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SURINAME, FRENCH GUIANA AND THE STATE OF AMAPA IN BRAZIL TO LAUNCH THE BIO-PLATEAUX ONLINE PLATFORM

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Suriname, French Guiana and the Brazilian State of Amapa are launching simultaneously the BIO-PLATEAUX web platform (<https://www.bio-plateaux.org/>). In a favourable diplomatic context, the countries reaffirm their commitment to the protection of their common natural heritage.

The online platform allows to share data, documents, knowledge and experiences on water and aquatic biodiversity. It is available in English, French and Portuguese, and has been jointly developed by the three countries in order to:

- give researchers and technical experts access to up-to-date and high quality information on water and aquatic biodiversity
- provide managers and decision-makers with sound documentation
- inform citizens on the state of their water resources, a vital element for their daily life

Together to preserve water resources and biodiversity on the Maroni and Oyapock rivers

The three countries have set the framework of this cooperation during the international high-level Conference held on 26 November 2019. Since then, thematic transboundary workings groups have been meeting regularly to share their data and experiences on their river basins, and directly contributed to the elaboration of the platform and products available.

BIO-PLATEAUX strongly believes in cooperation -between borders, between professions and between generations- in order to foster progressively the creation of a Transboundary Observatory. The platform is a first step forward in such direction. An ambitious work to identify the needs on data production and sharing is on-going, in order to fill gaps and enhance long-term cooperation.

Example of products available (non-exhaustive):

- Daily hydrological bulletin (on water levels and flows of both river basin)
- Dynamic dashboard and maps on water quality, quantity, risks, water & sanitation, etc.
- Legal framework for water and aquatic biodiversity on each country
- Technical partners' identification and contact (water management sheets)
- Documentary/bibliography module, with studies on the three basins
- In mid-2021: raising awareness documents that will have been tested previously with schools' students of both basins.



Background information

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