



**ENVIRONMENTAL & SOCIAL SAFEGUARDS**

**STANDARD ON  
PEST MANAGEMENT**

### Introduction

The Standard on Pest Management is aimed at any landscape/seascape (hereafter 'landscape') applying or promoting the use of pesticides or supporting agricultural or other activities where chemical pest management is undertaken. This Standard ensures that internationally restricted products are prohibited<sup>1</sup> and that the environmental and health risks associated with justifiable pesticide use are minimized and managed. It further ensures that safe, effective, and environmentally sound pest management is supported and promoted.

### Requirements

Specifically, WWF will:

1. Not allow the procurement or use of formulated products that are in the [World Health Organization \(WHO\) classes IA and IB, or formulations of products in Class II](#)<sup>2</sup>;
2. Not allow the procurement or use of pesticides and other chemicals specified as persistent organic pollutants identified under the [Stockholm Convention](#);
3. Follow the recommendations and minimum standards as described in the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization's International Code of Conduct on the Distribution and Use of Pesticides and its associated technical guidelines, and procure only pesticides (along with suitable protective and application equipment) that will permit pest management actions to be carried out with well-defined and minimal risk to people, livelihoods and the environment;
4. Promote the use of demand-driven, ecologically-based biological or environmental pest management practices (referred to as integrated pest management - IPM);
5. Reduce reliance on synthetic chemical pesticides;
6. Require that, in the context of the activities that they support, pesticides are procured contingent on an assessment of the nature and degree of associated risks, taking into account the proposed use and intended users;
7. Support policy reform and institutional capacity development to (a) enhance implementation of IPM and integrated vector management and (b), regulate and monitor the distribution and use of pesticides; and
8. Disclose draft mitigation measures within the environmental and social mitigation framework (ESMF), in a manner that is both accessible and transparent to key stakeholders, including affected groups and civil society organizations.

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<sup>1</sup> [See Exclusion List](#)

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