

Report on Wayana Ethno-Ecological Survey

Ethno-ecological survey of the lands inhabited/used by the Wayana peoples in Suriname

To this point, the survey has been conducted as a desk study focusing on the collection of information from local government institutions, libraries, the Internet and transcribed interviews, with elaborated sections as follows:

- Preliminary map showing the land used by Wayana, to be refined and improved during the field survey.
- Map showing the Wayana villages, to be refined and improved during the field survey.
- Bibliography based on Surinamese, French and Brazilian sources, containing over 400 references.
- A soil map.
- Tables and figures with meteorological information for the area.
- A list of fishes of the Lawa, Marowijne, Ulemari, and Upper Tapanahoni, totaling nearly 220 species.
- Drafts of the chapters on Climate, Geology, Soil, and Hydrology.
- Drafts of the chapters concerning the Wayana peoples (demography, history, ethnology).

In order to focus the fieldwork (with limited time available for two to three different locations—Apetina, Kawemhakan and its surroundings, and perhaps also Palumeu) an internal discussion note has been prepared from which the most relevant issues will be distilled. The note takes the development plan as a starting point to ensure that all elements necessary thereto will receive proper attention during fieldwork. The discussion note will be discussed among team members on August 24.

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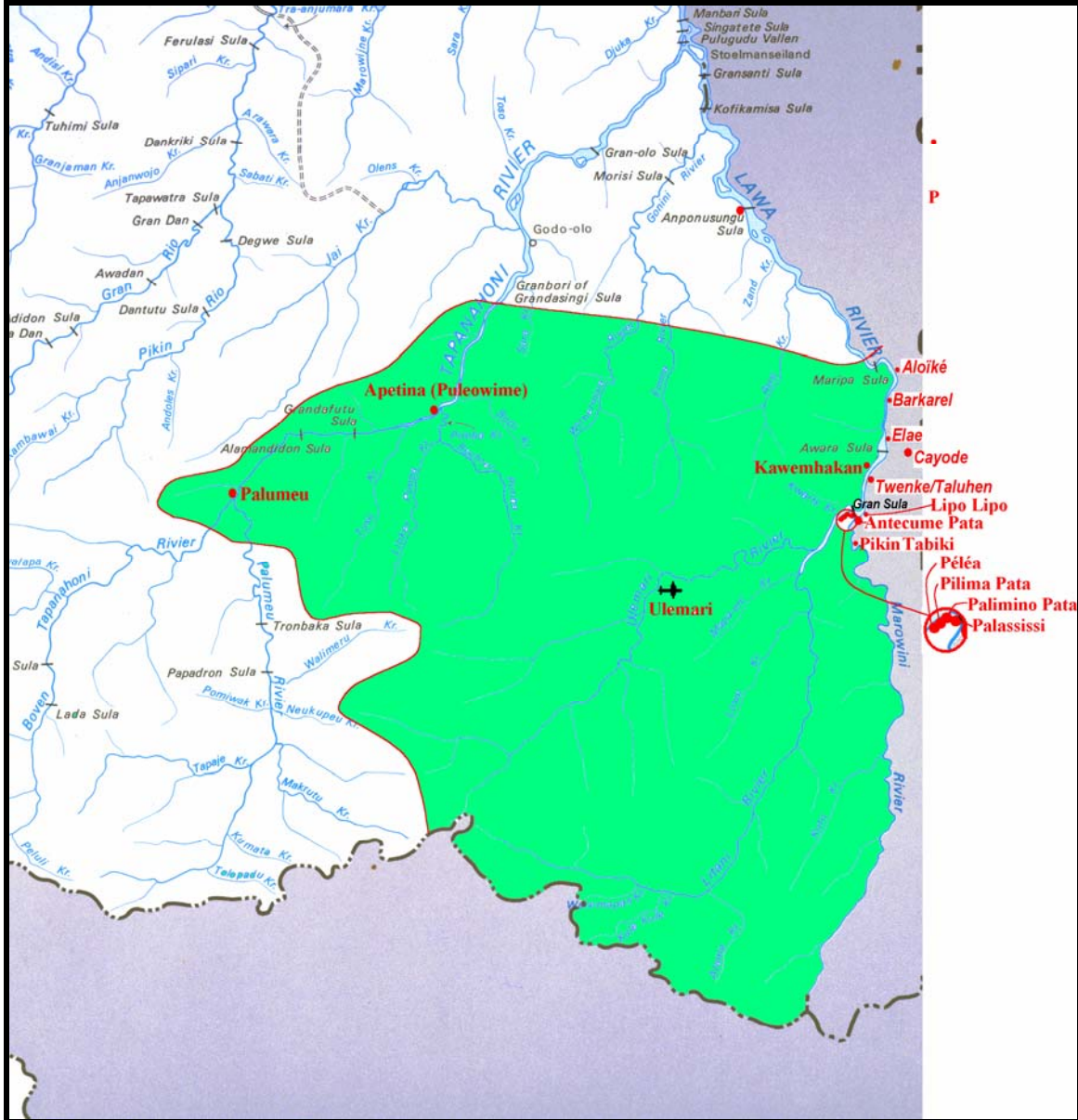


Figure 1: Wayana land (land used by the Wayana peoples; proposal for discussion)