

# CORPORATE PARTNERSHIPS REPORT

OVERVIEW OF WWF-VIETNAM CORPORATE PARTNERSHIPS FISCAL YEAR 2016

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WWF is one of the world's largest and most experienced independent conservation organizations, with over 5 million supporters and a global network active in more than 100 countries.

WWF's mission is to stop the degradation of the planet's natural environment and to build a future in which humans live in harmony with nature, by conserving the world's biological diversity, ensuring that the use of renewable natural resources is sustainable, and promoting the reduction of pollution and wasteful consumption.

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#### TAKING BOLD COLLECTIVE ACTION

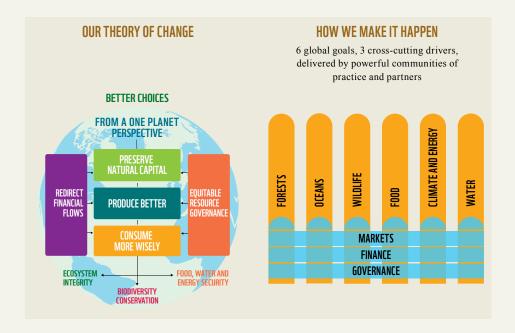
WWF has embarked on a journey of deep internal transformation that will make us stronger and more effective as we tackle the challenges and capitalize on the opportunities that lie ahead.

The time to act is now. We are putting in place a global conservation strategy that reflects the way the world is changing, meets the big environmental challenges of the age and helps us simplify, unite and focus our efforts for greater impact.

WWF will continue to deliver locally in crucial ecoregions around the world, but sharpen our focus on six global goals – on wildlife, forests, oceans, water, climate and energy, and food – and three key drivers of environmental degradation – markets, finance and governance. We are creating global communities of practice for each of the goals and drivers composed of specialists from WWF and key external partners. This will foster greater collaboration and innovation, incubating new ideas and taking promising ones to scale, as we unite our efforts toward making ambitious targets a reality.

We know that one organization alone can't effect the change needed. That is why our work on the goals and drives is strongly inclusive of our partnerships with institutions and corporations, both local and global. The changes we want to see in the world can only come about through the efforts of many actors: local communities and multinational corporations, governments and NGOs, finance institutions and development agencies, consumers and researchers.

There has never been a stronger sense of urgency for action. In WWF we are defining new ways of working together to make a difference at a scale that matters. We know we must redefine humanity's relationship with the planet. And together we passionately believe we can.



#### **OUR WORK WITH THE CORPORATE SECTOR**

WWF's mission is to stop the degradation of the planet's natural environment and to build a future in which humans live in harmony with nature. As the 2016 Living Planet Report demonstrates, the challenges that the global environment is facing today are too big, too interconnected and too urgent for any one organization to solve alone.

Therefore, WWF seeks to work with those who have the greatest potential to reduce the most pressing threats to the diversity of life on Earth and together find solutions to conservation challenges such as deforestation, over-fishing, water scarcity and climate change. Business drives much of the global economy, so we consider that companies also have a specific responsibility to ensure that the natural resources and ecosystems that underpin their business are used sustainably. Business is also primed to lead on rapid adaptation and on the innovative solutions needed to drive change.

By working with business, WWF aims to change behaviour and drive conservation results that would not be possible otherwise.

More specifically, our work with business aspires to do this by:

- promoting better production and responsible sourcing of raw materials that otherwise drive deforestation or unsustainable use of water;
- encouraging a switch to 100 per cent renewable energy and away from fossil fuels;
- engaging jointly on public policy;
- supporting the equitable sharing of natural resources;
- redirecting financial flows to support conservation and sustainable ecosystem management;
- · raising awareness of the need to consume more wisely; and
- protecting some of the world's most ecologically important places.

We do this in a variety of ways, including supporting regulations that stop illegal or unsustainable activities, encouraging companies and industry platforms to make ambitious commitments and to engage in public policy discussions, and supporting credible certification schemes (e.g. Forest Stewardship Council (FSC), Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) Aquaculture Stewardship Council (ASC), Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO), Roundtable on Responsible Soy (RTRS). We also publish scorecards and reports on company or sector performance (e.g palm oil scorecard; soy scorecard, and sustainable cotton ranking), mobilize public pressure through high-profile campaigns on issues related to business activities (e.g. Seize Your Power, Virunga, Reviving the Oceans Economy), as well as work in partnership with individual companies.

This report presents an overview of the partnerships that WWW-Vietnam has with individual companies.

Most of WWF's engagement with business is focused on these key themes:

- · Food, forest and ocean commodities,
- · Climate & energy, and
- · Freshwater.

