

Environmental and Social Standards Task Force (ESSTF)

Third Meeting –April 2, 9 am EDT

Attendees:

Scott Lampman (USAID)
Camila Monteiro (Individual)
Sean Nazerali (BIOFUND, Mozambique)
Sebastian Spitzer, KfW
Boris Schinke, KfW
Karen McDonald-Gayle (CBF)
Mirjam de Koning (PONT)
Laura Werner (Blue Action Fund)
Kumar Bhattacharyya (CFA Secretariat)
Kathy Mikitin (Individual, Task Force facilitator)

Minutes of March 19 Meeting

No comments or additions were made to the minutes which were circulated on March 30.

New Participants

Laura Werner, Programme Coordinator of the Blue Action Fund, explained that CTFs role in marine conservation by making grants of between EUR1 M and EUR3M in the Latin America, Africa and Asia Pacific regions. The Fund is supported by BMZ/KfW, the Swedish Foreign Ministry and AFD. The Blue Action Fund has an ESMS which is in the process of being fine-tuned.

Kumar Bhattacharyya is part of the CFA Secretariat and has actually been working with David Meyers for a while. He will be supporting the ESS Task Force and will begin by developing the survey.

The Survey

The group moved section by section through the survey and reviewed various comments and suggestion of the TF members. Changes were agreed to arrive at a pre-version.

A re-draft was circulated on April 3, written comments were incorporated and the final version turned over to Kumar for development in Google Forms.

Next Meeting

Given the time needed to develop, translate and circulate the survey, it was proposed that the group not meet on April 16. The next meeting is likely to Thursday, April 30, but even that date will depend on sufficient number of surveys being returned. The TF will be kept informed of progress.