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LAND USE & LAND COVER IN SURINAME

COLLECTION 1 (1985-2025)

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Land Cover and Land Use in Suriname 2025

Suriname has an **area** of approximately **16.5 Mha**

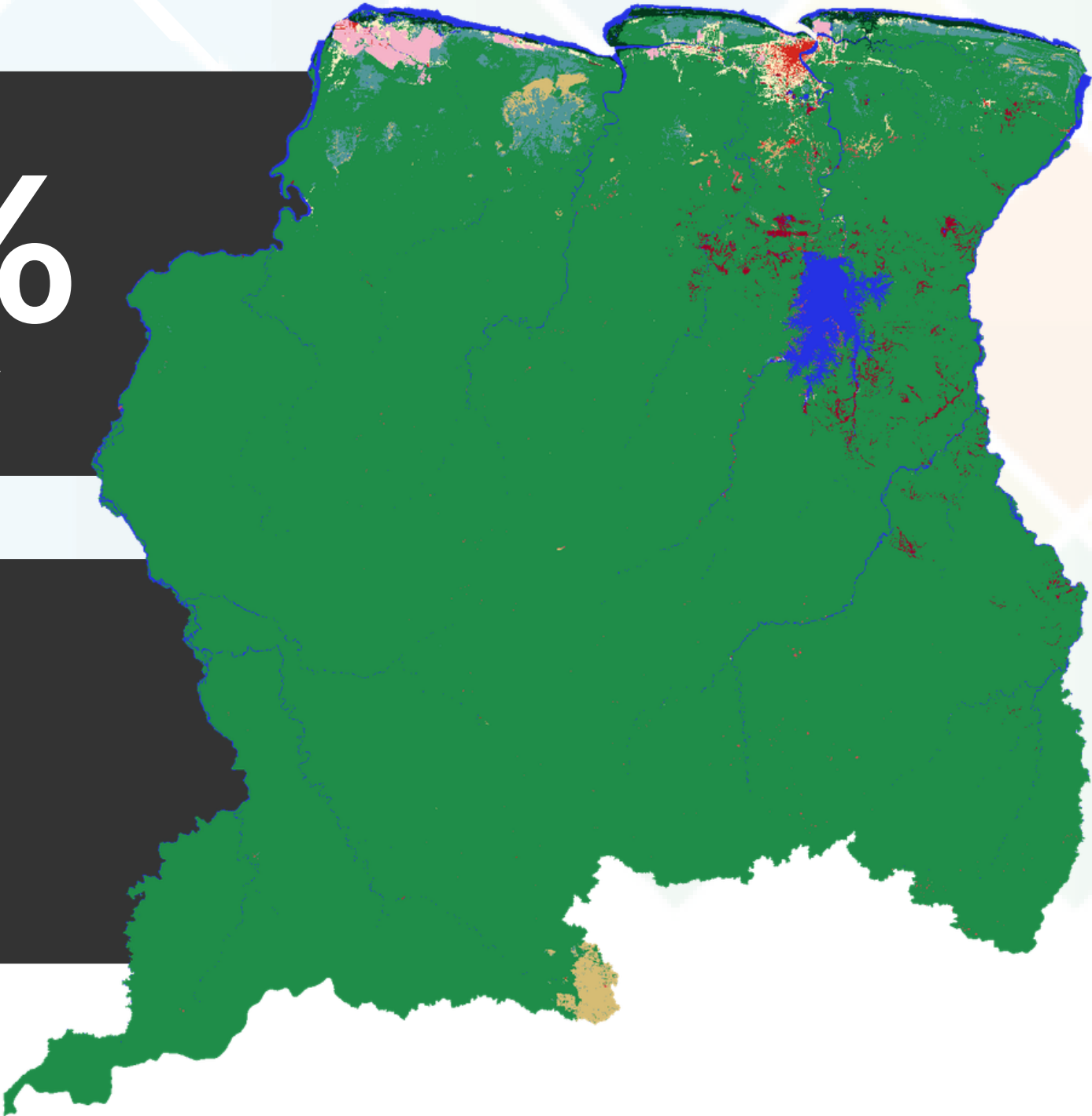
Of which:

