



CHARLIZE GOES TO THE FOREST

(INCLUDING CD WITH ENGLISH AND DUTCH NARRATION)

Introduction to the package

"*Charlize Goes to the Forest*" is a children's book with accompanying CD. The book and CD were developed by Suriname Environmental Advisory Services NV for the Foundation Green Heritage Fund Suriname that works together with the *Stichting Dierenbescherming Suriname* (Animal Protection Society of Suriname) and the *Stichting Projecten Protestants Christelijk Onderwijs Suriname* (Foundation Projects Protestant Christian Education Suriname).

The book

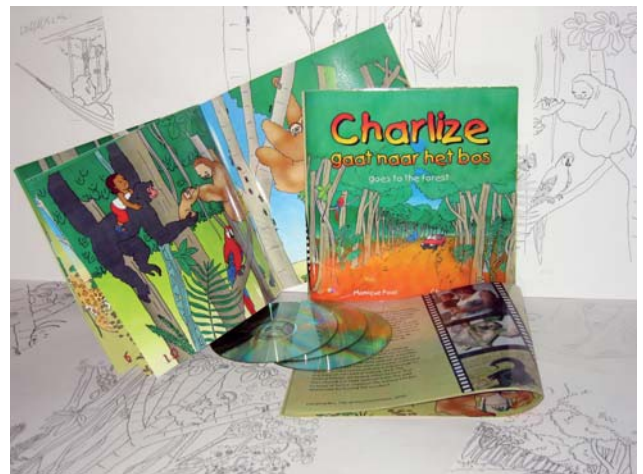
"*Charlize Goes to the Forest*" tells the story of a little girl who goes to the forest for a weekend with her parents. In the forest, while her parents are sleeping, she goes for an adventure with a spider monkey. In the adventure she meets a baby sloth, Loesje, who is the central figure of the book and the focal point for the project this book initiates.



[Picture of the baby Loesje]

The book consists of twelve colourful pictures with no text. The absence of text gives children the opportunity to provide their own content to the story. The images are intended to stimulate them to join in the adventure and thereby experience it for themselves. One of the pages gives the names (in Dutch, Sranan, English and Latin) of all important elements depicted in the plates. Another page gives instructions on how to use the book.

The book is printed on an environmentally-friendly (100% recyclable) paper made of polymers and therefore almost indestructible. It can become wet and wiped without any harm to the book. No tree was cut to produce it and the ink is non-poisonous. It is in every sense both an environmentally- and child-friendly book.



The CD

The CD contains Dutch and English narrations of the story of "*Charlize Goes to the Forest*", which was written by Helen Kamperveen based on the pictures contained in the book. Helen Kamperveen narrates the story in Dutch and Sean Taylor in English. The narrations are set against a background of typical rainforest sounds such as those of the piyapiya and the macaw. The sounds are intended to carry the listener to the rainforest of Suriname and create a sensory experience in the living environment of the child. The CD also lists the website that was developed for this project - www.slotweb.net.

Purpose of the package

The purpose of the book and accompanying CD is in general terms to help educate Surinamese and other children about the natural environment in Suriname, particularly the animals, and bring them into contact with nature from a young age. By identifying with Loesje it is hoped that there will be particular awareness among children about sloths and their disappearing habitat. It is also hoped that in the process parents will be inspired to renew or develop

further their contact with nature and support the causes of the Animal Protection Society in Suriname and sloth protection in particular.

The package is seen as a particularly innovative educational tool since it stimulates an interaction between the child and the educator and can be considered to have a long pedagogic life. It can readily fit into an early childhood development strategy where the very young child just explores the plates and looks at the animals, creating its own story with the help of the educator. Older children can also listen to the CD while turning the pages.

Producers of the package

The package was produced by Suriname Environmental Advisory Services N.V. for the Foundation *Green Heritage Fund Suriname*. The *Green Heritage Fund Suriname* is a trust fund that was set up in Suriname in October 2005 to fund activities that

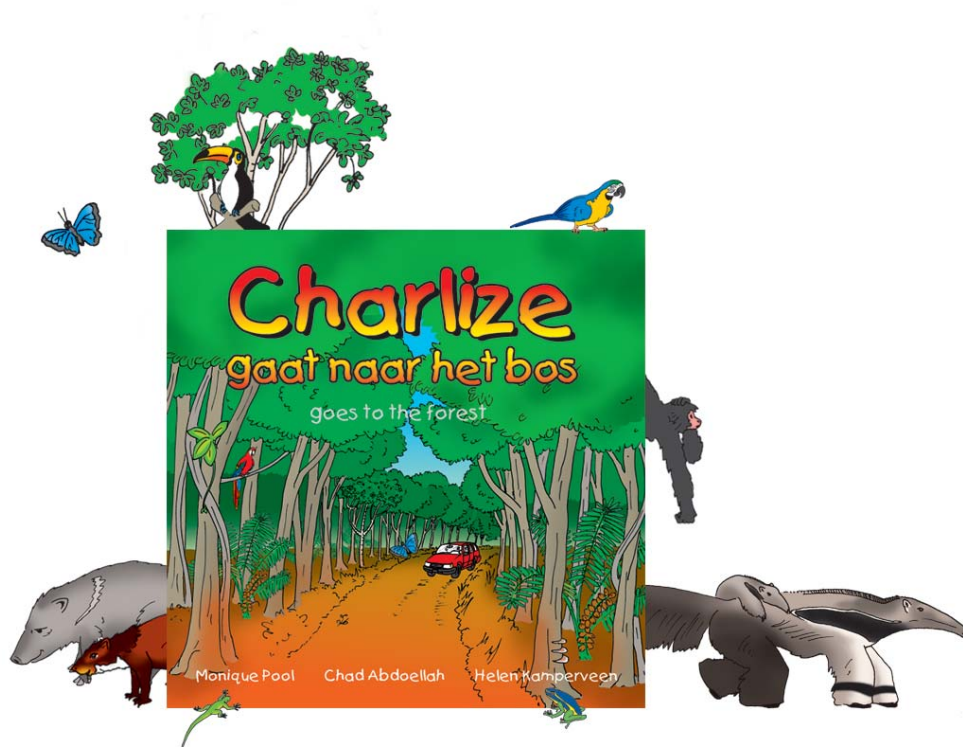
help promote the green image and cultural heritage of Suriname. The Fund's vision is to create a society of people who consciously work for continued improvement of their environment, and promote a greener, cleaner and healthier Suriname.

Who are the beneficiaries

The principle beneficiaries of the package are intended to be the children of Suriname. In addition, pecuniary and other benefits will accrue to the following three foundations;

1. **Stg Green Heritage Fund Suriname**
2. **Stg Dierenbescherming Suriname**
3. **Stg Projecten Protestants Christelijk Onderwijs**

All donated books will be handed over to Stichting Projecten Protestants Christelijk Onderwijs Suriname for further distribution to school in Suriname.



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