Conservation International – Guyana is working with several partners on a Responsible Mining Initiative (RMI). The RMI includes the planetGOLD Guyana project and Addressing Drivers of Deforestation project, which together seek to increase gold recovery, decrease the permanent loss of forest and identify options to reduce and ultimately eliminate mercury use.

The planetGOLD Guyana project will support practical demonstrations of mercury-free gold mining, and recommend ways to make reduced impact technologies and linked financing more accessible to small and medium scale miners who are looking for realistic alternatives to mercury use.

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Safeguards
and their role in
The Responsible Mining Initiative
Safeguards

The planetGOLD Guyana project brings together different people with many views and interests, to agree on how best to reduce mercury use in mining. Safeguards are actions put in place to ensure activities result in minimal or no negative effects on people and the environment. We introduce to you the four safeguards that will guide the project in delivering benefits to the intended persons.

Stakeholder Engagement
This safeguard helps to identify who should be part of the project, and how best to involve them. With a variety of people and groups in gold mining, the project will work to make sure that the right people are involved in shaping and delivering activities to be implemented throughout the different components of the project.

Grievance Mechanism
Sometimes, no matter how well a project is planned, it can still have negative impacts. This safeguard sets out a simple 4-step process that allows persons to submit their concerns about the project and get a timely response. If you have a concern about the project, you can contact us via the information stated in our ‘Contact Us’ section.

Indigenous People
Indigenous people are a unique group of rights holders, often living in and around mining areas. This safeguard looks at how the project might impact these villages, and which villages may be affected. Through Free, Prior, Informed, Consent (FPIC) we will work with these villages to reduce risks and increase benefits under the project.

Gender Mainstreaming
The project respects the different needs, risks and roles that persons of all genders play in gold production. We have been working with people across the mining sector to understand how gender affects their participation. This safeguard seeks to reduce bad impacts and ensure that persons of all genders have equal access to the project and its benefits.