Exclusion list for AFD Group in foreign countries

1. Production or sale of any illegal product or unlawful activity under the laws of the host country and France or under international regulations, conventions and/or agreements;

2. Products or activities that use forced labour\(^1\) or child labour\(^2\);

3. Trade in animals, plants or any natural products not complying with the provisions of the CITES convention \(^3\);

4. Fishing activity using a drift net of more than 2.5 km in length;

5. Any operation leading to or requiring the destruction\(^4\) of a critical habitat\(^5\), or any forestry project which does not implement a plan for improvement and sustainable management;

6. Production, use or sale of any dangerous materials such as asbestos or products containing PCBs\(^6\);

\(^1\) “Forced labour” refers to any work or service performed involuntarily and exacted from an individual by threat of force or punishment as defined in the conventions of the ILO.

\(^2\) Employees must be at least 14 years of age as defined in the ILO’s Declaration on the Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work (C138 – Minimum Age Convention, Article 2), unless local laws require compulsory school attendance or a minimum working age. In such circumstances, the highest age requirement must be used.


\(^4\) Destruction means (1) the elimination or severe reduction in the integrity of a habitat caused by a major and long-term change in land-use or water resources or (2) the modification of a habitat such that this habitat’s ability to fulfil its role is lost.

\(^5\) The term critical habitat encompasses natural and modified habitats that deserve particular attention. This term includes (i) spaces with high biodiversity value as defined in the IUCN’s classification criteria, including, in particular, habitats required for the survival of endangered species as defined by the IUCN’s red list of threatened species or by any national legislation; (ii) spaces with a particular importance for endemic species or whose geographical range is limited; (iii) critical sites for the survival of migratory species; (iv) spaces welcoming a significant number of individuals from congregatory species; (v) spaces presenting unique assemblages of species or containing species which are associated according to key evolution processes or which fulfil key ecosystem services; (vi) and territories with socially, economically or culturally significant biodiversity for local communities. Primary forests or high conservation value forests must also be considered as critical habitats.

\(^6\) PCBs (polychlorinated biphenyls) are a group of highly toxic chemical products that may be found in oil-filled electrical transformers, capacitors and switchgear dating from 1950 to 1985.
7. Production, use or sale of pharmaceutical products, pesticides/herbicides, ozone layer depleting substances\(^7\) or any other dangerous substances that are banned or are being progressively phased out internationally;

8. Transboundary trade in wastes, except for those accepted by the Basel Convention and its underlying regulations;

9. Production or sale\(^8\):
   - of arms and/or munitions;
   - of tobacco;
   - of strong alcohol intended for human consumption;

10. Gaming establishments, casinos or any equivalent undertaking\(^{10+9}\);

11. Any trade related to pornography or prostitution;

12. Any activity leading to an irreversible modification or significant displacement of an element of culturally critical heritage\(^{10}\);

13. Production and distribution, or investment in, media that are racist, antidemocratic or that advocate discrimination against a part of the population;

14. Exploitation of diamond mines and marketing of diamonds where the host country has not adhered to the Kimberley Process;

15. Any sector or any service subject to an embargo by the United Nations, European Union and/or France in a particular country and with no absolute or relative restriction regarding the amount.

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7 Any chemical component which reacts with, and destroys, the stratospheric ozone layer leading to the formation of holes in this layer. The Montreal Protocol lists Ozone Depleting Substances (ODS), their reduction targets and deadlines for phasing them out.

8 To be excluded, these activities must represent more than 10% of the balance or amount being financed. In the event of a financial intermediary, these activities must not exceed 10% of the outstandings in their business portfolio.

9 Any direct financing of these projects or activities involving them (for example, a hotel including a casino). Urban improvement plans which could subsequently incorporate such projects are not affected.

10 "Critical cultural heritage" is considered to be any heritage element recognised internationally or nationally as being of historical, social and/or cultural interest.