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SURINAME INVESTMENT & TRADE AGENCY

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INVEST IN SURINAME

Blue economy

BLUE ECONOMY INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY

Suriname combines extensive marine and freshwater resources, export-ready seafood processing capabilities, and expanding maritime infrastructure to support scalable blue economy investments

WHY INVEST IN SURINAME'S BLUE ECONOMY?

Located on the northern coast of South America, Suriname provides investors with a strategic Atlantic platform connecting aquaculture, seafood processing, and maritime logistics activities.

The country combines extensive freshwater and marine resources with an established seafood processing ecosystem, exportready logistics infrastructure, and growing regional demand for seafood products.

Supported by international market access, expanding port infrastructure, and scalable aquaculture conditions, Suriname offers opportunities across seafood processing, aquaculture, and maritime services.



Suriname
Strategic Atlantic gateway connecting South America, the Caribbean, Europe, and North America

Extensive freshwater and marine resources

127,772 km² EEZ
Providing access to extensive Atlantic marine resources

7,820 km² inland lakes and rivers
Exceeding the combined inland water surface area of Caribbean Island nations

1,200 km
of navigable Inland waterways

Established export-ready seafood ecosystem

29 VKI
approved fishery processing plants

99.9 million kg Export Volume
of Fishery Products, 2021-2025

3rd Largest exporter
of fish and shellfish products in the Caribbean

44 international markets served
by Suriname seafood processors between 2021-2025

Scalable aquaculture potential

30,000 hectares
In Northern Commewijne for fish and shrimp cultivation

US$6 billion
In Caribbean food imports annually driving regional demand for seafood products

99% of seafood production
Is wild caught creating opportunities to scale aquaculture production

Integrated maritime logistics infrastructure

Development of coastal and inland port infrastructure
operated and serviced by international maritime leaders

130,000 TEU
Container capacity at DP World Paramaribo, alonsgide terminals run by VSH Transport and other operators

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Major ports developed across Suriname's coastline and inand waterways

RICH MARINE AND FRESHWATER RESOURCES

Suriname combines Atlantic maritime access, significant water resources, and expanding logistics networks to support investment across aquaculture, seafood processing, and maritime services

STRATEGIC ATLANTIC COASTAL POSITION WITH EXTENSIVE MARINE RESOURCES

386 km Coastline

High-quality continental shelf and estuarine system

54,550 km² continental shelf

Wide continental shelf supports shrimp fisheries and demersal fish

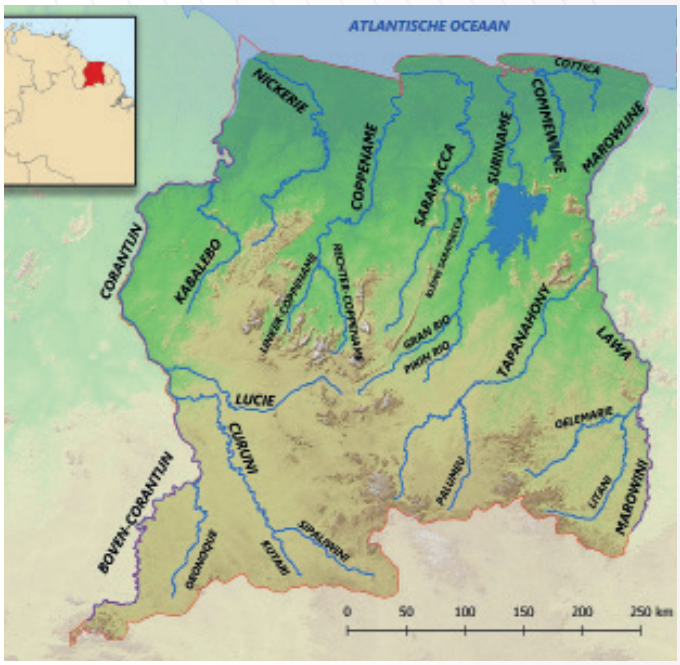
127,772 km² EEZ

Covers the equivalent of 80% of the landmass providing access to marine resources

97,000 hectares

Of mangrove forests Supporting aquaculture, climate resilience and coastal fisheries

SIGNIFICANT FRESHWATER RESOURCES



158,867 m³

Renewable internal freshwater resources per capita, the 3rd highest globally

88 km³

Renewable internal freshwater resources annually

1,500–3,000 mm

Annual rainfall supports abundant freshwater systems and year-round aquaculture conditions

Detailed hydrographic, watershed, and inland water resource mapping is available through Suriname's Water Resources Information System (WRIS)

www.swris.sr

7 major rivers

Supporting inland transport, fisheries activity, and water-based economic development

