LIST OF EXCLUDED ACTIVITIES

2023

WWF maintains a list of excluded activities as part of the ESSF. These are activities that we cannot and will not implement, fund or support under any circumstances. If proposed work is found to include any of the excluded activities, it must be re-designed to remove the respective activities. The list of excluded activities is provided below.

i. Weapons and Munitions

ii. Military activities

iii. Forms of forced labour, or harmful or exploitative forms of child labour

iv. Formulated World Health Organisation (WHO) classes IA and IB Products, or formulations of Class II products, unless exclusively used by those with training and proper equipment to avoid impacts on human health and the environment and in the absence of safer alternatives

v. Procurement or use of pesticides and chemicals specified as persistent organic pollutants under the Stockholm Convention

vi. Conversion or degradation of areas of high biodiversity, especially those that are legally protected, proposed for protection, or identified as high-conservation value

vii. Introduction of, or increased competitiveness of, invasive species; and

viii. Involuntary resettlement.

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1 The restriction does not apply to field knives, bush knives, machetes and other essential field or safety gear provided to rangers. Equipment needed for research or translocation of wildlife is also permitted. Weapons and Munitions required for WWF staff safety and security are permitted, subject to the policies and approval of the National Office and in line with local law and any relevant donor restrictions.

2 Military activities are activities that (i) are conducted by members of a military; and (ii) have the primary purpose of national defence or public safety. Military activities do not include activities conducted by members of the military whose primary purpose is conservation, even if those activities incidentally serve a national defence or public safety purpose. Support for conservation activities conducted by members of the military must always satisfy applicable ESSF policies and standards, including WWF’s Standard on Community Health, Safety and Security.

3 WHO Class IA denotes Extremely Hazardous Products, Class IB denotes Highly Hazardous Products, and Class II denotes Moderately Hazardous Products.