

# IUU Activities under the Leatherback RAP

## Lessons Learned

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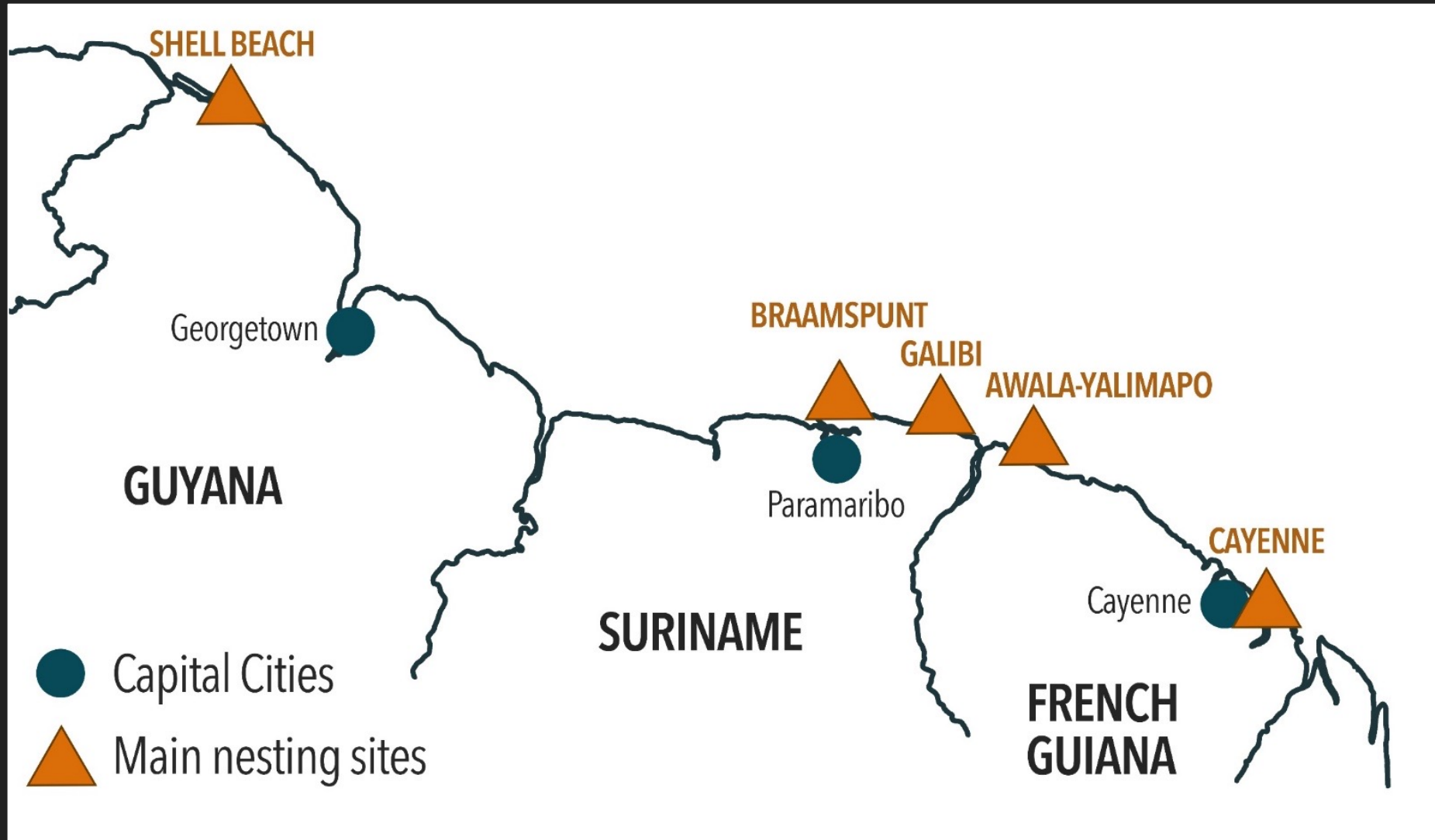
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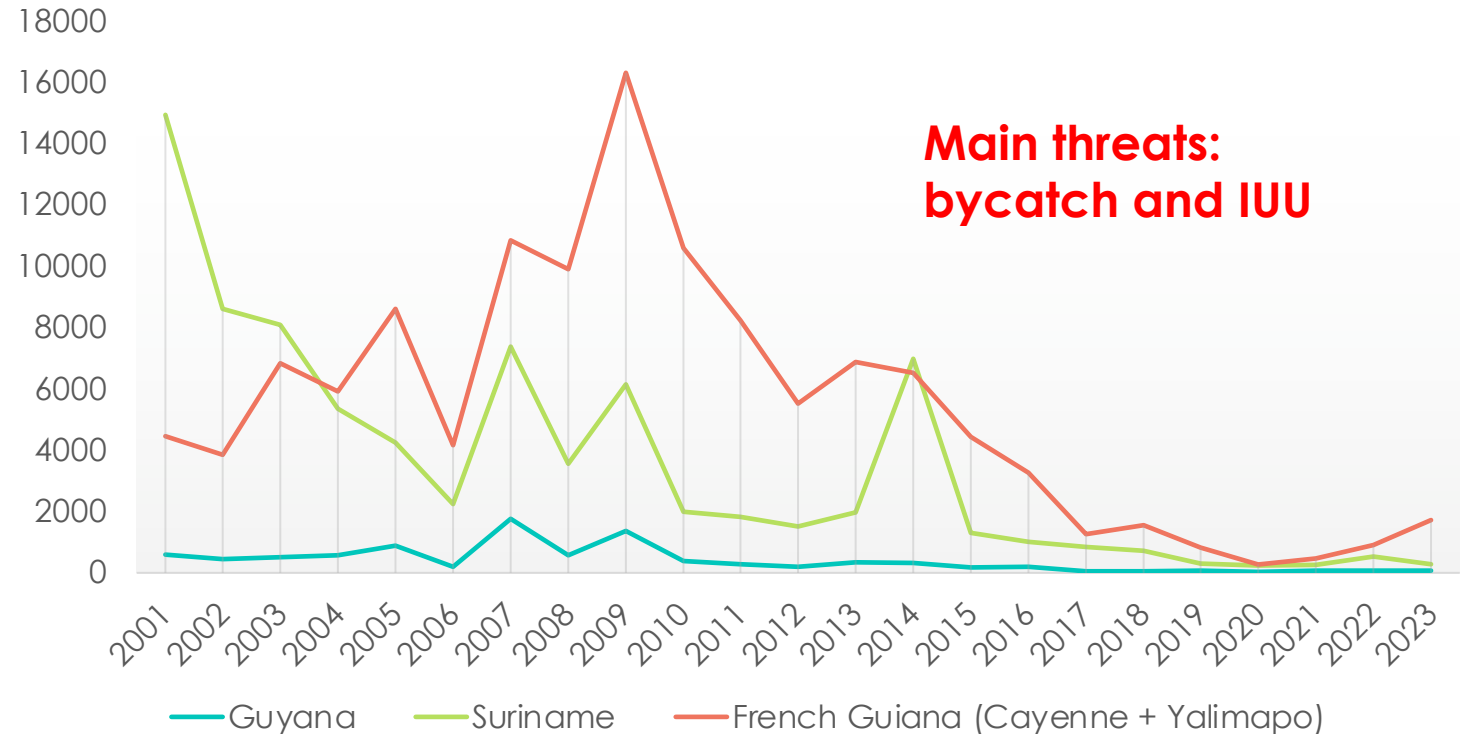
# NESTING BEACHES OF THE GUIANAS



