OVERVIEW

Chevron and Conservation International (CI) are engaged in a five-year strategic partnership (2014-2018) to advance science, tools and practices for managing ecological and related social risks in the development and production of energy resources.

Our strategic partnership has its roots in 2001, when Chevron and CI worked on the Energy & Biodiversity Initiative (EBI). In 2005, Chevron and CI became founding members of the Integrated Biodiversity Assessment Tool (IBAT). Building on the field-based work happening in Liberia and Indonesia, in 2014 Chevron and CI formalized their relationship through a strategic partnership agreement.

The Chevron-CI strategic partnership leverages the expertise and resources of both organizations in pursuit of two objectives:

Objective I
To improve identification of environmental risks and opportunities to support enhanced decision-making, performance and stewardship, particularly through the development and application of biodiversity and ecosystem science, and environmental stewardship capacity building within Chevron and the broader energy sector.

Objective II
To identify and foster stronger linkages between social and environmental programs to enhance Chevron and CI’s performance, specifically through programs that simultaneously improve ecosystem health and human well-being, including human health and improvement of livelihoods.
AREAS OF FOCUS

OBJECTIVE

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2. Identify and foster stronger linkages between social and environmental programs to enhance Chevron and CI’s performance.

ENTERPRISE/GLOBAL

Business Units/Field Programs

AMPLIFICATION

Develop science, tools and practices.

Apply / demonstrate tools and practices.

Communicate and foster uptake through:

- Industry forums
- Conservation practitioners forums

PARTNERSHIP ACTIVITIES & OUTCOMES

At the Enterprise/Global Level

- Developing science, tools and practices, such as the Integrated Biodiversity Assessment Tool (IBAT) water functionality that supports the quick identification of potential freshwater biodiversity risks and opportunities; and the Core Standardized Methods for Rapid Biological Field Assessment that catalogues a set of reliable, standardized and replicable methods for assessing biodiversity values in the field.


- Collaborating with Chevron to strengthen the integration of community engagement, social investment and environmental performance. For example, sharing best practices related to social investments within fishing communities adjacent to offshore operations.

- Providing guidance on cumulative and indirect impacts, ecosystem services and biodiversity offsets to inform revisions of Chevron’s Environmental, Social and Health Impact Assessment (ESHIA) process.

- Engaging employees through project-specific forums, broader communications (e.g., Energy IQ) and dialogues with Chevron and CI leaders.

On-the-Ground Partnerships and Projects

- Collaborated on Conservation Agreements (CAs) in Liberia as part of a three-year project (2013-2016) that benefitted 1,524 people living in coastal communities and protected 3,573 hectares of mangroves. In addition, the project motivated 38 sea turtle hunters to become employed as “frontline conservationists” who now protect the eggs from two species of endangered sea turtles.

- Promoted biodiversity monitoring and ecosystem management approaches for more sustainable landscapes in West Java, including improved community livelihoods (2016-2017). This resulted in the enhanced monitoring and management of two endangered species—the Javan leopard (Panthera pardus melas) and the Javan gibbon (Hylobates moloch). In addition, 61,975 seedlings from 30 plant species were planted on over 100 hectares of land, improving the watershed services that benefit three villages.

- Provided nature-based solutions for water conservation and sustainable livelihood generation in Liyutang Reservoir, Kai County, Chongqing, China. Between 2016 and 2018, the project restored approximately 16 hectares of the reservoir buffer area by planting 9,800 saplings from 14 species of trees. The restoration project is expected to have lasting benefits for 7,086 people (as of 2018).

- Continuing engagement between Chevron business units and other CI field programs to identify further opportunities for on-the-ground collaboration.

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