We work with key companies in priority commodity supply chains to reduce the impact of commodity production and drive demand for more sustainable commodities. Specifically, WWF focuses on the largest companies that buy and produce agricultural commodities, such as palm oil or cotton, that drive deforestation or unsustainable water use; on fish, both wild caught, such as whitefish and tuna, and farmed such as salmon and shrimp; and on forest products such as timber and paper. Our engagement with forestry companies includes participatory programmes such as the Global Forest & Trade Network (GFTN) and the New Generations Plantations (NGP) platform.

On climate change and energy management, WWF engages the corporate sector with the aim of catalysing the transition towards a low carbon future and supporting the implementation of the Paris Agreement. Working in partnership with leading companies through the Climate Savers programme and in multistakeholder strategic coalitions such as We Mean Business and the Science Based Targets Initiative, WWF leads the implementation of a corporate climate leadership agenda, including the adoption of science-based emission reduction targets, the transition towards an economy 100% powered by renewable energy, and the responsible and transparent engagement of companies in climate and energy policy.

WWF's work on Water Stewardship promotes responsible business engagement on water issues. We define Water Stewardship for business as a commitment to the sustainable management of shared water resources in the public interest through collective action with other businesses, governments, NGOs and communities. It typically starts with improvements in water use and reducing water related impacts of internal and value chain operations, and progresses to influencing governance of the resource.

#### WWF'S CORPORATE PARTNERSHIPS

Our cooperation with partners is based on a common understanding of issues, shared ambitions or activities, and a willingness to speak out in public. In general, we distinguish three types of partnerships with companies:

- 1. Driving sustainable business practices;
- 2. Communications and awareness raising; and
- 3. Philanthropic partnerships.

#### Driving sustainable business practices

Our bilateral partnerships aim to deliver direct conservation results on key issues or in priority places by changing practices throughout a company's operations and value chain. These intend to reduce the major environmental impacts of some of the world's largest companies, achieve conservation results that would not otherwise be possible, and influence related sectors and markets.

#### Communications and awareness raising

The second way that WWF partners with business is by raising awareness of key environmental issues and mobilizing consumer action through communications and campaigns (including cause-related marketing campaigns). These partnerships also aim to highlight the beauty and uniqueness of places and species for which WWF stands. This approach includes, for example, consumer actions to encourage the purchase of sustainable products such as MSC-certified fish, or results in companies supporting campaigns that inspire action in favour of special places such as the Arctic or endangered species like the tiger.

#### Philanthropic partnerships

The third approach is articulated through specific programmes with companies to fund conservation projects and the institutions that deliver them. Philanthropic relationships with companies raise money for the conservation of key places and species, and the capability and tools to deliver such conservation.

WWF partners on a philanthropic or awareness-raising level with companies that are undertaking substantial action to improve their sustainability performance, or that have negligible environmental impacts.

As this report shows, many partnerships with companies use a combination of these approaches.

WWF works with companies to achieve our conservation goals. NGO and company partnerships involve engaging in constructive dialogue while challenging each other with real issues. As such, they involve opportunities and risks for both parties. At WWF, we manage the risks by having clear guidelines and criteria in place, including a due diligence process. In all relationships, we maintain and exercise the right to public commentary.

#### TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Results and impact, both qualitative and quantitative, are essential for us. We advocate transparency in action by all stakeholders as a crucial step toward sustainability. We believe that accountability for results and transparency to our supporters and our members on how we deliver those results are key to our approach of working in a constructive, cooperative manner with all our partners, including business.

We want all our partnerships with business to deliver the greatest impact possible, with the goal of creating lasting results at scale. We have therefore started a process of deeper and more systematic assessment of the targets and the outcomes we achieve in our work with the business sector and specifically through our bilateral partnerships.

All WWF offices are committed to continue or start reporting publicly on all our company relationships, their intent, objectives and impacts, of which this report is one part.

#### THIS REPORT

The aim of this report is to give an overview of the partnerships that WWF-Vietnam has with individual companies. Funds obtained through corporate partnerships are typically used by WWF to:

- Work with the company to reduce its impacts and footprint and to help shift sectors and markets toward sustainability in line with WWF's global conservation strategy;
- Raise public awareness of key conservation challenges;
- Directly support WWF conservation projects.

WWF-Vietnam is responsible for the (contractual) agreement(s) with the companies concerned. The activities of the engagements in many cases take place in other countries or regions.

# INFORMATION ON WWF-VIETNAM CORPORATE PARTNERSHIPS

The following list of companies is an overview of all the corporate partnerships that WWF-Vietnam has with an annual budget of greater than EUR25,000. Details of each partnership can be found (in alphabetical order) below:

HSBC Bank (Vietnam) Ltd. International Investment The Coca Cola Company <sup>1</sup>
Bank

(1) The partnerships with these corporations are under global programs and were signed with WWF-International

# HSBC BANK (VIETNAM) LTD.

Strengthening Community Forest Guard Engagement and Developing Sustainable Snare Removal for Saola

The project aims at strengthening community forest guards engagement and developing sustainable snare removal to protect an endangered species - Saola - and will focus on supporting the three main activities:

The Forest Guard model

Saola SMART data model

Community awareness raising activities.

