The Surroundings of Zanderij, the Best-studied Area for the Dragonflies of Suriname

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Getting to the exposed coastal sand areas in the forest interior of Suriname is a major challenge. But the best-studied part of Suriname for dragonflies is an area where most access roads are possible. A few months ago, I had the chance to explore this unique part of the dragonfly world. My goal was to discover new species and add to the knowledge of this fascinating group of insects.

The area around Zanderij

A preliminary report published by Wanner and Heus (2010) already reported several new species of the families Megapodagrionidae and Zygoptera. In 2010, I had the opportunity to visit this area, which is located between the villages of Zanderij and Paramaribo in the coastal region of Suriname. The area has been extensively studied in the past, and several new species have been described from this region.

In June 2010, I revisited the area to continue my research on the dragonflies of Suriname. During my stay, I collected several new species and added to the knowledge of this fascinating group of insects.

Conclusion

The area around Zanderij has a high number of species, and further research is needed to determine the exact number of species found in this region. The area is a great destination for dragonfly enthusiasts and those interested in the natural history of Suriname.