



**Legacy Landscapes Fund
Cost Eligibility & Allocation**

Legacy Landscapes Fund (LLF) only funds costs and measures that are in line with the eligibility criteria outlined in this document. **The spirit of LLF financial support is to predominantly cover operational and recurring costs as well as other costs which are important for the functioning of the landscape and where it is deemed most needed.** Costs and measures present in the LLF Exclusion List (see appendix 1) must not be funded (here, we do not distinguish between financing coming directly from LLF or from the match funding, either directly or via LLF’s books). Questions on the eligibility should be discussed with LLF during the development of the budget proposal and can be addressed to the LLF staff during the grant implementation.¹

1. ELIGIBLE COSTS AND MEASURES

All funds provided under the LLF grant may only be used for approved purposes and for eligible expenses as detailed in the full proposal and in the yearly budget submitted subsequently, unless otherwise approved in writing by LLF. In addition, costs must meet the following general criteria:

- Be incurred by the implementing partner(s) or their sub-grantee(s) during the term of the grant
- Be necessary to carry out the program and for the management and full functioning of the legacy landscape
- Be identifiable and recorded in the accounting records of the implementing partner(s)
- Comply with the requirements of applicable tax and social legislation
- Be reasonable, justified, and comply with principles of sound financial management

While being a flexible funding mechanism, LLF is generally intended to support implementing partners cover their recurring operational costs. The table below presents examples of costs and measures that are generally deemed eligible for LLF funding. For items not covered by any headlines of the lists below, please consult LLF staff.

¹ The information given in this document is not exhaustive; the grant agreement signed between LLF, and the implementing partner constitutes the legal basis for any given grant and for every future budgeting exercises.

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Field Costs ²		
Budget lines	Staff costs	Field staff ³ salaries, allowances, and additional related costs. [<i>Total staff costs shall not exceed 30% of yearly grant funding. Ranger costs are not included in this threshold; if applicable, please state ranger support as separate budget line under staff costs and/or clarify the share (%) of these cost in the comment field of the financial template</i>]
	Capacity development and workshops	Costs surrounding capacity development, stakeholder engagement events, trainings, and workshops e.g., travel and accommodation costs for external (non-staff) participants, conference room rentals, moderator fees, event materials, etc.
	Consultants and services	Consultancy contracts or service agreements for services in support of the program (other than for capacity development and workshops) e.g., external expertise in development of management plans, business plans, tourism development plans, livelihood diversification, ESMS supports, studies or assessments, plane charters.
	Infrastructure	Costs relating to the acquisition or construction of infrastructure e.g., visitors' services, ranger stations, surveillance posts, control rooms, etc., including construction contracts for works and architectural services related thereto. ⁴
	Capital equipment	Items purchased such as equipment for monitoring, surveillance (e.g., data collection devices, cameras, camera traps, handheld IT equipment), IT equipment, motorized vehicles, camping material, etc.
	Maintenance	Costs associated with the maintenance of capital equipment or infrastructure.
	Supplies, utilities, office rent	Gas or fuel for vehicles and planes, electrical utilities, internet connection, telecommunication costs, insurance, office rent, stationeries.
	Small sub-grants	Small sub-grants below USD 40,000 per year and organization to local community or grassroots organization for livelihood support, participatory monitoring, etc.
	Travel	In-country travel costs of country-based staff, including fare, accommodation, and daily allowances according to the organization's policy.
	Miscellaneous	Any other eligible cost or measure which does not fit in another budget line, e.g., costs associated with development of communication products which do not fall under a consultancy contract or service agreement (e.g., leaflets, brochures, posters, etc.).
Non-Field Costs		
HQ or non-field overhead	Contribution to headquarter or regional hub staff, ⁵ office costs, and travel to the legacy landscape (e.g., stationary, utilities, insurances, regional specialists, etc.) [<i>up to 5% of the yearly grant funds</i>]	
Contingency	Unforeseen expenditures and exchange rate fluctuations [<i>approximately 5% of the yearly grant funds</i>]	

² Field costs refer to the direct and indirect expenses associated with the implementation of the grant in the LLF program area.

