

# CORPORATE PARTNERSHIPS REPORT

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# NATURE AT THE BRINK

<u>WWF's Living Planet Report</u> shows that humanity and the way we feed, fuel, and finance our societies and economies is pushing nature and the services that power and sustain us to the brink. Agricultural expansion, deforestation, overfishing, urban development, energy use, mining and pollution are all driving habitat loss, water shortages and climate change. In addition, every year, the <u>World Economic Forum Risks Report</u> continues to show the increase in the scale and urgency of environmental risks to the global economy, as well as the deepening interconnections between environmental issues, economic strains, and geopolitical tensions.

We cannot afford to be complacent. In fact, we need to move into an emergency and solutionsbased mindset. The landmark <u>Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report, Global</u> <u>Warming of 1.5 °C</u>, paints a clear but dire picture. It states that to avoid the most serious impacts of climate change, we need to drastically transform the world economy in the next few years. Allowing nature to fail will disrupt business, undermine economies and drive social instability.

The good news is that we also have an unparalleled opportunity for positive change – the science is clearer, awareness is greater, and innovation more powerful than ever before. We can redefine our relationship with nature – but we need to work together. One organization alone cannot deliver the change we need. That is why WWF collaborates with business – working in partnership – to find solutions and act at a scale that matters.

# TAKING BOLD COLLECTIVE ACTION

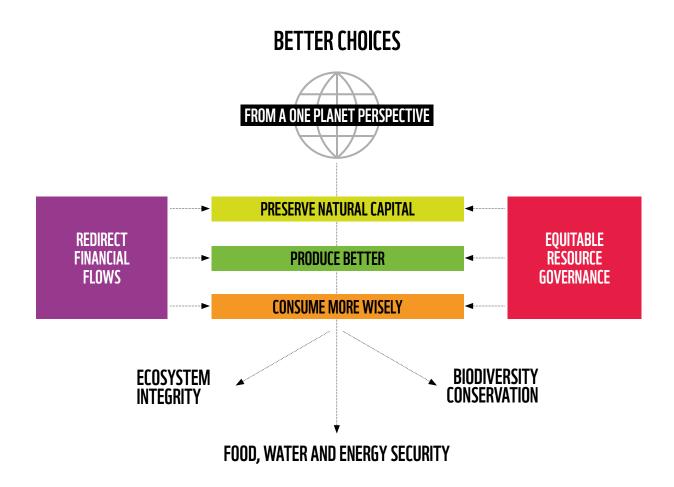
The time to act is now. We have put in place a global conservation strategy that reflects the way the world is changing, meets the big environmental challenges of the age and helps us simplify, unite and focus our efforts for greater impact.

WWF continues to deliver locally in crucial ecoregions around the world but sharpen our focus on six global goals – wildlife, forests, oceans, freshwater, climate and energy, and food – and three key drivers of environmental degradation – markets, finance and governance. We are creating global communities of practice for each of the goals and drivers composed of specialists from WWF and key external partners. This will foster greater collaboration and innovation, incubating new ideas and taking promising ones to scale, as we unite our efforts toward making ambitious targets a reality.

We know that one organization alone can't effect the change needed. That is why our work on the goals and drivers includes our partnerships with institutions and corporations, both local and international. The changes we want to see in the world can only come about through the efforts of many actors: local communities and national and multinational corporations, governments and NGOs, finance institutions and development agencies, consumers, and researchers.

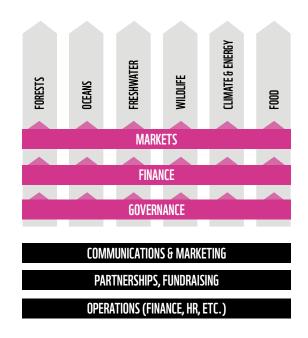
There has never been a stronger sense of urgency for action. In WWF we are defining new ways of working together to make a difference at a scale that matters. We know we must redefine humanity's relationship with the planet. And together we passionately believe we can.