95.5 %

Of the country is covered by natural vegetation

2.1 %

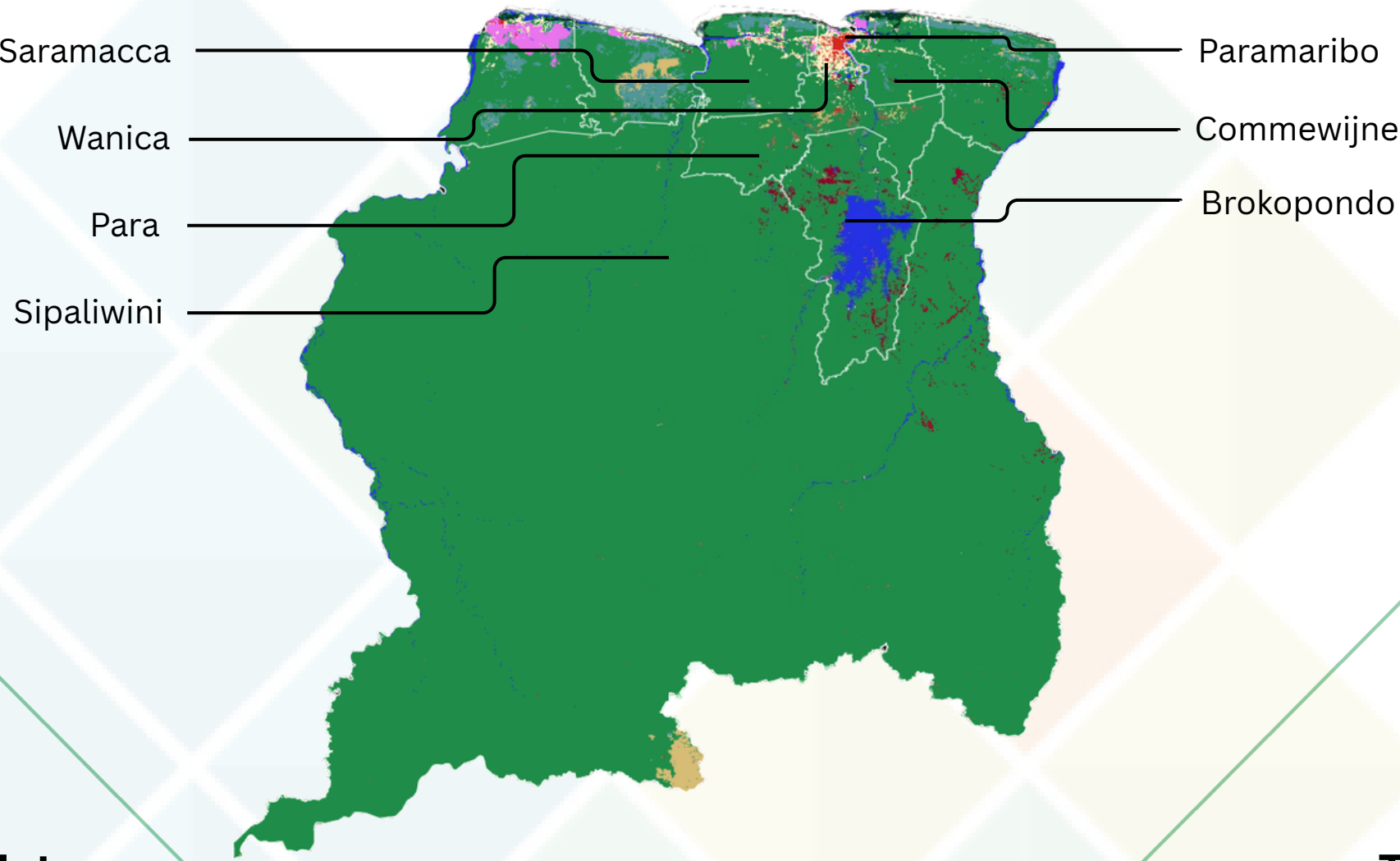
Of the country has anthropogenic uses



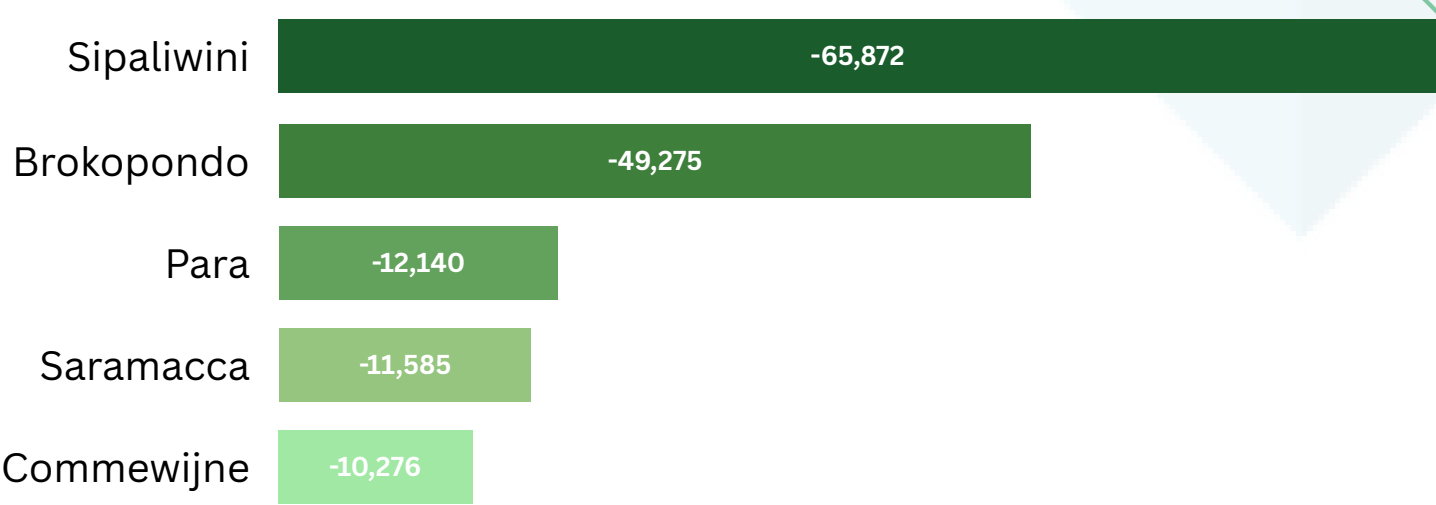
Classes	2025 Area (ha)	%
Forest	15,339,038	93.2%
Forest Formation	15,273,237	92.8%
Mangrove	65,802	0.4%
Water	393,894	2.4%
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Herbaceous and Shrubby Vegetation	381,664	2.3%
Wetland	272,518	1.7%
Grassland	109,146	0.7%
Farming	182,760	1.1%
Mosaic of Uses	107,641	0.7%
Agriculture	75,119	0.5%
Non Vegetated Area	158,711	1.0%
Mining	98,160	0.6%
Other non-vegetated area	31,452	0.2%
Urban Area	29,100	0.2%

