Guyana: Acarai-Corentyne Corridor

FIG. 2A Bounded by Guyana's largest rivers—the Essequibo to the west and the New and Corentyne to the east—the Acarai-Corentyne Corridor stretches more than half the length of Guyana. Dozens of rapids and waterfalls along the major rivers make this one of the least accessible and most poorly explored regions of the country. A vast plateau of low hills between 200 and 300 m elevation dominates the corridor, stretching from the base of the Acarai Mountains in the south to the lower coastal plain in the north.

2B Lying at the heart of southern Guyana's vast forests, the Acarai-Corentyne Corridor has the potential to anchor a mosaic of conservation lands that preserve biodiversity, uphold Indigenous land rights, and deliver real benefits to all Guyanese. To the south the corridor borders Kanashen Amerindian Protected Area and Brazil's largest protected area. Just outside its borders, Waiwai, Wapishana, Trio, and Macushi residents who have been exploring and using these forests for millennia hold deep and invaluable stores of knowledge about the landscape and its biodiversity.

2B LEGEND

- International border
- Protected area
- Indigenous territory
- Mining concession
- Forestry concession in Guyana
- Town

Sources: RAISG, Field Museum



