



International grading systems for wildlife conservation



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International public & private systems for sustainable wildlife management

- Sustainable Development Goals (UN)
- Wildlife Habitat Council (USA)
- Wildlife Estates Label (Europe)
- Verified Conservation Areas (Global)



The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

We envisage a world in which... consumption and production patterns and use of all natural resources - from air to land, from rivers, lakes and aquifers to oceans and seas - are sustainable.

We recognise that social and economic development depends on the sustainable management of our planet's natural resources. We are therefore determined to conserve and sustainably use oceans and seas, freshwater resources, as well as forests, mountains and drylands and to protect biodiversity, ecosystems and wildlife.

... includes the 17 Sustainable Development Goals



Key Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

Goal 8 - Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth...

Goal 12 - Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns

Goal 15 - Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss

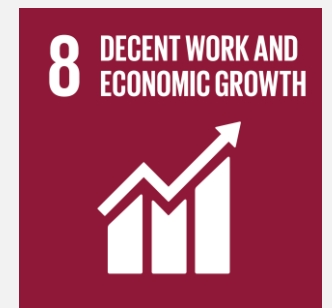
Goal 17 - Strengthen the means of implementation...



Relevant SDG 8 Targets - inclusive growth

Target 8.2 - Achieve higher levels of economic productivity through diversification, technological upgrading and innovation, including through a focus on high-value added and labour-intensive sectors

Target 8.3 - Promote development-oriented policies that support productive activities, decent job creation, entrepreneurship, creativity and innovation, and encourage the formalization and growth of micro-, small- and medium-sized enterprises, including through access to financial services



Relevant SDG 12 Targets - sustainable production

Target 12.2 - By 2030, achieve the sustainable management and efficient use of natural resources

Target 12.8 - By 2030, ensure that people everywhere have the relevant information and awareness for sustainable development and lifestyles in harmony with nature



Relevant SDG 15 Targets - terrestrial sustainable use

Target 15.1 - By 2020, ensure the conservation, restoration and sustainable use of terrestrial and inland freshwater ecosystems and their services, in particular forests, wetlands, mountains and drylands...

Target 15.5 - Take urgent and significant action to reduce the degradation of natural habitats, halt the loss of biodiversity and, by 2020, protect and prevent the extinction of threatened species



Relevant SDG 17 Targets - means of implementation

Target 17.11 - Significantly increase the exports of developing countries, in particular with a view to doubling the least developed countries' share of global exports by 2020

Target 17.15 - Respect each country's policy space and leadership to establish and implement policies for poverty eradication and sustainable development



Wildlife Habitat Council



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- Promotes and certifies habitat conservation and management on corporate lands through partnerships and education
 - Believes that every act of conservation matters
 - **WHC Conservation Certification** recognizes meaningful wildlife habitat management & helps companies demonstrate a long-term commitment to managing quality habitat for wildlife

Wildlife Estates Label

Wildlife★Estates

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- Promotes, implements, and shares the best contemporary practices in wildlife management to maximize the benefits they deliver
 - “Conservation through wise use” embraces not only responsible exploitation of wildlife via rural activities, but also the spiritual value of wildlife to the society as a whole
 - **WE Label** acknowledges exemplary management of European territories where hunting, shooting or fishing activities take place

Verified Conservation Areas



- Recognising conservation in the areas where we live & work
- Based on international standards and best practices
 - CBD, IFC, IUCN, etc
- **VCA registration** enables transparency, accountability & assurance for stakeholders, including regulators & investors

Cinco Grande Reserve, Mozambique



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250,000 hectare wilderness & wildlife restoration project

Located in a 680,000 hectare sustainable use concession including areas for conservation agriculture, wildlife & livestock ranching, & community initiatives

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