



**International Finance Corporation**

**Environmental, Health and  
Safety Guidelines for**

# **Wildland Management**

World Bank wildland, forestry sector and biodiversity protection policies state that the World Bank Group will not support projects that might result in: the disintegration of a habitat not elsewhere represented in the country and not under suitable protection; or the conversion of wildlands of special concern, including known sites of rare or endangered species, or important wildlife breeding, feeding, and staging areas.

World Bank policy also requires the inclusion of wildland management components in projects involving conversion of over 10,000 hectares of wildland, and specifically proscribes the approach of leaving wildland management initiatives to be undertaken by later projects in the region.

In view of the above, the following steps must be taken in order to ensure that projects conform to World Bank policies:

- a) survey the project area to identify, categorize, and delineate wildland areas
- b) identify any wildland types present in the project area which do not exist outside of the project area, or which exist but are not currently protected by law (and by adequate, existing institutional structures) outside of the project area and in the immediate region

- c) for any such wildland types, determine whether the governmental authority is prepared to make a firm commitment to designate adequate protection areas outside of the project area but within the immediate region

- d) for any wildland types existing only within the project area or not protected in the immediate region, designate adequate protection or wildland management areas within the project area, and prepare a wildland management plan for these areas

- e) conduct baseline wildlife studies in the project area, particularly to ascertain the presence of, and delineate any areas inhabited or used by, rare or endangered species

- f) designate as wildland management areas those portions of the project area utilized by endangered or threatened species and develop appropriate wildland management plans for these areas