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classes

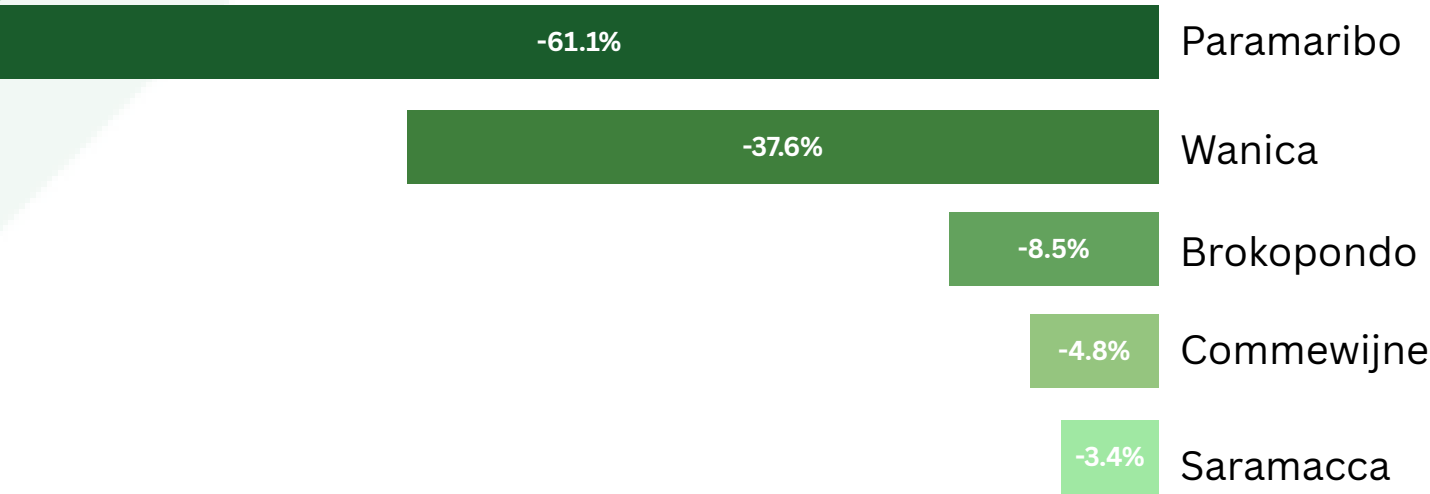
Loss of **natural vegetation** in Suriname (1985 - 2025)



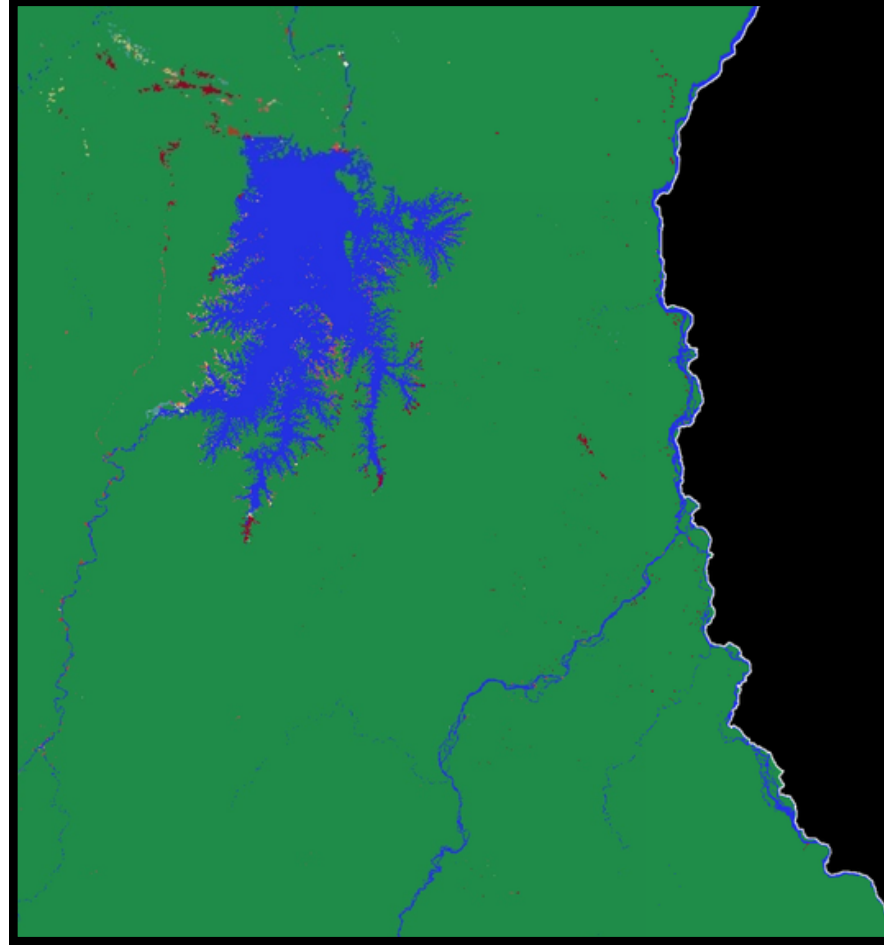
Top 5 Districts with the Highest Net Loss of Native Vegetation (ha)



Top 5 Districts with the Highest Proportional Loss of Native Vegetation (%)

