

**MRVS STEERING COMMITTEE (MRVS SC)**  
**Summary of Meeting 24**  
**April 24, 2017**

The 24<sup>th</sup> meeting of the MRVS Steering Committee was held on April 24, 2017 in the Upper Conference Room of the Guyana Forestry Commission. Key areas of discussion during this meeting included updates on the proposal for Support to Years 6- 9 of the MRVS as well the updates on the outcomes of the Norwegian Mission that was conducted over this period.

The key points arising from the meeting are summarised below:

- Based on review and comments from Norway, the GFC's proposal for the funding of Years 6 – 9 of MRVS has been revised and resubmitted to Norway through Conservation International (CI).
- A few structural changes were made to the proposal, including the merging of Components 1 and 2 on forest area and forest carbon monitoring, as well as the addition of an Annex to capture conducting of Independent Forest Monitoring (IFM) for years 2016 and 2018.
- It was anticipated that approval for the Proposal would be granted by mid-2017 and it would pave the way for support to the MRVS up to 2020.
- As part of the implementation of activities under the Support to Year 6- 9 of the MRVS, an assessment of alternative data sources to reduce the reliance on costed options for annual monitoring.
- Further, this will be conducted under a number of scenarios, including exploration of low cost or alternatively no cost (including a no REDD+ payment scenario) options.
- Discussions were undertaken on the utility of purchasing a single versus multi user licences for the RapidEye imagery. The purpose of the discussion was to determine how many users and what would be the best option to satisfy multiple needs of agencies bearing in mind their anticipated data needs in coming years. In the past, user licences have been purchased for the GFC, GGMC, GL&SC and EPA.
- A Norwegian Mission was conducted in March 2017. In their meeting with the MNR and the GFC, a number of key areas were discussed, including Guyana's National Determined Contributions (NDCs) under the Paris Agreement, the Green State Development Strategy framework, Guyana's progress in EUFLEGT, and EITI.