## WWF'S GLOBAL VISION FOR CHANGE



## HOW WE MAKE IT HAPPEN

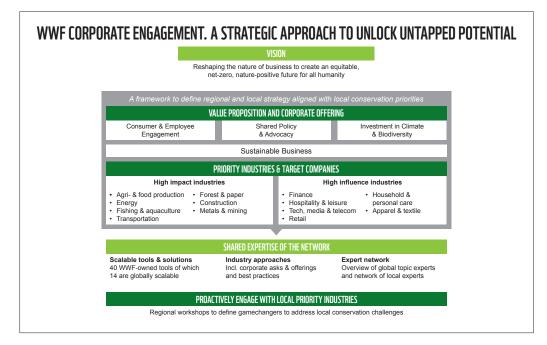
6 GLOBAL GOALS, 3 CROSS-CUTTING DRIVERS, DELIVERED BY POWERFUL COMMUNITIES OF PRACTICE AND PARTNERS



# OUR WORK WITH THE CORPORATE SECTOR

### WWF's mission is to stop the degradation of the planet's natural environment and to build a future in which humans live in harmony with nature.

Therefore, WWF seeks to work with those who have the greatest potential to reduce the most pressing threats to the diversity of life on Earth and together find solutions to conservation challenges such as deforestation, over-fishing, water scarcity and climate change. The corporate sector drives much of the global economy, so we consider that companies also have a specific responsibility to ensure that the natural resources and ecosystems that underpin their business are used sustainably.



Many of our partnerships with companies use a combination of these approaches.

Companies are also primed to lead on rapid adaptation and on the innovative solutions needed to drive change. We do this in a variety of ways, including supporting regulations that stop illegal or unsustainable activities, encouraging companies and industry platforms such as the <u>UN Global Compact, Science Based Targets</u>, the <u>Consumer Goods Forum</u> to make ambitious commitments while also to engage in public policy discussions at global and local levels, and supporting credible certification schemes (e.g. Forest Stewardship Council (FSC), Aquaculture Stewardship Council (ASC), Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO), Roundtable on <u>Responsible Soy</u> (RTRS), <u>Better Cotton Initiative</u> (BCI)). We also publish scorecards and reports on company or sector performance (e.g. <u>palm oil scorecard</u>, soy scorecard, and <u>sustainable cotton ranking</u>), mobilize public pressure through high-profile campaigns on issues related to business activities (e.g. <u>Business for Nature</u>, <u>No Deep Sea Mining</u>, Coalition to End Wildlife Trafficking Online), as well as working in partnership with individual companies.

This report presents an overview of the partnerships that this WWF office has with individual companies.

## OUR WORK IN CORPORATE Partnerships

WWF works with companies to achieve our conservation goals. NGO and company partnerships involve engaging in constructive dialogue while challenging each other with real issues. As such, they involve opportunities and risks for both parties. At WWF, we manage the risks by having clear guidelines and criteria in place, including a due diligence process. In all relationships, we maintain and exercise the right to public commentary.

Our collaboration with partners is based on a common understanding of issues, shared ambitions or activities, and a willingness to speak out in public. In general, we distinguish four types of partnerships with companies:

### **1. DRIVING SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS PRACTICES**

Our partnerships aim to deliver direct conservation results on key issues or in priority places by changing practices throughout a company's operations and value chain. These intend to reduce the major environmental impacts of some of the world's largest companies, achieve conservation results that would not otherwise be possible, and influence related sectors and markets.

## 2. COMMUNICATIONS AND AWARENESS RAISING

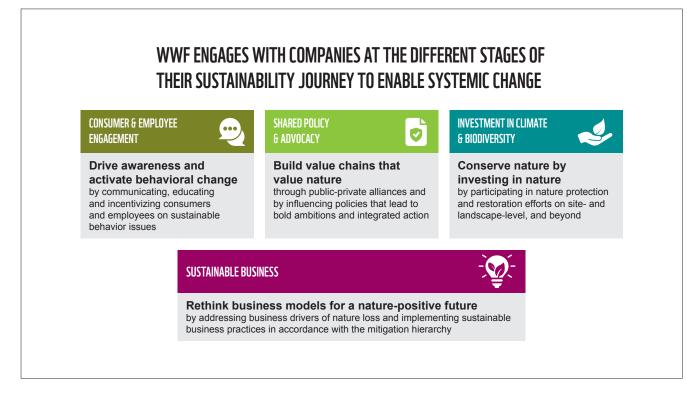
The second way that WWF partners with the private sector is by raising awareness of key environmental issues and mobilizing consumer action through communications and campaigns (including cause-related marketing campaigns). These partnerships also aim to highlight the beauty and uniqueness of WWF's priority places and species. This approach includes, for example, consumer actions to encourage the purchase of sustainable products such as FSC-certified wood, or results in companies supporting campaigns that inspire action in favour of special places such as the Arctic or endangered species like the tiger.

