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2024 USAID BIODIVERSITY POLICY

The USAID Biodiversity Policy provides a blueprint for how the Agency will work to conserve biodiversity in priority places and catalyze nature positive, equitable development.

VISION

Biodiversity conserved so people and nature can thrive

GOAL 1: Conserve biodiversity in priority places

GOAL 2: Catalyze nature-positive, equitable development

PRINCIPLES

The following principles are the guiding, mutually reinforcing approaches and best practices that articulate how USAID will achieve its goals and vision of biodiversity conserved so people and nature can thrive.

Locally Led Development
Support biodiversity conservation actions that are locally led, owned, and implemented

Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities Stewardship
Partner with Indigenous Peoples and local communities and foster their leadership in biodiversity conservation

Cross-sectoral Approaches
Integrate biodiversity conservation and other development goals and approaches, and manage nature-related risks across sectors

Climate Resilience and Nature-based Solutions for Climate
Strengthen the resilience of biodiversity to climate change and elevate nature-based solutions for climate mitigation and adaptation

Private-Sector Engagement
Partner with the private sector to reduce drivers of biodiversity loss, increase financing for biodiversity conservation, and expand the scale, impact, and sustainability of programming

Policy Engagement
Leverage the convening power and technical expertise of USAID to advance international, regional, national, and municipal policies that promote biodiversity conservation and nature-positive, equitable development

Evidence and Learning
Apply evidence and learning, including Indigenous and local knowledge, to enhance biodiversity conservation practice

WHAT HAS CHANGED SINCE THE 2014 POLICY?

- Elevating a **nature-positive, equitable approach to development** that emphasizes transformative shifts in societal systems to halt and reverse biodiversity loss

- Sharing ownership of **biodiversity mainstreaming across sectors** at USAID, including expanding **nature-based solutions** and **managing nature-related risks** to development

- Strengthening the focus on **locally led development** and the stewardship of biodiversity by **Indigenous Peoples and local communities**

- Updating the list of Tier One Missions and Biodiversity Code requirements for Biodiversity funds to emphasize evidence-informed approaches and opportunities for transformative change

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