Portfolio Updates

New Candidate Sites

LLF’s portfolio is set to double with seven new sites

Pending approval of the supervisory board, LLF hopes to double the size of its portfolio by signing grant agreements with an additional seven sites in 2023.

→ These candidate sites have applied for either sustaining or perpetual grants and are currently developing their full proposals while undergoing ESDD studies.

→ The new sites were selected following our first open call for proposals in early 2022. Of the applications received, 19 met the eligibility criteria and underwent a thorough multi-stage selection process.

→ The new sites represent a total funding commitment of USD 100 million for five perpetual grants and USD 20 million for two sustaining grants that will be complemented by an additional USD 50 million of match funding for five perpetual grants and USD 10 million for two sustaining.

Read more over on our blog.

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New Annual Report

→ Walkthrough of LLF’s busy second year
→ A personal note from our supervisory board
→ New stories from the ground
→ Details of LLF’s recently published Environmental and Social Management System (ESMS)
→ Updated financial review

Inside the 2022 Annual Report, we chronicle LLF’s development from seedling organisation to global biodiversity fund, best exemplified by our recognition in the COP15 outcomes from December last year.

Read the full report over on our website.

Two Years of LLF

19 May 2023 marked two years since LLF’s official launch

In honour of the milestone, executive director Stefanie Lang said a few words on some of the small but significant conservation successes LLF has contributed to since its launch.

In the video, Stefanie covers stories from Iona National Park, Madidi National Park, Gunung Leuser National Park, and Odzala-Kokoua National Park.
Do Protected Areas Work?

To mark International Day for Biodiversity on 22 May, we published a deep dive on protected areas

1. Protected areas tackle climate change
2. Protected areas preserve habitats for wildlife
3. Protected areas promote sustainable livelihoods
4. Protected areas help to manage human-wildlife conflict
5. Protected areas advance research and education

In our blog post, we outline five reasons why protected areas are effective in both conserving biodiversity and yielding other benefits. Read it in full over on our website.

“Understanding more about the flora and fauna which reside in a landscape not only aids in conservation planning but also informs local communities about their natural resources”

– Ret Thaung, Biodiversity and Science Manager at Central Cardamom Mountains National Park, Cambodia

UN Highlights LLF’s Safeguards

In a recent UN report, LLF’s approach to social and environmental safeguards was cited as exemplary

In the recently published Benchmarking Study of Development Finance Institutions’ Safeguard Policies, the OHCHR* addresses the challenges of maintaining high human rights and environmental standards when financing sustainable development and poverty reduction.

The report is a much-needed in-depth examination of the many risks entailed in development finance and how to best mitigate these challenges to protect societies and the environment. It outlines best practice precedents in approaching critical issues such as land rights, value chain risk management, and human rights assessment. LLF’s recently completed Environmental and Social Management System (ESMS) is highlighted within the document as a key framework within the conservation sector.

LLF’s safeguards system is a recognition of the inherent risks and impacts that conservation has on society, people and ecosystems. Our rigorous ESMS demonstrates our commitment to implementing safeguards that mitigate these risks and impacts insofar as is possible.

Read more over on our website.

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