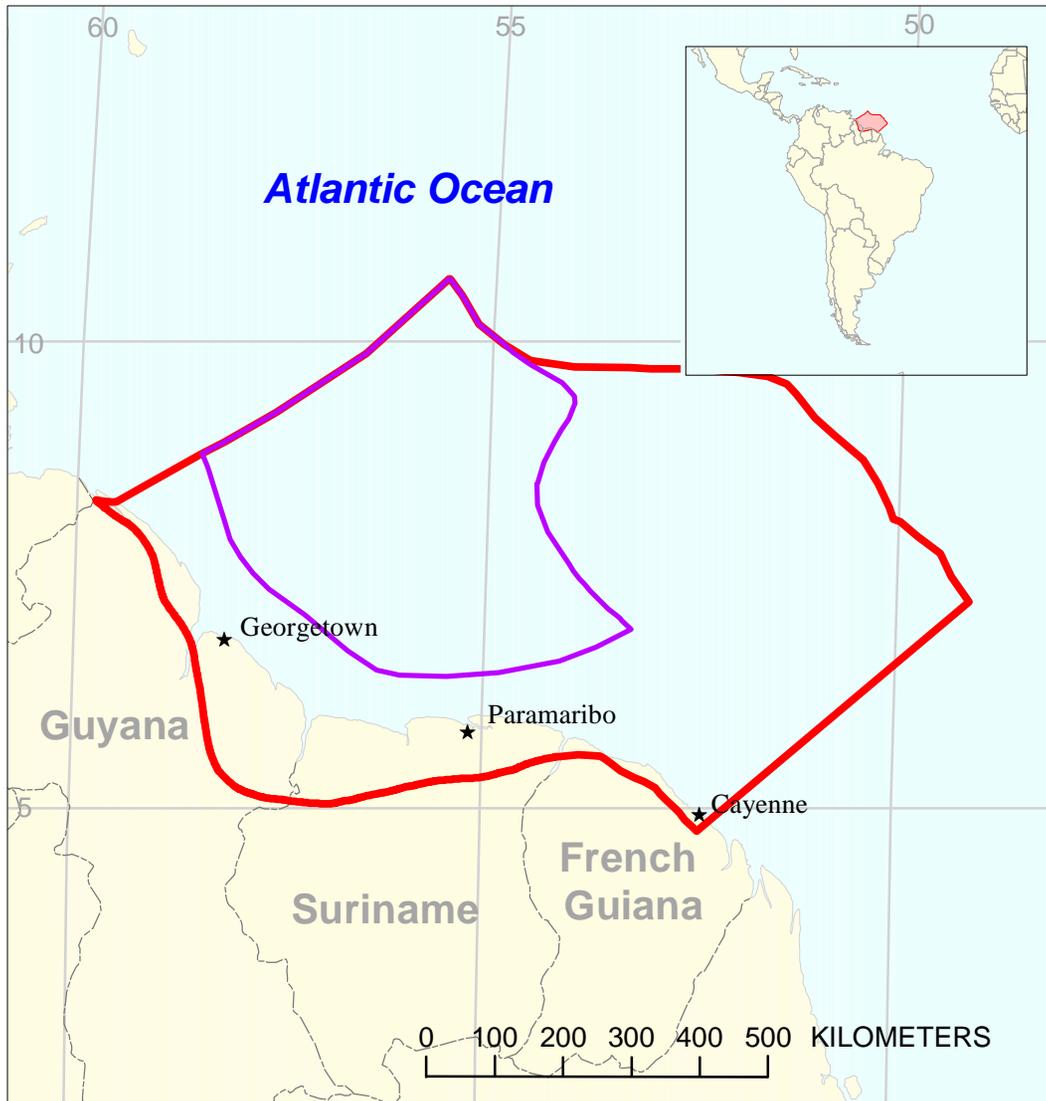


# Late Cretaceous-Tertiary Turbidites Assessment Unit 60210101



-  Late Cretaceous-Tertiary Turbidites Assessment Unit 60210101
-  Guyana-Suriname Basin Geologic Province 6021

**USGS PROVINCE:** Guyana-Suriname Basin (6021)

**GEOLOGIST:** C.J. Schenk

**TOTAL PETROLEUM SYSTEM:** Cenomanian-Turonian (602101)

**ASSESSMENT UNIT:** Late Cretaceous-Tertiary Turbidites (60210101)

**DESCRIPTION:** This assessment unit encompasses the area of turbidite slope and fan reservoirs from about the 200 m to 4200 m isobaths, and from the boundary with the Orinoco Assessment Unit to the northwest and the Demerara High to the east.

