





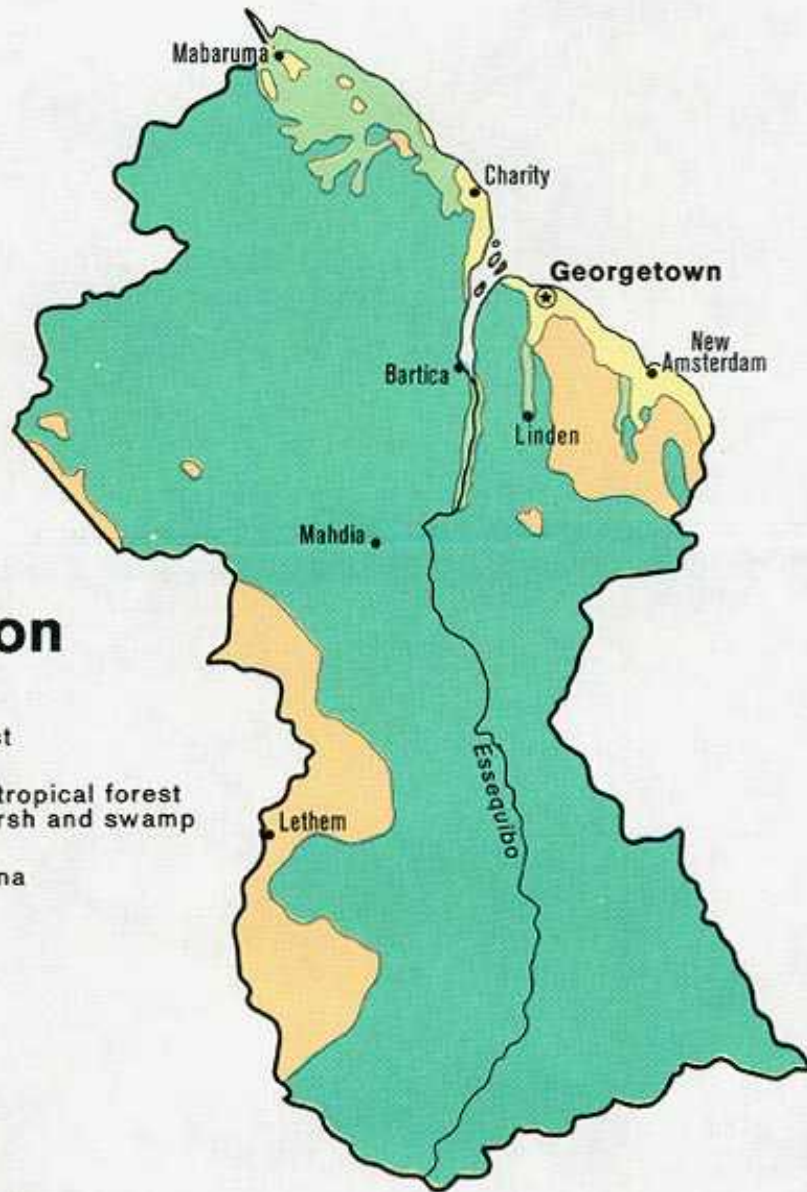


THE FORGOTTEN SPECIES



Vegetation

-  Dense tropical forest
-  Seasonally flooded tropical forest with scattered marsh and swamp
-  Grassland or savanna
-  Cultivated land



Bees

- apiculture
- meliponiculture

Threats

mining

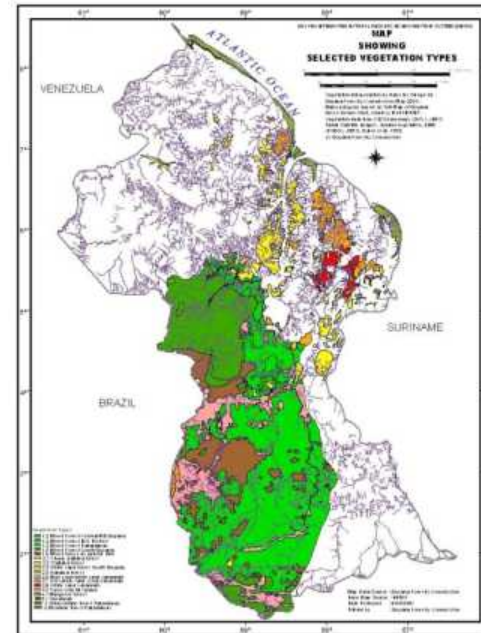
logging

clearing land for housing

ignorance

Forestry and bees.

- Guyana has approximately 76% of its land area covered with forest.
- It has a blend of seasonal, dry, evergreen, montane, swamp, marsh, mangrove and mixed forest.
- These forests provide homes to over 8000 plant species.(forestry in Guyana 2007)



- However, more emphasis is being placed on Non timber forest Products and the involvement of Amerindian communities.
- The Government of Guyana is encouraging organized beekeeping in rural communities with emphasis on sustainability. (Stewart; 2002)
- There are higher potential for forestry and beekeeping to co-exist in Guyana. Guyana with its vast land resources and biodiversity can definitely support a vibrant beekeeping industry.

LCDS

- What is Low Carbon Development Strategy?
- What role bees play in LCDS?
- Where do indigenous bees come in?
- Why is it necessary to encourage
meleponiculture.?
- Preserving their habitat.
- Awareness of these bees.



Insect visiting guava blossom in the city





Conclusion

- Meliponiculture can be a good option if people can be taught the HOW- to capture and care. Since the AHB hard to handle
- what is needed first of all is research, and then development and dissemination (awareness) of the usefulness of these insects. I foresee a booming cottage industry developing on its own while at the same time enhancing the environment and saving and preserving very useful species – The Forgotten Species.

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