Tupinambis teguixin	Tegu lizard/Salipenter lizard	II	7200	38	40	23	468	130	293	70	18	445	81	320	1926
Uranoscodon superciliosus	Brown-tree climber	N/c	6500	93	226	30	85	27	44	10				69	584
Podocnemis unifilis	Turtle	II	150												0
Peltocephalus dumeriliana	Turtle	II	500										10		10

SCIENTIFIC	COMMON	APPENDIX	NATIONAL	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
NAME	NAME	NUMBER	QUOTA													
Poisonous																
Snakes																
Bothrops atrox	Brown labarya	N/c	200	1		4							2			7
Bothriopsis bilineata	Green labarya	N/c	200													0
Crotalus durissus	Rattlesnake	III	150										4			4
Lachesis muta	Bushmaster	N/c	100													0
Micrurus surinamensis	Coral snake	N/c	100													0
Clelia clelia	Mussurana	II	100					1								1
Leptophis ahaetulla	Vine snake	N/c	300													
Oxybelis fulgidus	Parrot snake	N/c	200													
Bothrops brazili	Morabana snake	N/c	200													

Bothriopsis taeniata	Morabana snake	N/c	200													
		'														
		1														
SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME	APPENDIX NUMBER	NATIONAL QUOTA	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Poison Arrow	1	'														
Frogs		'														
Ameerega trivittata	Poison arrow frog	II	500													
Dendrobates leucomelas	Yellow banded frog	II	500			75	25	48		62					129	339
Dendrobates tinctorius	Dyeing poison frog	II	500													
Allobates femoralis	Brilliant- thighed frog	II	500													
Ameerega hahneli	Spotted- legged frog	II	500													
		'														
SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME	APPENDIX NUMBER	NATIONAL QUOTA	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Other Amphibians																
Rhaebo guttatus	Land toad	N/c	1500			361		36	41	17						455
Rhinella marina	Land toad	N/c	150			22		15	44	122					30	233
Bufo typhonius	Land toad	N/c	750					44	50	60						154
Hypsiboas crepitans	Tree frog	N/c	1000													
Hvpsiboas boans	Tree frog	N/c	1000												20	
Leptodactylus pentadactylus	Mountain chicken	N/c	500			59		20	34	95					24	232
Phyllomedusa bicolor	Green tree frog	N/c	500													0

Pipa pipa	Suriname toad	N/c	500					120	50	27					50	247
Pseudis paradoxa	Green and Black frog	N/c	5000													
Phrynohyas venulosa	Bicolour frog	N/c	3000													
Phyllomedusa hypochondrialis	Bicolour frog	N/c	3000	,					1		,			1		
Sphaenorhynchus lacteus	Lime Tree frog	N/c	500													
SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME	APPENDIX NUMBER	NATIONAL QUOTA	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Arthropods		110111111111111111111111111111111111111	Quality													
Avicularia avicularia	Tarantula spider	N/c	25000	2623	300	5079	357	3122	1456	1907	1386	368	2962	1338	1532	22430
Morpho menelaus	Blue morpho butterfly (dead)	N/c	20000				200	300	2							502
Periplanata americanus	Water Roach	N/c	2500													
Blaberus sp	Water Roach	N/c	2500			<u> </u>										
Schistocera sp	Locusts	N/c	2500	⊥'	⊥'	 '	↓'	 '	⊥'	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	⊥'	 '	
Theraphosa blondi	Bird eating tarantula	N/c	5000	!	<u> </u>	1639	40	513	100	175	<u> </u> '	23	769	320	540	4119
Ephebopus murinus	Skeleton legged tarantula	N/c	2500		_ '	758	150	147	150	159	125	37	115		387	2028
Amblypygi spp.	Whip scorpion	N/c	2500												20	
Scolopendra spp	Centipedes	N/c	2500		<u> </u>	<u> </u>				35					50	85
Diplopoda spp	Millipedes	N/c	2500													
Buthidae spp	Scorpions	N/c	2500			<u> </u>	<u> </u>		100			200				300

Gasteracantha	Spiders	N/c	2500							
spp										
Ocyopodidae spp	Land crabs	N/c	2500							
Scarabidae spp	Beetles	N/c	2500							
Mantidae spp	Mantids	N/c	2500							
Phasmidae spp	Phasmids	N/c	2500							
Bulimulus spp	Land snails	N/c	2500							

