

# What is HCVF?



Every forest has some environmental and social values. The values it contains may include rare species, water or resources used by local people. Where these High Conservation Values (HCV's) are of outstanding significance or importance the forest can be defined as a High Conservation Value Forest (HCVF).

For the forests in Tibiti, in the district of Para, Soekhoe and Sons Ltd identifies the following HCV's:

| Generic HCV                         | Description  |
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| 1.1 - Protected Areas               | Special protected forest   |
|                                     | Biodiversity reserve   |
| 1.2 - Endangered Species            | Presence of endangered species (e.g. jaguar)                       |
| 1.3 - Endemic Species               | Presence of endemics   |
| 4.1 - Forests critical to water     | Catchment drainage   |
| 5.0 - Forests providing basic needs | Non-Timber-Forest-Products (NTFP's) such as fruits, medicines etc. |

**It is important that these HCV's are respected:**

- practising Reduced Impact Logging (RIL)
- no hunting or trapping of endangered species
- preserving biodiversity areas
- protecting NTFPs