## **3. PHILANTHROPIC PARTNERSHIPS**

The third approach is articulated through specific programmes with companies to fund conservation projects and the institutions that deliver them. Philanthropic relationships with companies raise money for the conservation of key places and species, and the capability and tools to deliver such conservation impact.

## 4. POLICY AND ADVOCACY

The fourth approach involved collaborating with businesses to influence policies, regulations, and industry practices for sustainability. These partnerships are crucial for shaping policies that align nature and business, creating a sustainable future.



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# TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Results and impact, both qualitative and quantitative, are essential for us. We advocate transparency in action by all stakeholders as a crucial step toward sustainability. We believe that accountability for results and transparency to our supporters and our members on how we deliver those results are key to our approach of working in a constructive, cooperative manner with all our partners, including the corporate sector.

We want all our partnerships with companies to deliver the greatest impact possible, with the goal of creating lasting results at scale. We have, therefore, started a process of deeper and more systematic assessment of the targets and the outcomes we achieve in our work with the private sector and specifically through our bilateral partnerships.

All WWF offices are committed to continue reporting publicly on all our company relationships, their intent, objectives, and impacts, of which this report is one part. A Global Report of WWF's largest corporate partnerships globally can also be found <u>here</u>.

## THIS REPORT

The aim of this report is to give an overview of the partnerships that WWF-Norway has with individual companies. Funds obtained through corporate partnerships are typically used by WWF to:

- Work with the company to reduce its impacts and footprint and to help shift sectors and markets toward sustainability in line with WWF's global conservation strategy;
- · Raise public awareness of key conservation challenges;
- · Influence policies that lead to bold ambitions and integrated actions
- · Directly support WWF conservation projects.

This WWF office is responsible for the (contractual) agreement(s) with the companies concerned. The activities of the engagements in many cases take place in other countries or regions.

In FY23, income from corporate partnerships represented 0,2% of this WWF office's total income.

## PARTNERSHIPS WITH AN ANNUAL BUDGET OF MORE THAN EUR25,000 IN FY23

### GRIEG FOUNDATION AND GRIEG GROUP

Seafood, Shipping, Ship and Investments
Philanthropic.
Ocean, Plastics Budget
500,000-1,000,000

### Oceans under pressure

The oceans are under greater pressure than ever before from overfishing, coastal pollution, habitat destruction, climate change and ocean acidification. The fastest increasing threat, however, is plastic pollution. The need for knowledge and solutions is pressing. The Grieg Group and WWF, with the financial support of the Grieg Foundation, started a project in 2020, called "Clean Ports, Clean Oceans: Improving Port Waste Management in the Philippines", to reduce plastic waste leakage in three selected port cities (Batangas, Cagayan de Oro, Manila North) in the Philippines. The Grieg Group operates within seafood, shipping, shipbroking, maritime innovation, logistics and investments and has a philanthropic foundation, the Grieg Foundation.

The project had three specific objectives: i) to provide input to the national action plan on marine litter and highlight the importance of the port industry in addressing plastic pollution; ii) to reduce plastic waste leakage by 50% in at least 3 ports in the Philippines; and iii) to develop project documentation to enable scaling up solutions in other port cities in the Philippines and in the world.

The project was implemented by WWF-Philippines with support from WWF-Norway.

The project ended in 2023 with impressive results thanks to the various activities conducted in partnership with port authorities, local governments, entrepreneurs, communities and the informal sector.

The target of 50% of plastic waste leakage reduction has been achieved in the three ports, and more specifically the amount of plastic waste has been reduced by an average of 34 percent, and recycling increased by 33 percent. The main activities that enabled the ports to achieve these results were the activities that supported the ports to implement the ban on single use plastic products, and the activities that aimed to improve the segregation, separated collection and recycling of plastic waste.