Implementation of the activities will ensure that law enforcement intensity within Thua Thien Hue and Quang Nam Saola Reserves are sufficient to minimize snaring to a level that ensures long-term Saola persistence in the landscape.

The project directly benefits 6 Forest Guards; and 1,100 community members (in 11 target villages) benefit from Awareness Raising activities.

Industry

**Banking and Finance** 

Type of partnership

Philanthropic

Conservation focus of partnership

Forest

Biodiversity

FY2016 budget range (EUR)

25,000 - 100,000

For more information, click HERE

### INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT BANK

#### Wild Asian Elephants Programme in Vietnam

The overall objective of this project is to support Vietnam in conserving the wild Asian elephant through the

implementation of two strategies:

- (1) Increasing the capacity of relevant authorities to manage Human - Elephant Conflict;
- (2) Increasing the awareness and engagement of individuals and businesses in elephant conservation. The objective is two-fold. With greater awareness comes, firstly, a greater public demand and scrutiny for the protection of wild elephants, and secondly, the potential to seek funding from individuals and corporate partners to finance those activities agreed upon under objective one.

Industry

**Banking and Finance** 

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## THE COCA COLA COMPANY

## Addressing the natural resource challenges that impact freshwater

Since 2007, The Coca-Cola

Company and WWF have worked together to conserve freshwater resources around the world and improve the efficiency of Coca-Cola's operations.

The Plain of Reeds Wetland Restoration Project was launched under the global partnership for freshwater conservation, a collaboration between the Coca-Cola

Company (TCCC) and WWF. The Project seeks to improve the ecological conditions of the Plain of Reeds wetlands, located in the Mekong River basin, through habitat restoration, collaborative management and livelihoods interventions.

In collaboration with the Management Board of Tram Chim National Park, the three-year project will focus on restoring wetland habitats; promoting sustainable use by local communities and streamlining wetland related policies.

Initial project activities have been showing inspiring results, including habitat recovery and increased waterfowl visits. The project is now ready for full-scale implementation and will build on these early successes.

Industry

Beverages

Type of partnership

Philanthropic

Conservation focus of partnership

Climate

**Forest** 

**Biodiversity** 

FY2016 budget range (EUR)

25,000 - 100,000

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The following list  $\,$  represents all corporate partnerships under WWF-Vietnam's GFTN programme, with an annual budget up to EUR 25,000.

Truong Thanh Furniture	Quoc Thang Joint Stock	Vĩnh Long Trading and
Corporation 1	Company <sup>1</sup>	Manufacturing Joint Stock
Thanh Hòa Co., Ltd <sup>1</sup>	Nam Dinh Forest Products <sup>1</sup>	Import Export Company <sup>1</sup>
FOREXCO Co., Ltd <sup>1</sup>	Hoang Hung Co,. Ltd <sup>1</sup>	Thuy Son Investment Joint Stock Company <sup>1</sup>
Thang Loi Enterprise <sup>1</sup>		etc.

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The Global Forest & Trade Network (GFTN) is one of WWF's initiatives to eliminate illegal logging and transform the global marketplace into a force for saving the world's most valuable and threatened forests. GFTN aims to mainstream the principles of responsible forest management and trade as a standard practice throughout the global forest products industry by providing technical assistance, partnership and trade opportunities with committed companies. GFTN considers independent, multi-stakeholder-based forest certification as a vital tool in this process. Nearly 200 companies in 20 countries around the world participate in GFTN.

## THE WWF NETWORK\*

#### **WWF Offices\***

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Bulgaria Madagascar United Arab Emirates
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China Namibia

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Democratic Republic of New Zealand (Argentina)

Congo Norway Pasaules Dabas Fonds
Denmark (Latvia)

Pakistan Nigerian Conservation
Ecuador Panama Foundation (Nigeria)

Fiji Papua New Guinea

Finland Paraguay \*As at August 2016
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Peru

French Guyana Philippines
Gabon Poland
Georgia Romania
Germany Russia
Greece Singapore

Guatemala Solomon Islands
Guyana South Africa

Honduras

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WWF was founded in 1961

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WWF is in over 100 countries, on 6 continents

WWF has over 5 million supporters

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WWF has over 25 million followers on Facebook, Twitter and Google+



#### Why we are here

To stop the degradation of the planet's natural environment and to build a future in which humans live in harmony with nature.

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