

Where to Start

Countering Corruption that Undermines Climate Progress

- » Significant investments are flowing into projects to address climate change, biodiversity loss, and land degradation. More will come. Tackling this triple crisis will require a [USD 8 trillion investment in nature by 2050](#), according to some estimates.
- » New investments draw new corruption risks. Corruption can [divert resources](#) away from efforts to address, mitigate, and adapt to climate change and restore and rely more upon nature.
- » Research done by Transparency International Bangladesh in 2020 sampling climate adaptation infrastructure projects from 2010 forward estimated that [35% of project funds are being embezzled](#), and nearly 80% of projects are poorly constructed because of leakages from corruption.
- » To prevent corruption from undermining climate progress, consider partnerships and new approaches to strengthen integrity in climate finance, increase transparency in climate-related decision-making, and promote integrity in nature-based solutions.

Building Anti-Corruption into Conservation Programming

1 UNDERSTAND CORRUPTION

Get familiar with how corruption impacts conservation and ways to respond

Take the TNRC eCourse

2 ASSESS YOUR SITUATION

Identify how corruption affects the objectives of your own programming

Find TNRC tools for situation analysis

3 ADAPT YOUR PROGRAMMING

Consider approaches that fit your needs

Remember: Evidence suggests that targeting corruption through multiple approaches yields best results

Are high-level actors such as corrupt officials and organized criminals embezzling climate finances?

Prevent and detect illicit financial flows tied to climate finance

Explore the Illicit Financial Flows Guide

Are climate investments and projects failing to take community needs into account or undermining rights?

Advance nature-based solutions and other inclusive conservation approaches

Explore the Communities & Inclusion Guide

Do decisions and investments lack transparency, thus enabling corruption?

Increase the public's access to information on climate-related decision-making, climate finance and carbon markets; empower people with a say over public decisions; and help ensure that rules are followed

Explore the Open Governance Guide

This TNRC "Cheat Sheet" outlines pathways to get started with anti-corruption programming. For more information and resources, visit tnrcproject.org.

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