



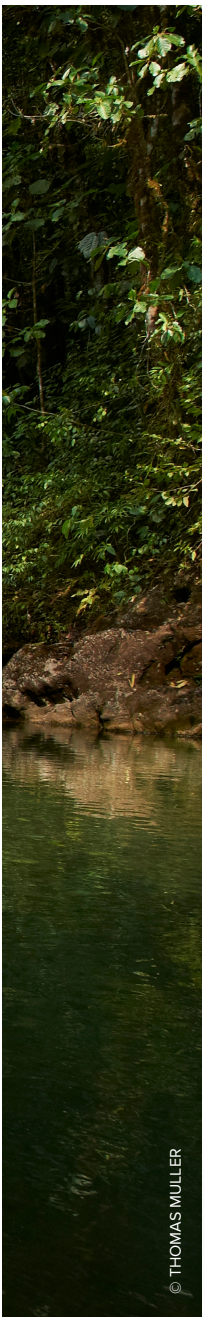
CONSERVATION INTERNATIONAL–BHP ALLIANCE

A STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP TO PROTECT BIODIVERSITY

In 2011, Conservation International (CI) and BHP partnered for a five-year “Alliance” to deliver enduring benefits to biodiversity, ecosystems and other environmental resources.

BHP – a leading global resources company – is committed to financing the conservation and continuing management of areas of high biodiversity and ecosystem value that are of national and international conservation significance. The company has set a conservation target, in addition to ensuring its operations comply with environmental management requirements.

The CI–BHP Alliance supports the delivery of this target as well as improving BHP’s approach to biodiversity management more broadly.



Informing corporate requirements

CI has been providing technical expertise to BHP on the management and enhancement of land and biodiversity in a responsible manner. This has included contributing to improvements in corporate environmental requirements in the areas of compensatory actions and the definition of “area of influence,” which takes into account business activities and their potential direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts on the environment. All operations are required to assess whether compensatory actions are required. Through the Alliance, the organizations also designed and piloted a Landscape Values Assessment (LVA) tool to support businesses in understanding the environmental, economic, and social values of ecosystems in the landscape within and around BHP sites in order to make informed management decisions. The pilot was conducted in Chile, and lessons learned have been documented and will be developed into a guide.

Investing in conservation

The partnership has enabled the voluntary commitment of more than US\$ 30 million to conservation, including contributing to the establishment of the Five Rivers Conservation Area in Tasmania, Australia, with the Tasmanian Land Conservancy, and the Valdivian Coastal Reserve Project in southern Chile with The Nature Conservancy. In 2016, a significant milestone was reached with the establishment of a US\$ 10.9 million endowment for the Valdivian Coastal Reserve. Together, these projects have conserved more than 60,000 hectares (more than 148,000 acres) of habitat for 16 globally threatened species, supported more than 50 direct jobs, generated nearly 900 million cubic metres of high-quality fresh water and avoided the release of 75,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide.

Supporting climate change mitigation and adaptation efforts

Supporting the REDD+ (Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation) mechanism in northwestern Peru, BHP enables alternative livelihood and protection activities in the globally significant Alto Mayo Protected Forest, where unsustainable farming practices threaten the 182,000 hectares of forest, home to primates and endemic plants and birds — as well as an important fresh water source. Additionally, in Trinidad and Tobago, BHP and CI are building the capacity of five of the nation’s leading environmental organizations to address the challenges of adapting to climate change. Through workshops, one-on-one mentorship, and demonstration sites, the project focuses on communicating about climate change, assessing environmental and social vulnerability and designing adaptation actions.

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