

Memorandum

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To: CQC
Subject: WWF-US Validation of Nepal Terai Arc Landscape
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This is to confirm that the WWF Nepal Office meets applicable WWF risk management standards, policies, and procedures in all areas. The Nepal Office has undergone risk management training with periodic refresher trainings, is compliant with WWF Internal Audit findings, and applies WWF standards and policies to all operational areas including sound project design and management

WWF-US further confirms the following:

- 1) WWF-Nepal has developed an Environmental and Social Mitigation Framework (ESMF) that fully aligns with WWF-Nepal's strategy for the Terai Arc Landscape. The required actions reflected in the ESMF are an enhancement of WWF Nepal's existing strategy and represent a more targeted approach to actions they were already taking.
- 2) WWF-US fully supports WWF-Nepal and the Terai Arc Landscape team in continuing their efforts in the TAL with the approved mitigation plan.
- 3) WWF-US confirms that all identified non-ESSF risks in the Terai Arc Landscape are adequately addressed and WWF-US supports WWF Nepal in assuming these risks.
- 4) WWF-US further confirms that WWF-Nepal is well positioned and has the necessary resources, capacity, and organizational capacity to fulfil the actions included in the ESMF.

The Terai Arc Landscape is fully compliant with all Network and WWF-US ESSF and Risk Management and Quality Assurance requirements.

Attachments

Draft ESSF Compliance Memo for Terai Arc Landscape (TAL), Nepal
TAL Nepal Environmental and Social Risk Mitigation Framework
Stakeholder Engagement Plan, TAL, Nepal
June 2021 TAL, Nepal Presentation to CQC