

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

Introduction

WWF's mission is to conserve the natural world by building a future in which people live in harmony with nature. To achieve this on a global scale it is inevitable that we have an impact on the environment. However, we are dedicated to reducing this impact by all reasonable means.

This Policy applies to all UK activities undertaken by WWF-UK in pursuance of its objectives.

1) Identify and quantify the environmental impact of all our UK activities and take all steps to minimise consumption and waste by ensuring we only buy what we need, re-using wherever possible and appropriately recycling that which is no longer fit for use.

2) Ensure all staff are made aware of the Policy during their induction training and continue to inform and encourage them by a process of on-going education in the requirements of the EMS Policy

3) Set annual improvement targets for all environmental impacts and publish these in the annual Environmental Report on the website, www.wwf.org.uk specifically with relation to:-

a) Achieving our declared objective of reducing our travel generated CO2 emissions by 25% by 2010, from our benchmark year 2004;

b) Further reduce the amount of waste going to landfill and increase the percentage recycled by continued application of the organisation's mantra of 'reduce, re-use and recycle';

c) Reduce energy consumption from our office activities by application of best energy saving practice and introduction of appropriate renewable energy technology and offset the remaining unavoidable carbon emissions through annual purchase of certificates in a Gold Standard CDM scheme.

4) Involve key suppliers in a process of continual improvement in relation to reducing the global environmental impact of our commercial activities. Ensure all our purchases meet best environmental standards as set out in our Purchasing Policy and strictly adhere to our internal policies on procurement of timber products as per our commitment as members of the WWF Forest Trades Network.

5) WWF-UK will not invest in companies whose business operations conflict with, or detract from, the objectives of the charity .

6) WWF-UK will meet and exceed the requirements of relevant national and local environmental legislation and bye-laws.

7) The Policy is endorsed by both the Management Team and Trustees. Responsibility for the Policy lies with the Chief Executive. The Director of Resources will chair the Environmental Steering Group which will meet on a regular basis to ensure compliance and to develop new strategies to take the EMS forward. The Environmental Manager shall be responsible for day-to-day maintenance of the EMS.

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