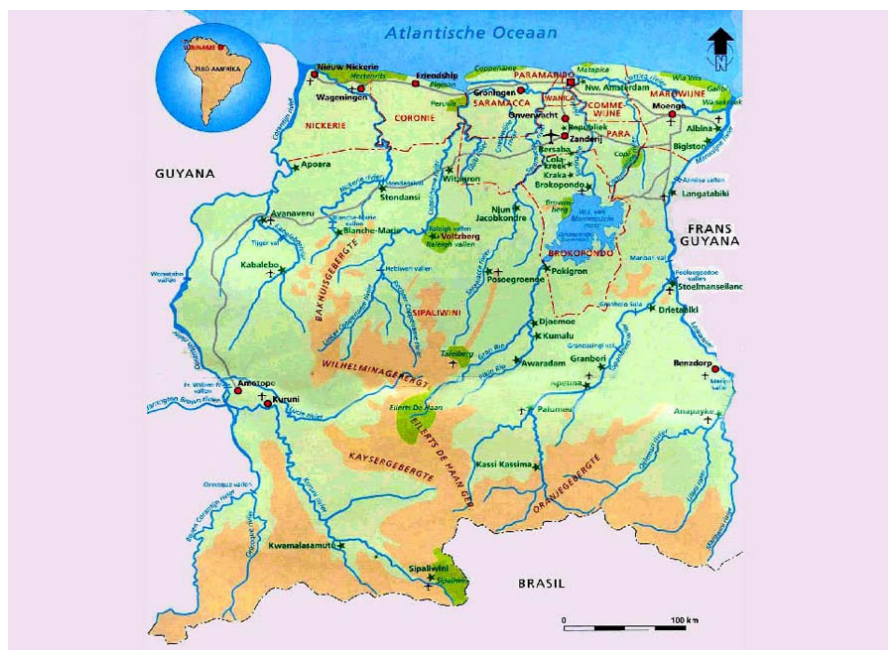


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Manioc shoots in a newly cleared and planted garden

‘5. [t]he State shall delimit, demarcate, and grant collective title over the territory of the members of the Saramaka people, in accordance with their customary laws, and through previous, effective[,] and fully informed consultations with the Saramaka people, without prejudice to other tribal and indigenous communities.’

(Saramaka People v. Suriname. Preliminary Objections, Merits, Reparations and Costs. Judgment of 28 November 2007. Series C No. 172, at para. 194-96)



The iconic image of Desi Bouterse, now democratically elected President of Suriname, from the 1980s when he first came to power through a *coup d'état*



Village leaders receive the Minister of the Social Affairs and his entourage in Tëpu, Sipaliwini district



Swidden gardens and secondary forest near Kwamalasumutu, Sipaliwini

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