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Annotated List of Wetlands of International Importance

Suriname

1 Ramsar Site(s) covering 12,000 ha

Coppenamemonding Nature Reserve

Site number: 304 | Country: Suriname | Administrative region: Saramacca

Area: 12,000 ha | Coordinates: 05°56'N 55°43'W | Designation dates: 22-07-1985

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Coppenamemonding. 22/07/85; Saramacca; 12,000 ha; 05°56'N 055°43'W. Western Hemisphere Shorebird Reserve; Nature Reserve. A wetland complex on a young coastal plain of sand and shell ridges alternating with swamps, dominated by mudflats with mangrove forests on high ground. Inland, saline and brackish lagoons have developed supporting halophytic (salt tolerant) vegetation. An internationally important area for breeding birds, up to 3,000 pairs of herons, egrets and passage and wintering waterbirds. Impressive numbers of *Eudocimus ruber* and *Calidris pusilla* gather at the site. There is limited ecotourism in the reserve and low-level subsistence use by fishermen. Ramsar site no. 304.