

WWF Environmental and Social Safeguards - Risk Categorization Memorandum

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Name of Landscape/Seascape: Paraguay Chaco, Cerrado, Pantanal	Date: October 12, 2020
Implementing Office(s) WWF-Paraguay	Date of Previous Cat Memo:
Landscape Categorization on E&S Risks: High Risk - (A) ___ and/or (Special Consideration) ___ / Medium Risk (B) _X_ / Low Risk (C) ___	Conservation Project Management (CPM) No.

Substantive Safeguard Standards Triggered:	Yes/ TBC	No
Natural Habitats		X
Pest Management		X
Indigenous Peoples	X	
Involuntary Resettlement & Access Restrictions		X
Community Health, Safety and Security		X
Physical and Cultural Resources		X

In addition to the Substantive Safeguards above, the four Process Standards apply to all medium and high risk landscapes:

- Environmental and Social Risk Management
- Consultation and Disclosure
- Community Stakeholder Engagement
- Grievance Mechanism

Landscapes categorized as low risk have been screened in accordance to the Standard on E&S Risk Management.

Summary of Key Safeguard Issues

Overview

WWF works in the Paraguayan portion of this culturally and ecologically diverse landscape that extends to Bolivia and Brazil. The conservation strategy pursued by WWF Paraguay in this landscape seeks to promote models of sustainable development, social and cultural well-being, and conservation. Project interventions focus on strengthening water resource management systems, promoting marketing incentives for the environmental sustainability of productive activities (primarily livestock raising), supporting territorial planning processes, improved management of conservation areas and species conservation, and building sustainable societies and improved governance.

Indigenous Peoples: The Indigenous Peoples standard is automatically triggered. There are 7 indigenous groups present in different parts of the landscape potentially affected by WWF's work. There are no anticipated negative impacts on these communities, but ongoing engagement by WWF Paraguay does require continued sensitivity, consideration, and respect in WWF- Paraguay's engagement. WWF Paraguay's deep experience and continued use of

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an inclusive multi-stakeholder roundtable methodology (POUT), which is applied in project activities that support governmental territorial planning and protected area establishment processes, engages indigenous populations and other potentially affected groups deeply and in culturally appropriate ways. In supporting these governmental processes, WWF helps facilitate the Paraguayan Government's FPIC process in accordance with Paraguay laws and in compliance with WWF's Indigenous People's standard. As it continues to support these processes, WWF Paraguay should pay close attention to documenting any decisions and outcomes that may impact the indigenous communities. Specifically, documentation should explain how the indigenous peoples are included in the process how their interests are reflected in the outcomes, and how "consent" is given when applicable.

Summary of Cross Cutting Issues; (Human Rights, Gender Equality and Women's Rights, Children's Rights, Conflict Sensitivity and Climate Change).

Gender Considerations: WWF Paraguay has strong internal capacity and leadership on gender issues. However, alignment can be improved with WWF's gender policy, which seeks to proactively empower women through WWF's project work, so that a clear gender mainstreaming approach is applied more uniformly. WWF has had some experiences attempting to incorporate gender considerations into project design, however, these have not led to a common or consistent approach. We are recommending that WWF Paraguay develop a gender mainstreaming plan to implement a more concerted and focused approach on gender. The plan should seek to address gender inequalities related to WWF's work, and include gender analysis, capacity building on gender and environment for WWF staff, partners, and stakeholders at community level, and opportunities for gender mainstreaming as part of stakeholder consultations as key elements. WWF-Paraguay should also consider implementing training or due diligence with sub-grantees around sexual harassment, gender-based violence, and sexual exploitation and abuse.

Required Actions for Impact Assessment (ESIA) and Mitigation Planning (ESMP):

1. WWF Paraguay should develop a gender mainstreaming strategy and plan that responds to the comments and recommendations stated above.
2. Additionally, stakeholder engagement and consultation plans and processes should be supplemented by consistently documenting decisions and outcomes that may impact indigenous communities or any other vulnerable groups.

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