

MRVS Steering Committee (MRVS SC)
Summary of Meeting 10
January 23, 2012

The tenth meeting of the MRVS Steering Committee was held on January 23, 2012 in the Lower Conference Room of the Guyana Forestry Commission. The key points of discussion arising from the meeting were as follows:

- a) A presentation was made to the MRVS SC, updating them on the progress of the Community MRV project to be implemented by Iwokrama, the Global Canopy Programme, and the North Rupununi District Development Board, in partnership with the GFC.
- b) The official launch of the CMRV project will be held on Saturday January 28, 2012 in Annai, and will be attended by the Minister of Natural Resources and Environment as well as representatives from the GFC.
- c) The Year 2 assessment will cover the period October 2010 - December 2011. A national procurement process was executed and Indufor Asia Pacific was the company identified to work with the GFC on the Year 2 Assessment. Work has already commenced in this area.
- d) During discussions, the issue of data sharing among the agencies was addressed. It was agreed by the GFC, GL&SC & GGMC that this is integral to the work of these agencies as well as in the Forest Area Assessment (FAA) initiative.
- e) It is foreseen that the GGMC & GL&SC will assist in the verification of certain drivers, to the extent possible, that would be analysed from the images obtained in the conducting of the FAA.
- f) In discussing the progress of the Forest Carbon Monitoring System, it was explained that the field staff members of the GFC are now engaged in an ongoing exercise to establish biomass plots in a number of accessible and inaccessible areas, based on stratification.