

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

As an environmental organisation, Earthwatch recognises that our day to day operations have an impact on the local, regional and global environments.

As a consequence of this, we are committed to continuous improvements in our own environmental performance and have developed this policy statement which will enable us to put in place a strategy and management process by which our efforts towards sustainable environmental improvement can be measured and monitored on an on-going basis.

Policy Objectives

To reduce and manage our resource use in a way that contributes towards the goals of sustainable development and recognises that our actions must be consistent with our organisational mission to promote action for a sustainable environment.

To make Earthwatch a climate neutral organisation, through reduction of carbon dioxide emissions to zero, via reduction in energy consumption and off-setting remaining emissions through appropriate acceptable means. Work towards making Earthwatch internationally a climate neutral organisation.

Policy Commitments

We will implement our policies through a coordinated environmental management system which we aim to gain accreditation of, through a scheme appropriate to our size. Earthwatch will set environmental targets and goals designed to improve our environmental performance on an ongoing basis.

By taking a strategic approach, we will minimise the environmental effect of new and existing projects and activities and aim to include environmental considerations in all our daily operations.

Employee involvement in environmental matters at all levels is fundamental and will be promoted through training, communications and a constant re-appraisal of working methods and techniques. Through this policy we aim to increase the awareness of staff, volunteers, partners and suppliers of environmental good practice.

We will continually assess Earthwatch's environmental impacts and monitor progress against agreed targets in order to secure continual improvement in environmental performance. Specifically, this will include:-

- Monitoring and minimizing office and publications paper use and waste through reducing, reusing and recycling.
- Monitoring and minimizing energy use and water consumption.
- Seeking to influence our suppliers to ensure they recognise and reduce the environmental impact of their products and support suppliers who demonstrate environmental good practice.
- Developing and adopting an international sustainable travel policy and strategy.

We will allocate resources appropriate to our size and turnover to enable the organisation to achieve the commitments as set out above.

We will ensure the environmental strategy is documented, implemented, evaluated and communicated to all employees and progress is published on an annual basis.

Signed on behalf of Earthwatch
Gareth Price - Chief Operating Officer
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