



Social and Environmental Safeguards

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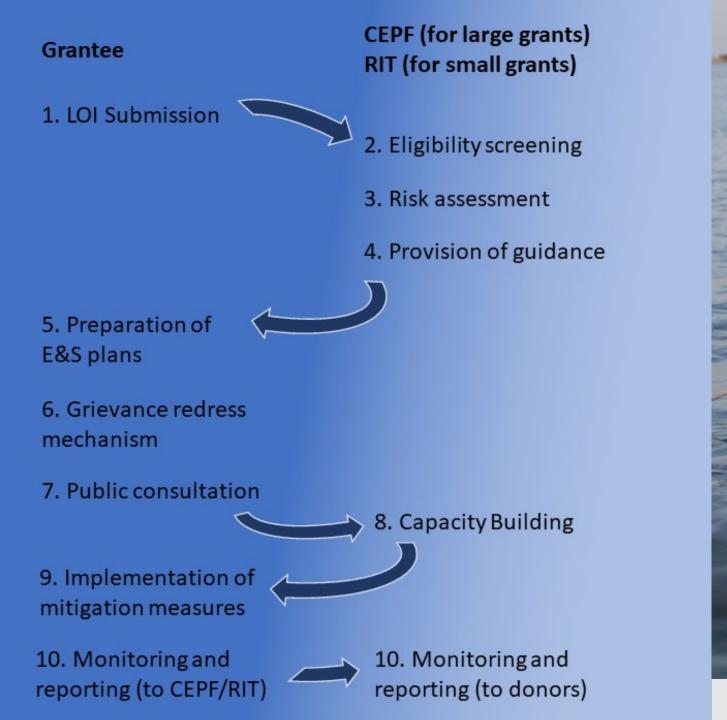
Management of Environmental and Social Risks

- CEPF has managed environmental and social risks since inception
- In 2008, CEPF developed an ESMF based on the World Bank safeguard policies
- In 2015, CEPF adopted a gender policy and a best practice on stakeholder engagement
- In 2022, CEPF developed a new ESMF, which complies with the minimum standards used by GCF, GEF and other donors to CEPF

General approach

- Screen each project for environmental and social risks
- Assess identified risks in greater detail
- Design safeguard measures (in proposal or stand-alone plans):
 - Avoid impacts wherever possible
 - Minimize impacts that cannot be avoided
 - *Mitigate* impacts that cannot be minimized
 - *Offset* any remaining impacts
- *Monitor* compliance with agreed safeguard measures
- Assist applicants and grantees to comply with requirements







Safeguard Policies

- 1. Environmental and Social Assessment
- 2. Labor and Working Conditions
- 3. Resource Efficiency and Pollution Prevention
- 4. Community Health, Safety and Security
- 5. Restrictions on Land Use and Involuntary Resettlement

- 6. Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Management of Living Natural Resources
- 7. Indigenous People
- 8. Cultural Heritage
- 9. Gender Mainstreaming
- 10. Stakeholder Engagement

Safeguards Policies Application

• Safeguard Policies that apply to ALL projects:

- Safeguard Policy 1 (Environmental and Social Assessment)
- Safeguard Policy 9 (Gender Mainstreaming)
- Safeguard Policy 10 (Stakeholder Engagement)
- The other safeguard policies apply to some projects but not all.
 - > This is determined during the Risk Assessment

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Risk Assessment

Each grant is categorized according to its environmental and social risks:

- **Category A**. The project has the potential for significant adverse environmental and/or social impacts that are diverse, irreversible or unprecedented
- **Category B**. The project has the potential for adverse environmental and social impacts that are few, generally site-specific, largely reversible and readily addressed through mitigation measures
- **Category C**. The project is likely to have minimal or no adverse environmental and social impacts



Risk assessment

- Category A full Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) required; CEPF will not support such projects other than in exceptional circumstances where there is an over-riding justification
- **Category B** limited ESIA required; stand-alone safeguard documents required
- Category C no ESIA required; requirements of individual safeguards incorporated into proposal and reporting templates

Safeguard Policy 1: Environmental and Social Assessment

Triggered by	Main Requirements	Safeguard Plan
Activities with potential adverse environmental and social impacts	 Assessment of environmental and social risks Avoidance, minimization and mitigation of adverse impacts Offset/compensation for residual impacts Consideration of vulnerable groups 	Environmental and Social Impact Assessment /Environmental and Social Management Plan

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Safeguard Policy 2: Labor and Working Conditions

Triggered by	Main Requirements	Safeguard Plan
Activities with potential impacts on workers health, safety and fundamental rights e.g. • Projects that involve tree climbing • Ecotourism lodge construction	 Assessment of risks Respect for and protection of workers' fundamental rights Elimination of discrimination Elimination of Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Harassment No support for forced labor, trafficking in persons or child labor 	Labor Management Procedures

Safeguard Policy 3: Resource Efficiency and Pollution Prevention

Triggered by	Main Requirements	Safeguard Plans
Activities with a risk of exposure of local people to hazardous materials e.g. • Use of synthetic insecticides in agriculture • Use of rodenticides to manage invasive alien species	 No use of pesticides that are unlawful under national or international law Prohibition of substances listed under the Stockholm Convention on POPs Preference for Integrated Pest Management Avoidance of release of pollutants Minimization of GHG emissions Management of project-generated waste Efficient use of energy, water and other resources 	Pest Management Plan <i>and/or</i> Environmental and Social Management Plan

