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*Note: this Standard will be subject to public consultation in Q1 of 2021 and may be revised beforehand*

### Exclusion List

The following activities are considered ineligible for WWF and WWF supported projects. WWF does not permit project fund expenditures in any of the following activities:

- (i) Weapons and Munitions<sup>1</sup>
- (ii) Military activities: Military activities are activities that (i) are conducted by members of a military; and (ii) have the primary purpose of national defense or public safety. Military activities do not include activities conducted by members of the military whose primary purpose is conservation, even if those activities incidentally serve a national defense or public safety purpose. Support for conservation activities conducted by members of the military must always satisfy applicable ESSF policies and standards, including WWF's Standard on Community Health, Safety and Security.
- (iii) Harmful or exploitative forms of forced/child labor
- (iv) Formulated World Health Organization classes IA and IB Products, or formulations of Class II products, unless exclusively used by those with training and proper equipment<sup>2</sup>
- (v) Procurement or use of pesticides and chemicals specified as persistent organic pollutants under the Stockholm Convention
- (vi) Conversion or degradation of critical natural habitats, especially those that are legally protected, proposed for protection, or identified as high-conservation value
- (vii) Introduction of, or increased competitiveness of, invasive species

If the potential project seeks to finance an activity listed on this **Exclusion List**, including through partners, it must be redesigned in order to proceed.

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<sup>1</sup> The restriction does not apply to field knives, bush knives, machetes and other essential field or safety gear provided to rangers. Equipment needed for research or translocation of wildlife is also permitted. Weapons and Munitions required for WWF staff safety and security are permitted, subject to the policies and approval of the National Office and in line with local law and any relevant donor restrictions.

<sup>2</sup> WHO Class IA denotes Extremely Hazardous Products, Class IB denotes Highly Hazardous Products, and Class II denotes Moderately Hazardous Products.