1,200 km of inland waterways

Allowing vessels with drafts of up to 7m to navigate deep into the interior

7,820 km² of inland lakes and rivers

Supporting freshwater aquaculture and inland water systems

SEAFOOD PROCESSING ECOSYSTEM AND REGIONAL DEMAND DYNAMICS

An established seafood processing ecosystem supported by internationally certified facilities, integrated logistics infrastructure, and access to global seafood markets

SURINAME ALREADY OPERATES AN INTERNATIONALLY CONNECTED SEAFOOD PROCESSING NETWORK

29 VKI approved fishery processing plants

25 VKI approved fishery processors for the EU

18 VKI approved fishery processors for China

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STRONG DEMAND AND ACCESS TO PREMIUM MARKETS

VKI (Fish Inspection Institute Foundation) approved producers
serve buyers across Europe, North America, Asia, and the Caribbean

EPA market access provides duty-free and quota-free access
to the EU under the CARIFORUM-EU EPA

FDA-aligned seafood processing supports exports to US seafood market

34 million visitors and 33 million cruise passenger visits
Proximity to Caribbean hospitality and cruise markets which exceeded 34 million visitors and 33 million cruise passenger visits in 2024

CEVIHAS provides integrated harbor, cold-chain, logistics, and vessel support services for regional and international fleets
The harbor accommodates 50 vessels, with planned dredging increasing capacity to 90, while onsite ice factories provide 80 tons of daily production capacity.

MAJOR SEAFOOD PROCESSING FACILITIES IN SURINAME

Flexible processing capabilities

- Fresh seafood
- Frozen seafood
- Smoked and valueadded
- products Whole, fillets, portions and custom cuts
- Shrimp processing and peeling
- Fishmeal production

Key Players

SUVVEB nv
Marisa Fisheries
Heiploeg SURINAME
Caribbean Sea Foods N.V.
SAIL
Bera Fisheries n.v.
Deep Sea Atlantic
Omicron Seafood
S.S.C. Suriname Sea Catch N.V.

FRESHWATER AND COASTAL AQUACULTURE OPPORTUNITIES

Abundant freshwater resources, suitable growing conditions, and regional seafood demand create the right environment for scalable aquaculture investment in Suriname

KEY DRIVERS OF AQUACULTURE INVESTMENT IN SURINAME

Favorable natural conditions

Extensive freshwater resources, tropical growing conditions, and estuarine systems support inland and coastal aquaculture production

7,820 km² of inland lakes and rivers exceeding the combined inland water surface area of Caribbean island nations, supporting scalable freshwater aquaculture systems

Suitable tropical conditions for the farming of high-value species including, **shrimp, tilapia, tambaqui, and armored catfish**

At least **30,000 hectares** in the Northern Commewijne area are suitable for cultivation of fish and shrimp according to independent studies

Growing regional demand

Caribbean food imports and rising seafood consumption create strong market opportunities for aquaculture and seafood supply chains

CARICOM countries **import more than US$6 billion in food annually**, supporting opportunities for regional aquaculture supply

As part of CARICOM's initiative to **reduce regional food imports by 25% by 2030**, CRFM is prioritizing aquaculture expansion, creating opportunities for Suriname to scale seafood production

Suriname's **fish consumption per capita is 16.67 kg**, the 3rd highest in South America and double the regional average

Existing seafood ecosystem

Existing seafood processing, cold-chain logistics, and internationally certified facilities

Existing aquaculture production of tilapia, shrimp and tambaqui from companies such as Bera Fisheries, Omicron and Amazon Aquaculture Enterprise

99% of seafood production remains wild-caught, highlighting opportunities to **scale aquaculture production** from just 45 metric tons to meet growing regional demand

Access to downstream processors of key fish species provides a strong foundation to scale production efficiently

KEY AQUACULTURE SPECIES

Pacific White-shrimp

Litopenaeus vannamei

Coastal and estuarine pond systems

Integrated with existing shrimp processing infrastructure

Tilapia

Oreochromis niloticus

Existing commercial production

Currently 30 containers per month in unmet tilapia demand

Tambaqui

Colossoma macropomum

Commercial tambaqui cultivation and breeding

Excellent for tropical freshwater systems

Gourami

Osphronemus goramy

Current freshwater aquaculture production

Suitable for pond-based farming

Armoured catfishes

Pterygoplichthys spp.