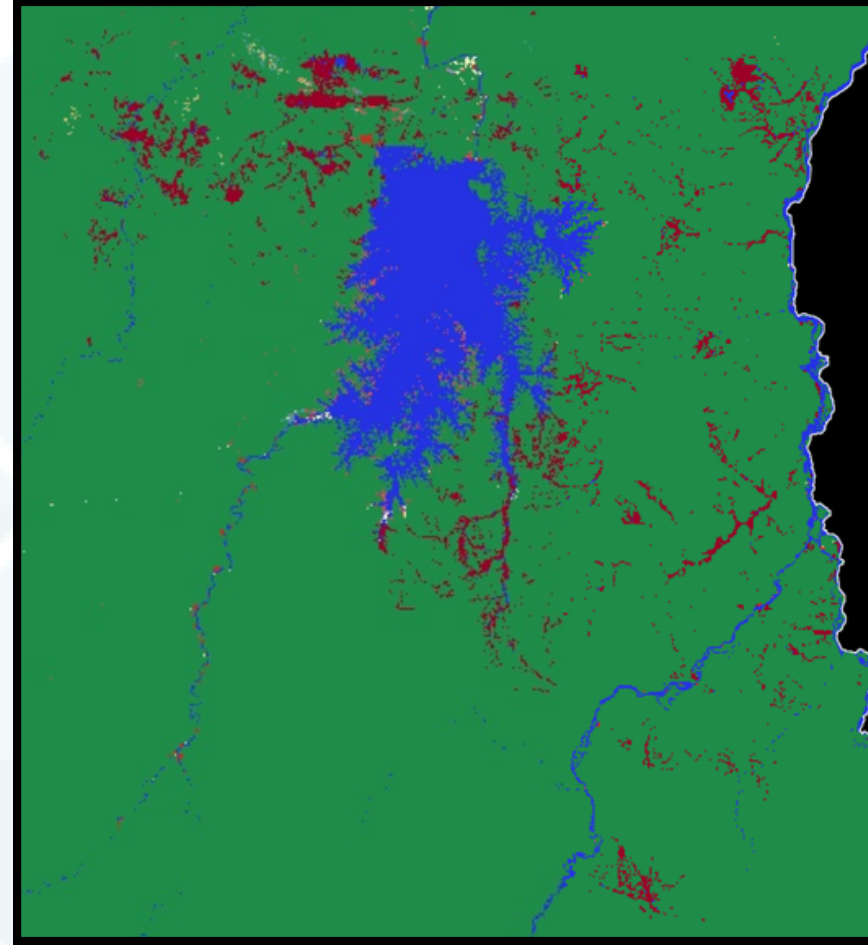


Mining in Suriname (1985-2025)



1985

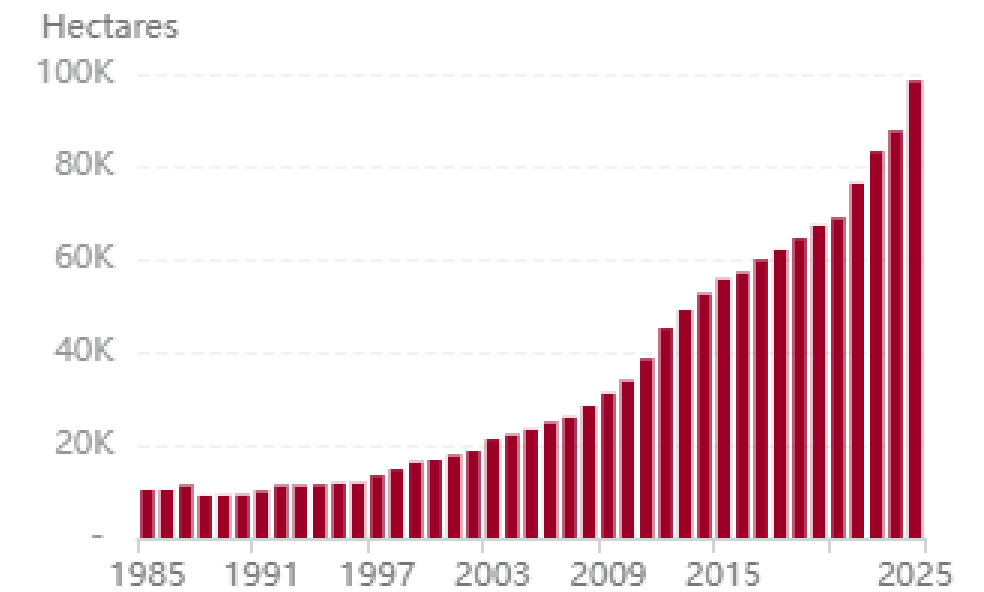
Mining
covered **<0.1%**
(**10.336 ha**)



2025

Mining
covered **0.6%**
(**98.527 ha**)

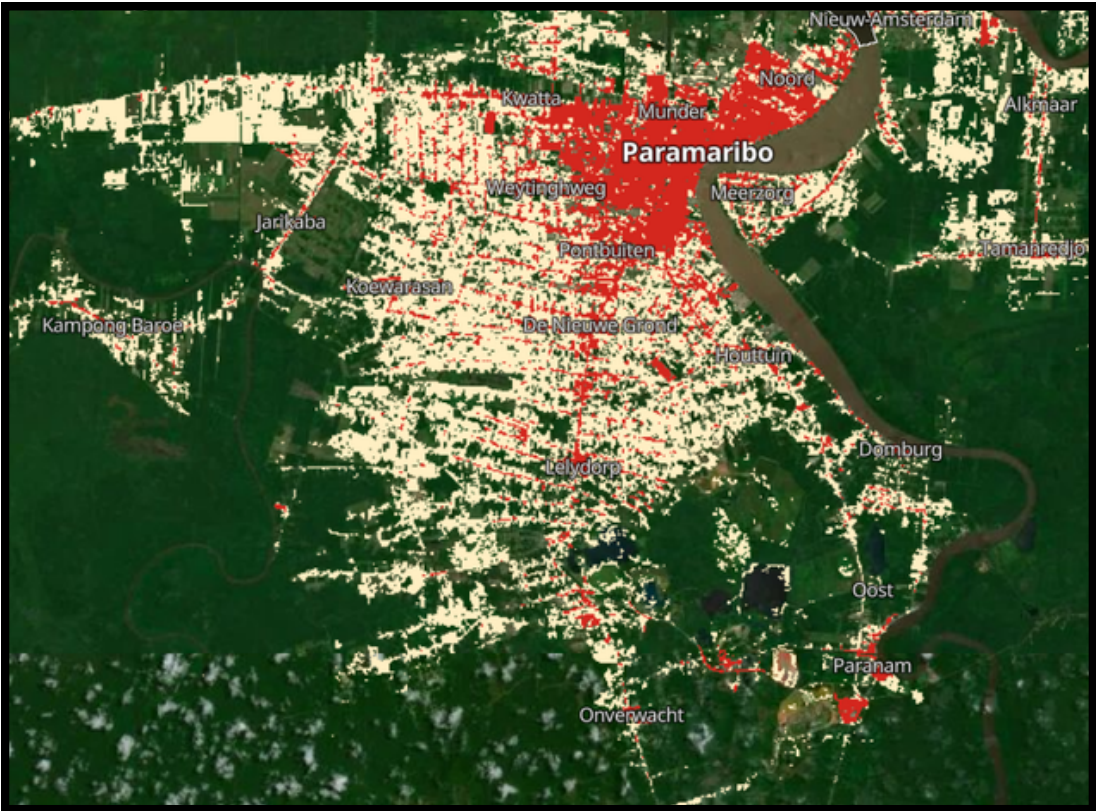
Time series of
Coverage • Coverage by
class • 1985 - 2025



