

Targeting Natural Resource Corruption

Harnessing knowledge, generating evidence, and supporting innovative policy and practice for more effective anti-corruption programming

The **Targeting Natural Resource Corruption (TNRC) project** is a five-year USAID-funded project that brings together a consortium of conservation and anti-corruption experts to harness knowledge, generate evidence, and support more effective anti-corruption programming in conservation and natural resource management. The TNRC consortium is led by [World Wildlife Fund \(WWF\)](#) with the [U4 Anti-Corruption Resource Centre](#) at the Chr. Michelsen Institute, [TRAFFIC](#), and the [Terrorism, Transnational Crime and Corruption Center \(TraCCC\)](#) at George Mason University.

TNRC Award Structure

TNRC is a Leader with Associates award. The Leader Award is a \$10 million award (August 2018-June 2024) that supports research, knowledge dissemination, networking, and piloting new approaches in a limited number of countries.

TNRC Associate Awards can be awarded by USAID country offices and other operating units, at their discretion, to support analysis and/or implementation of context-specific anti-corruption programming in natural resource management and conservation. The combined investment ceiling for all Associate Awards is \$35 million. Associate Awards are *non-competitive* and may be issued at any time up to June 2024 (maximum duration of five years).

Bridging Conservation and Anti-Corruption

Corrupt practices in the governance and management of natural resources result in the misuse or outright theft of public revenues, environmental degradation, reduced economic growth and enduring poverty. A range of tools, lessons and good practices have been developed over the past two decades in the international development community's anti-corruption work. But many of these tools and approaches are unfamiliar to practitioners in the conservation and natural resource management sectors. The TNRC project is helping to bridge this gap in anti-corruption knowledge and practice between the conservation and natural resource management community and the wider development community. The goal of TNRC is to improve biodiversity outcomes by helping practitioners to better address the threats posed by corruption to wildlife, fisheries and forests.





Strategic Approaches

TNRC's work at the global level focuses on three Strategic Approaches:

Building Knowledge

Distilling existing anti-corruption knowledge to make it relevant for NRM practitioners

Researching and strengthening evidence on how anti-corruption efforts can help improve biodiversity outcomes

Communicating for Change

Engaging networks and partnerships to exchange knowledge and amplifying the reach of anti-corruption information

Empowering others to implement context-appropriate anti-corruption initiatives in NRM

Applying Knowledge & Testing Hypotheses

Piloting and learning from new approaches

Applying broader anti-corruption interventions under Associate Awards

TNRC is **Building Knowledge** by generating products and learning on anti-corruption approaches and lessons and tailoring them for natural resource management practitioners. The project has built more evidence on the factors that condition success and failure of anti-corruption efforts by conducting field research in Africa, Asia and Latin America in 2020-2022.

TNRC is **Communicating for Change** via events, webinars, and workshops that amplify the reach of anti-corruption learning. The project is also fostering exchange between members of the conservation and natural resource management community, finance and anti-money laundering community, donors & multilateral development institutions, policymakers, private sector actors and the integrity community.

Lastly, TNRC is **Applying Knowledge and Testing Hypotheses** by supporting a limited number of pilot projects in 2020-2023. These pilots are implemented by WWF offices with local/national partners to field test approaches for addressing corruption in selected natural resource management and conservation activities. Further, Associate Awards, which are on-demand from USAID missions and operating units, will leverage and contribute to our knowledge agenda while responding to specific programming priorities.

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