

Student Testimonial – My field study in Suriname



It was an honour to conduct my field study in the beautiful country of Suriname, comprising so much untouched nature, which personally meant a lot to me. Thinking about sustainability issues nowadays, it is of high value to experience a country where more than 80% of its landscape is still covered by forest. Concerning my field study, I worked

together with the Green Heritage Fund Suriname which tries to save this nature and its inhabitants. They work on topics, such as wild life protection, biodiversity loss and the promotion of a sustainable use of our natural resources to counteract sustainability issues. It was a pleasure to see the different fields GHFS is working on and their integration enabled me to gain insights into their work concerning different challenges that need to be faced in Suriname. I learned that issues need to be faced when working on sustainability topics, that emerge specifically from local economical, cultural and governmental circumstances. Additionally, I learned a lot about myself and how to deal with different lifestyles, standards and values. That is why I would recommend everyone to conduct a field study in a developing country, focussing on the country's challenges and opportunities. Through engaging in important reflection processes, you will learn a lot for yourself and the world.