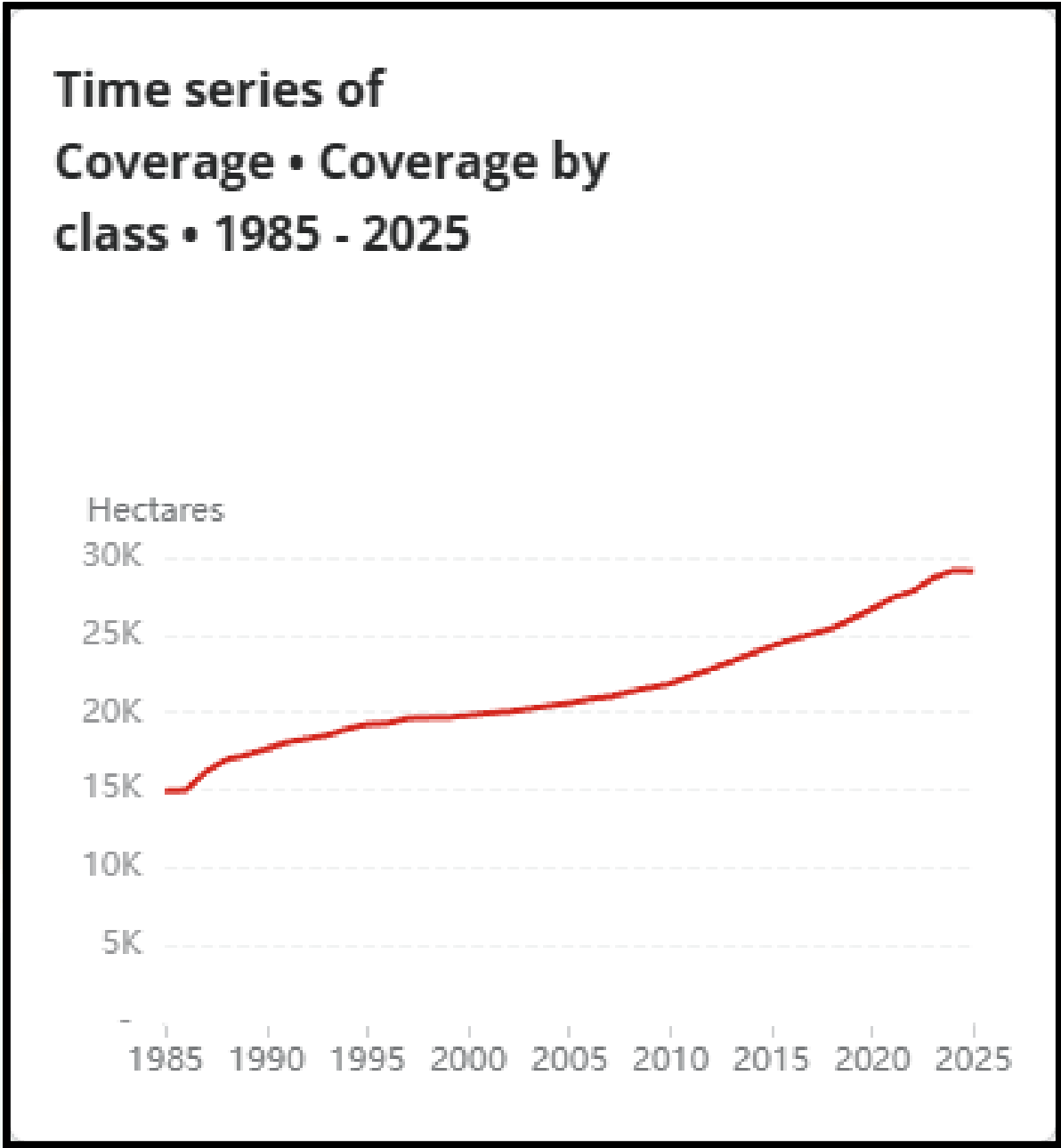
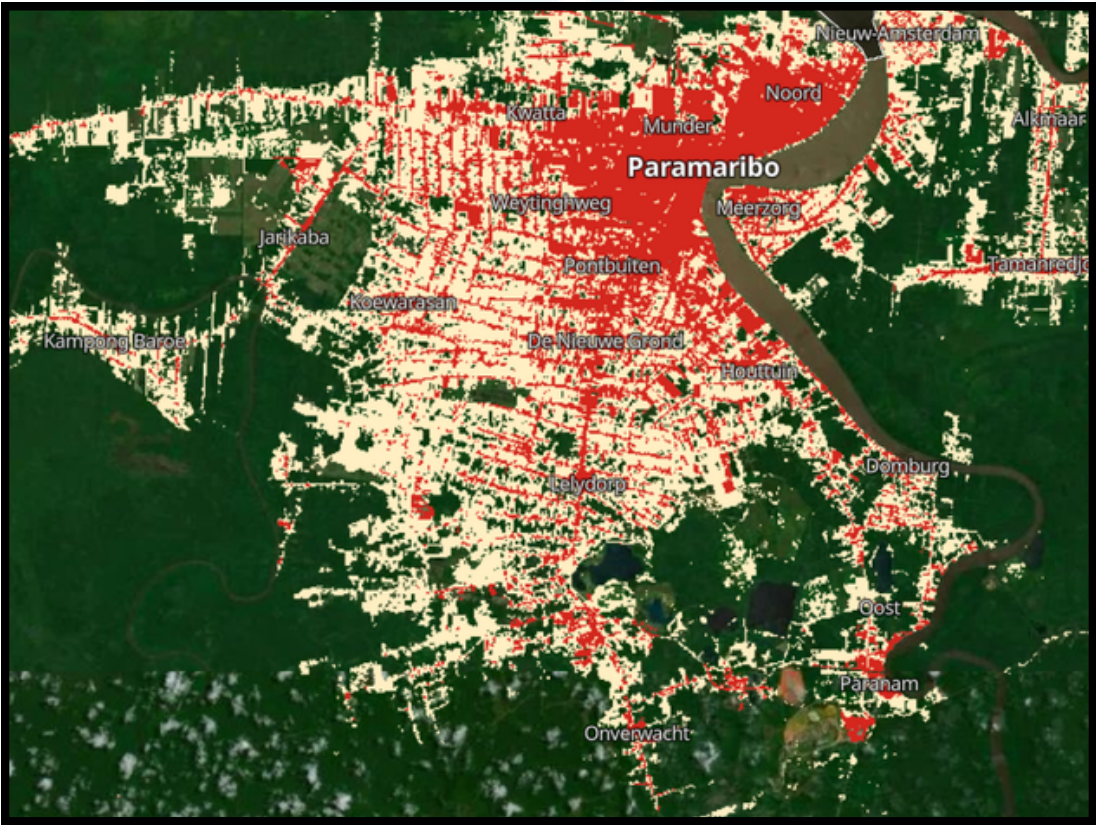
From **1985** to **2025** mining areas
have increased by approximately
88.191 ha (853%).

