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- Under the Wildlife Conservation and Management Act (2016), wildlife may include animals, fish and even plants.
- Protected species in Guyana are classified in the following categories: Critically Endangered, Endangered and Vulnerable according to their population status and other factors. These species are protected and must never be trapped, hunted or killed.
- The list of protected species includes many different kinds of wildlife. Contact the Guyana Wildlife Conservation and Management Commission (GWCMC) for more information.
- For non-protected species, the GWCMC specifies **closed seasons**. These seasons are determined by careful consideration of the breeding habits of the animals, hunting practices by indigenous peoples and consultations with stakeholders.
- During these **closed seasons**, these species are not allowed to be hunted, traded or sold. Failure to respect these seasons can result in up to 3 years imprisonment and/or fines of up to GYD 2 000 000.
- No person shall release exotic wildlife species into the environment of Guyana without the written permission of the GWCMC.
- No exotic wildlife shall be bred or kept for commercial purposes without written permission of the GWCMC.

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