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WWF-Norway Fraud Report 2025

With our partners in the WWF Network, WWF-Norway is committed to act with integrity, accountability and transparency and ensuring implementation of our zero-tolerance principle to fraud and corruption. In line with the WWF-Norway Fraud/Corruption Prevention and Investigation Policy, this annual report provides the current status pertaining to fraud and corruption allegations potentially involving either WWF-Norway directly, or funds that WWF-Norway has provided through the Norwegian government or public fundraising.

Work to enhance control and compliance in 2025

WWF has worked further to improve its system to address fraud and corruption risks and management during 2025. In February, new internal procedures were introduced for *Managing alerts and complaints related to financial irregularities and sexual exploitation, abuse and harassment in WWF-Norway's international programming*, as part of the International Programme Guide. Other measures to strengthen financial management and control are being taken in the preparations of new Norad grant applications and management of new grants from 2026, including improved due diligence and partner contacting templates and procedures.

Throughout the year, the engagement for mutual exchange and learning with the Norwegian Anti-corruption Network has continued, and through this network WWF has also contributed to the input provided to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for its *Veileder for Norges internasjonale innsats mot korrupsjon*, launched in November 2025. Dialogue is now firmly established for improved collaboration across the Nordic WWF offices to ensure mutual sharing, learning and undertaking of control measures related to joint international partners.

On the overall WWF Network level, the independent Office of the Ombudsperson has become operational for case-handling related to all types of complaints.

Cases concluded in 2025 – fraud/corruption not detected

There have been two new cases reported and concluded in 2025. One of these cases was based on suspicions raised by programme staff and was reported through WWF's whistleblowing system. The other case was reported via Norad's whistleblowing system. Both investigations concluded that the suspicions were unsubstantiated.

Investigations ongoing at end 2025 – fraud/corruption detected

Two new cases are reported in 2025 where fraud/corruption has been detected. One of these cases was detected through the control routines and mechanisms of another Nordic WWF organisation, while the other case was reported following local police investigations related to a third party. In relation to the former, there are ongoing investigations related to WWF-Norway's funding streams. In the second case, a legal process against the third party has been conducted but the final update from the police is pending.