Urban expansion in Suriname (1985-2025)

1985
Urban areas covered
14,933 ha

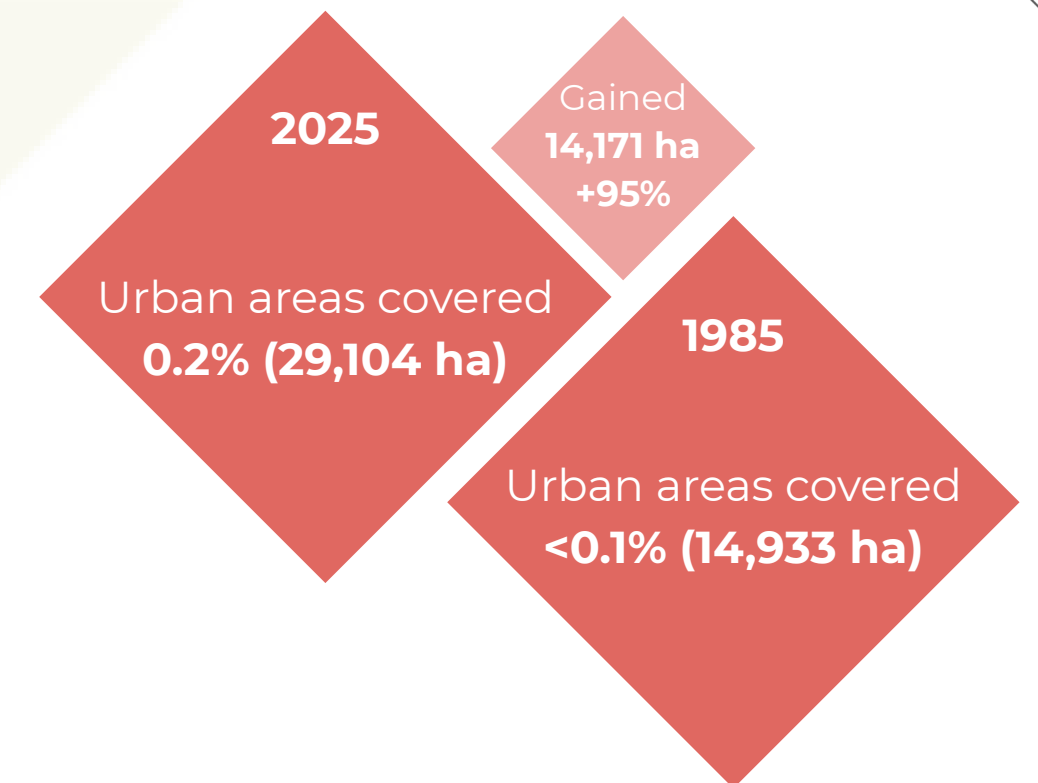
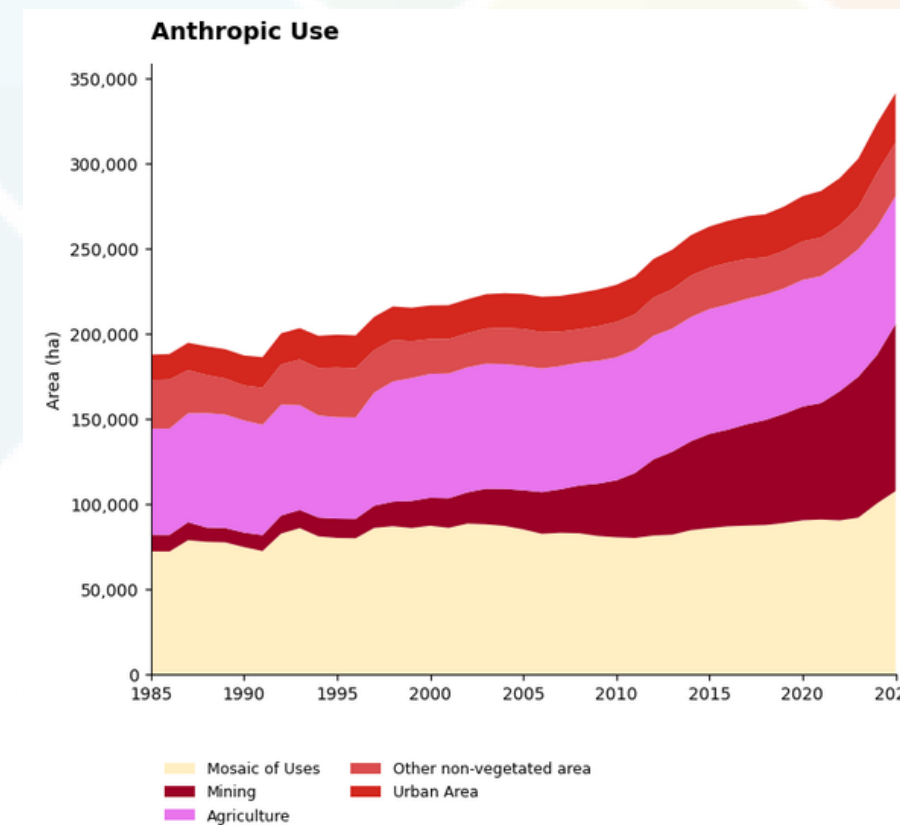
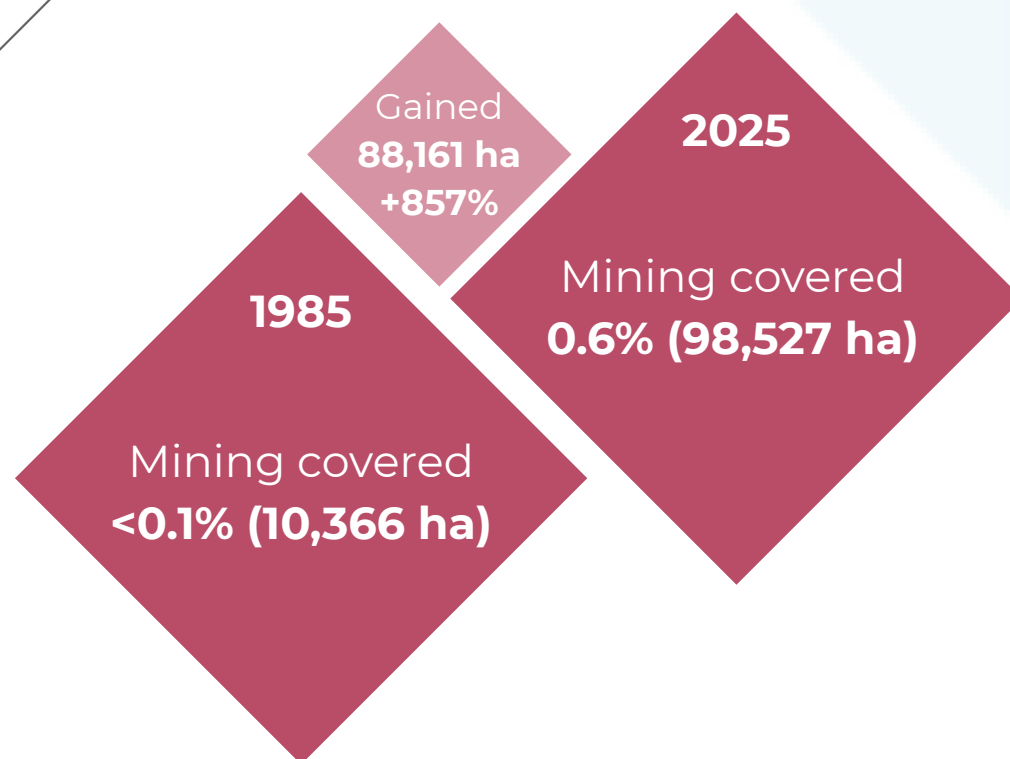
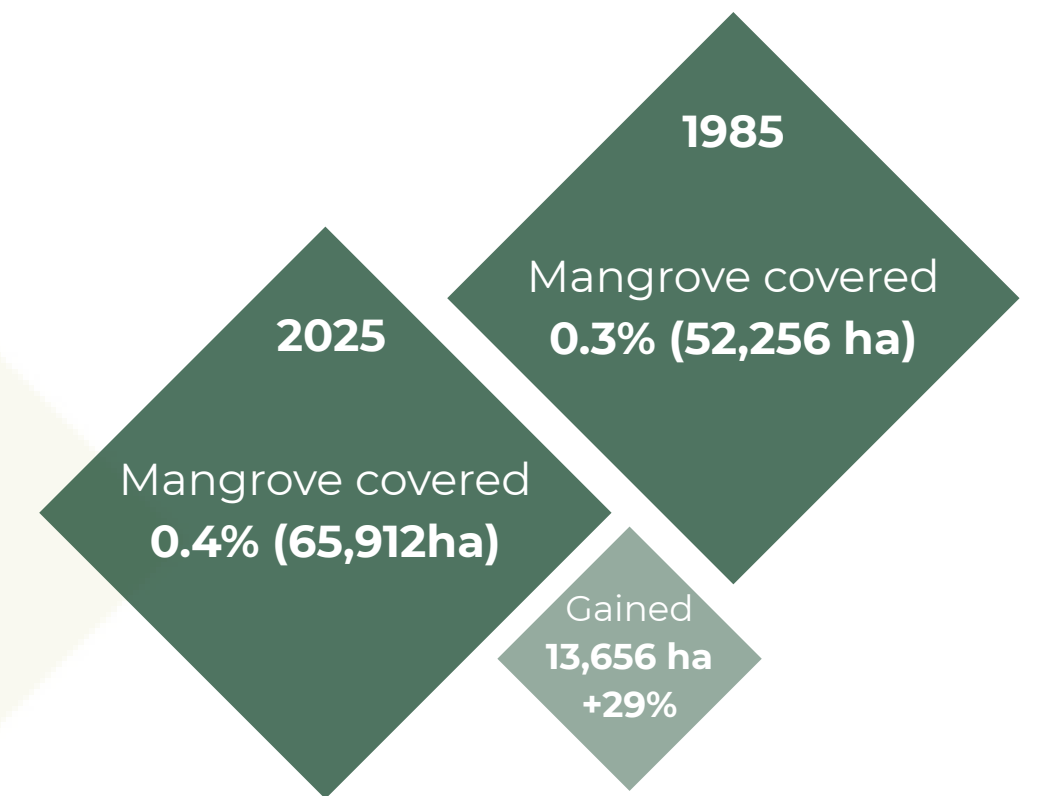
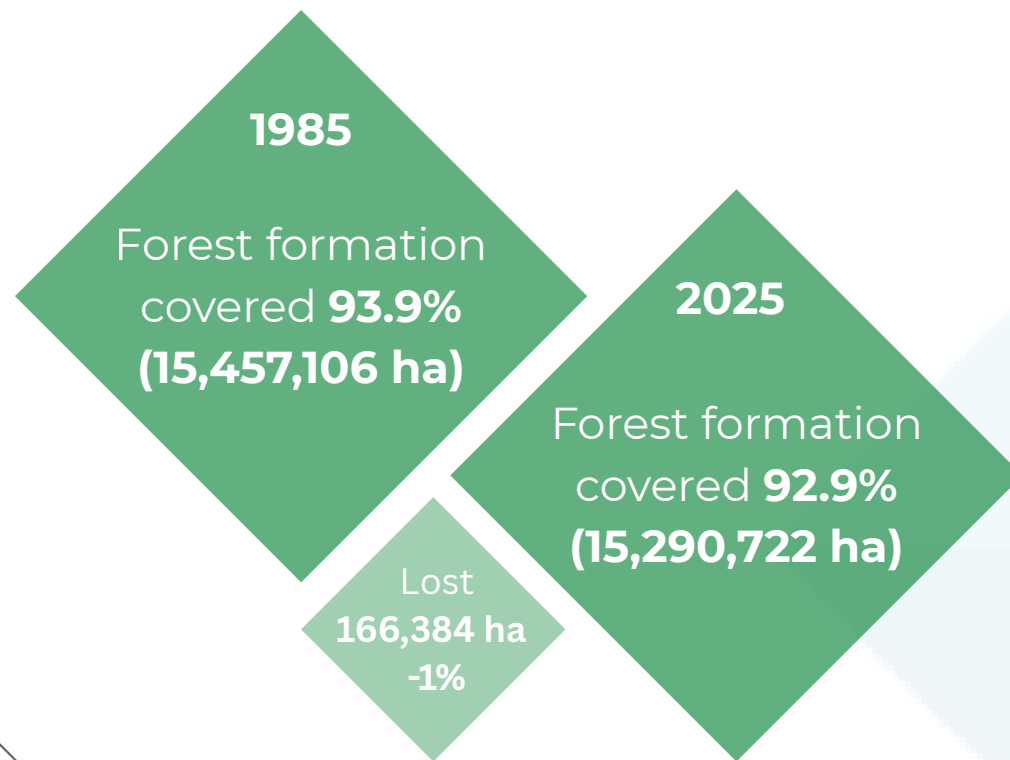