**SOURCE ROCKS:** Source rocks are demonstrated to be marine mudstones of the Cenomanian-Turonian deposited in deep marine conditions following the initial opening of the proto-Caribbean ocean. Total organic carbon values range from 4 to 7 weight percent carbon, and are as thick as 150 m.

**MATURATION:** A large part of the source rock in the Guyana-Suriname Basin is in the maturation zone for oil, but less so for gas. Timing of maturation is not well constrained, but limited data suggests the oil window was obtained in the Miocene-Pliocene.

**MIGRATION:** The reservoirs in this assessment unit lie above the source rock, so the principal mode of migration is vertical; possibly along listric faults developed in several Tertiary progradational units.

**RESERVOIRS:** The principal reservoirs are turbidite slope-channel and basin floor fans ranging in age from Late Cretaceous to Miocene. Seismic data demonstrate that several significant unconformities are present, indicating sediment by-pass from the shelf to the deep basin. Major unconformities are in the Campanian, Oligocene, and Miocene, similar to other Atlantic basins of South America and western Africa.

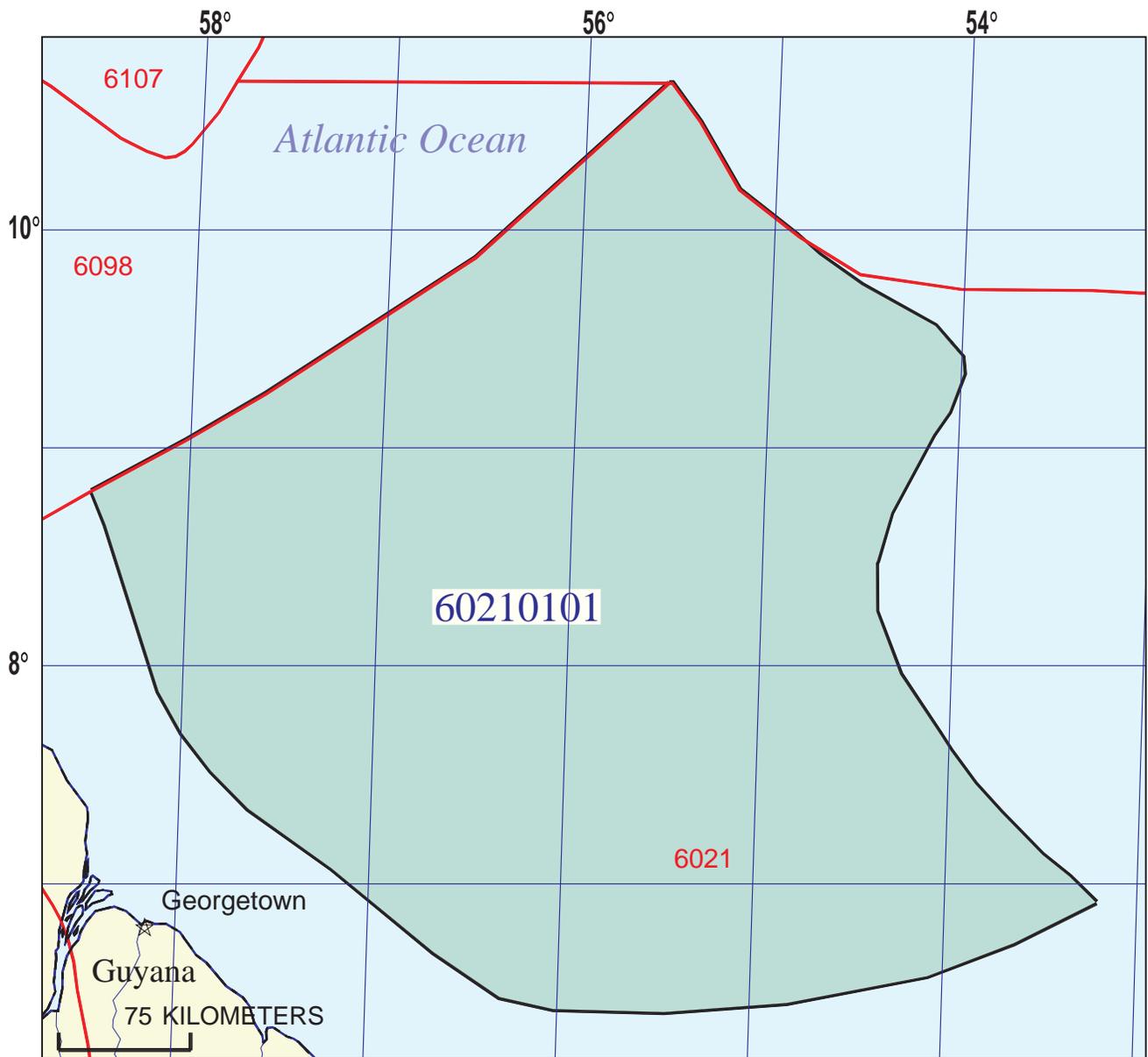
**TRAPS AND SEALS:** The main type of trap for the turbidite sandstones is stratigraphic, although combination traps may also exist where sands are juxtaposed with mudstones along listric faults.