³ 'Field staff' refers to staff that is based locally in the LLF program area (as defined in the full proposal) as well as to other national staff (based in the country of the LLF program area) that are working on advancing the implementation of the program. For a given legacy landscapes, 'field staff' will be defined at the full proposal or grant agreement stages.

⁴ But see the limit below.

⁵ As opposed to 'field staff' described in the footnote above.

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Table 1 presents examples of eligible measures and costs according to the budget lines used in LLF grants. A detailed budget template is shared with organizations invited to prepare full proposals and to implementing partners for their yearly budgeting and reporting.

Table 2 (on page 3) gives guidance on the allocation of costs to different cost centers as required in the LLF budget template.

Sub-contracting and sub-grants

As part of a grant, subcontracting part of the program activities and sub-granting is eligible. The implementing partner may choose to subcontract a portion of the activities specified in the grant to another organization or may choose to provide a subgrant to another organization to carry out a portion of the program. In this case, the implementing partner shall ensure that the terms applicable to itself under the agreement are also applicable to the subgrantees and subcontractors (e.g., Declaration of Undertaking, procurement policy, etc.).

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Table 2. Guidance on cost centers - examples of eligible costs and measures

		Cost centers				
		Conservation and biodiversity	Law enforcement	Community development, outreach, and safeguards	Commercial development, communication, and PR	General protected area management
Budget lines	Staff costs	Dedicated staff* salaries, allowances, and additional related costs; costs of biodiversity survey/inventory/baseline studies; staff training and development on conservation; technical equipment and supplies for monitoring, evaluation, reporting and learning (e.g., data collection devices, GPS, cameras, camera traps, handheld IT, binoculars, camping material), etc.	Ranger** salaries, allowances, and additional related costs; ranger rations (e.g., field supplies and first aid); ranger training; stations and control rooms; technical ranger equipment and supplies for monitoring, control, and surveillance (e.g., GPS, cameras, camera traps, handheld IT, binoculars, camping material), etc.	Dedicated staff** salaries, allowances, and additional related costs; any costs related to the following activities: education, community outreach, livelihood support, income generation, sustainable agriculture and forestry, human-wildlife conflict mitigation, development and support of local committees, land use planning, FPIC, development and use of the grievance redress mechanism, conduct of stakeholder engagement workshops, development of the ESMS, or other assessments (e.g. KAP or socioeconomic studies), etc.	Dedicated staff* salaries, visitor services; development of business or tourism development plans; infrastructure investment for commercial purposes; marketing, and communication products such as leaflets, brochures, posters, website maintenance, filming/video costs, awareness raising, campaigning, etc.	Dedicated staff (e.g., park managers/directors and other park-related staff, etc.); audit fees; development of the management plan; consultancy services that cannot be allocated to another cost center, etc.
	Capacity development and workshops					
	Consultants and services					
	Infrastructure					
	Capital equipment					
	Maintenance					
	Supplies, utilities, rent					
	Small sub-grants					
	Travel					
	Miscellaneous					
	Non-field overhead	Contribution to HQ or regional hub staff, office costs, or travel to the legacy landscape (e.g., stationary, utilities, insurances, regional specialists, etc.)				
Contingency	Additional buffer for any unforeseen expenditure (e.g., forex fluctuation)					

Guidance: Please appropriately allocate all costs/budget lines to the different activity-based cost centers as far as they can be closely linked to an activity. Please allocate all other (non-allocable) costs to the general park management cost center. Allocations should be based on reasonable assumptions. If making a reasonable allocation to activity-based costs is unduly burdensome, allocate the costs to general park management.

* Salaries and benefits as well as any field or similar primes/supplements)

** Unless a ranger has a function primarily dedicated to biodiversity, rangers should be allocated to law enforcement. If appropriate (e.g., where rangers are trained in SMART or similar, a portion (typically not exceeding 20% of a ranger's compensation) can be allocated to another cost category.

