



Environmental, Social and Human Rights Policy Statement

LLF ESMS Annex A

ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

Name	Description
ESMS	Environmental and Social Management System
IPLC	Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities
LLF	Legacy Landscapes Fund

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ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY STATEMENT

The loss of biological diversity has become a top global risk that endangers the health and future of humanity and all life on earth. Legacy Landscapes Fund (LLF) was established with the mission to safeguard biodiversity by promoting nature conservation and the preservation of ecosystem services in globally significant conservation areas. LLF commits to protect the integrity of outstanding ecosystems, preserve biodiversity, support sustainable management of natural assets, remedy impacts, and help to mitigate climate change by preserving carbon sinks and ecosystems from degradation. In collaboration with a wide range of partners and funders, and acknowledging international best practices, LLF provides long-term financial support to globally significant legacy landscapes.

This policy statement delineates LLF's commitment to natural conservation, always respecting the rights of indigenous peoples and local communities (IPLC) and vulnerable populations and the human rights of all people. LLF is implementing this policy statement through its environmental and social management system (ESMS), in compliance with the respective i) national laws that prevail in the LLF countries; ii) international commitments and declarations signed in these LLF countries; and iii) international environmental, social, and human rights standards and best practices specified in the ESMS.

LLF commits to:

- Work closely with IPLC as a key element of its strategy to achieve long-term conservation of biodiversity and promote equitable governance of legacy landscapes.
- Assess risks and impacts potentially resulting from LLF financing and evaluate the degree to which program measures are causing, contributing to, or are linked with human rights and environmental and social risk and impacts.
- Address health and safety of IPLC affected by its activities, and the labour conditions of the workers employed by its partners, subcontractors and LLF itself.
- Endeavour to preserve cultural and natural heritage of legacy landscapes for current and future generations.
- Address conservation-human rights links in the design, implementation, and monitoring of its funded activities in a manner that is accessible, rights-based, gender-responsive, culturally appropriate, and inclusive.
- Promote development outcomes and effective capacity building of local actors, based on mutual respect and reciprocity, so that local actors from all backgrounds and cultures make their voices heard, exercise their unique capabilities, and lead their development.
- Support and promote the legal use of enforcement powers with respect for human rights by LLF's implementing partners and relevant national authorities they work with.

This policy statement is endorsed by LLF's management board and will be communicated to all other staff members, partners and third parties acting on behalf of LLF. This environmental, social, and human rights policy statement will be reviewed regularly as part of the management review of LLF's ESMS.

For Legacy Landscapes Fund

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