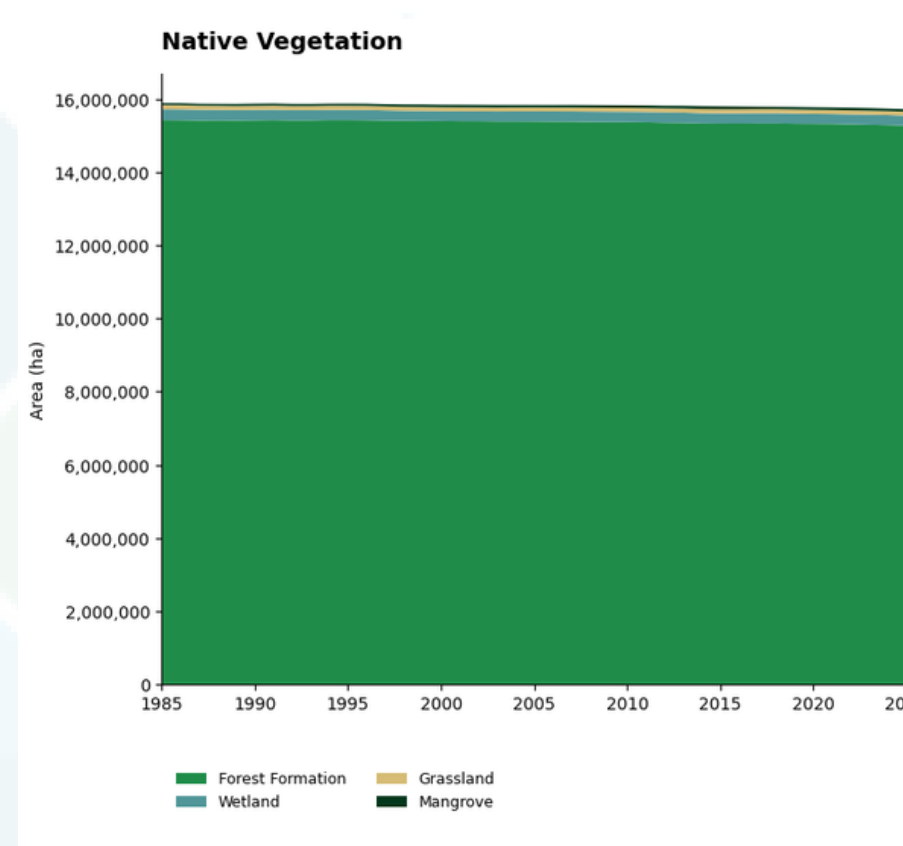


2025
Urban areas covered
29,104 ha



From **1985** to **2025** urban areas **coverage** has increased by approximately **94.9%**

National changes in Suriname (1985 - 2025)



Main Features of the **Methodology**



CITE AS: Mapbiomas Suriname (2026). Collection 1.0 of the annual land cover and land use maps in Suriname between 1985 and 2025. Accessed on 28-07-2025, via the link: <https://suriname.mapbiomas.org>

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