



Are resource corridors
fulfilling their development potential
whilst protecting the integrity of
ecosystems?

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PHASE 1
Identify shortcomings & success factors in current IRC planning process & capture lessons learned

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PHASE 2:
Develop integrated IRC planning and management tools

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PHASE 3:
Implement and leverage tools to support constructive dialogue between IRC authorities, public & private sector

OUTPUT

Practical tools that assist governments to undertake strategic, integrated and inclusive planning and management of resource corridors and that support constructive dialogue between the public and private sector in the planning process.

OUTCOME

Mitigation of harmful development pressures and the maximisation of development opportunities that arise from extractives and IRC development

If planned and developed according to sound policies, plans and investment programmes, Extractives-Led Integrated Resource Corridors (IRC) could be a driver for sustainable growth and poverty reduction and could be a means to diversify and improve livelihoods and trade during and long after extractives activities have ceased operation. Effective strategic planning of resource corridors should mitigate the risk of conflicts, and increase the opportunities for food and energy security, as well enterprise development, while protecting the integrity of ecosystems and ensuring resilience to the impacts of climate change.

Concerns exist that to-date corridors have not been properly planned by governments, that infrastructure investments have taken place with little or no strategic consideration to environmental degradation and climate change resilience, and that this will ultimately reduce the positive economic and social development impact of the corridors.

For this to change, the corridors need to be planned not only from an infrastructure and investment feasibility perspective, but taking into

consideration socio-economic and environmental factors, as well as the protection of critically important areas of high conservation value in situ. They require coordinated development between multiple branches of government and in conjunction with the private sector, communities and CSOs. Integrated Resource Corridors should be driven by best practices and policies that are yet to be developed.

WWF, DFID, The World Bank and Adam Smith International are rising to this challenge through the Extractives-Led IRC Initiative. The initiative aims to promote awareness of the need for integrated planning and to produce policy guidance and good practice recommendations, based on practical experiences in existing corridors. This work programme is intended to provide a platform for greater coordination between the various initiatives that are currently being planned or implemented around growth corridors, in order to seek out synergies and avoid duplication of efforts. It will be initially focused on Africa and will be achieved in a three-step process.



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