In addition, WWF worked closely with several communities to reduce plastic pollution. Various activities were conducted, such as building and improving materials recycling facility, which besides collecting, sorting and selling plastic waste, generates income and creates jobs in the local community.

WWF also worked closely with the informal waste sector to ensure that those who risk their health daily by collecting and sorting plastic waste can receive protective equipment and more favorable working conditions and rights.

Shipbroking, Maritime Innovation, Logistics

## PARTNERSHIPS WITH AN ANNUAL BUDGET OF MORE THAN EUR25,000 IN FY21

### SKIFT

### Industry

Type of Partnership Conservation Focus of Partnership Budget Range (in EUR) Business alliance Driving sustainable business practices Climate, low-carbon society, Biodiversity 25,000-100,000

Skift (pronounced Shift) is a business-led climate initiative with a mission to accelerate the transition to a low-carbon economy. It explores what big changes Norway must go through to make sure the country can cut emissions by 55 percent by 2030, and at the same time create competitive advantages for Norwegian businesses.

Skift brings together Norwegian top executives at CEO level to point out the possibilities of a zero-emission society, and the tools needed to get there.

WWF-Norway is a technical partner in an advisory capacity as well as providing input and seeking support for corporate advocacy work.

## PARTNERSHIPS WITH AN ANNUAL BUDGET OF EUR25,000 OR LESS IN FY23

The following list represents all corporate partnerships that this WWF office has with an annual budget of EUR25,000 or less (including pro bono or in-kind contributions) in FY23.

- 1. Advokatfirmaet Legalis
- 2. Agva Kraft
- 3. Alfred Berg Humanfond
- 4. Bain & Company
- 5. Cultura Bank
- 6. Deloitte
- 7. Dyreparken Kristiansand
- 8. Norstat
- 9. Villa Paradiso

The following list represents all participants in WWF-Norway s corporate business club 2023.

- 1. Dugnadsiden
- 2. Oxer Eindom
- 3. Codex
- 4. Drig AS
- 5. Neste Nivå
- 6. Sleipner Motor AS
- 7. Innlandsgynekologen AS
- 8. Stenseth & RS Ressurs AS
- 9. Studio Gorilla AS
- 10. Kajakk & Fritid AS
- 11. Creto-gruppen (Codex Trodheim)
- 12. Reiulf Ramstad Arkitekter AS
- 13. Advokatfirmaet Ottosen AS
- 14. Fjell Technology Group AS
- 15. KOK AS
- 16. Morten Engebretsen AS
- 17. Sweef AB

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## **THE WWF NETWORK\***

#### WWF Offices\*

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Belize	Italy	Sweden
Bhutan	Japan	Switzerland
Bolivia	Kenya	Tanzania
Brazil	Korea	Thailand
Bulgaria	Laos	Tunisia
Cambodia	Madagascar	Turkey
Cameroon	Malaysia	Uganda
Canada	Mexico	Ukraine
Central African Republic	Mongolia	United Arab Emirates
Chile	Morocco	United Kingdom
China	Mozambique	United States of America
Colombia	Myanmar	Vietnam
Croatia	Namibia	Zambia
Cuba	Nepal	Zimbabwe
Democratic Republic of	Netherlands	
Congo	New Zealand	WWF Associates*
Denmark	Norway	Fundación Vida Silvestre
Ecuador	Pakistan	(Argentina)
Fiji	Panama	Pasaules Dabas Fonds (Latvia)
Finland	Papua New Guinea	Nigerian Conservation
France	Paraguay	Foundation (Nigeria)
French Guyana	Peru	
Gabon	Philippines	*As at October 2018
Georgia	Poland	
Germany	Romania	
Greece	Russia	
Guatemala	Singapore	
Guyana		

# OUR MISSION IS TO STOP DEGRADATION OF THE PLANET'S NATURAL ENVIRONMENT AND TO BUILD A FUTURE IN WHICH HUMANS LIVE IN HARMONY WITH NATURE.



Working to sustain the natural world for the benefit of people and wildlife.

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