# LEATHERBACK POPULATION IN THE GUIANAS



Leatherback (*Dermochelys coriacea*) nr. of nests in Guianas (Guyana, Suriname and French Guiana)



# The Regional Action Plan (RAP)



The four strategic lines set in the RAP are:

1. Legislation and Enforcement
2. Protection and Management of Critical Habitats
3. Community Engagement
4. Scientific Data Needs

## Northwest Atlantic Leatherback (*Dermochelys coriacea*) Regional Action Plan for the Wider Caribbean Region



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# The Fisheries program of WWF

- WWF Strategic goal: By 2030, Marine Protected Areas / Other Effective areas-based conservation measures (OECM) is established/ effectively managed covering at least 30% of coastal and marine ecosystem of the Guianas, in keeping with 30by30 agenda.
- The overall objective of the regional IUU project is to significantly **reduce IUU fishing** throughout the Guianas, by **developing and implementing National Plan of Actions (NPOAs)**, **increase and strengthen cooperation** and **data sharing between the three Guianas** with a focus on the **small-scale fishing sector**.
- *Project funded by US donor Oceans 5, a sponsored project of Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors.*
- *Since June 2023 regional IUU expert consultant, Michel Nalovic (Tony) from Fishingcleaner.com*



**WHAT HAS ALREADY  
BEEN ACHIEVED?**



# PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT



Minister of Agriculture, Zulfikar Mustapha handing over the national action plan to Chief Fisheries Officer, Denzil Roberts