**REFERENCES:**

Pecten Suriname Ltd., 1995, Offshore Suriname Technical Study–South America: unpaginated report.

Staatsolie, 1999a, Geological Information–Suriname Near-shore hydrocarbon basin: Staatsolie Web Site, 5 p.

Staatsolie, 1999b, Geological Information–Suriname deep-offshore hydrocarbon basin: Staatsolie Web Site, 9 p.



**Late Cretaceous-Tertiary Turbidites  
Assessment Unit - 60210101**

EXPLANATION

- Hydrography
- Shoreline
- 6021 — Geologic province code and boundary
- Country boundary
- Gas field centerpoint
- Oil field centerpoint
- 60210101 — Assessment unit code and boundary

Projection: Robinson. Central meridian: 0

**SEVENTH APPROXIMATION  
NEW MILLENNIUM WORLD PETROLEUM ASSESSMENT  
DATA FORM FOR CONVENTIONAL ASSESSMENT UNITS**

Date:..... 10/29/99  
 Assessment Geologist:..... C.J. Schenk  
 Region:..... Central and South America Number: 6  
 Province:..... Guyana-Suriname Basin Number: 6021  
 Priority or Boutique..... Boutique  
 Total Petroleum System:..... Cenomanian-Turonian Number: 602101  
 Assessment Unit:..... Late Cretaceous-Tertiary Turbidites Number: 60210101  
 \* Notes from Assessor Partial analog Campos Basin, Late Cretaceous-Tertiary Turbidites (60350101).

**CHARACTERISTICS OF ASSESSMENT UNIT**

Oil (<20,000 cfg/bo overall) **or** Gas (≥20,000 cfg/bo overall):... Oil

What is the minimum field size?..... 10 mmboe grown (≥1mmboe)  
 (the smallest field that has potential to be added to reserves in the next 30 years)

Number of discovered fields exceeding minimum size:..... Oil: 0 Gas: 0  
 Established (>13 fields) Frontier (1-13 fields) Hypothetical (no fields) X

Median size (grown) of discovered oil fields (mmboe):  
 1st 3rd 2nd 3rd 3rd 3rd  
 Median size (grown) of discovered gas fields (bcfg):  
 1st 3rd 2nd 3rd 3rd 3rd