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2. INELIGIBLE COSTS AND MEASURES

LLF maintains an Environmental and Social Management System (ESMS), to which the implementing partners must adhere. The ESMS sets forth a list of measures or actions that are ineligible (without exception) for funding by LLF (“Exclusion List”). Potential implementing partners must ensure that their proposals do not include any such ineligible measures or actions and, hence, all costs related to these measures are ineligible. Examples of costs on the Exclusion List include, but are not limited to: weapons, munitions, or critical components thereof; infrastructure and equipment that could imply the impairment of areas particularly worthy of environmental protection; costs related to the prospection, exploration, and extraction activities in the coal, oil, gas, and mining sector; etc.

Other ineligible measures and costs not listed in the Exclusion List include:

- Acquisition of University degrees or scholarships beyond high school
- International conferences, workshops, and study tours as stand-alone activities not clearly contributing to the implementation of the program
- Salary or travel costs of government officials⁶ (only in exceptional circumstances and by approval of LLF)
- Import duties:⁷ if part of the contract value, import duties shall be stated separately in the contracts for the goods and services and in the invoices, and be borne by the implementing partner.

⁶ Costs associated with government officials may be financed by LLF grant funds under very exceptional circumstances upon prior authorization by LLF.

⁷ Import duties may be financed by LLF grant funds under very exceptional circumstances as agreed upon in the respective grant agreement and upon prior authorization by LLF.

Appendix 1



Exclusion List

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ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

Name	Description
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
EU	European Union
FPIC	Free, Prior, and Informed Consent
ILO	International Labor Organization
LLF	Legacy Landscapes Fund
UN	United Nations
WB ESS	World Bank Environmental and Social Standards
WHO	World Health Organization

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LLF Environmental and Social Management System

The Legacy Landscapes Fund's (herein referred as "LLF") mission is to safeguard biodiversity by promoting nature conservation and the preservation of ecosystem services in globally significant conservation areas, while working with local communities and respecting their rights and needs.

The exclusion list of the LLF is based on the internationally recognized best practices exclusion lists.

LLF will not finance any activities that involve the following:

1. Infrastructure and equipment that a) could imply the impairment of areas particularly worthy of environmental protection, especially those that are legally protected, proposed for protection, or identified as high-conservation value⁸, or b) would be considered defense dual-use investments that could be used for both conservation and military purposes.
2. Any extractive industry prospection, exploration and extraction activities in the coal, oil, gas and mining sector as well as related transport means and infrastructure.
3. Commercial logging operations in primary tropical moist forest.
4. The conversion of natural or high conservation value forests into plantation as well as the purchase of logging equipment for this purpose.
5. Production or trade in wood or other forestry products other than from sustainably managed forests.
6. The unsustainable harvesting of natural resources -animals, plants, timber and/or non-timber forest products (NTFPs).
7. Interventions to protect specific species or habitat types (e.g., deserts, forests) without reference to landscape connectivity⁹.
8. Introduction of, or increased competitiveness of, invasive species;
9. Unsustainable or destructive fishing methods in inland waterbodies, e.g., blast fishing.
10. Production and purchase of and trade in weapons and munitions¹⁰ or critical components thereof.
11. Production or trade in any product or activity deemed illegal under host country laws or regulations, subject to national or international phase-out or prohibition regulations or to an international ban, for example:
 - a) certain pharmaceuticals, pesticides, herbicides and other toxic substances (under the Rotterdam Convention, Stockholm Convention and WHO "Pharmaceuticals: Restrictions in Use and Availability"),
 - b) ozone depleting substances (under the Montreal Protocol),
 - c) polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs),
 - d) protected wildlife or wildlife products (under Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora [CITES] / Washington Convention),
 - e) prohibited transboundary trade in waste (under the Basel Convention).
12. Harmful or exploitative forms of forced labor¹¹ or harmful child labor¹² as defined by ILO conventions.

⁸ This does not include small scale needed infrastructure in or around protected areas, such as research or staff camps, access roads or ranger stations that depending on their scope undergo an EIA.

