

## Safeguards Compliance Memorandum

### Project Information

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Circular Solutions to Plastic Pollution: Global Project</b>
<b>GEF Focal Area</b>	International Waters, Biodiversity, Climate Change
<b>Safeguards Categorization</b>	Low Risk-C

### Project Description

The Circular Solutions to Plastic Pollution Integrated Program aims to trigger systems change to accelerate the transition towards a circular economy of plastics in the food and beverage sector, and prevent plastic pollution through upstream solutions in the following areas:

1. **Elimination and Reduction:** Reduction in the amount of problematic and unnecessary plastic used in the food and beverage sector, including shift to reuse and reduction of very short-lifetime items.
2. **Design for Circularity:** Increase in plastic items and systems designed for circularity, elimination of problematic design elements, shift to alternatives, and shift to use of recycled and responsibly sourced content.
3. **Circularity in Practice:** Implementation of policies and innovative business models which ensure materials circulate in practice, including reusable systems, and incentives for circularity.

The Circular Solutions to Plastic Pollution Global Project aims to ensure the success of the Program's 15 National Projects and create a cohesive whole in order to achieve impact that goes beyond what the National Projects can achieve alone. In addition, the Global Project provides the key function of Knowledge Management and Coordination to the Program, across all participating child projects, creating program coherence and synergies. The Global Project will focus on key transformational levers to maximize impact, while creating widely applicable or replicable assets to multiply influence beyond direct project work. It will systematically address plastic pollution problems in the following ways:

1. Leverage the global project to address barriers that cannot be effectively tackled at the national level.
2. Deliver technical assistance and knowledge management to scale progress, including increasing exposure and access to tools, guidance, and programs.
3. Leverage partnerships and coalitions, including with the private sector, financial institutions, civil society, and global initiatives, to increase ambition and scale impact.

### Project Location and Salient Physical Characteristics Relevant for the Safeguards Analysis

This is a Global Project, and serves as the coordinating body for the Integrated Program and as such does not have a physical location or characteristics.

Safeguards Standard	Triggered	Explanation
Natural Habitats	No	As this is the global project of the IP, there are no on-the ground activities. It is a low risk project, and no safeguards standards have been triggered
Indigenous People	No	
Restriction of Access and Resettlement	No	
Community Health, Safety and Security	No	
Pest Management	No	
Cultural Resources	No	

### Summary of Key Safeguards Issues

<b>Describe any safeguard issues and impacts associated with the proposed project. Identify and describe any potential large scale, significant and/or irreversible impacts:</b> This is a Category C, low risk project and no safeguards standards have been triggered.
<b>Describe measures taken by the Project Team to address safeguard policy issues. Provide an assessment of borrower capacity to plan and implement the measures described:</b> Per WWF requirements, the project has a Stakeholder Engagement Plan, a Gender Action Plan and will have a Grievance Mechanism in place once implementation begins. These fulfill the safeguards requirements of a low risk project. As WWF US and UNEP are the co-Executing entities and both are also GEF Agencies, they are well-qualified to meet the safeguards requirements of this project.
<b>Identify the key stakeholders and describe the mechanisms for consultation and disclosure on safeguard policies, with an emphasis on potentially affected people:</b> The program will be delivered through a Global Project that will ensure the success of 15 national level Child Projects, creating a cohesive whole in order to achieve impact that goes beyond what the national level projects can achieve alone. The 15 National Projects will be implemented in the following countries: Brazil, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Cook Islands, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, India, Jordan, Laos, Morocco, Nigeria, Peru, Philippines, Senegal, and South Africa. In addition to the executing entities in each of those countries, the Global Project will engage directly with NGOs, the private sector, community-led organizations, other GEF projects and national government entities.

## Monitoring and Compliance

Have satisfactory calendar, budget and clear institutional responsibilities been prepared for the implementation of measures related to safeguard policies? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/>
Have costs related to safeguard policy measures been included in the project cost? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/>
Does the Monitoring and Evaluation system of the project include the monitoring of safeguard impacts and measures related to safeguard policies? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/>
Have satisfactory implementation arrangements been agreed with the borrower and the same been adequately reflected in the project legal documents? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/>
Have relevant safeguard policies documents been sent to WWF-US? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/>
Have relevant documents been disclosed in-country in a public place in a form and language that are understandable and accessible to project-affected groups and local NGOs? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/>

## Disclosure Requirements

This project is required to have a Stakeholder Engagement Plan, Gender Action Plan and a Grievance Redress Mechanism.	
Date received by WWF-US	August 7, 2024
Date Disclosed on WWF-US website	August 8, 2024
<i>In Country Disclosure</i>	
Date Disclosed on WWF US website (in role as co-Executing Entity)	August 8, 2024
Date Disclosed in project areas	No local disclosure was required

## Approvals

Adrienne McKeenan Lead Safeguards Specialist	 <small>Signed by:</small> <small>CF36CBFE14D14A7...</small>	<small>Date:</small> 9/9/2024
Brent Nordstrom, Safeguards Compliance Officer	 <small>Signed by:</small> <small>DD6030B6C7E2446...</small>	<small>Date:</small> 9/9/2024