**Assessment-Unit Probabilities:**

Attribute	Probability of occurrence (0-1.0)
1. <b>CHARGE:</b> Adequate petroleum charge for an undiscovered field ≥ minimum size.....	1.0
2. <b>ROCKS:</b> Adequate reservoirs, traps, and seals for an undiscovered field ≥ minimum size.....	1.0
3. <b>TIMING OF GEOLOGIC EVENTS:</b> Favorable timing for an undiscovered field ≥ minimum size	1.0

**Assessment-Unit GEOLOGIC Probability** (Product of 1, 2, and 3):..... 1.0

4. **ACCESSIBILITY:** Adequate location to allow exploration for an undiscovered field  
 ≥ minimum size..... 1.0

**UNDISCOVERED FIELDS**

**Number of Undiscovered Fields:** How many undiscovered fields exist that are ≥ minimum size?:  
 (uncertainty of fixed but unknown values)

Oil fields:.....min. no. (>0) 1 median no. 60 max no. 150  
 Gas fields:.....min. no. (>0) 1 median no. 15 max no. 35

**Size of Undiscovered Fields:** What are the anticipated sizes (**grown**) of the above fields?:  
 (variations in the sizes of undiscovered fields)

Oil in oil fields (mmbo).....min. size 10 median size 60 max. size 9000  
 Gas in gas fields (bcfg):.....min. size 60 median size 240 max. size 18000

**AVERAGE RATIOS FOR UNDISCOVERED FIELDS, TO ASSESS COPRODUCTS**

(uncertainty of fixed but unknown values)

<u>Oil Fields:</u>	minimum	median	maximum
Gas/oil ratio (cfg/bo).....	1000	2000	3000
NGL/gas ratio (bngl/mmcf).....	30	60	90
<u>Gas fields:</u>	minimum	median	maximum
Liquids/gas ratio (bngl/mmcf).....	22	44	66
Oil/gas ratio (bo/mmcf).....			

---

**SELECTED ANCILLARY DATA FOR UNDISCOVERED FIELDS**

(variations in the properties of undiscovered fields)

<u>Oil Fields:</u>	minimum	median	maximum
API gravity (degrees).....	20	35	50
Sulfur content of oil (%).....			
Drilling Depth (m) .....	2000	3000	6000
Depth (m) of water (if applicable).....	200	1000	4000
<u>Gas Fields:</u>	minimum	median	maximum
Inert gas content (%).....			
CO <sub>2</sub> content (%).....			
Hydrogen-sulfide content (%).....			
Drilling Depth (m).....	2000	3000	6500
Depth (m) of water (if applicable).....	200	1000	4000

**ALLOCATION OF UNDISCOVERED RESOURCES IN THE ASSESSMENT UNIT  
TO COUNTRIES OR OTHER LAND PARCELS** (uncertainty of fixed but unknown values)

