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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY



Promoting Effective
Environmental Management
and Sustainable Use of
Guyana's Natural Resources

ALL ABOUT US

The EPA was established by law in June 1996 under the Environmental Protection Act. It was established to assist businesses, organisations & institutions to maintain and conserve our country's wonderful natural resources.

Our Mission

To promote, facilitate and coordinate effective environmental management and protection; and the sustainable use of Guyana's natural resources.

Our Divisions

The EPA has 4 Divisions, 3 of which are technical. The divisions collaborate with each other to achieve EPA's Mission.

(1) Administrative Division

This division procures and manages physical, financial and human resources for the work of the Agency.



(2) Environmental Management Division (EMD)

This division focuses on the control of environmental pollution which includes the development of Regulations, Authorisations and Enforcement as it relates to the EP Act of 1996.

Some important tasks undertaken by all Units in this Division include:

- Issuing Environmental Authorisations
- Field Visits to ensure compliance
- Collection of Baseline Data
- Addressing Environmental Complaints



(3) Education, Information and Training Division (EITD)

This division seeks to provide awareness and capacity building to the general public on the on-going work of the EPA and environmental issues both locally and internationally.

This Division focuses on environmental education programmes. These include :

- Environmental Management Training for Regional Bodies
- Solid Waste Management Training for Regions
- Training in Environmental Impact Assessment for Public and Private Sectors
- Outreach to Youth and Community Groups
- Promoting the formation of Environmental Clubs
- Production and distribution of information through posters and brochures on environmental issues

(4) Natural Resources Management Division (NRMD)

This division is responsible for the monitoring and management of issues related to Guyana's Natural Resources. Wildlife Management and Conservation is their primary focus.

Some of their work include:

- Processing Academic and Commercial Research Applications
- Coordinating Biodiversity Surveys and Bioprospecting.
- Coordinating the implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity
- Coordinating the implementation of the National Biodiversity Action Plan
- Facilitate the support and creation of National Protected Areas System

Cross-Sectorial Programmes

It is important to note that the EPA also plays an important role in the areas of :

Health and the Environment

- Our work in the areas of monitoring and raising awareness of waste management ultimately impacts health issues such as the spread of water-borne diseases.

Climate Change

- This has been the focus of attention both locally and Internationally. EPA's divisions all work in one way or the other to address these issues. E.g. through EIAs, Monitoring of Regulations and Education Awareness activities.



Working with the EPA has it's benefits!

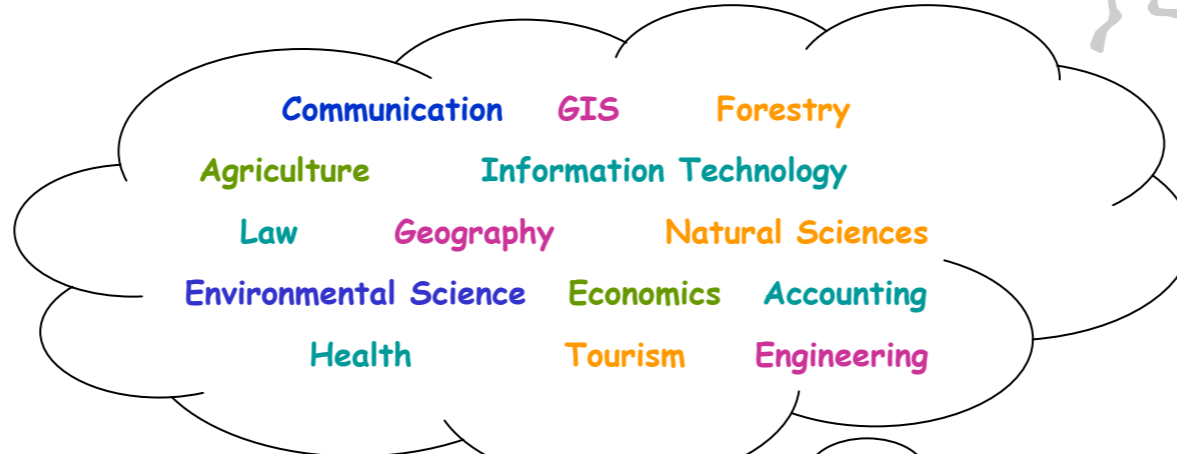
- χ Interacting with individuals from a range of NGOs with which EPA partners with.
- χ The opportunity of traveling to various regions of Guyana.
- χ Build capacity on the job through attendance of seminars, workshops and conventions.
- χ Opportunities for training both locally and



Are u concerned about our Environment ?

....YES ??? Well then consider joining the EPA!

The EPA brings together a team of professionals from a range of inter-disciplinary backgrounds.



Important tips to consider when pursuing your chosen career:

♦ **Education is KEY!**

You are living in a fast moving world. It is important to keep up-to-date on the field of your career and other aspects of the business world. There will always be something to learn that will make you better at your chosen career.

♦ **Listen and Learn!**

The work and experience of others can be of great importance to you. Being aware of the latest happenings in your career area can only better prepare you. Read articles and keep up-to-date with new developments.

♦ **Get Involved!**

Participating in activities in a particular field always looks impressive on your Curriculum Vitae. Be actively involved in a club or group that relates to your career interest. Example: Are you interested in pursuing a career in environmental sciences? Then why not get involved in an Environmental Club or volunteer programme that does work in the environment? In the process you will become affiliated with prospective colleagues!