Safeguard Policy 4: Community Health, Safety and Security

Triggered by	Main Requirements	Safeguard Plan
 Activities with a risk of adverse impacts on the health, safety and security of women, men, girls and boys e.g. Abuse of power by forest guards Sexual harassment by project staff Elevated risk of transmitting COVID-19 	 Screen projects for risks Include mitigation measures in relevant safeguard documents Consideration of gender equality Consideration of Gender-Based Violence Consideration of Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Harassment 	Community Health and Safety Plan (and Full Ethical Review Form if applicable)

Safeguard Policy 5: Restrictions on Land Use and Involuntary Resettlement

Triggered by	Main Requirements	Safeguard Plan
 Physical relocation of people; restrictions on access to natural resources e.g. Creation or expansion of protected area Strengthened enforcement of controls on hunting 	 No land acquisition or physical resettlement of people (voluntary or involuntary) Compensation for people affected by restrictions on access, except where clearly illegal, unsustainable and destructive Consideration of vulnerable groups Timely provision of benefits 	Livelihood Restoration and Compensation Plan or Process Framework for Restrictions on Access to Natural Resources

Safeguard Policy 6: Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Management of Living Natural Resources

Triggered by	Main Requirements	Safeguard Plan
Activities with potential adverse impacts on natural habitats and their associated biodiversity and ecosystem services e.g. e.g. Community forest management Harvesting of non- timber forest products Introduction of potentially invasive species	 No significant conversion or degradation of critical natural habitats and forest resources No introduction of invasive species Compliance with mitigation hierarchy Sustainable harvesting of living natural resources Compliance with ABS frameworks 	Environmental and Social Management Plan

Safeguard Policy 7: Indigenous Peoples

Triggered by	Main Requirements	Safeguard Plan
 Activities in areas inhabited or used by Indigenous Peoples (aka "ethnic minority") e.g. Project establishing community protected area with Indigenous community 	 Free Prior and Informed Consent for project activities Culturally appropriate benefits for affected Indigenous Peoples 	Indigenous Peoples Plan or Social Assessment

Safeguard Policy 8: Cultural Heritage

Triggered by	Main Requirements	Safeguard Plan
 Activities with potential impacts on cultural resources, both tangible and intangible e.g. Activities within cultural World Heritage Sites Construction with potential for "chance finds" 	 No removal, alteration or disturbance of any tangible or intangible cultural heritage Meaningful consultation with stakeholders Continued access for stakeholders Special rules for chance finds 	Cultural Heritage Plan

Safeguard Policy 9: Gender Mainstreaming

Triggered by	Main Requirements	Safeguard Plan
 Activities with risks of exacerbating existing gender-related inequalities e.g. Restrictions on access to natural resources used predominantly by women 	 Provide equal opportunities for women and men to actively participate in and benefit from project activities Gender risk and impact assessment Gender-responsive project design and implementation, including, at minimum, gender-sensitive indicators and sex-disaggregated targets 	Gender Mainstreaming Plan

Safeguard Policy 10: Stakeholder Engagement

Triggered by	Main Requirements	Safeguard Plan
All projects	 Engagement of stakeholders throughout project cycle Consideration of vulnerable groups Establishment of project-level grievance mechanisms Disclosure to local stakeholders 	Stakeholder Engagement Plan

Grievance Mechanism

- You must inform community members and other stakeholders of the objectives of the project, the relevant provisions of the applicable safeguard policies, and the existence of a grievance mechanism
- You must make available contact information of your organization, the RIT and CEPF using locally appropriate means (e.g., posters, community meetings, radio broadcasts, articles in print media)
- You must treat all reported grievances confidentially, with no retribution to the person(s) making the complaint

Stage	Steps
GRM establishment	 Inform stakeholders of the objectives of the project, the requirements of applicable safeguard policies and the existence of a grievance redress mechanism Provide contact details of grantee, RIT and the CI Ethics Hotline
Grievance level 1	 Complainant submits grievance to the grantee (or RIT) Grantee develops plan to address grievance Grantee communicates grievance and proposed plan to CEPF/RIT (within 15 days) With approval from CEPF/RIT, grantee implements plan
Grievance level 2	 If the complainant not satisfied, submits grievance to CEPF Executive Director via the CI Ethics Hotline CEPF Secretariat develops plan to address grievance, in consultation with grantee and RIT CEPF Secretariat implements plan

Grievance complaint box in Vietnam by CEPF grantee People Resources and Conservation Foundation. © Uong Sy Hung (PRCF)

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Igishanga cya Rogezi ni indiri y'urusobe rw'ibinyabuzima nk'imisambi. Akaba arinayompamvu umuntu wese agomba kugita uruhare mu kukibungabunga. Rwanda Wildlife Conservation Association (RWCA) ni Umuryango Nyarwanda wita ku nyamaswa zo mu gasozi ndetse n'indiri kamere y'izo nyamaswa.

RWCA ifatanya n' akarere ka Burera na Gicumbi ndetse n'abandi fatatanyabikorwa benshi mu kubungabunga Imisambi ndetse n'igishanga eya Rugezi.

Hifashishijwe inkunga ya Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (CEPF), RWCA yashyize imbaraga mu kongerera ubuahobozi aharinzi b'igishanga cya Rugezi kugirango dukomeze kubungabunga imisambi ndetse n'urundi rusobe rw'ibinyabuzima muri iki gishanga.

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