ANNEX IIB - 2018 Export Summary - Ornamental Fish

SCIENTIFIC	COMMON	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
NAME	NAME				_									
Acestrorhynchus falcatus	Spotted barracuda									120			50	170
Anableps anableps	Four eyed fish		980	340	5000			200			960			7480
Anostomus anostomus	Cigar fish	1000	800			300		200				360	460	3120
Carnegiella strigata	Marble hatchet	6400	4000	6000	71200	1200				5000	7000	8000	5000	113800
Cichla ocellaris	Lukanani				40						100		40	180
Copeina guttata	Red-spotted copeina			1000							1000	1000	2000	5000
Corydoras melanistius	Black sailcory	800												800
Eigenmannia virescens	Transparent knife fish			300	400									700
Gasteropelecus levis	Silver hatchet		400	6000	10500					5600	12400	9500	5600	50000
Geophagus jurupari	Jurupari	60	90	250	170	200		20			805	50	48	1693
Hemigrammus rodwayi	Gold tetra	3000			13200			2400		3000	8000	2000		31600
Hypostomus plecostomus	Pleco hypostomus					700		100						800
Metynnis hypsauchen	Silver dollar													0

Nanacara anomala	Golden dwarf cichlid	700									1000	1000	2700
Nannastomus espei	Barred pencil fish									7400		1000	8400
Nannastomus harrisoni	Harrisoni pencil fish		800	1000	2000					1000	1000	2600	8400
Nannastomus merginatus	Dwarf pencil fish		1500	2000	2000				1500	4800	1600	3200	16600
Osteoglossum bicirrhosum	Arowana											16	16
Pterophyllum scalare	Angel fish					160							160
Pygocentrus nattereri	Red piranha						3						

ANNEX IIC - 2018 Export Summary - Samples

SCIENTIFI C NAME	COMMO N NAME	APPEND IX	Descripti on	Uni t	Ja n	Fe b	Ma r	Ap r	Ma y	Ju n	Ju l	Au g	Sep t	Oc t	No v	De c	Tot al
BIRDS		NUMBE R															
Amazona amazonica	Orange- winged parrot	II	Cloacal swab									5					
Amazona ochrocephala	Yellow- headed parrot	II	blood	ml						7							7
Amazona ochrocephala	Yellow- headed parrot	II	Cloacal swab									5					
Ara ararauna	Blue and Gold macaw	II	blood	ml						10				13		5	28
Ara ararauna	Blue and Gold macaw	II	Cloacal swab									5					5
Ara chloropterus	Red and Green macaw	II	blood	ml						10				13		5	28

Diopsittaca nobilis	Red- shouldere d macaw	II	blood	ml			3			4		7
Diopsittaca nobilis	Red- shouldere d macaw	II	feather								20 0	200
Pionites melanocepha lus	Black- headed parrot	II	Cloacal swab						5			5
Pionites melanocepha lus	Black- headed parrot	II	feather								250	250
Ramphastos toco	Toco toucan	II	feather				10					10
Ramphastos toco	Toco toucan	II	Saliva (swab)					3				3
Ramphastos toco	Toco toucan	II	Cloacal swab							10		10
Ramphastos tucanus	Red- billed toucan	II	Saliva (swab)					3				3
Ramphastos tucanus	Red- billed toucan	II	Cloacal swab							10		10
Ramphastos vitellinus	Channel- billed toucan	II	feather							10		10
Ramphastos vitellinus	Channel- billed toucan	II	Saliva (swab)					3				3
Ramphastos vitellinus	Channel- billed toucan	II	Cloacal swab							10		10
Crax alector	Powis	Not listed	feather				5					5
Psophia crepitans	Grey- winged trumpete r	Not listed	feather				5					5

ANNEX IID - 2018 Export Summary - Flora

SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME	APPENDIX NUMBER	Unit	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
FLORA																
Cedrela odorata	Red cedar	III	cu m												20	20

ANNEX III – STAFF LIST AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2018

First Name	Last Name	Designation
Adjua	Bernard-Barry	Dir. Licensing & Permitting
Adonika	Spellen	Research Officer
Alona	Sankar	Commissioner
Alex	Stewart	Research Assistant
Charles	Stephens	Research Assistant
Deuel	Hughes	Communications Officer
Eric	Shepherd	Driver
Garcia	Weithers	Wildlife Monitoring Officer
Guy	Fontanelle	Driver
Hazel	Nurse	Confidential Secretary
Hollee	Ragnauth	Accounts Clerk
Ivelaw	Eastman	Driver
Jerusha	Dos Santos	Administrative Officer
Johann	Waldron	Research Officer
Kamal	Ramdayal	Driver

Keron	Adams	Licensing Officer
Kumardev	Samaroo	Administrative Assistant
Leisa	Mercurius	Human Resources Officer
Lemuel	Cromwell	Dir. Monitoring & Compliance
Marlon	Glasgow	Wildlife Monitoring Officer
Nelanie	La Cruz	Research Officer
Ramdhanie	Sukhai	Finance Officer
Rowena	Roberts	Permit Officer
Samuel	Glasgow	Legal Officer
Steven	Jones	Wildlife Monitoring Officer
Susan	Joseph	Permit Officer
Troy	Crawford	Wildlife Monitoring Officer
Zalima	Persaud	Cleaner