



Criteria For the establishment of TF

Conservation Trust Funds Training Course

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WWF Current funding situation for PA

Financial resources needed for terrestrial PA for the next 10-30 years are about

20-28 Billion US-\$/ year

Currently only

6.5 – 8 Billion US-\$/year

are spend with a strong emphasis in industrialized countries

However trusts funds are not always adequate to close the funding gap

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WWF Criteria for setting up Trust Funds

Criteria provide a guideline for assessing the suitability of an trust fund approach

Criteria an be separated in:

- **Pre-conditions**
 - Ecological criteria
 - Sectoral Framework conditions
- **Fields of work** (to be actively promoted in the initial stages of a committing an endowment)
 - PA management on site
 - Specific requirements for establishing a TF
 - Fund operating mechanisms (administrative structure)
- **Criteria specific to German Development Cooperation**

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WWF Sectoral Framework Criteria I

- GEF criteria
 - Long term conservation strategy in place, as well as political will to implement such strategy
 - **Active** government support for „public-private“ approaches beyond the full control of government
 - Willingness and readiness of different affected interest groups („stakeholders“) to cooperate
 - Relevant institutional and financial regulations are in place and being enforced in a transparent manner
- Sectoral engagement
- „Participatory“ sector policies in place („enabling environment“)
- Ratification of relevant international conventions (CBD, Ramsar)

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PA Management on Site

- Participation of „stakeholders“ is established in practice
 - Rights *and duties* are agreed upon
 - Open information/ communications policy
 - Functioning mechanisms to resolve conflicts
- Adequate, transparent and prioritised allocation of available resources
- Revenue retention offers adequate incentives for PA's
- Management and business plans constitute basis for PA operations

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Specific Requirements for Establishing TF

- Relevant legislation (e.g. on taxes) is in place
- Investment conditions:
 - Capital is invested locally:
 - Functioning financial sector (banking system, accounting standards etc.)
 - Stable local currency or no restrictions on investing locally in foreign („hard“) currencies
 - Capital is invested „offshore“:
 - no restrictions on „offshore“ investment

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Fund Operating Mechanisms

- „Lean structure“ of operating and supervisory bodies
- Supervisory structure („*board*“) allows participation by civil society
- Co-funding mechanisms are in place
- Clear statutes ensure transparent utilisation of income
- Maintenance of capital stock (incl. inflation adjustment) for Endowment Funds

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Criteria Specific to German Development Cooperation

- Regional/ sectoral focus of development cooperation
- „Programmatic approach“, preferably in tune with other international agencies
- Preferably regional/ trans-national linkages
- Visibility of support

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