

## Appendix 5.4

### Project Leaflet

Title: 'Marketing Potential of Crabwood Oil in Guyana'

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## MARKETING POTENTIAL OF CRABWOOD OIL IN GUYANA

Iwokrama is working with the Centre for Ecology and Hydrology in the United Kingdom (UK) to examine the marketing potential of Crabwood Oil in Guyana. This project is being funded by the DFID-Forestry Research Programme (FRP).



Iwokrama is conducting surveys and consultations in the main Crabwood Oil producing Regions of Guyana to determine whether it is profitable to produce Crabwood Oil.

To date, Iwokrama has carried out surveys through questionnaires in the main villages of Region 3, 9 and 10. Many of the North Rupununi communities have contributed to the Crabwood Oil Project through the Makushi Researchers, including Wowetta, Rupertee, Annai, Kwatamang, Aranaputa, Toka Massara and Yakarinta.



Iwokrama is currently involved in exploring potential business activities to demonstrate financial sustainability. However, the prospects of a community-based partnership for marketing Crabwood Oil have to be fully explored to determine the economic and social benefits. In order to achieve this, it is the hope that Iwokrama together with the communities will participate fully in the consultations and research work to develop Crabwood Oil in Guyana.

In the first instance, there will be an information gathering phase by staff of the Iwokrama Centre to determine the number of persons with the interest and knowledge of Crabwood Oil making. It would also be crucial to determine the potential volume of Crabwood Oil that can be produced and the costs for making the oil such as time and labour on the part of the local communities. It is important to value the resource to determine whether this is a potentially important income generating activity for Iwokrama and the local people across the main Crabwood-Oil producing Regions in Guyana.



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