1. Suriname represents 84 areal % of the total assessment unit

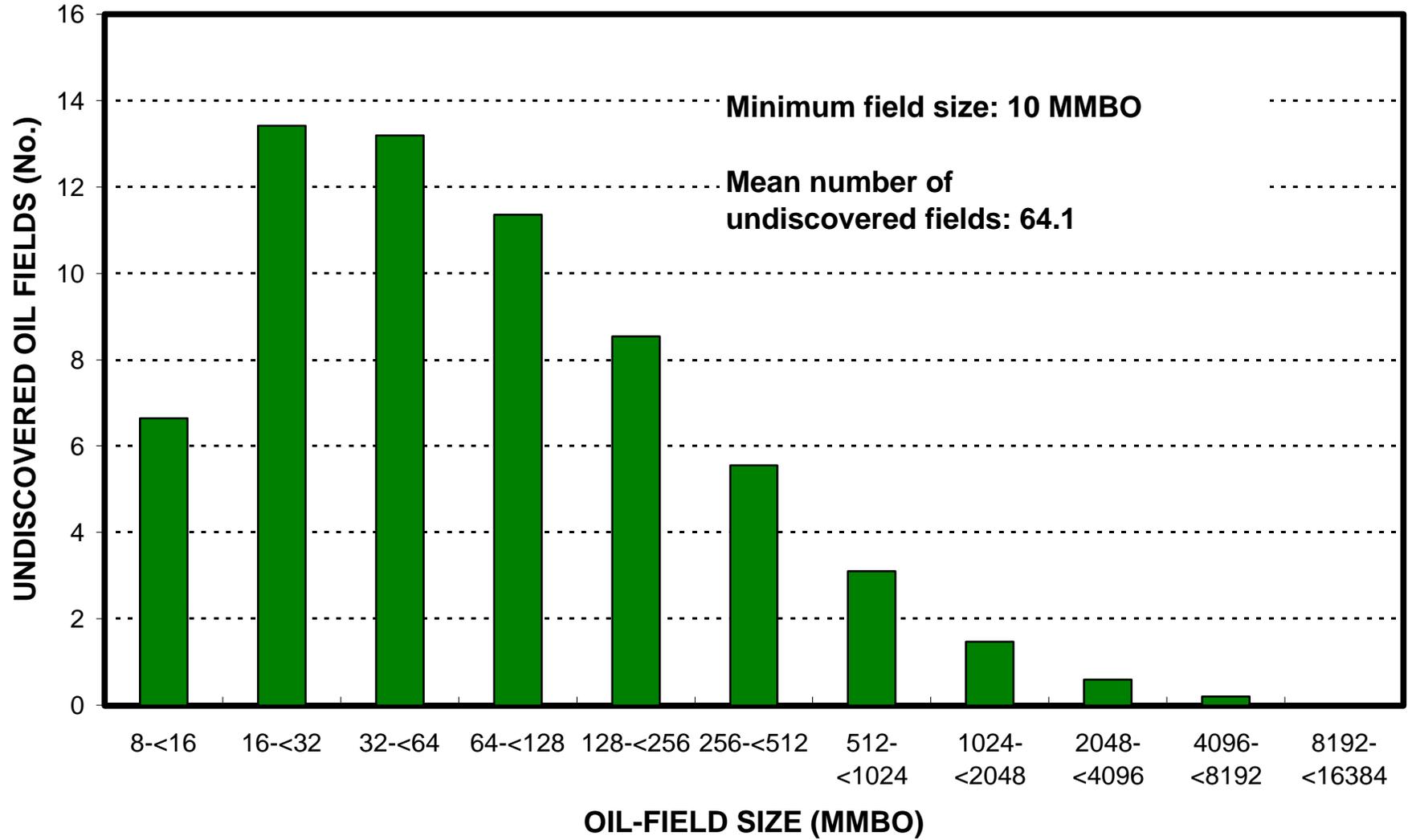
<u>Oil in Oil Fields:</u>	minimum	median	maximum
Richness factor (unitless multiplier):.....	_____	_____	_____
Volume % in parcel (areal % x richness factor):...	_____	<u>84</u>	_____
Portion of volume % that is offshore (0-100%):.....	_____	<u>100</u>	_____
 <u>Gas in Gas Fields:</u>	 minimum	 median	 maximum
Richness factor (unitless multiplier):.....	_____	_____	_____
Volume % in parcel (areal % x richness factor):...	_____	<u>84</u>	_____
Portion of volume % that is offshore (0-100%):.....	_____	<u>100</u>	_____

2. Guyana represents 16 areal % of the total assessment unit

<u>Oil in Oil Fields:</u>	minimum	median	maximum
Richness factor (unitless multiplier):.....	_____	_____	_____
Volume % in parcel (areal % x richness factor):...	_____	<u>16</u>	_____
Portion of volume % that is offshore (0-100%):.....	_____	<u>100</u>	_____
 <u>Gas in Gas Fields:</u>	 minimum	 median	 maximum
Richness factor (unitless multiplier):.....	_____	_____	_____
Volume % in parcel (areal % x richness factor):...	_____	<u>16</u>	_____
Portion of volume % that is offshore (0-100%):.....	_____	<u>100</u>	_____

# Late Cretaceous-Tertiary Turbidites, AU 60210101

## Undiscovered Field-Size Distribution



# Late Cretaceous-Tertiary Turbidites, AU 60210101

## Undiscovered Field-Size Distribution