# COLLABORATION

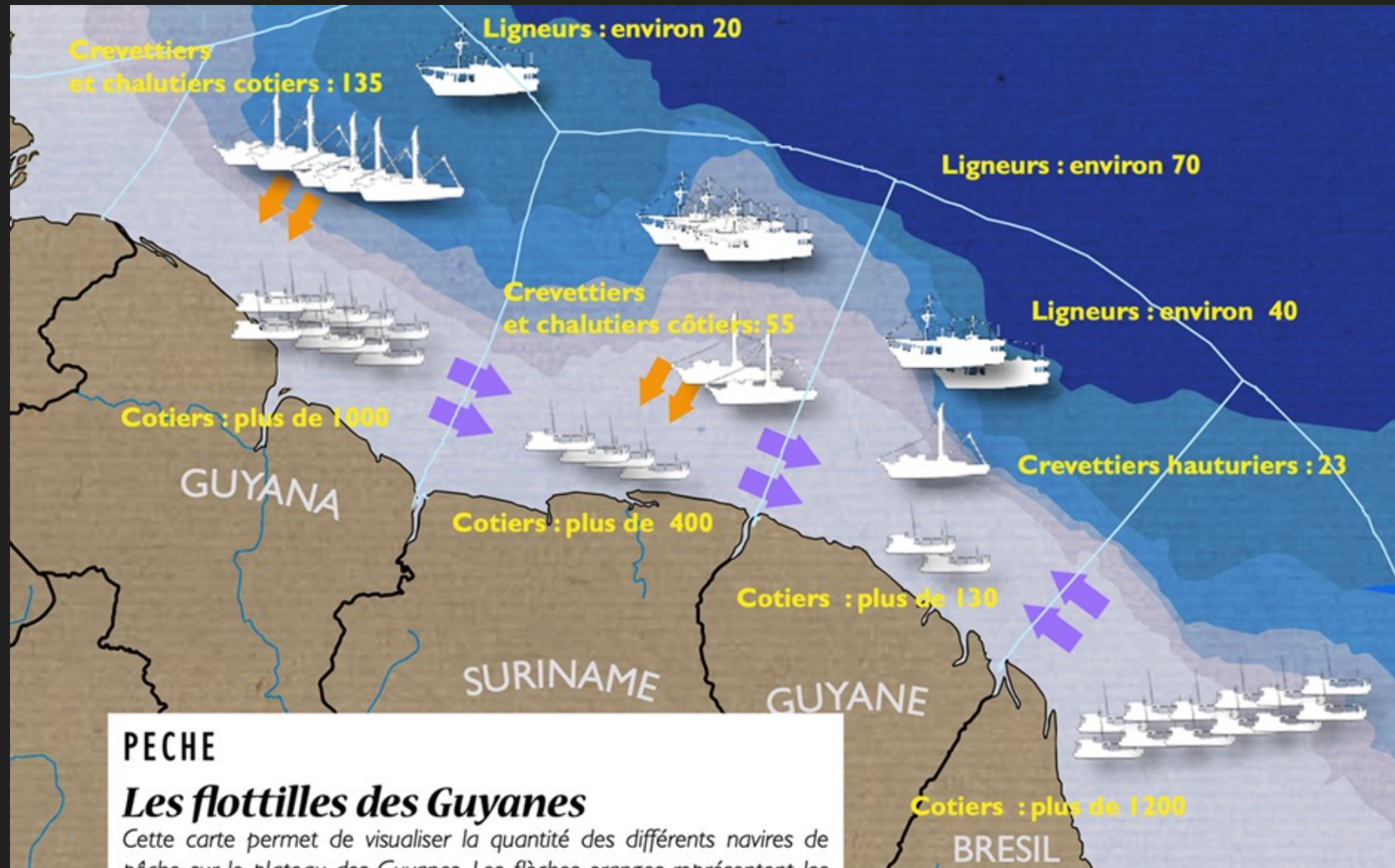




# MONITORING AND ENFORCEMENT

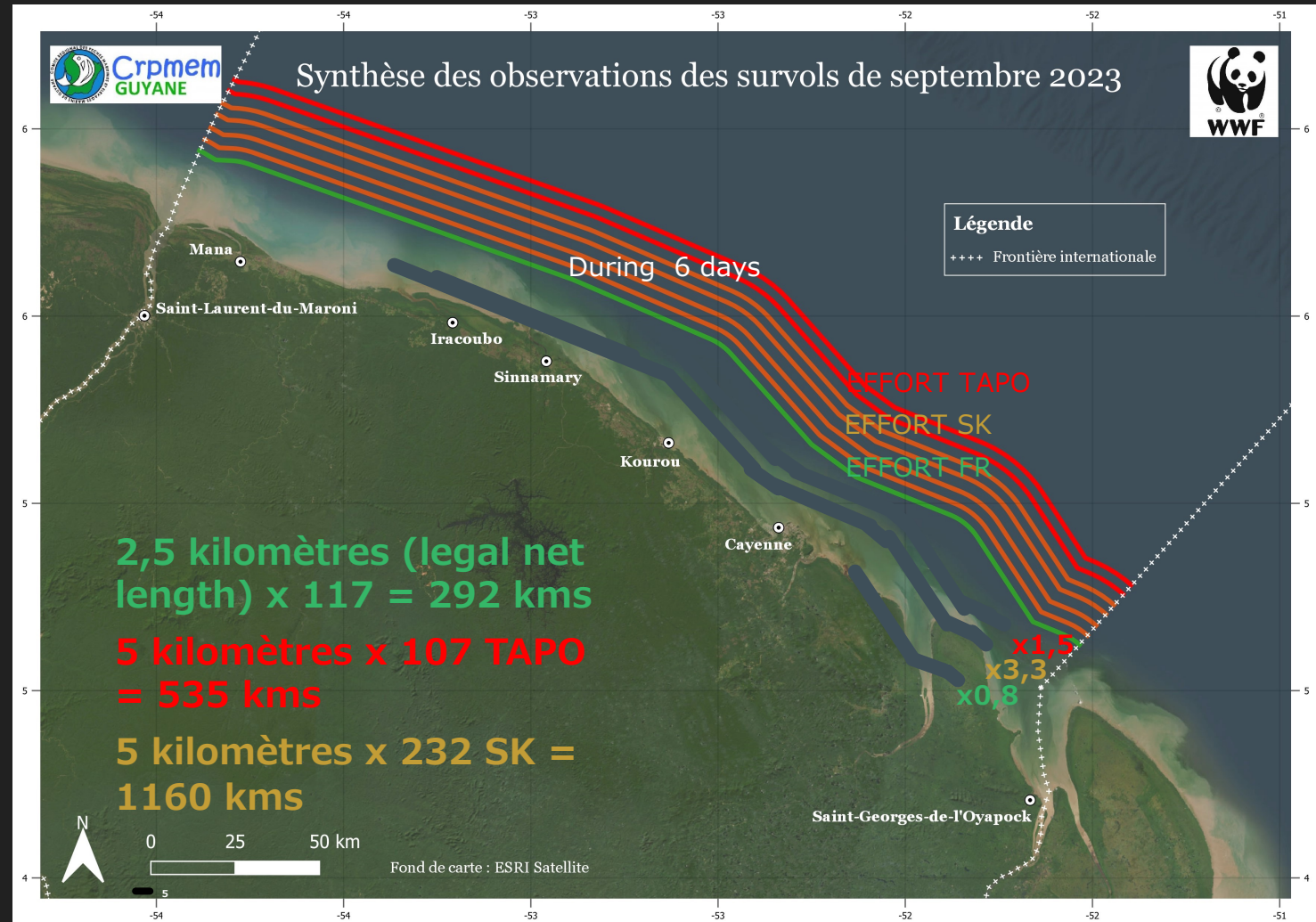


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French Guiana coast = 350 kms



# NETWORKING AND AWARENESS





# WHAT IS UPCOMING?



Draft NPOA-IUU Suriname

Learning exchanges  
between the 3 Guianas

Draft MoU for data  
sharing and joint  
patrolling

BIODEV2023: project on  
promoting sustainable  
fisheries and changes in  
practices

AFD-IUU project:  
Strengthening capacity to  
reduce IUU fishing by  
strengthening and local civil  
society raises awareness on  
marine turtle



# WHAT DOES WWF WANT TO ACHIEVE?



Reduce turtle  
bycatch

Stop reduction  
of leatherbacks

Improve  
transparency  
and  
traceability

Simplify and  
improve catch  
documentation

Combat IUU  
fishing with the  
3 Guianas

Promote  
sustainable  
fisheries

Improve  
fisheries and  
turtle  
management



Thank you!