Native species with local and regional market demand

Suitable for tropical inland systems

MARINE SERVICES AND INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT POTENTIAL

Suriname's Atlantic location, inland waterways, and expanding port infrastructure support investment opportunities across maritime logistics and regional trade connectivity

An extensive network of maritime and inland waterway infrastructure

Existing maritime infrastructure, inland river connectivity, and expanding deepwater port development support investment opportunities across logistics, offshore services, and regional trade

DP World Paramaribo

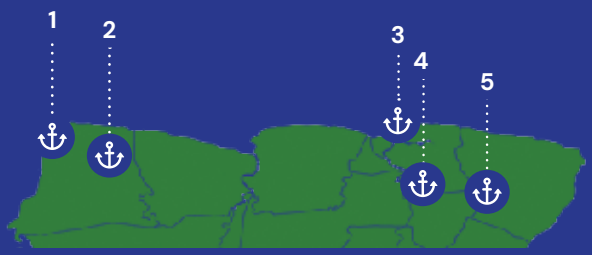
130,000 TEU container handling capacity and 8,000 TEU reefer infrastructure supporting regional maritime trade and seafood exports

CEVIHAS Fisheries complex

The sole officially designated landing and mooring point for all international fishing vessels in Suriname

Port of Moengo

ISPS and ISO certified riverport facility with 21 hectare logistics compound supporting mining, offshore, and industrial cargo.



1. Port of Nieuw Nickerie
2. Port of Wageningen
3. Jules Sedney Harbour
4. Port of Paranam
5. Port of Moengo

Port operators and infrastructure

DP WORLD · HAVENBEHEER SURINAME · TRAYMORE N.V. MOENGO PORT · CEVIHAS NV · VSH UNITED

International shipping service providers

msc · MAERSK · KING OCEAN SERVICES · CMA CGM · Hapag-Lloyd · SEABOARD MARINE

Key sectors served

Seafood and food processing
- Seafood processing and exports
- Agriculture and food exports

Industrial and resource sectors
- Mining and industrial production
- Forestry and timber
- Construction and infrastructure

Offshore and energy industries
- Oil and gas support services and marine engineering

Key marine services

Port and cargo logistics
- Container handling
- Warehousing and cargo consolidation

Specialised maritime logistics
- Reefer and cold-chain logistics
- Industrial and project cargo handling

Inland connectivity
- Inland river navigation
- Riverport logistics

INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Suriname combines abundant marine and freshwater resources with internationally certified seafood processing, expanding maritime infrastructure and strategic Atlantic access, creating investment opportunities across the blue economy value chain

VALUE-ADDED SEAFOOD PROCESSING OPPORTUNITIES



Seafood processing and value–added manufacturing

Expand freezing, portioning, packaging, and private-label seafood manufacturing leveraging Suriname's internationally certified processing ecosystem



Cold-chain logistics and regional distribution

Expand seafood distribution, and temperature-controlled logistics services leveraging established maritime infrastructure and regional trade networks



Hospitality, cruise and premium seafood supply

Expand premium seafood distribution and foodservice supply operations leveraging growing Caribbean hospitality demand and existing regional seafood logistics networks

FRESHWATER AND COASTAL AQUACULTURE OPPORTUNITIES



Inland and coastal aquaculture production

Develop scalable inland fish farming operations leveraging abundant freshwater resources and suitable growing conditions



Integrated aquaculture processing

Leveraging existing processing, coldchain, and packaging systems to produce value-added aquaculture products for local and regional markets



Fishmeal and marine byproducts

Develop fishmeal, marine feed, and seafood by-product processing supporting aquaculture production and regional animal feed markets

MARINE SERVICES AND INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES



Port and logistics infrastructure expansion

Expand container handling, warehousing, industrial cargo, and maritime logistics infrastructure leveraging Suriname's Atlantic trade position and existing port ecosystem



Inland waterways and maritime trade connectivity

Modernise riverport infrastructure, inland cargo movement, and multimodal logistics systems connecting interior production zones with coastal export gateways



Offshore and project cargo logistics

Develop offshore support services, heavy cargo handling, marine supply bases, and project logistics infrastructure supporting growth in the offshore energy sector

How can we help you?

SITA is dedicated to providing free, structured support services for international investors looking to establish operations in Suriname's target industries

Why work with SITA?

1. **One stop entry point for foreign investors:**
   SITA acts as the national trade and investment promotion agency and serves to help investors navigate bureaucratic, regulatory and administrative procedures required to establish in Suriname

2. **Tailored investor facilitation support:**
   SITA helps investors identify business opportunities, understand regulatory frameworks, and connect with relevant government ministries and local partners

3. **Incentive access and support:**
   Suriname offers several incentives for foreign investors and offers dedicated support to navigate the application process

4. **Sector expertise:**
   Dedicated sector expertise across priority sectors offering information and facilitation tailored to direct sector opportunities

5. **Aftercare and partnership development:**
   SITA supports expansion, organises investment promotion events, and liaise with international firms, helping build partnerships on the investment and supply-chain side

Ready to invest in Suriname? Get in touch!

Contact SITA to discuss your investment project needs

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