

PROJECTS FOR YUPUKARI

Fish farming

As it was stated at the NRDDDB meeting on the 12th January 2006. The Ministry of Agriculture is trying to benefit North Rupununi communities by creating wonderful projects with the help of North Rupununi District Development Board.

The ministry is asking the sixteen communities in the North Rupununi if they are interested in making a fish farm in their communities so that everyone in the village can benefit.

The Ministry of Agriculture will be funding the project if the community members agree upon the project. The project would be a pond with only four types of fish in it. They are: Lukunani, Pacu, Hassar and Arapaima. These are the only four fishes the Ministry wants in the pond.

It is a good opportunity for Yupukari and in

this way the village will be able to benefit and gain a lot of knowledge about the fish farming and the younger generations will have knowledge on how to farm fish from their parents and they will be able to create fish farming projects on their own in the future years to come.



Arapaima Project

Since Yupukari is one of the sixteen communities in the North Rupununi that participates in the NRDDDB, the NRDDDB is trying to benefit its communities, by encouraging them to do an Arapaima project in the communities in the Rupununi river. If the communities think that the Arapaima project

is a good project and can benefit them, they will have to conserve Arapaima and other kinds of fishes until they are large enough to harvest. The names of other fishes will be given by NRDDDB later on. The communities will have to make a simple holding station with drums or large containers

where the fishes can be placed. There will be a main holding station in Kwatamang landing where NRDDDB will place the fishes, which they buy from other communities. NRDDDB will be buying the Arapaima and other fishes from the communities and then they will be transported

to Georgetown and then to wherever the big market is. There is a funding right now to fund the project and it will be good if Yupukari can start the project as early as possible.

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Butterfly Project

The Butterfly project is a two-year project that's funded by the Darwin Initiative.

It consists of nine team members, six of them are from Guyana and three are from United Kingdom. The partners of this project are Iwokrama, the Environmental protection Agency, the University of Guyana and Wildlife Division.

There are two aspects to the butterfly project - biodiversity conservation and socio-economic improvement. Two University of Guyana students are completing Masters of science studies during the project, each looking at a different aspect of the work. One is studying biodiversity and the other is studying socio-

economic effects.

The project is trying to benefit all the sixteen communities and the wildlife clubs in the North Rupununi by supporting butterfly farming in their communities.

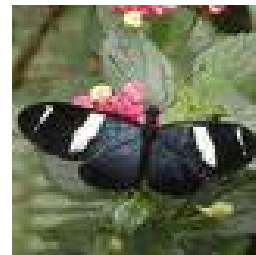
The project is all about capturing and studying butterflies, studying their host plants, writing up data collection and shipping the pupae to wherever the market is at present.

If the communities and the wildlife clubs are interested in the project, the team members will train or teach the communities and wildlife clubs how to do the farming and everything the project does.

The team members have already selected Fair View village

to do the farming as a pilot project.

There are also five selected sites just to do the studying of the butterflies. The members have already visited four communities and all were interested in the project.



Projects are good for Yupukari and I think we should take advantage of the available opportunities - Eleanor Dorrick

NRDDB Needs Yupukari Support

NRDDB is building its office and it needs support from all of its sixteen communities.

Every community will be given a task to do and Yupukari has already been assigned a task.

Yupukari's task is cutting the leaves, but the Chairman of NRDDB will inform everyone

when they are ready to start work.

SO PLEASE GIVE NRDDB YOUR FULL SUPPORT.

The NRDDB is building an office because the executives want to see the full development of NRDDB.