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Fraud and corruption continue to be taken seriously in WWF. Negative consequences are extensive, affecting local communities and their natural resources both in a short-term and long-term manner. WWF-Norway is committed to transparency in order to uphold trust from all our stakeholders and to ensure funding for our conservation work. In line with the WWF-Norway Fraud/Corruption Prevention and Investigation Policy, this annual report provides the current status pertaining to fraud and corruption involving either WWF-Norway directly, or funds that WWF-Norway has provided, either from the Norwegian government or funds raised from the public.

Work to enhance control and compliance in 2021

The updated [Network Standard on Prevention of Fraud, Bribery and Corruption](#) was endorsed by the WWF Network Executive Team on 20th May 2021 and was formally approved by the WWF International Board of Trustees on 21st September 2021. The Standard is compulsory for all WWF offices and is subject to review on a regular basis and at least every three years. WWF-Norway has been using this updated standard to review our WWF-Norway Fraud/Corruption Prevention and Investigation Policy, which contains guidance on preventing and reviewing corruption, including a legal review to confirm we are compliant with the latest legislation in Norway as well. The updated version will be finalised and presented to the Board for review and sign-off in the February 2022 Board meeting.

In 2021, WWF-Norway has strengthened its control functions by increasing its Programme Controller capacity with one additional fulltime position from 1st September. This ensures continued enhancement of procedures related to transfer of funds abroad and improved capacity for control of budgets and financial reports, including for verification of transfers through follow-up meetings via phone or video meeting.

Cases concluded in 2021 – fraud/corruption detected

No cases in 2021.

Cases concluded in 2021 – fraud/corruption not detected

No cases in 2021.

Investigations ongoing at end 2021 – conclusions pending

Not applicable.

Please note: Following the 2018 and 2019 allegations of human rights abuses related to work implemented by partners supported by WWF in Central Africa, India, and Nepal an Independent Panel was put in place, and their final report and WWF's management response were published in November 2020, as reported in the 2020 Fraud Report. On 30th November 2021, a Year 1 Implementation Update on our Action Plan was published to address progress, challenges and lessons. This is available [here](#).