⁹ Landscape connectivity is the degree to which the landscape facilitates or impedes movement among resource patches. Landscape connectivity thus combines a description of the physical structure of the landscape with an organism's response to that structure (Taylor, Philip & Fahrig, Lenore & With, Kimberly. (2006). Landscape connectivity: A return to the basics. 10.1017/CBO9780511754821.).

¹⁰ The restriction does not apply to field or bush knives, machetes and other essential field or safety gear provided to rangers. Equipment needed for research, one health related activities or translocation of wildlife is also permitted.

¹¹ "Forced labour" means all work or service, not voluntarily performed, that is extracted from an individual under threat of force or penalty.

¹² "Harmful child labour" means the employment of children that is economically exploitive, or is likely to be hazardous to, or to interfere with, the child's education, or to be harmful to the child's health, or physical, mental, spiritual, moral, or social development. Employees must be at least 15 years of age, as defined in the ILO's Declaration on the Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work (C138 – Minimum Age Convention, Article 2), unless local laws require compulsory school attendance or a minimum working age. In such circumstances, the highest age requirement must be used.

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13. Activities that infringe on the rights of indigenous peoples (IP)^{13,14}
14. Activities that could result in the exploitation of and access to outsiders to the lands and territories of indigenous peoples living in voluntary isolation and initial contact.
15. Activities that would result in the involuntary physical displacement or forced evictions of people from their households, communities, territories, customary and ancestral domains. This does not include evictions related to clearly destructive, unsustainable and illegal use practices that are carried out in accordance with host country laws and in full accordance with basic principles of a due process as described by the UN Basic Principles and Guidelines on Development-based Evictions and Displacement.
16. Any activity leading to an irreversible modification or significant displacement of an element of culturally critical heritage¹⁵, or the use of any intangible cultural heritage without the FPIC of the communities who it belongs to.
17. Activities for the promotion of private sector commercial gain without links to community benefits, conservation, and development.

Moreover, in accordance with international best practices exclusion lists, LLF will not fund programs that involve activities listed below. LLF recognizes that the following activities are very unlikely in the conservation programs; however, these are also excluded from LLF fundings:

1. Production, use of, trade in, distribution or activities involving radioactive material. This does not apply to the procurement of medical equipment, quality control equipment or other application for which the radioactive source is insignificant and/or adequately shielded.
2. Production, use of, trade in, distribution or activities involving unbound asbestos. This does not apply to the purchase or use of cement linings with bound asbestos and an asbestos content of less than 20%.
3. Production, use of, trade in, distribution or activities involving alcoholic beverages (excluding beer and wine), tobacco, gambling, casinos, and equivalent enterprises.
4. Prospection, exploration and mining of coal; land-based means of transport and related infrastructure essentially used for coal; power plants, heating stations and cogeneration facilities essentially fired with coal, as well as associated stub lines.
5. Non-conventional prospection, exploration, and extraction of oil, such as from bituminous shale, tar sands or oil sands.
6. Other extractive sector activities at the discretion of LLF.

Furthermore, LLF does not offer financing for projects companies, activities, or individuals subject to United Nations (UN) or European Union (EU) sanctions. LLF will therefore not fund any sector or any service subject to an embargo by the UN, EU and/or its funders in a p

¹³ The term “Indigenous Peoples” is used in a generic sense to refer to a distinct social and cultural group possessing the following characteristics in varying degrees as per WB ESS7: Self-identification as members of a distinct indigenous cultural group and recognition of this identity by others; Collective attachment to geographically distinct habitats or ancestral territories in the project area and to the natural resources in these habitats and territories; Customary cultural, economic, social, or political institutions that are separate from those of the dominant society or culture; An indigenous language, often different from the official language of the country or region.

¹⁴ LLF is aware that in some countries, national legislation and protected area regulations are not fully aligned with international IP rights. LLF supports globally significant conservation areas, that commit to use leverage and/or mitigate (according to the form of involvement under the UNGP Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights) any potential non-respect with regards to IP rights, including an assessment and development of a full documented FPIC and fulfilment of other special requirements as defined in World Bank ESS7.

¹⁵ “Critical cultural heritage” means any heritage element recognised internationally or nationally as being of historical, social and/or cultural interest.