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Standard on Pest Management

Introduction

The Standard on Pest Management is aimed at any landscape or seascape applying or promoting the use of pesticides, or projects supporting agricultural or other activities where chemical pest management is undertaken. It ensures that internationally restricted products are avoided and that the environmental and health risks associated with pesticide use are minimized and managed. In concerned projects the use of 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;
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 health, environment, and livelihoods;
4. Promote the use of demand-driven, ecologically based biological or environmental pest management practices (referred to as Integrated Pest Management);
5. Reduce reliance on synthetic chemical pesticides,;
6. Require that, in the context of activities that it supports, 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 Integrated Pest Management (IPM) and Integrated Vegetation Management (IVM), and (b) regulate and monitor the distribution and use of pesticides; and
8. Disclose draft Pest Management Plans as part of the Environmental and Social Management Plan, in a place accessible to key stakeholders including project-affected groups and CSOs in a form and language understandable to them.

Mitigation Measures

Include an assessment of pest management issues, impacts, and risks in the Environment and Social Safeguards Screening process under the Standard on Environment and Social Risk Management.